



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Commissioners appointed by the Statute

ENTITLED,

*An Act to Appoint His Excellency the Governor of this State or Person Administering the Government thereof for the Time Being, and the Commissioners therein designated to Superintend Indian Affairs, passed the Sixth Day of April, 1784.*¹



HE following Message was by Advice of the Commissioners sent by his Excellency Governor Clinton to the Mohawk, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca Nations of Indians, viz^t :

Sacbems and Warriors of the Mohawks, Onondagas, Cayugas and Senecas,

Attend! I am appointed, as Governor of this State, to preside at a Board of Commissioners instituted for the Purpose of conferring with You, in order to accommodate the

¹ An Act passed March 25, 1783 (Folio Laws, 6th Sess., p. 29c), directed the Council of Appointment to appoint three Commissioners of Indian Affairs with Power to superintend and conduct the Affairs of the Indians and perform such other Duties as might be

required by Law. The Oneidas and Tuscaroras were to be secured in their Rights from their Attachment to the Cause of the Colonies during the War, and the Acts of the Commissioners were to be submitted to the Legislature for Confirmation before they could become Valid.