

European Goods, would improve & strengthen the English Interest among the Ind. in general for by the vast Difference in the price of Goods they have from hence by what the french can afford them they might by such encouraging Trade be linked to our friendship in the strongest Ties of their own Interest as well as Inclinations

We take leave further to observe that what is alleged by the Merch. before w<sup>ts</sup> Lords of Trade, that if the french should once get a Supply of Goods necessary for the Ind. Trade from any other place, as the five Nations are settled upon the Banks of the River of St. Lawrence directly opposite to Quebec 2 or 300 Leagues distant from the Nearest Settlement in New York, the Vicinity of the french, would furnish them w<sup>th</sup> means of supplying w<sup>th</sup> the five Nations w<sup>th</sup> these Goods & consequently of withdrawing their affections from the British Interest. By which it palpably appears how great Strangers they are to the Situation & Trade of the five Nations who are settled to the Westward from this City. By what we apprehend these Gentlemen must understand by the five Nations those Ind. who are Deserted from them, whom the french have received w<sup>th</sup> open Arms & by the Craft of their priests are settled near Montreal who live among them at a place called by the Ind. (Cachnawage) where they have built a fort for them, as they have also Done for other Ind. settled near them & those Ind. have before this Act continually been employed to carry on the

The Strowd Trade between the Inhabitants of this place & the french of Canada & with their Chief Lively hood, and those Nations Ind. of the five Nations who have been employed in the Trade by the Inhabitants here have had the Goods and Beaver furs which was also a Motive for them to settle in Canada & then had Liberty to carry on the Trade more freely, with humbly offered by

Albany 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1721

May it please your Excell.  
Your Excell.<sup>ty</sup> most humble  
& most obedient servants

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| Phil. Livingston               | Signe Henry Holland                          |
| John Collins                   | Rob <sup>t</sup> Livingston Jun <sup>r</sup> |
| Wert Wendell                   | John Cuyler                                  |
| Hend <sup>r</sup> van Bentlaer | Geert van Brugh                              |
| David van Dyck                 | Wert Baucher                                 |

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May it please your Excell.

Since our Last to your Excell.<sup>ty</sup> of the 30<sup>th</sup> October we have had several meetings & Considered of the papers sent us & been endeavouring to get ready, and finish what your Excell.<sup>ty</sup> expects we should send you, and have only been able to complete the enclosed Observations on the Merch.<sup>ts</sup> Petition & Allegation w<sup>ch</sup> we hope may meet w<sup>th</sup> your Excell.<sup>ty</sup> Approbation, we offered to the Merch.<sup>ts</sup> here trading Directly to Europe to sign a Certificate as your Excell.<sup>ty</sup> required, who refuse to sign any Instrument whatsoever their Names are here enclosed

Capt<sup>n</sup> John Bleeker has Declined of being a Com<sup>rs</sup> any