

of Members, which, by his Majesty's Commission, can form a Council, *viz.* Three; the above two Gentlemen and Capt. *Rutherford*, who was then at his Post in *Albany*.

As soon as his Excellency received his Majesty's Commands, he dispatched from *Albany* such Persons as, by the best Information he could receive, had Influence among the *Six Nations*, to invite them severally to meet him at *Albany*, on the 20th of *July*. His Excellency arriv'd at *Albany* the 21st of *July*, where having heard, that, besides the Small-Pox, (which his Excellency never had) many were sick of a contagious malignant Fever, he continued on board the Sloop which carried him up, to consider where to lodge with the least Danger to his Person from the Infection of these Distempers; and the next Morning resolv'd to go into the Fort. He was received at his Landing with the usual Marks of Respect from the Corporation, the independent Companies of regular Troops then in the Place, and the Militia, under a Discharge of the Cannon of the Fort and Town.

In the Afternoon of the same Day on which his Excellency came on Shore, three *Indians*, *viz.* two *Onandagos* and an *Oneydo*, brought two *French* Scalps and presented to his Excellency: At which Time the Leader of the Party made a formal Speech, to the following Purpose: ' That having had repeated Accounts of the Mischiefs done by the *French*, and of the frequent Murders committed by them, and that the *Mohawks*, notwithstanding their Professions of Friendship, suffered this Bloodshed to remain unrevenged, his Heart could bear it no longer; he thereupon resolv'd to open for his Brethren the Path to Revenge: That these two Scalps which he now presented were taken at Noon-day, in Sight of the *French Fort* at *Crown Point*.' His Excellency told