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At a meeting of the Com^d of Indian Affairs in Albany y^e 27th of Dec^r 1727.

- P. Livingston
- H. Holland
- J. Cuyler M. Schuyler
- E. Banker
- P. V. Brough
- J. Collins
- R. Bleeker
- H. Wendell
- N. Bleeker

An Onnege Sachim named Canachquanic arrived here with a message from the rest of the Sachims of that Castle that pursuant to the ancient Covenant between you and them and the other nations that when any news of moment should come to either of them it should be communicated without loss of time they have Received advice from Canachquanic by Sinneke & a Cayouge Indians that an officer of that place had advised the Indians who were there that those who were Inclined to go to Canada should forthwith Depart and those who intended to return to y^e Six Nations should go with all speed before the Commander of y^e Fort should arrive from Montreal, that no unhappy accident may befall them.

The Sinneke Indian who lately came from Canada affirms y^e Indians of Schoonawadie Sachinawage about y^e number of 70 made frequently their dances of war according to their ancient Custom to go to war in y^e Spring to cut off & destroy the house at Oswego this was not done there while y^e Children Sung these Songs of war in y^e Streets that the Indians were employd in making parkes for y^e french but what number of french would go on this Expedition with y^e Indians y^e Sinneke doth not know, but had heard from y^e french at Montreal y^e they Intended to go on this Expedition ag^t y^e house at Oswego y^e Next Spring.

The Sachims of Onnege have Injoynd to acquaint this Board y^e Onnege messengers who had prom^d Cap^t Schuyler Sep^r P. S. last Summer to go to y^e Canada Indians not to molest or disturb us in y^e quiet Settlement of Oswego y^e if they should commit any acts of hostilities their y^e Nations should defend it ag^t y^e English ag^t y^e french, have returned back having been only one days Journey & have not delivered their message according to their promise & Consent from some of the Six Nations as directed by y^e making faired Excuse y^e they were Sick.

Since y^e messengers have faild to perform this message the Onnege Sachims propose y^e this Board should send Indians to Canada on pretence of trade to prevent y^e french Indians to join with y^e french & also to discover what is hatching in Canada ag^t y^e house at Oswego that all y^e Indians of y^e Six Nations be at y^e near home.

The Com^d answerd the said Messengers that they should return thanks to y^e Onnege Sachims for their care in sending him to acquaint us with y^e neglect of y^e Onnege Sachims in not performing their promise & Engagem^t made to Cap^t Schuyler.

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To let their messengers proceed to y^e Canada Indians y^e 6 Nations have Resolved to defend y^e house at Oswego ag^t y^e English ag^t y^e french y^e Board are thankfull to him bringing this message hither & Rely on him while they are Sincible of his former faithful Services to this Govern^t & as a reward give him a present of a blanket a pair of Stockings a lap of Shrouds a shirt & a Looking Glasse.

Resolved That Laurence y^e Interpreter go to Onnege with a man for his Assistant in Company with the Onnege Messenger to Endeavor y^e Six Nations send one of each Nation to perform y^e message to y^e Canada Indian they had formerly promised to m^r Schuyler for w^{ch} purpose its thought fitt to give him y^e following instructions

By y^e Com^d of y^e Indian Affairs at Albany

Instructions for Laurence Chese y^e interpreter to y^e Six Nations

Whereas we are informd by a message received this day from y^e Onnege Sachims y^e Onnege have not sent messengers to y^e Canada Indians as they had promised last Summer to m^r Schuyler y^e they should not molest us in y^e quiet Settlement of y^e house at Oswego that y^e Six Nations are resolved to defend y^e Building ag^t y^e English & y^e English will maintain & defend y^e same ag^t y^e french & being informd y^e y^e Indians at Canada are designd to join with y^e french of Canada to molest us at Oswego wh^{ch} is contrary to y^e treaties of peace that we should be attacked on y^e Land belonging to y^e Six Nations under y^e Subjection protection of his Present Majesty King George y^e Second, our Sovereign & their indulgent & King father, & whereas such attempts to be made by their french or their Indians ag^t Oswego will be a violation of y^e peace & friendship w^{ch} Subjects between y^e 2 Crowns of Great Britain & y^e of France & may be of dangerous Consequence to this his Maj^{ty} Province in particular & to all his Maj^{ty} Govern^t on y^e Continent in generall the prevention whereof will be of great Service to his Maj^{ty} & his Loyall Subjects in these parts Wherefore you are hereby required & commanded to go with all speed accompanied wth Jⁿ Glen Jⁿ to y^e Six Nations acquainted y^e we have received intelligence y^e messengers w^{ch} Onnege Sachims had promised to send to y^e Canada Indians last Summer have not proceeded in their Journey by Reason of Sicknesse y^e it is nevertheless necessary y^e message should be accomplished & that