

If our Indians be deluded and Draw from us and sent on ruinous expeditions against our Friend Indians that we cannot have their assistance when we want them we would be glad to be enabled to discharge our duty but without a sufficient Allowance to Ambassadors necessary to discharge Contingencies which may be required we shall be at a loss what to do, However we shall order Audier Natch to Employ a small matter to the Indians where he may Judge necessary, but that will fall short of what is required, which we hope the next Assembly will Allow.

Present.

Jeremias Van Nieuwclae
Heud. Tondyck
Nicolaes Blecker
Pulger Blecker
Hept. Groesbeek
John de Deyster
Capt. Stuyvesant
Peter Loomis
Dirk Ten Broeck
Abraham Suyler
Wm. T. Tondyck

At a meet^g of the Com^o of Indian Affairs of 21. Decemb^r 1742

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Two Indians who were sent up to Horn Point by this board, came back & Dirk Ten Broeck was ordered to pay them for their Trouble.

At a Meet^g of the Com^o of Indian Affairs the 27. December 1742.

Present
Philip Livingston
Philip Schuyler
W. Collins
Heud. Tondyck
Nicolaes Blecker
Wm. T. Schuyler
Joh. Van Nieuwclae
John Lansing
John de Deyster
Capt. Blecker
Hept. Groesbeek
Wm. Gerritsen
Peter Loomis
Cornelius Suyler
Dirk Ten Broeck

May it Please your Honor

We Rec^d your Honour's Letter of the 13. Instant & are convinced that your Honor has done your utmost endeavours to induce the Assembly to augment our Allowance. We have already / although our Allowance is all exhausted / ordered Mr. Natch to advance from the Siunehes Sachims as he thinks most proper for the Interest of this Government and to two his Interest to keep the Indians from going a fighting, and for fear that Lottel should miscarry we have sent up the Interpreter to the Mohawk Country to hire three Indians one to carry up our Orders to said Natch and two to go Oswego, to Tarry there this Winter to serve as Messengers for the Commanding Officer there in case of an Attack thinking them more able to come down with a message from hence in a short time, than the Soldiers there who are

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are accustomed to Travell in the Winter.

Capt. Clarke

The 27. Letter was wrote to Lieut. Hyde Clarke Command^g at Oswego. — We have sent up the Interpreter to the Mohawk Country to hire two Indians to go to Oswego to be Employed by you in case of ~~an~~ an Attack by the French to bring down the News to us and the Five Nations, we doubt not but you will supply those Indians with provisions & use them kindly as long as they remain with you, which we design shall be as long as till our Trader arrives there in the Spring. We have yet no news of War, but have taken this Precaution, if anything should happen, because the Indians can much sooner bring down a message from you than your Messengers are not so much used to Travell.

This board ordered Aud^r Natch to advance from the Siunehes