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At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 30th of May 1729

Answer to five of the Principals Sachims of the Castle called Onnake in the Sinnenek Country viz

Brethren

You have yesterday shewn a belt of Wampum unto us, w^{ch} was given to you by this Govern^t as a Token of the Covenant Chain between you and us, and we are glad that you still continue your Faithfull Promises w^{ch} you made at the Time when you received the same; and we hope you may long Continue so, and you may assure your selves that we shall do the same

Brethren

The Dollar wth the black Ribon w^{ch} has been given unto you, is in the first place a Token. The black Ribon that his late Majesty King George the first was deceas'd and the Dollar of Silver is a Token that our present Majesty was Crown'd King in the room of his Father

And we have given to each Nation one for that Purpose, and therefore we desire that you may keep the same as a remembrance of the Late King's deceas and the Reign of our Present King

Brethren

You have desired of us that we shou'd send you a Gun with this next winter, which according to your desire shall be sent you, a Fitt Person who shall be in the Castle called Canaspedaha, where the Smiths Tools are kept

May it Please your Excellency

Albany the 2^d June 1729

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Our last was the 23^d ult^o now this comes

Acquaint your Exc^y that are one of ours wth some French Indians being arriv'd here yesterday (who were 10 days on their Voyage) have upon Examination inform'd us that the Chief Govern^t of Canada arriv'd at Montreal a day before they set out; and upon our Examining of the Indians severally one of the French ones do's inform us, that before his departure from thence, he mett wth the Chief Sachim of the Nation call'd Orondax, who told him that the French had built a great many ~~by~~ ^{at} ~~trattoes~~ ^{trattoes} below Montreal and that he saw them, and that the same were light and smooth, & that in their conference this Orondax Sachim that a great man had told him that the design was to take Oswego

And upon Examining one our Indian (who was 11 days on his Voyage) says that he really believes the design is at Oswego, and therefore desired us to accept of it for Truth, and for a more satisfactory Account of this Affairs we refer your Exc^y to Harmanus Wendell Esq^r one of the Comm^{rs} by whom this goes, and wth due respects subscribe Our selves

McLawrence Claesen

Dated Albany as above

The Two Indians whom we sent last from hence in order to go to Canada, having gone no farther as Saratogue where they mett arie have return'd, and it seems have no mind to proceed on that Journey - Therefore we desire you may as soon as possible go up to the first Castle at Genandrogue, and endeavour to get Two Trusty Indians wth whom you must come down to us, in order that we may dispatch them from hence to Canada, We doubt not but arie will assist you, and will give you an acc^t of what news he has learn'd during his stay at Canada, w^{ch} is the Needfull from