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Present  
 Ph: Livingston  
 Mynd: Schuyler  
 Henry Rensselaer  
 Rutger Blecker  
 Royer Gerritse  
 St. Goesbrecks  
 Har: Wendell  
 Ph: Schuyler

At a Meeting of the Com<sup>d</sup> of  
 Indian Affairs in Albany 6<sup>th</sup> day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1727

This Board acquainted Laurence Claese that his Ex<sup>t</sup> had been please to approve of our sending him to Cap<sup>t</sup> Banker at Onnondage to serve as his Interpreter to Communicate to y<sup>e</sup> Sachims of y<sup>e</sup> 5 Nations that his Excel<sup>ty</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Burnet Esq<sup>r</sup> & good intention and design to build a trading house at Sweege on y<sup>e</sup> mouth of Onnondage river the better to promote & Carry on a trade with the far Indians,

Agreed with the Said Interpreter for his Service at Onnondage, and to bring up with another men (whom he is hire on y<sup>e</sup> best terms he can) three horses to the mouth of Onnondage river to be Imployd for drawing timber & Stone for the S<sup>t</sup> house, for the sume of £20:- to be paid by the S<sup>t</sup> Com<sup>d</sup> out of their Allowance of £200:- but if he be Obliged to attend any time on Cap<sup>t</sup> Banker at the building ~~of~~ its agreed he shall be allowd what is Reasonable above y<sup>e</sup> sume

This board have tought powder to send Cap<sup>t</sup> Banker & S<sup>t</sup> Interpreter the following additionall Instructions,

Having obtained Consent from his Ex<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> Burnet Esq<sup>r</sup> & to send Laurence Claese the Interpreter to Inform the Indians with the Intention of his S<sup>t</sup> Ex<sup>t</sup> for building a house at Sweege it being a matter of great  
 Consequence.

Consequence to this Governmt if it should be Opposd by the Indians, you are therefore to use your best Endavour to Obtain their Consent for w<sup>ch</sup> purpose, We Recommend you that observe & follow such directions as you have & shall Receive from his Ex<sup>t</sup> as near as possible you can in relation to your treaty with the Sachims of the Six Nations Concerning his Ex<sup>t</sup> Intention for building a house at Sweege near Cadrachns Lake you must tell them is for y<sup>e</sup> Convenience of the traders to Secure their Goods according to the leave & Consent given by the Said Sachims to his Ex<sup>t</sup> in 1724. to prevent that their goods may not be taken out of their Small bark houses, and that the traders may Secure and Store their goods for w<sup>ch</sup> they can have no ready Sale, and what not be Obliged to bring back hither

You are also to acquit y<sup>e</sup> Indians if the Chief motive w<sup>ch</sup> moves this Governmt to build this trading house at Sweege is that his Ex<sup>t</sup> is Informed that the french design to make a fortification at S<sup>t</sup> place which will not Only y<sup>e</sup> far Indians from coming to trade there and at Albany with the Inhabitants of this province but also the five nations themselves by which means they would Entirely make y<sup>e</sup> selves of All the Indians and Surround y<sup>e</sup> brethren on all Sides, that they have had Sufficient proof of y<sup>e</sup> french fortiffing near them and on y<sup>e</sup> Contrary that they have had repeated Instances of the Civil treatmt and kind behaviour of this Government towards y<sup>e</sup> for their Security and aswellfare for many years past at this building will prevent the french from making any Attempt to fortify near it, and as it is done as well for their Security as for promoting the S<sup>t</sup> trade so we cant suppose but that they may will readily agree to approve of this good Intention. that we cant think y<sup>e</sup> they do Entertain or believe any report or stories y<sup>e</sup> french of Canada may have Spread am<sup>g</sup> y<sup>e</sup> to report y<sup>e</sup> our Gov<sup>r</sup> has orderd to begin y<sup>e</sup> building & finishd this house if they do our Good who represents  
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