

of above L. 75 currency. The Correspondents residing in this city, wrote to General *Amberst*, then at *Albany*, to furnish Mr *Occum* with a pass, and with recommendations to the commanding officers of the several posts on the road; which the General very readily complied with. Letters were also wrote to Sir *William Johnson*, the Superintendent of *Indian* affairs, begging that he would recommend Mr *Occum* to the *Oneyda* as a Minister; which he did. Thus forwarded, he arrived at the *Oneyda* lake, the latter end of June.

He has met with a very favourable reception; perhaps the more so, on account of his being an *Indian*. He writes, That there are four considerable towns on the *Oneyda* lake: That they have already built a house for religious worship, where he preaches every Lord's day: That he has baptized five or six persons this summer; and that there are many adjacent tribes, among whom he intends to make excursions. He has retained his mother-tongue, and can speak the language of his own tribe, (which is the *Mohegon*) something better than he can the *English*. But the *Oneyda* language differs so much from the *Mobegan*, that he is obliged to use an interpreter for the present, tho' doubtless he would learn their language well in a little time, could he reside among them. He is married to an *Indian* woman, who is also esteemed truly pious, and has six children, with whom he would gladly dwell in that wilderness, if he could be supported as a Missionary, and very easily might his children be educated in that language.—He well understands the business of farming, having chiefly supported his family by it, while he preached to the little handful of *Indians* upon *Long Island*; and therefore, could instruct the *Indians* in cultivating their lands, which are very good. He has acquired a tolerable acquaintance with *Latin*, *Greek* and *Hebrew*, with the sciences, &c. and is really a good Divine. His piety is unquestionable, having been manifested by a more than ten years exemplary conduct. His temper is very amiable and Christian like, full of humility and meekness. His heart is much set on preaching the gospel to the *Indians*, and he seems willing to spend and be spent, to do or suffer any thing for their conversion and salvation. In short, nothing is wanting to fix him there, but a support. He proposes to come down this autumn, and spend the winter with his family, (yet on *Long Island*); and 'tis likely he will try to remove his family to the *Oneyda* lake in the spring. We shall endeavour to support him by contribution, till some surer method can be found, or assistance be obtained from some charitable Society in *Scotland* or *England*. I therefore
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