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Months w^{ch} his Said Ecly has been pleased to Grant
 them. Wherefore Wee do by his Said Ecly's orders
 and Directions hereby Require and Directions
 hereby Require and Direct you forthwith to go wth a fitt
 Person to the Sinnekes Castle called Canowodago
 on your Arrival there you are to Demand in the name
 of His S^d Ecly our Governour from the Sinnekes Sachins
 or any Person or Persons whatsoever, all the Smiths
 Utensils and Tools from those who shall or may have
 them in his or their Possion w^{ch} are there belonging to
 the Publick, as also the Smiths Shopp. Therefore all
 Persons Concern'd are hereby strictly Charg'd and
 Comanded to deliver the same unto you, as he or they
 will answer to the contrary at his or their utmost
 Perill. And as soon as you shall have the S^d Tools &
 Utensils, and Shopp in your Custody Care and possion
 you are to Work as Smith for the v. Indians wth the
 Man who is to go wth you to assist you. for Six Months
 from the Date hereof. Given under hands in Albany
 the 9th day of October 1720

Johannis Lamsingh
 Johⁿ. Cuyler
 Nicolas Blecker
 Barent Sanders

Philip Livingston
 Myndert Schuyler
 Rutger Blecker
 Stevanis Groesbeck
 Abraham Cuyler
 Harm. Wendell
 Henry Holland
 Reyer Gevritve
 Evert Wendell

Joseph Yetts

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Whereas his Ecly our Govern^r: at the
 Desire of the Sinnekes Sachins has consented that
 they shall have a Smith this next Winter, as well as the
 Onondages in Pursuance of his Ecly's order, Wee have
 agreed wth the bearer Hendricks Wemp to Work for the
 Sinnekes, Therefore you are Order'd & Comanded to deliv^r
 to Said Wemp, all the Smiths Tools & Bellows, Pick Iron
 Stuyes, and all what doth belong thereto, & you are
 hereby also Order'd to Work your Time at Onandago, and
 hereof you are not to Fail as you will answer the
 contrary at your Perill

Signed, as before

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May it Please your Ecly

We shall be glad to hear of your
 Ecly's safe arrivall at New York, and hope this may
 find your Ecly in Perfect health. Wee take Leave to
 Inform your Ecly that on the 15th Instant about 10 a clock
 at Night, Wee received the Surprising News by seven
 hands of Wampum, that the House at Oswego was
 putt off, on which Wee went immediately to the Maquay
 County, where the Indian who brought this Intelligence
 Stayed, being Tired in coming 5 days from the Sinnekes
 County, who on Examination by Laurence Flax, the
 Interpreter, It appeared the man from whom wee had
 the Intelligence had Misunderstood the Indian, but
 now the Interpreter sends us a Letter this day that
 some Sinnekes and other Indians who lived on
 the carrying place of Niagara, about three leagues
 from the French house, are putt off and burnt
 down, but by what Nation of Indians this mischief

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