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OF SOME LATE

ATTEMPTS to Christianize the

North American Indians.

*Part of a LETTER from the Rev. Mr David
Boswick Minister at New York, to the Preses of
the Committee of Directors of the Society for propaga-
ting Christian Knowledge, dated 23d. September 1761.*

A VERY considerable tribe of *Indians* called the *Oney-
das*, because they reside nigh the *Oneyda* lake, (far
in the north-west parts of this government, and in
the way to *Ofwego*,) meeting last campaign, at the re-
duction of *Canada*, with one of our provincial chaplains, sig-
nified to him their earnest desire of a Minister to come and
reside among them. On receiving intelligence of this, I im-
mediately wrote to Mr *Samson Occum*, a native *Indian*, whose
heart the Lord has been pleased to seize by his efficacious
grace, who was educated in the Rev. Mr *Wheelock's* school
in *Connecticut*, licenced to preach by an association in *New
England*, and since ordained by a Presbytery on *Long Island*,
where he had preached to a small number of these *Indians*,
once under the care of Mr *Azariah Horton*, formerly the
Society's Missionary there. The heart of this man has long
been set on a mission among the *Indians*, and once he was
actually engaged by a Society in *London* to go among the
Chirokees. But they soon joining with the *French* in hostili-
ties against us, he was prevented. On receiving my Letter, he
immediately concluded to visit the *Oneydas*, and make a trial:
Came to this city on his way some time in June, preached in
my pulpit to the most crowded audience I ever saw, and to
general acceptance. A collection was made for his journey