

impossible to do Business with them; but notwithstanding all, we think there will be a full Representation of the Cayuga Nation and a Number of the Sachems of the Senakes.

We are your Excellency's
most obedient humble Servants,

PETER RYCKMAN,
SETH REED.

Excellency GEORGE CLINTON, Esquire.

P. S. I should myself waited on your Excellency and the Board with the Indians, but the Indisposition of Body prevents me. There is inclosed the Sayings and Doings of Mr. Mickinstrey and Mr. Livingston; I shall refer you to Mr. Ryckman who was present in their Council with Wilkenson and myself on the twenty-ninth Day of November, 1787; also he is knowing to all the Circumstances respecting the Conduct of Mickinstrey the Summer past. I have given Mr. Ryckman a Power to act in my Behalf, and I beg your Excellency's Influence for a reasonable Compensation in Lands in this Country for my Services; and at the same Time hope you will not be prejudiced against a Person you never saw for the hearsays which I am told have been propagated by a certain Chapman and others.

I am your Excellency's
most obedient humble Servant,
SETH REED.

In Consequence of the Information contained in the above Letter, the Governor took the necessary Measures to have the Indians supplied with Provisions to facilitate their Journey, and to prevent their being obstructed or retarded on their way, and for these Purposes dispatched a Messenger to meet them. Capt. Thornton proceeded as far as Onondago, where he met them and found they had been much delayed by one of their Chiefs taken sick on the Road, and after giving them such Assistance as was in his Power he returned to Albany on the 20th of Jan'y, and made his Report.

On the 11th Day of February Mr. Peter Ryckman arived in Albany with 30 Indians and Women, and the same Day