

Albany the 12<sup>th</sup> August 1725  
 May it Please your Excellency.

Since our Last of the 27<sup>th</sup> July we are In-  
 formed that severall Sachims of the Six Nations are gone  
 & going to Canada to treat with the Gov: there, Some  
 Conjecture its to Sell the Land & fall on the Onnondage  
 River where our People trade with the far Indians  
 which we hope may not be so.

David van Dyck & Goose van Schaick are  
 Returnd from Canada. The Last Informs us that four  
 Indians from Scawennadie an Indian Castle so Called  
 on the Island montreal have killed Williams the Soldier  
 that has been missing from Mount Burnet. Some time  
 since, its said the Caahnawage Indians are much Con-  
 cerned at this Case act. and that their Sachims are on their  
 Journey hither

We hear that above 100 Indians of the 6  
 Nations are gone a fighting to virginia its said to  
 Revenge the Deaths of 150 that were gone out that  
 way this Spring who they say are all killed by the Eng  
 & virginia Indians.

We have Issued severall Sumoncs to the  
 Sheriff to bring sundry Suspected persons as is In-  
 closed List before us to tender the oath unto them provided  
 by y<sup>e</sup> act. but none can be taken we do what  
 lyes in our power to prevent all Illegal trade but  
 find it to little purpose for strowds is plentifully  
 (as is said) Conveyd to the french as well by way of  
 onnondage River as directly from hench to mont-  
 real. severall from this place are gone thither on the  
 10<sup>th</sup> Instant came here 6 french Soldiers deserted from  
 Montreal. whom at their request we have given  
 Liberty to stay near this City to work for their  
 maintenance untill your Excell<sup>ty</sup>s orders shall be  
 known about them