

Instructions for Hendrick Wemp Joseph Van Vize Smiths And Armourers

In obedience to his Excellency's Letter of the 8th Inst. directing us the Comm^{rs} of Indian Affairs to send you up to the Sinneke's Country to work for them the said Sinneke Indians as Smiths & Armourers until next Spring - Therefore you the v. Hendrick Wemp and Joseph Van Vize are hereby directed forthwith to take your departure from hence and to repair to the Sinneke's Castle called Canasoga and on your arrival there you are in the name of his said Excellency our Governour to demand from the said Sinneke Sachims or any Person or Persons whatsoever now there Residing, all the Smiths Utensils and Tools from such Person or Persons who now shall or may have them in his or their Possession or Power which are belonging to the Publick, as also the Smiths Shop -

Wherefore all Persons Concerned are hereby strictly Charged and Comanded to deliver the same and every Part thereof unto you, as he or they will answer the contrary at his or their utmost Perill, and as soon as you shall have the said Tools Utensils and Shop in your Custody Care and Possession you are to work as Smith and Armourer respectively for the said Sinneke Indians - until the First day of May next Inclusive, and not to absent your selves from the said work until the Time affixed as aforesaid be fully Expired Given under our hands in Albany this 20 day of September 1729 -

- Present -
- Philip Livingston
- Henry Holland
- Johannes Buyler
- Abr. Buyler
- Jerd. van Renswelaer

At a Meeting of the Comm^{rs} of Indian Affairs in Albany the 23rd Septemb^r 1729

Ottiquahusie the Oneyde Indian that was one of the Messengers of the great Misfortune that Nation have sustained being returned from Canada with Two other Indians, We have acquainted them to the Answer of our Governour in respect of the request they make from the Governour of Virginia which Answer is that his Excellency our Governour has wrote very Respectfully to the Governour of Virginia that their Prisoners may be sett at Liberty that he expects an Answer speedily in Answer they shall have so soon as come to our hands -

According to directions We did set out the 6th Instant (wth Lawrence Claverh Interpreter) by water, wth Two other hired men to attend us to the Oneyde Castle to Condole the Loss of their waring men, which they have lost by their unhappy War wth the Virginia Indians - when the same at the Mohawks Land - Twelve of the Sachims of the Two Castles went along with us to condole the great Misfortune of the said Oneyde and Tusquarora Indians - The 17th Inst: We came in the Oneyde Castle and were received with Joy, and they told us that they were very glad to see us (their brothers) and that they had been very much afflicted, but their Hearts were now rejoiced when they did see their brothers -

The 18th Instant we have in the name of the Governour with the Sachims of the Mohawks Castle condole the Oneyde and Tusquarora Indians wth they have lost in their last War, w^{ch} we did according to custom -

We told them that we did plant a Tree wishing that the same might grow bigg again and desired they might live together in one Castle wth their men who are scattered -

We in the name of the Governour did give them the necessaries allowed us by the Comm^{rs} for that purpose -

The Answer of the said Oneyde & Tusquarora Indians (after we had Condole their great Misfortune) was they heartily thanked our Governour for every Article in the Condolations made unto them -

They gave to our Governour some Wampum and some dear skins & sayd they were very glad that we had planted a Tree to grow up again & sayd also they would endeavour to come to live in one Castle again who are now scattered They made 2 young Sachims in our Presence named, Thorachquenda and Otwadiecha in room of Two Sachims they lost in the afores^d war of the same name -

They desired if we had any news for the future to acquaint them of it - which we promised to do -

Given under our hands Albany 24th Septem^r 1729
Signed - Johannes Rosetpom
Nicolus Bleeker