

The British Interest among any of y^r fair Indians with whom you shall have any opportunity of Doing it. and persuade as much as in your Eyes to trade with y^r People of this Province from whom they may allways be supplied with goods cheaper than by the French either at Albany where they are Cheapest or if they can not come as far at the mouth of Onondago River and by telling them that this Government & the Nations will always keep y^r path open & clear for them which you are likewise to Remind the Sennekes that they have promised so often to this Government to do, and you are to Represent to them ~~how~~ much it is for their Interest to have a free Intercourse & Strict friendship with all the fair Nations that so y^r French may not be able ever to Engage the fair Nations to make war as they formerly have done against y^r Nations, in the middle of April next you are to Repair to the falls at Onondago River and there you may expect to Receive farther Instructions for your Conduct During the Rest of y^r Summer according to what may be Enacted in the Generall Assembly for Regulatting the trade with the fair Indians upon the S. River or what may be Directed by me & Council in case no act of Assembly be made for that purpose or any other Service which we shall Recommend to your Care Given under my hand & seal this 15th day of Sept in the thirtieth year of his Maj^{ty} Reign 1726

W^m Burnet

W^m Burnet

Present

Chr Livingston

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

Evert Banker

Lancaster for ym

Eg^t Com^d

At a meeting of the Com^d of Indian
affairs in Albany the 20th Sept 1726

Capt Evert Banker Inform this Board that his E^t has been pleased to appoint him to Reside among the Indians for one year and allowed him to go up in the Bruch canoe which Major Abraham Schuyler Dec^d had last summer to the Sennekes Country. which Capt Banker says he has begun to be viewed and finds it too small for him and two men with their provisions & necessaries to go in to the Sennekes Country. and proposes that the Com^d may furnish him with a good bruch canoe

The Com^d Considering ^{that} the season of the year being far advanced. that a good canoe is required to go up with do approve of Capt Banker do buy a good canoe and see the other for what it will yield. and they will endeavor that the Return be paid either by y^e Province or Com^d That a belt of wampum be purchased by Capt Banker for his use to speak with to the Indians and that y^e charge shall be paid and that he take with him 5 gallon Rum for his journey & 1 gall. d^t to drink his E^t health with the Sachins

Capt Banker is desired to see the armourer & Smith sent by the Gov^t to work at the Sennekes Country be put in possession of Smith Shop & tools