

Albany the 4th February 1727

May it please your Ex^{ty}

We had the honour of your Ex^{ty} favours of 4th Jan^y with Capt. Bankers letter, acts of Assembly & News-papers for w^{ch} we Return your Ex^{ty} thanks, well Acquaint Capt. Collins with your Ex^{ty} Directions about the Redeli-very of pure rum Instead of ~~Whisky~~ of that w^{ch} y^e Indians Complaind has been Imberred at Schinectady, we wish such vile practices could be prevented for y^e future, having done much Mis-chiefe Already

According to your Ex^{ty} Commands laid on us for our ad-vice about Applying the £900⁼⁼ provided by act of Assembly, we shall do in the best Manner we are able the most Convenient place & Situation for the building we are Informd is at the South Side of the Cadaraghuic Lake on the west Side of the Onondage River were it enters it self into said Lake, or such proper places there adjacent as Capt. Banker shall think fitt to pitch the fort to be made of the Stockades 12 foot above the ground, and if it proves to me a ~~convenient~~ rocke place square logs layd on the ground the same height Sixty foot square, with two block houses of 20 x 24 Upper Room 24 foot square of good sound timber with a Chimney in each side and the Roofs coverd with Singles which one of this board has offerd to Compleat for £150⁼⁼ and if this offer come to be done in a publick manner we shall Endeavor to gett it done for less, the Canoes or batoes w^{ch} are Required for Transporting the men & we compute will cost about £12⁼⁼ the Remainder of the same allowd may be applyd towards provisions and necessaries for the men but for what time it will subsist w^{ch} we cant Calculate, it being a thing we are unacquaintd with as for our parts we shall keep this affair private, but its Nosecret in town, we presume it to be necessary w^{ch} Capt. Banker be Directed about them time that y^e Men are gone from hence to acquit the Indians w^{ch} such a building is to be Erected at the place above mentiond for keeping the Traders goods

goods safe & Dry for which purpose it would be very pro- per y^e he be supplyd with some small plants to gain some Suchins who might obstruct or oppose this work, as for his Con- duct there that he Endeavors that y^e Cheated in their Trades - Especially in rum by being mixt with water, and further to regulate himself according to the act of Assembly in y^e Case provided with Respect we are -

May it please your Ex^{ty}
y^r Ex^{ty} most humble &
Most Obedient Servants

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| Philip Livingston | Natger Bleecker |
| Myn: Schuyler | Hermanus Wendt |
| Peter Van Brugh | Nicolaus Bleecker |
| Lancaster Symes | Stephanus Guesbeck |
| John Cuyler | Reyer Gerritse |

- Present
Phil: Livingston
John Cuyler
John Collins
Natger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Nicolaus Bleecker
Philip Livingston

At a Meeting of the Com^{ty} of the
Indian Affairs in Albany 7th 6 February
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Schonondo the Indian who formerly livd at Cahnawaga in Canada w^{ch} place he has deserted with his family purposes to settle with a number of 60 Indian Squas & Children on our frontiers desires y^e they may be supplyd with provisions till they can furnish y^e selves with sufficient sustenance & desires now some powder & lead & Indian corn
The Com^{ty} told y^e he & those who are to come with him shall have a fitt peice of land Given them to settle and plant on between still water & Saragotque when they come peck & Indian Corn shall be given them & Now he is to receive a blanket 4 lb powder 20 lb shot & lead a keg rum & 3/4 schple Indian Corn a Coat & Shirt for Coating him & a box