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 Henry Holland
 Hen^d. Hansen
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 Ph. Livingston
 John Collins
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At a meeting of the Commission^r
 of the Indian Affairs in Albany
 the 7th day of January 1722

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Lawrence (Clerk)
 Interpreter

The Deputies of the five Nations being returned from Boston relate as follows that they have heard the Propositions and Treaties made between the Government of Boston and the Eastern Indians interpreted unto them by Lawrence Claess and Josiah Hellach whereby they are guided to believe that the people of Boston have just Reason to make War on the said Ind^s and do not think that the English have been the just Aggressors because they have hitherto kept all the Treaties and Engagements made by y^e Ancestors in behalf of that Government wth the five Nations and are surprised that those Ind^s that those Ind^s should be so insolent as to take up Arms against the Brethren of England since it is but about two years ago that they desired by a Belt of Wampum to be Children to the five Nations and submitted themselves under their protection but having not as yet spoke with the said Ind^s they can't make a positive Judgment of the Controversie they have heard some of those Ind^s are hunting near the Lake they intend to send Messengers on y^e 30th Instant to Enquire if they persist in y^e Resolution which they have Declared in their paper that was affixed on their Church to continue War so long as the Sun and Moon Endure, if so, the five Nations have Determined to chastise their

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Answer was made on the same and place for that meeting he would be able to give him an

their Children, in making War upon them till they be utterly destroyed, they intend to give Notice to all straggling Ind^s that may be among the Eastern Ind^s belonging to this Maj^{ty} Govern^t to return to their Habitations which if they refuse they will look upon them as Enemies & treat y^m as such that as soon as the said Message is performed they acquaint the Com^r what success they have had with the said Ind^s The said Deputies add further that they told the Governour of Boston in the house of Representatives before the Gen^l Assembly that he had sent a present to Albany in order to treat with the five Nations & desired to know why he was not come to meet them when other three Govern^{rs} spoke wth them this Summer & desired to know what prevented it. The Govern^r answered he had been hindered to come and treat wth them this season but designed to add to the present w^{ch} was at Albany & intended to meet them early next Spring The said Deputies Replied y^t he could meet them at Albany which was y^e place appointed by y^e Ancestors to treat about publick Affairs. The Govern^r told y^m he was to resolve wth his Council & Assembly where he should meet them & would send them a Message early in the Spring to acquaint them wth y^e time & place where he intended to speak with them Lawrence Claess informs y^e Com^r wth kind told him at Boston y^t a Minister who talked with him in the Eastern Language enquired of him if it was not possible he might be their Preacher in y^e Mohoggs Country to w^{ch} he onlyd it seems y^t y^e Govern^t of New York & Boston cannot agree about y^e further meeting at the five Nations. when they adjusted