

Canadasaga, 7th October, 1788.

Sir:

This will be handed you by Mr. Lee & Noble, two Gentlemen from Massachusetts who have been at this Place the most of the Summer past, and as they have been particularly knowing to the Transactions of the People on this Ground, we have requested them to wait on your Excellency and know whether the Seneca and Kayuga Nations of Indians are wanted at Albany or any other Place to hold a Treaty with them in the Course of this Winter or not. If that should be the case we are confident that we shall be able to procure any number of those Nations or any particular Persons that should be named among them to meet the Commissioners at any Place that they should propose. Had we been directed by the Commissioners to go to Fort Schuyler with the Indians at the Treaty lately held there we should have been able to bring them without any great trouble; any Contract that those Gentlemen shall make respecting the Indians we shall do our best to fulfill. The inclosed is a small part of what has been said by Colo. Mackinster and others respecting the Leases, &c.

We are your Excellency's

most obedient and very humble Serts.

PETER RYCKMAN,

SETH REED.¹

To Excellency GEORGE CLINTON, Esquire.

The Substance of the Information given by Mr. Kirckland, taken from his Journal, is as follows, to wit: That he arrived at Canadasaga the 30th of September; that he met a number of the Seneca and Cayuga Nations, some approving and others being Jealous of the Treaty held at Fort Schuyler. That they had been kept in a continual state of Intoxication

¹ Col. REED resided at the Old Castle at Canadasaga Village, and Ryckman on the Shore of Seneca Lake. A Patent was issued to Reed and Ryckman for their Services upon this Occasion. The

Tract bounded on the Lake, and extended back to the old Preëmption Line, embracing most of the present Site of Geneva.