

At Oswego, but Pray Take care that the Traders Do not mix it w<sup>th</sup> Water. Let them sell Pure Rum, and those who buy lets them Pay for it

Brother Collier

This is what we should have said yesterday We begg again that you give strict orders to your People not to carry up Rum to Our Castles, where they come and Intice us to buy it and Drink it. Let them bring it to Oswego but at the same Time give Particular Directions that they bring thither Guns and Amunition and such things as We have occasion for. but not Rum only

Brother We Desire also if its be in your Power to let us have goods cheaper than they are sold to us at Present

Brother you Desired us yesterday how many 1000 Traddom<sup>th</sup> of Land we have granted to his Majesty at Oswego, should extend in Length and breadth, which is a thing wee can't very well Tell now. while severall Sachims are at home in our Castles w<sup>th</sup> whom wee ought first to consulte as to the Quantity, who would otherwise be displeas'd at it

Brother The Land w<sup>ch</sup> you Desired is absolutely granted to His Majesty our Common Father, on w<sup>ch</sup> you may Depend for it is agreed by us all, that he shall have it but as to the Quantity Wee must Consult first w<sup>th</sup> the rest of the Sachims, and then shall Marke it out We have said that we should mark out y<sup>e</sup> Land for you when wee come home & have Consulted y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> Sachims Pray Let a fit Person go up w<sup>th</sup> us and named Lawrence Case the Interpreter, who <sup>is</sup> one of us and understands Our Language, wee have Done speaking ~~now~~ and what <sup>we have said now</sup> we should have said yesterday in Publick <sup>has</sup> been neglected

Answer of His Excellency John Montgomerie Esq: Gov: Captain General & Gov: in Chief of the Provinces New-york & New-Jersey to His Answer 272

Brethren

Now since I have had two or three meetings w<sup>th</sup> you, I ~~think~~<sup>like</sup> you better than before, because I am better acquainted w<sup>th</sup> you the kind Answer you have given will confirm his Majesty in the good Opinion of you that the thing is seem'd to Displease me yesterday when you made some Difficulty to assist the English to Defend Oswego was this, that I have orders from the King of Great Brittain our Father to assist the Six Nations in case any of their Enemies should attack them, but that you have now satisfied me, and as wee are children of one Common Father, if any Enemy attacks you I will send you assistance, and come my self to Defend you if it be Necessary, as to your Trade of Rum and other things I shall take care, that you shall not be Abused and what you Demand be Granted according to your Desire as to what you Desire to know of the King of Great Brittain Alliance w<sup>th</sup> the King of France they are at Present in very good Friendship together, but as there has been often War between them, The King of Great Brittain will Always be ready to go to War in case the French Attack you or us, I believe he will have Large Magazines here and in other <sup>convenient</sup> Places to supply all his Children in case of War

I consent that Lawrence Case the Interpreter go up w<sup>th</sup> you as you Desire to Marke out the Land, and I expect that you will give your kind Father a Large Tract

You may now when ever you are ready receive the Presents I am to make you in name of my Master the