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May it Please your Decy - Albany the 27th Sept^r. 1729

Your Decys. most acceptable Favours of the 5th Instant we have received and should have answered the same sooner but that we waited for return of the Two Gent^l from our board whom we sent to condole the Misfortune wh^{ch} had befallen the Oneydes, who have brought us such answer as your Decy. here has Indov'd, by which your Decy. may observe that our Mesuage had the good Effect Intended.

In obedience to your Decys Commands we have consulted how to have the Oven and Chimney repaired at ofwego - and do find that it would Prove so Expensive to send up Workmen there (notwithstanding it's a small Job) that we could not Venture to Intermittle so far but we have wrote to Captain Ogilvie desiring him to gett the same repaired in the best Manner he can - Promising him in our Letter that we should Endeavour to have what Charges should Accru thereon discharged and have sent him a Towell for that Purpose.

To Answer your Decy. in respect of sending up a Smith and Armourer to the Annickes Land we have in our answer to a Proposition Made unt us on the 29th May last by Five of the Principall Sachims of that Nation sent at that present Time for the most Proper Person of a Smith and Armourer that we could Light of (named Robert Lanvigh) and who in Presence of the said Sachims Offer'd to go upon such Terms as no one ever as yet has gone, viz^d that he would go for Nothing; but Notwithstanding that we had agreed wth the said Lanvigh we have withdrawn that and obeyed your Decys Commands by sending up Hendricus Wemp and Joost Van Sijze whom your Decy. Named for that Purpose. - We remain &c

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To My good Friends Shekallamy & Peter alias Katarionyacha - at Shamokin

You are very sensible of our great Care & Affection for all the good Indians our brethren that Live amongst us or near us; It's this Love that has Filled our hearts with grief for the Late loss that has befallen them, our souls are Afflicted for the Loss of our dear good Friends Jarundawana and Shekallamy's fine Son, and all our other Friends of the Five Nations. We Loved Jarundawana as our own brother, when the Governour first heard of his Loss I sent a Letter immediately to the Indians of Canastotogoe to Lett them know that if they would send and see if he was yet alive and could be Redeemed, I would Pay his Ranwome. - We send a Sword to cover Shekallamy's Son.

As soon as you see and hear this Letter, We desire you our good Friends to goe directly to the Five Nations wth the Ten Swords herewith delivered to you, and Presenting them to their Chiefs in the name of John Penn who was born in this Country to his Father William Penn their brother when he was last hear, and also in my name, Tell them that we Mourn in the deepest of our Hearts for their Loss, and that we send these Swords to cover their dead. We grieve when they Loose any of their People, we would have their Numbers Increase, that they May be a great People, and we Mourn when they are Lessen'd, or when they Destroy themselves by war.

We are much Troubled that they went to Fight wth Indians that were in Friendship with the English, and were Trading wth them, The English would not hurt the Five Nations if they knew them, but they thought them Enemies, because they Came to Fight Against their Friends, all the English are one People, and all their Friends should be one People, we grieve for this Mistake and unhappy Loss.

Tell them we expect John Penn over here next Spring, and he will desire to Treat with them, when he comes we shall send to them, We have wished to speak with them since Connofoora Tannewhannegah and their company were here about three years since when John Penn speak with them. We shall then all open our breasts, every one will then speak his