

him and desired to read it himself. And after some consideration on it. Mr. W^o Wendell told him you can safely take the oath for its already discovered & encouraged him to take the oath & that no questions ought to be asked him, nor he needed not to enter into any arguments, on w^{ch} he replied he could take the oath. The rest of the Com^o used all their Endeavour to explain the Act & Oath to him, and acquainting him wth a Nature of it; and after said Harmanus Wendell was ordered to withdraw for about a half hour. He was called in again & then Mr. W^o Wendell urg^d him to take a Oath that he could safely do it on w^{ch} he took the Oath. Now whether Mr. W^o Wendell took a Letter from Lieut. Blood or his telling to have find the Strowds to J. Schuyler & his son & perhaps knowing where they were going to be the Discovery is unknown to us & seems very mysterious.

The rest of a Com^o notwithstanding many arguments Mr. W^o Wendell used to persuade said Har. Wendell to take the Oath. told him what has yet appeared to this Board relating this affair is no Discovery by a Intent of a Act in that Case made & provided but only an Information —

- present
- Henry Holland
- Robt. Livingston Jun^r
- John Cuyler
- Sh. Livingston
- John Collins
- John Bleeker
- Hen^d van Renselaer
- David van Dyck

At a meeting of a Com^o of the Indian Affairs in Albany at 3. Days of October 1724

Resolved by this Board to write a Letter to the Gov^r Burnet Esq^r & acquainting him of a seizure made by Lieut. Blood & Serj^t Buckley of 500^o Strowds on the first Instant & to enclose a minutes of 2^d Instant as also Affidavit of J. Buckley w^{ch} Letter is in the Words following —

We hope your Excel^{ty} arriv^d safe at Fort George We take leave to acquaint your Excel^{ty} that the Sachims of the Six Nations have Declin^d to take up the Hatchet in favour of a Govern^{mt} of Boston, but told the Com^o that they would still be their friends & adhere to them Desiring & Recommending them to make a peace wth the Eastern Ind^{es} by Restoring them their Land and finding some their hostages.

Inclosed we send your Excel^{ty} a Letter from Lieut. Blood dated the first Instant as also an Affidavit of Serj^t Charles Buckley Relating a Seizure of 500^o Strowds near Mount Burnet in Custody of Nicholas Schuyler & Jacob Wendell wth Copy of our proceedings touching that Affair and the Tender & Taking the Oath by Har. Wendell prescribed by the Act of Assembly wth our Observations on a Subject. It is reported that this parcel of Strowds is Carried via Schenectady mostly by Ind^{es} of a Mohoggs Country

Cap^t Schuyler came to Town on purpose to offer the Oath to take away all Clamour or Suspicion w^{ch} might be laid to his Charge who took it wth frankly

- was sign^d Henry Holland
- Robt. Livingston Jun^r
- John Cuyler
- Peter van Brugh
- W^o Bancker
- Philip Livingston
- John Collins
- John Bleeker
- Hen^d van Renselaer
- David van Dyck