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Present
Henry Holland
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Ph. Livingston
John Collins
Johs. Wendell
Johannis Bleecker
} Esqrs Comrs.

At a meeting of the Commissrs. of the Indian affairs in Albany the 7th day of January 17$\frac{21}{22}$

Lawrence Claus
Interpreter

The Deputies of the five Nations being returned from Boston Relate as follows That they have heard the Propositions and Treaties made between the Government of Boston and the Eastern Indians Interpreted unto them by Lawrence Claese and Josiah Hellach whereby they are guided to believe that the people of Boston have just Reason to make War on the said Indns. and do not think that the English have been the first Agressors because they have hitherto kept all the Treaties and Engagements made by ye Ancestors in behalf of that Governmt. w.th the five Nations and are surprised that those Indns. ~~that those Indns~~ should be so insolent as to take up Arms against the Brethren of Newengland since it is but about two years ago that they desired by a Belt of Wampum to be Children to the five Nations and submitted themselves under their protection but having not as yet spoke with the said Indns. they can't make a positive Judgment of the Controversie they know heard some of those Indns are hunting near the Lake they intend to send Messengers on ye 30th Instant to Enquire if they persist in ye Resolution which they have Declared in their paper that was affixed on their Church to continue ye War so long as the Sun and Moon Endures, if so, the five Nations have Determined to Chastise their

their Children, in making War upon them till they be utterly destroyed, they intend to give Notice to all Straggling Indns that may be among the Eastern Indns belonging to his Majesty Govern.t to return to their Habitations which if they refuse they will look upon them as Enemies & treat ym as such
That a soon as the sd Message is performed they will acquaint the Comrs what success they have had with the said Indns.
The sd Deputies add further that they told the Governour of Boston in the house of Representatives before the Genl Assembly that he had sent a present to Albany in order to treat with the five Nations & desired to know why he was not come to meet them when the other three Governrs spoke w.t them this Summer & desired to know what prevented it.
The Governr answered he had been hindred to come and treat w.t them this season but designed to add to the present wch was at Albany & intended to meet them early next Spring. The said Deputies Replyed yt he could meet them at Albany which was ye place appointed by ye Ancestors to treat about publick affairs. The Governr told ym he was to resolve w.t his Council & assembly where he should meet them & would send them a Message early in the spring to acquaint them w.t ye time & place where he intended to speak with them
Lawrence Claese informs ye Comrs ye Kind told him at Boston yt a Minister who talked with him in the Eastern Language enquired of him if it was not possible he might be their Speaker in ye Mohoggs Country to wch he made reply he seems yt ye Govern.t of York & Boston cannot agree about ye Intended meeting w.t the five Nations. when they adjusted

and agreed on the time and place for that meeting he would be ready to give him an answer
Signed Lawrence Claesen

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Present
Peter Schuyler
Henry holland
Hond: Hanson
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
John Collins
John Rodndsle
John Bleecker

At a meeting of the Comrs. of the Indian affairs in Albany the 9th day of Jany 1722/23

Resolved that the following Letter be writo to his Exy Wm Burnet Esqr &c

Albany the 9th January 1722/23

May it please your Excellency

We are honoured with your Excellencys favour of the 20th December wherein we believe that your Excely thinks no news from our parts com-monly good News, we hope what we now intimate by your Excelys Directions will bear ye same Character

Inclosed is the Relation of ye Deputies of the five Nations who are returned from New England with Lawrence Claese

We observe your Excely has Consented ye Governmt of Boston should treat with ye Indns of the five Nations and desire to know from us when that may be done and that ye Indns may be advised to send what fighting men they can spare to go with the people of Boston a fighting against the Eastern Indns and begg your Excely to give us Directions how when and in what Manner that is to be done the most convenient time to have said Meeting here we humbly think will be the first day of May next when the Indns come from their hunting

With all

With all due Submission we are of opinion in regard to the Circumstances of this Gov that advising our Indians to go a fighting against the Eastern Indns & Engaging them in that War may be of Dangerous Consequ to the Inhabitants of this Province and may be a means to Involve this Governmt in a more desperate War with the Easter and the Canada Indns then it has been at the Eastwd for it is very visible to us that as soon as our Indns are Joyned & Engaged in that War the Governor of Canada will ~~send~~ use his Endeavour to send ~~to~~ the Indns living near him (who at his first application He =fus'd their assistance to those Indns) but after our Indns are Engaged by this Governt he will if possible compel his Indns to Joyn ye Eastern Indns which we have reason to believe he will get affected and then we may naturally con=jecture that our five nations, and the Canada Indns will be in an actual War together, and we by the treaties of peace not able publick=ly to assist the ye five Nations according to our Engagements at the several Treaties Betwixt us. the most proper means to prevent this Inconvenency we humbly propose will be that our Indns may be privately advised to send some Deputies to the Canada Indns to be neuter and not engage themselves in this War when our Indns have undertaken it, & this cant be done but at ye particular Ex=pence of the Governmt

Upon the whole matter we find that the Governmt of Boston Endeavours as much as possible to get our Indns in their particu=lar Interest having Entertained & Cloathed them after an Extraordinary manner so can't avoid being of opinion that our Interpre=ter

Interpreter accompanies their Messenger when they Invite the Ind.ns to meet them, that noth.ng be offered to the Ind.ns beyond what yo.r Excell.cy and that Govern.t shall agree on

We must begg your Excell.cy for the security of this City and County to advise the Governor of Boston to send a sufficient quantity of provisions for the Ind.ns when they come down that they may not be a burden to the Inhabitants wishing your Excell.cy & Lady a happy new year and take leave to subscribe our selves

May it please your Excell.cy

Your Excellency's most humble and most obedient servants

was signed
Henry Holland
Hend. Hansen
Joh.s Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Banker
Philip Livingston
John Collins
Johannis Wendell
Johan Bleecker

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At a meeting of the Com.ts of the Indian affairs in Albany the 15.th day of January 1722/3

Present
Henry Holland
Hend. Hansen
Peter van Brugh
Johan.s Cuyler
Philip Livingston
John Collins
Joh.s Bleecker

The Commissioners write this day a letter to Capt. Wm. Helling —

At a meeting of the Com.ts of the Indian affairs in Albany the 17.th day of Jan.y 1722/3

Present
Henry Holland
Hend. Hanson
Peter van Brugh
Ph. Livingston
John Collins
Joh.s Bleecker

The Commissioners Received this day a Letter from Capt. Scot by an express dated at fort Hunter the 16.th ultimo wherein he Intimates that some french Indians two from Canastogue & two from fort Hunter have been fighting towards virginia brought a prisoner and a Skalp.; that the Indian prisoner talks good English who Says to be Coll.o Spotswoods servant that the Indians have been with the s.d prisoner on their Journey to Canada and he Sent a messenger to fetch them back and are Still at fort Hunter

Resolved that the following Letter be write to Capt. Scot.

Albany y.e 17.th Jan.y 1722/3

Capt. Scot

We have Received yours dated yesterday and do Return you thanks for your Care concerning the prisoner & the Canada & two of the mohogg Indians have taken

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and brought from virginia who you Say talks good English and is Colle. Spotswoods servant, he ought to be Releaed from thence in order thereto we write now to Lorrence Claese to go to you with this opperturnity to assist you in advicing the Canada and other Indians who took him to come forthwith hither to us with two or three Sachims of the mohoggs and the Prisoner they have with them that we may Inquire further in this affair your good officer on this and the like occasion will be acknowledged by.

P. S.
that Indian you make mention of will be present when the rest come
We have satisfyed Boyen & so we will you for your sled & horses. & likewise Brinthop when he come to Town

Albany 17th Jan.y 172 2/3

Lourence Clase

We are Informd by a letter from Capt. Scot dated yesterday that some Canada ~~Indians~~ and two Mohogg Indians have taken an Indian prisoner and brought him and a Skalp at fort Hunter the Prisoner is found to be a Servant of Colle. Spotswood he talks good English, in order to Release him out of their hands, we comand you forthwith to go up to fort Hunter and desire the Indians who have taken this prisoner forthwith to come hither to us and bring him along. Let two or three of the Sachims come down with you. and advice with Capt Scot about this affair that this business may be effected, we find you Seaven hands of wampum to be made of on this occasion ~~& a messenger it~~

Resolved that a messenger be sent to Saraghtoque to fetch one of the Indians who has been fighting towards virginia to come hither

Present
Henry Holland
Hend. Hanson
Peter van Brugh
John Collins
John Bleecker

At a meeting of the Commission.rs of the Indian affairs in albany the 10th day of January 172 2/3

This day came the Canada Indian from Saraghtoque to whom the Comd.rs sent a messenger to come to Town to be present when the Rest of his Company and the Indian Prisoner they have taken and brought from virginia who is at fort Hunter come down in order that y.e prisoner may be Releaed & taken from them

The Commissioners told y.e Canada Indian they would Speak to him concerning the prisoner he and his Company have taken at virginia when they come to Town which they expect will be to Morrow morning

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Present

Pr Schuyler
Henry Holland
Hend. Hanson
John Cuyler
Pyn Bruigh
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Ch. Livingston
Joh. Bleecker

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At a meeting of the Comd. of Fs. Indian affairs in Albany y. 19. day of January 1722/3

In pursuance of a letter y. Comd. write on y. 17th Instant to Lawrence Claus the Interpreter to go to Fort Hunter and bring down y. Indians who have been fighting to virginia, with the Indian prisonr they have taken with whom he came to Town and appeared ~~this day~~ before the Comd. this day who told the said Indians, that they are surpriz'd to see that they have been so Insolent as to go fighting and take prisoners from the friend Indians of virginia Since a treaty of peace has been so Lately Concluded between the gov.r of virginia & ye nations and so Solemnly Confirmed by the five nations but this Last Summer and that the Same Should be kept inviolable on their Side.

The Canada Indians Replyd that they were gone out a fighting against those virginia Indians before the governour of virginia was here to make this treaty of peace that is Said to be made

The Commissioners Repeated to the s.d Indians the treaty and Engagement the five Nations made with the Governour of virginia in Regard to the peace and friendship they have promised to keep for themselves and sundry other nations and Included the Indians of your Castle of Cachnawage as a branch of themselves

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And we desire you by this belt of wampum to deliver this Prisoner you have taken unto us that he may be sent home to his own Country for you may be assured it will be ill taken by our governour that you so insolent to Committ hostillities in time of peace on our friends

The said Cachnawage Indians Refusd to deliver the prisoner they have taken but said let me bring him to our Castle then our sachims at your desire will deliver him

That after all the Endeavors & arguments the Comd. used to have the said prisoner out of the hands of the Indians in order to send him home could not prevail.

Resolved to send a belt of wampum by y.d Indians to their sachims of Cachnawage to desire them thereby to send the said prisoner back being his taken from a nation of Indians who are in friendship with the Governm.t of virginia and the five nations this Last Summer who have Engage for the Cachnawage Indians.

That your Sachims send us word whether they do Stand to what the five Nations have Engage for them and keep their young men from fighting ag.st y. Indians Liveing in virginia or any other Indians Liveing in friendship with y. English which the Indians promised to Communicate to their Sachims

on Examination of y. prisoner Says to be Long to a nation of Indians Called Saponies Liveing near Christiana and was taken about 24 miles from that place where he was hunting with four other Indians two of them where taken at the same time (who made their escape) and one was kill'd

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Albany ye. 14 february 1723

May it please your Ex.y

We have Received your Ex.ys Letter of ye. 31th. ultimo
Inclosed we send our minutes since our Last wherby
your Ex.y will perceive that some Canada Indians
brought here on the 1y. past an Indian Prisoner from
virginia we usd our uttmost Endeavor to Redeem
him after all our trouble found that the prisoner was
more willing to go to Canada than to Return home
tho we have good reason to beleeve that the Sachims
will on the belt we sent send him back, we should
have Compeld the Indians to Surrender the prisoner
but in consideration that your Ex.y was Inclind
to have the five Nations to Joyn in the Eastrew war
against ye. Indians we would not disobligd them
for that would naturally make them Imbrace the
governour of Canadas proposall to war agt. New
England. after the Indians had the prisoner out of Town
they gave him his Liberty and went with them
our Indians are hearty enough in Suppressing
the Eastrew war tho it is out of their power to assist
N. England the next Summer. Since we are Informd that
most of their warriors are gone out fighting against
Indians not included in the Last Treaty with
Submission we ~~think~~ are of opinion that it will be
Impracticable to Engage our Indians to war agt. ye.
Canada Indians being a part of themselves are
gone and Removed thither by ye. Inducements of
the french priests and ye mis fortunes of the two Late
unhappy Expeditions
we are thankfull to your Ex.y for the good
news which makes us Rejoyce. we have acquainted
the Corporation of their neglect —

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Present
Henry Holland
Hend.k Hansen
Joh.s Cuyler
John Collins
Philip Livingston

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At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian Affairs in albany the 23.d day of March 1723

A Letter from the Lieu.t Govern.r of the Province of the massachusetts Bay dated the 15.th Instant with his Resolve in Councill of the 12.th d.o was Communicated to this meeting by m.r Ph. Livingston Sec.r for the Indian affairs in Relation to their Intended meeting the five nations here on the 20.th day of may next.

Resolved that assoon as the Com.rs Receive directions from his Ex.cy our govern.r to send for five nations by our Interpreter

Present
Henry Holland
Hend.k Hanson
Joh.s Cuyler
John Collins
Ph Livingston
Johannis Wendse

At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian affairs y.e 24.th day of March 1723

The Com.rs Received a Letter from his Ex.cy our governour of the 21.st Instant wherein he advises them that he has Consented the governmt of Boston to meet the five nations here on y.e 20.th of may next and that on their assurance to defray the Charge of that Treaty to send the Interpreter to desire the Sachims of the five Nations to meet the Boston Gentlemen here on the prefixed time

Resolved that a Letter be writ & Sent to the Interpreter forthwith to come hither to receive his Instructions for that purpose

Present
Henry Holland
Hend.k Hansen
Joh.s Cuyler
Eoert Banker
John Collins
Ph: Livingston
Joh.s Wendel

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At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Ind.n affairs in albany the 26.th day of March 1723

3 Present
Henry Holland
Hend.k Hansen
Joh.s Cuyler
Ph: Livingston

At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian affairs in albany y.e 2.d day of April 1723

By the Commissioners of the Ind.n affairs at albany

Instructions for Lourence Claese Interpreter

Whereas we have received advice from his Excelleney William Burnet Esq.r Capt. Gen.l and Governour in Chief of the Province of New York &c. by a Letter dated the 21.st of March last he has agreed to the Boston Deputies Treating with the five nations and upon that Governments Sending us assurance that

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That they will defray the Expence of the Message to the Indians, and their Charges while here During the said Treaty Directed ~~to~~ us to send a Messenger to Summon them that Government having given us Sufficient assurance to defray the Charge of ye Treaty &c.
We do therefore hereby Require & Command you to go up to the Several Castles or Settlements of the five Nations and tell the Sachims that his Excellency our Governour has Consented to the Treaty which has been sometime on foot between the Government of Boston and them which is the Sole Reason of sending for them now and that they are Desired by a String of Wampum. You are to be here precisely on the twenty day of May next, to meet the Boston Commissioners to delver each Nation here on that day. You are also to accompany the Indns hither in their march or the greater Number of them to take care that the number of them do not exceed Seventy persons excluding Men Women and Children and hereof you are not to fail given under our hands in Albany the 2d day of April in the ninth year of his Majes Reign Anno Dom. 1723

was Signd
Henry Holland
Hendk Hansen
Johs Cuyler
Ch: Livingston

Present
Henry Holland
Johs Cuyler
Pet v: Brugh
Ch: Livingston

At a meeting of the Comrs of the Indn affairs in Albany the 6th day of april 1723

D'Canasore Sachim of the Onnondages came before the Comrs who said; the last fall our Governr together with the Govrs of Virginia were and made a treaty with the five Nations that the Should not go to War agt the friend Indns of Virginia which they will punctually observe and the bones of their Slain lye quiet. they have now an Expedition in hand but will bend their Course another way agt Indns who are not Included in the sd Treaty gave a String of Wampum—

May it please your Excel.y

Albany 23d April 1723

Your Excellcys Letters of 21th and March came to our hands, and are heartily concerned any Conduct of ours Should disoblige your Excellency when our Intentions and Endeavors were designd to have the Contrary Effect

The Indn Crisoner the french Indian took at Virginia near Christiana, we thought it our Duty to Release and Endeavoured it as far as present Civil Treatment would do Declining force as believing it would Create so great disturbances amongst the Indns as might be attended w very ill Consequences

We are perfectly well assured your Excellency

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Excellency would not oblige ye five Nations in any thing unreasonable but any act of your Excell^ys weighs much more w^t them then any thing we can Do the Ind^ns who live at Canada at least those of Cachnawage are part of the five Nations and what ever Rough Treatment they receive will be resented by the five Nations perhaps not in so publick a manner as to oblige them to leave their bread & Cloathing which we are satisfied they receive at Albany but underhand to the great detriment of many of the Subjects living in the remotest part of the Government

We did Esteem him as an English Prisoner and as we before enformed your Excell^y used our Endeavors to Release him and after we were tyred by two days arguments w^t the Ind^ns found he was more Enclined to go to Canada then to return to his own Country We have sent positive orders by two Sachims to Cachnawage to demand him but have yet no direct answer We are informed they have made a Sachim of him according to Custom and are Doubtful whether he'll come Back

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Present

Lewis Morris Junr Esqr one of his Majs Counal
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Col Banker
Ch: Livingston
Johs Bleecker
} Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs In Albany the 8th day of May 1723

Twenty Indians of the far Nations being arrivd at this City to trade with the Inhabitants of this place who in their comming down from the Indn houses buelt for them on the Hill played with a Calumet pipe of Peace and Sung after their Custom which being done appeared before the Comrs and made the following Speech

Father Corlaer

We are come to this place to visit you our father meaning his Excellency our Governr and hope we may be Civily and kindly ~~Entertained~~ Treated

The French have for these four years past prohibited the Selling of Rum unto us, on which our Sachims told them that they had Concluded to go and buy Rum of their father Corlaer meaning the Inhabitants of this Province gave a few Skins

We your Children are sent by the Sachims of our several Castles in hopes to meet with a kind Reception from our father with a pure and Clean heart

Heart we have found the path from our Castles to this place open and clean free from all Weeds and hope it may be so in our Return home and that we may have cheap penny worths to Show and Encourage those Indians who may meet us in our way home gave a few Skins

They presented the Commissioners with a Calumet Pipe to be kept by them and Shown when any of their Nations come here and desire they may have pure Rum not mixt with Water that and Cheap goods will Encourage many of their Nations to come and trade here

Answer to the Ind Indians

Children

We are glad that you are come to visit your father you do well not to hearken to the bad Counsil of the French you have already had Sufficient proof of our Friendship and the Civil and kind Treatment towards you and other upper Nations who have been here we Suppose you can Easily distinguish the vast

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Vast Difference in the price of goods you buy here and those you have from the ffrench which are above one half dearer then we Sell them that and the kind Reception we give you, we hope may be sufficient Motives for all your upper Nations to come and Carry on their trade to this place and we promise to take all proper measures that you may have goods Cheap and pure Rum as can be afforded to our own people for your Father our Governr. has ordered houses to be built for your Convenieney and accomodation to lodge in that you may goe with your Skins where ever you please and try where you can get the Cheap=est penny worths, and not be compelled to trade with those who used to get you in their houses, the path shall always be open for you & kept clean and free from all weeds that and the cheap goods you can buy here we think will be the grea=test Inducements we can give for all your people to bring ~~all~~ their Peltry hither gave them a present of Strowds Shirts Rum & Provisions to the value of ten pounds ten Shillings

Present
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Dk: Livingston
J Bleecker

At a meetng of the Comrs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 21st Day of May 1723

Some far Indians being come to this City Say that they are come to visit their father and are very desirous to have Rum Cheap as also other goods gave a few bev Skins

The Comissioners told them that they are glad that they are come to see how Cheap goods are here by what the ffrench Sell their father our Governour has ordered houses to be built on the Hill on purpose for you to lodge in that you may goe with your Skins where you please

22¾ ℔ Bacon at 6d	£	11-9
1 Skeple grease		3—
1 Do Indian Corn		1-6
	£	16-3

4 Kegs Rum 4 gall. each	£	2-8—
3 Shirts		6—

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Present
Peter Schuyler
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
Johannis Bleecker

At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 23rd day 1723

William Dummer Esq.r Lieutenant Gover=nour and Commander in Chief of his Majesties Province of the Massachusets Bay in New Eng=land To William Tailer, Elisha Cooke, Spencer Phips, and John Stoddard Esq.rs Greeting —

Whereas the Great and General Court of this his Majesties Province did at their Session held at Boston the fifteenth ~~Day~~ of Novem=ber 1722 Elect and nominate you (or any three of you) to represent this Government in a Treaty and Negotiation with the five Nati=ons of Indians to be had at Albany in the Month of May next; I have accordingly Au=thorized, and Impowered, and do by these pre=sents authorize and Impower You the said William Tailer, Elisha Cooke, Spencer Phips and John Stoddard (or any three of you) to be Commissioners on the part of this

Governmen

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Government to treat with the five Nations or the Sachims or principal Men of the said Nations at Albany as aforesaid In order to the Renewing Ratifying and Confirming the Ancient Freendship and Correspondence hitherto kept Inviolate between this his Majesties Government, and the Sd five Nations and to Engage them to Join with us in making War with the Eastern Indians, and you are to observe and follow in the Sd Treaty the Instructions herewith given you. Given under my hand and the Common Seal of the said Province of the Massachusets Bay; at Boston the Twenty fifth day of March 1723 In the ninth year of his Majesties Reign

By the Lieut. Governr was Signd
Command was Signd

Wm Dummer

J Willard Secry

Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
Johs Wendell
Johs Bleecker
} Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of the Comrs of the Indian affairs in albany ye 27th day of may 1723.

Lowrence Claes the Interpreter being Returned this day from the Severall Castles of the five Nations Relates to this meeting that pursuant to his Instructions by order of his Exy Wm Burnet Esqr &c: from the Comrs dated the 2d of april last he had Invited the Sachims of ye sd nations to come hither to meet the Gentlemen Impowerd by the Governt of Boston to meet them at albany the 20th of this Instant about some publick affairs That the mohoggs onnoydes Cayougs and the Susquarooes being Settled near onoyde & Reputed now as a nation, accepted the message and said that they would be here at the appointed time, that the Onnondagas and Sinnekes declind to be present at ye meeting and said they were yet in mourning for three of their Sachims who dyd last fall whose deaths are as yet not Condoled to take away that pretence Lowrence borrowd three blankets of Strouds and a Shirt, and Condoled their deaths, (after their manner) which being performd acquainted the Sachims of ye Sinnekes the second time that he was sent by his Exy Govr Burnet Esqr to desire them in his name to Come to albany to meet the Gentlemen from Boston on ye 20th Instant. on which they and the Sachims of Onnondagas (Some of them being then present) Replyd that they had

Concluded not to be present at said meeting ~~at onnondaga~~ unless it ~~was~~ could be referred to next Spring on which they gave Seaven hands of wampum. and that in the mean time they where to have a generall meeting at onnondaga to Consult ~~of~~ about some affairs Relating the five Nations

Whereon Lowrence gott some of ye best & truest Indians to know from them the Reason why the Sinnekas & onnondagas would not come to be present at s^d meeting told him that Jean caur the french Interpreter had made a breach among ye five nations and Injoyned the sachims of s^d two Castles not to go to albany on any message to be sent y^m to meet ye Comd^rs from Boston till he should Return from Canada which would be when the strow berries where Ripe and have promised him to Stay at home as had also the fighting men

After Lowrence saw that his Endeavors ~~paid~~ in perswading the sachims of the Sinnekas and onnondagas to come hither to be present at s^d meeting proved ineffectuall. Returned to Cayouge ~~to see whether~~ and despatched one of the sachims of that Castle to the Sinnekas Country to see whether he could prevail on them who being come at ye Castle desired them to go to albany with them on ye message sent to all ye nations by this Government who could gett no direct answer from them on which ye Cayouge Sachim gott three sachims who he know to be true to the English and sent them to tell him Sincerly what ~~was~~ ye Reason was the onnondagas & their sachims Refused to be present at s^d meeting told him as they had done above to Lowrence that they had promist Jean Coeur ~~that~~ not to go.

That Jean Coeur had also desired from the sachims of the Sinnekas to build a Fort at onjagara which they have declined then he obtaind their Consent to build a house near Thierondequat (at the passage of ye far Indians to albany) and is thought he is gone to Montreal for men & to build that house.

That at ye Return of Lowrence from Cayouge at onnondaga with ye assistance of ye sachims of Cayouge prevaild on the sachims of that Castle to come down and some of them are now in Town as also ye sachims of Cayouge onnyde Tusquarora & mohogs.

The Comd^rs being informed that Seawn sachims of ye Sinnekas are arrived. the Interpreter being sent out to see if it was so when Returned said he had spoke with them, who hinted that a s^d meeting to be held by ye rest of ye nations to be present & treat with ye gentlemen from Boston

Present

William Taylor, Sponser Chips } Esq.r members of his Majt.s Council of the Province of Massachusetts Bay

John Stodder Esq.r Member of the house of Representatives of the Province

Peter Schuyler, Henry Holland, Peter van Brugh, Evert Bancker, Ch. Livingston, John Wendell, John Bleecker } Esq.rs Com.rs

Interpreted by Lowrence Claes after it was Translated into Dutch by Philip Livingston

Propositions made by William Taylor Sponser Chips & John Stodder Esq.r Commissioners appointed by his Maj.ts Governm.t of the Massachusetts bay. to the Sachims of the five nations (to witt) the Mahoggs onoydes onnondagos Cayougos and Sinnekes as also to those of Tusquorora in albany the 28th day of may 1723

The Sachims being convind Said first

Brethren

Ye shawanne and Kinsie. the first in the Indian tongue is A Broad way and the last Signifies Pigeon which they take from Coll.o Pigeon who has formerly treated with them in behalf of the Governm.t of ~~Boston~~ the Massachusets Bay

You have ~~desired~~ Invited us to come here we the Sachims of the five nations & of the Tusquororas being Eighty in number and Imporwered by the Sovl nations to treat with you are arrived here and now Ready to hear what you have to propose. but we are first to beg a favour of you. And acquaint you that as it has ~~been~~ from ancient time been the Comon practice of all Governm.ts to gett our guns hatchetts & kettles mended ~~which~~ we desire ~~may~~ you may also be ordered to be done now

The Gentlemen ~~Replyed~~ answered that as they ~~are~~ sent by the Governm.t of ~~Boston~~ to treat with them they desire to speak first and shall take notice of what they Say afterwards

Brethren

We are well Pleased ~~that~~ after our and your Long ~~Long~~ Travail we are mett together, and have the Satisfaction of Seeing one another and Congratulating each other on our safe arrival

Friends and Brethren

The Government of the Massechusets Bay recalling to mind that Friendship that hath long since been Contracted, often renewed and inviolably maintaind between them and your Tribes. and considering that by reason of your great Distance from them they have not frequent opportunity of Conversing with you. and thereby encreasing mutual Respect and Friendship therefore they thought proper to send three Gentlemen about a year and half since, to make you a visit, and to renew that amity that hath continued almost time out of mind, and to negotiate some other affairs with you but you being then lately returned from hence to your own Country they had not the opportunity to speak with you

Since which Several of your Chiefs (being delegates for their respective tribes) have taken a Journey to Boston which was very acceptable and pleasing to the Government, and gave them an opportunity of expressing their Respect for you. and we Doubt not but they have been so Just as to acquaint you with the Kind Reception and friendly Entertainment they met withal

The Governm.t being Sensible of the disappointment of their Former Com.rs Resolved upon Sending us hither partly on the Same Errand. we are accordingly come by

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By order and in the name of ye Governt. to brighten the Chain of friendship into which they have put their hands from wch. they neither can nor desire to withdraw them, and to give you the utmost assurance of their Respect and Friendship and that they will endeavour by all proper methods to Cultivate a good understanding between them and your tribes, and Endeavour to Continue the Same to future Generations. And as a Testimony of their Regard to you and Evidence of their Sincerity, they have Sent you this present which we in their name deliver to you

When you have Considered of what we have said, and Returned your answer we shall have something furder to offer to you

That the present just now delivered you is given you by the Governmt of the Massachusetts bay and is as a token of their friendship and Renewing the ancient Covenant Chain which has always been kept Inviolable on their Side

This being the Birth day of our Soveraign Lord King George we have ordered a Barrel of beer for you to drink his health

There are also fifty keggs with Rum filled for you which you may see and are to be carried above Schindechtady where you are to Receive them which you may Carry to your own Cattles to drink with the Rest of your Sachims

19.

Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph. Livingston
Johanr. Bleecker

Interpreted by a Sinneke Indian who Lives among them and rendered into Dutch by Lowr. Cas.

At a meeting of the Comrs. of the Indian affairs in Albany ye 19 day of may 1723.

Eighty men of the far Indians (besides Squaws & Children) being arrived at this City who appeard before this meeting

It was asked them howmany nations they belong to, where they live and on what Business they are Come

They Say by their Speaker. Called Sakema

Brethren

We are arrived here this day and therefore desird the Chiefs of this place might meet. that to acqt. them of out arrivall. here have been severall Nations who have given themselves out for the Nation of Denigh cariagos. (but they were not) we are of that Nation and what they have Said is not true. and we are those who Live most Remote from Lence you

They being asked where abouts they live and how the french Call there Settlements. they Say (but what could be understood) it is Called Montreamakenac

Brothers Corlaer. Lucder. and the five Nations

When one Brother comes to visit another it is the Comon practice among us to Smoak a pipe in peace together and revaile our Secrets. we compare deceitfull heart by a dark Skye. but we hope that we shall with a Clean & pure heart in a fair Shining Sun day discover to one another what we know. and therefore desire yt. according to our Custom we may take each a whiff out of a Calumet Pipe in tokken of peace & friendships. which being done said

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We thank the Brethren for smoaking out of their Calumet of peace and is a Sufficient Proof to us of your friendships.

We thought to have found the Brethren of the Mohogs at home to pay ye. a visit and show them our Respect. but finding none at home we shall tell them what we have to offer.

Brethren Cohaer and Mohoggs.

We have now done so that you may consider on what we have s.d to give us an answer we are now here out of Six Castles called in our Several Speeches Neghkareage / being two Castles so named / Ronawadainie, Onnighsiesanairoene, Kajienadroene, & Tienondadeaga and what we have further to offer we shall then desire the Gentlemen to meet together to hear us.

The Com.rs told the s.d Nations that they would meet to morrow morning at Seven a Clock and desires that they may appoint two out of Each of their nations to receive an answer if they have nothing further to offer on what has been said, and that a Sachim Shall be pitched upon out of each of the five Nations to be present to hear what shall be Transacted.

Present

William Tailer Esq.rs of his Majes.ty Council of the Massachusets Bay
Spencer Phips
John Stoddard Esq.r one of the Representatives of s.d Province

Peter Schuyler
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
Joh.s Wendell
Esq.rs Com.rs

Interpreted by Lowrence Claese into Dutch & rendred into English by Philip Livingston

Answer made by the Sachims of the Six Nations Viz / the Mohoggs Oneydes Onnondages Cayouges Sinnekes & Susquearoras to Wm Tailer Spencer Phips & John Stoddard Esq.rs Com.rs from the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England at Albany the 30th day of May 1723

The Com.rs from the Province of the Massachusetts Bay said to the Six Nations they were now met and ready to receive their answer after some Consultation they proceeded in the following manner and said by their Speaker Thannintsorowee

Brethre: Ye.ka.howanne & Kinsie

You told us that you were Rejoiced that you mett us here in albany at the place where Onder lives and where you appointed to treat with the five Nations, We are very glad that ~~these~~ you three Gentlemen are arrived here in good health and

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And it is very acceptable to us to
see ~~your~~ ~~them~~ you here. the Contents of your
Proposition we have rightly un-
derstood but shall not distendly
repeat the same now. only the
principal heads thereof

Brethren You told us also two days
ago that it is about a year and
a half since that Com.rs were sent hither
to treat wt. us here at Albany you
told us also that you were appointed
by the Govern.t of the Massachusets
Bay and that you did speak in their
name & Rehearsd what our Ancestors
have Concluded and transacted time
out of mind. how strongly they have
been Entered in the Covenant. and
that it has been kept Inviolable
we have thought by our selves what
the reason was our Brethren did
not come sooner to Renew that
Covenant. on your Message we are
here as you see delegates from all
the rest of ~~the~~ your Nations, who are
at home

Brethren

You told us also that some of
the Delegates of the five nations came
to visit you in your Govern.t We acknow-
ledge that they ~~came~~ went by our order
and on Request of our Brother Col-
lar his Excel.y Gov.r Burnet you
said also that you rejoiced to see
them in yo.r Govern.t that you have
shown them all the honour & Respect
you could, and that you doubted not
but they had done you the justice
to acq.t the five nations of the kind
~~Entertainment~~ treatment they mett wthal
which we acknowledge they have
Come to our great satisfaction —
therefore we in our own & in the
name of all the Nations return
you thanks for the kind treatment
and Reception given to our said
Delegates

Brethren You have also notified yt since
the Disappointment of the former
Com.rs at one year and half ago you
have Intended to speak wt. us. to put
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to put one another in Remembrance of those things which have been transacted by our ~~Forefathers~~ ancestors wherefore we return you thanks that you ~~Retain of Degree~~ persisted in that design ever Since

Brethren

You moved also Concerning the antient Covenant made between our ancestors time out of mind that ye Covent. Chain wherein they entered themselves & put in their hands you neither would nor desired to withdraw your hands. that on the best and most proper methods you would keep that Covenant inviolable if any Rust might be on the same you did Clean and make it bright and Shining Wherefore we do return the Brethren our most hearty thanks & Rejoice to hear it, We do now in like manner in name of the Six Nations Renew & Strengthen ye Covent. Chain & hope that our Childrens Children may live in such Amity and agree so friendly as we do

Brethren

We desire you not to hearken to any false Stories for in the Comon Course of the World wn Brethren live peaceably Envious people will endeavor to breed Discord —

Brethren yehahowane

We just now told you in the beginning, we would only rehearse the principal points of your Propositions therefore hope you will excuse us if we had any Objection against ym we would have made ym answer but finding none Return you thanks for your friendly & kind Expressions. You told us also in ye Conclusion of your Proposition yt after we had given you our answer you had some thing further to offer unto us for ye present We have now done what we have to say And hope you will excuse us for the Small present we give. we wish it were greater but since we are but poor we desire you to accept it —

The Gentlen replyed That what answer you have given is very acceptable to us & doubt not but it will be so to the Governt. as for the Smalness of the present is what we doe not regard but your Sincerity in what you have spoke wt. will be most Acceptable to our Governt.

That in the afternoon or to morrow we will make you our further Propositions —

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Present

William Tailer } Esqrs Members
Spencer Phips } of his Maj.ty Council of the Province of the Massachusets Bay

John Hodard Esqr member of the house of Representatives of s.d Province

Peter Schuyler
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Joh.s Bleecher } Esqrs Comrs

Interpreted by Lawrence Claese after it was Translated into Dutch by Philip Livingston

Further Propositions made by William Tailer, Spencer Phips & John Hodard Esqrs Comrs appointed by his Majes.ty Govern.t of the Massachusetts Bay to the Sachems of the five Nations (to wit) The Mohoggs, Oneydes, Onnendages Cayonges & Sinnekes as also to those of Tusquarora in Albany the 30th day of May 1723

Brethren

We have according to our Directions brightened the Covenant Chain, and shall proceed agreeably to our Orders to Inform you that there are a people who live in the Eastern Parts, called Abnequois, who have often Subjected themselves to the Crown of great Britain and in Solem Manner bound themselves peaceably towards his Majes.ty good Subjects so long as the Sun shall Endure, and to Confirm their Engagements Instruments have been drawn, and distinctly read to them by sworn Interpreters, and throughly understood by them, to which they have signed, and affixed their Respective Marks, which writings have been seen by your Delegates when in our Country, and we doubt not but they have represented the same to you, therefore we need not be more particular in informing you in that matter.

Yet

Yet nothwithstanding those people have, for divers years past, behaved themselves Insolently toward the English Inhabiting those parts, by killing their Cattle, and by threatning their persons, upon which (although it was a manifest breach of Covenant, and resented by the Govern.t) we took no other measures with them, then to send Comrs to remind them of their renewed promises, and to tell them of their perfidiousness in such Acts of Violence Comitted without any Provocation whatsoever. they readily acknowledged their Breach of Covenant, and seemed to bewail their miscarriages, yet did continue to repeat their Insolencies

And sometime in the last Spring, some of them coming on Board some of our fishing Vessels in peaceable manner, after they were on board took the men and bound them, others by land, burnt Divers houses seized upon Several men, who they kept as prisoners, under pretence of redeeming some of their hostages, which they had given as security for payment of s.d sums they has promised as Satisfaction for Damages they had Done to the English, and as sureties for their good & peaceable behaviour; afterwards they proceeded to attacque an English Town, fired at a Garrison, wounded a young Man, who afterward Died of his wound. the Govern.t, who had long suffered Multiplied abuses from the Eastern Ind.s, and had not till now revenged their Wrongs, considering these outrages, and Murther, thought themselves bound and accordingly did proclaim them Rebels to King George, & Enemies

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to the Crown of great Britain.

Some of your Delegates when in the Eastern parts were Eye Witnesses of the Desolations made in that Country, & were made sensible of the perfidiousness of that people which they resented (as they expressed it) even to vomiting.

Your Delegates when at Boston assured that Govern.t that they would Endeavour to prevail with the five Nations, to prevent the Merrimack, and Meseeheek Ind.ns Confederating or Acting with the Eastern Ind.ns against us, and we conclude they will let us know whither that matter has taken Effect.

They likewise gave the Govern.t good reason to Expect that ye five Nations would join with them in Carrying on the War against the Eastern Ind.ns

We being necessarily engaged in a War against the Eastern Ind.ns who would not (by any acts of kindness shewn them, by promises made by them, or any Rules either of Justice or Gratitude) be obliged to live in peace with us; the Govern.t (upon their considering that they and you had but one hatchett) thought fitt to send us hither to tender the hatchett to you (which they could not for want of Opportunity propose to you before hand) of your ready & chearful acceptance whereof they don't allow themselves to Doubt, considering the firm alliance between them & your Tribes, as also the great Justice we have on our side in entering into a War with those faithless people

The Govern.t have likewise sent a present much more Considerable than that we have already delivered to you, wch we are Comanded to lay before you, upon your assuring us that you will Immediately Join with us in the War against the Eastern Ind.ns, who ought to be Esteemed as our Comon Enemy

And not only so, but for the further Encouragement of your Warlike people they have resolved that the following Sums be allowed, and paid out of the publick Treasury for the Scalps of our Enemie Ind.ns (Viz) for every Male of twelve years old & upwards one hundred pounds in New England Money and for the Scalps of all others that shall be killed in fight fifty pounds, and for Each prisoner rendred to the Comanding Officer of any Regim.t, Company, Troop or Garrison fifty pounds, and in Case such prisoners be Women, or Children under the age of twelve years, they shall likewise have the Sole benefit of such prisoners, together with the plunder they shall take

That for your better accomodation in any Marches your parties shall make against the Eastern Ind.ns, this Govern.t have given Directions, that in Case they should be in want of provision, or ammunition for that Service they shall be Supplyed from the English Garrisons, the value whereof shall be deducted out of what may be Due to them for any Scalps by them brought.

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And as well for the preventing of any mischief that may happen to them from our Souldiers by mistake, as for the avoiding of any Doubts, or Disputes that may arise about the Scalps that may be brought in by any of your Parties, it is ordered by the Govern.r that there be two Englishmen at least to join with ten ~~Men~~ of them that shall goe out ~~to~~ in ~~with~~ quest of the Enemy, and so in proportion to a greater Number, which English are to Certifie upon oath, that the Scalp for which a Premium is demanded is a Scalp of an Enemy Ind.n with their age & Sex killed in fight, which Englishmen are to receive an Equal Proportion with them for their Scalps and prisoners

As to the proposal you made two days agoe, of mending your Guns, Kettles, and Hatchets we must tell you that we have particular Directions what Sums, or value to advance which we cannot exceed, yet our Instructions will well allow us to comply with your desire, provided you chearfully come into the proposal now made to Confirm what we have ~~now~~ said give you a belt of Wampum as a Token of the Hatchet.

Present
Peter Schuyler
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Ev.t Banicher
Ch: Livingston
Joh.s Wendell
Joh.s Bleecher

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the Ind.n affairs in Albany the 30th day of May 1723
Com.rs of Ind.n affairs

The far Indians that spake yesterday having brought a Letter from Maj.r Abraham Schuyler dated at the great Lake the 19th Instant said before they proceed to Speak they desire to hear the Contents thereof w.ch was told them to be as follows that he by a Belt of Wampum told them he was sent there by his Excel.y Govern.r Burnet to Invite and Encourage them and other upper Nations to come and trade with the Inhabitants of this place that thirty Six french from Montreal who were going up was then with Maj.r Schuyler and used all their Endeavours to perswade them to goe to Canada but that they would not hearken to what they said. The Indians said By their Speaker called Sakiema of Deniegariages Nation.

Brothers Corlaer & Lauder

We have long since Intended to come and see you here but the ffrench have

have hindered and stopped us in y^e Lake of Ochswego

Brothers Corlaer & Quider

I have this Spring sent a Canoe with Indians hither to see the Conveni=ency of this place and the peoples bea=haviour that live here and withal to present the Six Nations ~~of Ind.~~ with two Calumet pipes of peace & friendship which ~~we have~~ they delivered to the Innon=dages, and thought ~~by~~ w^t our selves if when we sent that Canoe the people here would have Compassion on us since we come hither such a tedious and long Journey.

Last year I acquainted the French who live among us that we Intended to goe to Albany. who asked why will you go to Corlaer & Quider and if they were our fathers. they will Certainly kill you and if you Escape them the Six Nations will do it

We have heard from Ind.^ns who have been here formerly. who acquainted us of the kind treatment they received ~~here~~ which has encou=raged us to break thro' & not hearken to what the french say

Brethren 26

Here are Indians of two Nations who I have persuaded to come here and acquainted them that we would first goe to Albany & smoke a pipe with our Brethren in peace

Brethren

When we came to Tophsaghrondie we found some of the Ind.^ns who live there at home to whom we told that we Designd to goe to Albany who presently joined with us and are now here with us We acquaint you that here is an Ind.^n called Awistoenis who is the author and occasion of our coming here and is master of several Nations

A Calumet pipe amongst our Nations is Esteemed very valuable and is the greatest Token of Peace and friendship we can Express

A Calumet pipe & Tobacco is used when Brethren come together to visit one another and we hope to receive such kind & Civil ~~treat~~ treat=ment from you in our Trade that we may with Joy smoke with our Neigh=bours when we Return home & tell them how goods are sold here & gave a Calumet pipe as a Token of their Sincerity and Desire that it may be

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be Shown to those that Shall for the future come hither

They say to the Six Nations

Brethren We have heard long Since that you have Entered into an alliance with Several Nations and agree friendly with each other, hunt together & goe a fighting with one another against the flatt heads. but we that are so remote from you have not had such an Opportunity. and acq.t you also that we have always Endeavoured to go to Corlaer & Quider but we heard from a Nation called Ayhsiesagichroene who Endeavoured to hinder us and told us many Evil Stories concerning you but would give no Credit to them and resolved to come and See

This a firm Resolution of our Nations what we shall now say to the Brethren here. We have given to all our friends & to all Nations with whom we have Entered in Covent. a Calumet pipe of peace & friendship and as they Mohogs are the furthermost from us we now call them the End of the Six Nations and desire them to accept of this Calumet as a Sincere & Solemn Token thereof. and we Negariages now

Now call our Selves the Seventh Nation and desire to be Received as Such That any of our People that come may Smoke out of the Same Calumet Pipe we give a Bever Coat to wrap about the Same to preserve it

A Sachim called Oniestoenis Stood up & said

Brother Corlaer & Quider

Last year I was here & told you I was a Messenger Sent from Tnghsaghroende

Brother Corlaer & Quider

I am but a messenger ~~Lordent~~ & Speak in behalf of all those who are here present and desire you to have Compassion over us ~~them~~. We have Spoke with one another last year & had some discourse together & Entered into a Covenant with one another ~~Together~~ and promised not to reveal any thing to those who might Enquire into our actions

We promised also one another that we should give no occasion of any Breach of that Covent. we Entered into with you and hope you shall keep it firm and Inviolable which we promise shall be done on our parts give a few Dressed Deer

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We Speak now in the presence of Several Nations of us & the Six Nations, that you may have Compassion on us and

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And do promise we shall not hearken to any Stories the french may tell us

I have performed the Engagemt. you have enjoined me in encouraging and perswading the upper Nations to come to trade here you see now many of them here and beg they may be well used We are obliged to Complain of the Waggoners who Impose on us by taking an Extravagant price for a Waggon fraight.

We desire that you may not be very nice in the Trade when we dispose of what we have to purchase your Merchandize I speak now of the trade we are to have together & desire we may have a Blanket of Strowds for two Bevers

Brother Corlaer & Quider

I desire that according to your promise & Engagemt. when you sent me, we may now have goods Cheap for you told me that the more of the upper Nations came here the cheaper goods would be and beg you to take Care that we may have cheap pennyworths that those who are here of the several Nations may be fully satisfied and I not be ashamed when I return home which will Encourage all ~~w~~ far Nations to come & trade here.

Present

Peter Schuyler
H: Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
Joh: Wendell
Joh: Bleecker

At a meeting of the Comrs. of the Indn. affairs in Albany the 31st day of May 1723

Esqr. Comrs.

Answer made by the Comrs. to the far Indians

Brethren

We Return you thanks for the kind & friendly Propositions you made to us at your arrival & yesterday we considered on what you said and it is very acceptable to us to see such a number of you here and do assure you that the News of your having been here will be very pleasing to his Excellcy. our Governr. who uses all proper measures in his Power to Encourage you and all upper Nations to come & trade with the Inhabitants of this place for which purpose he has made a Clean & open way for you thro' the Six Nations & has now sent a Number of Men to Lye at Cadarachqua Lake whom you have Seen to Invite you and all far Nations to come hither and to assure you ~~of~~ that you shall meet with kind treatmt. and

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& friendly Entertainmt. from us and ye people of this place; and as a token thereof. here are two wooden Houses built on purpose for yr. Accomodation to Lodge in that you may go where ever you please to see where you can buy the cheapest penny worths and not be compelled to trade with one or two private Men who might Exact and Impose upon you; so that the kind Reception you meet with and the Little value you are to pay in Exchange for Goods. we doubt not but will be the Cheapest Motives for you not to hearken to any Dispwasions of the ffrench not to come here who oblige you to pay Extravagant prices for their Goods they have few or no Strouds & used of Late to buy them here but at the Request of the Brethren of the Six Nations, with whom we exhort you to keep a friendly correspondence, his Excellcy our Governr. has made a Strict prohibition with a severe penalty on those that Sell any such goods to the ffrench. so that they have none now to Supply you with

As you compare a deceitful heart to a Dark Sky so we hope

you will with a Clean and pure heart Endeavour to the utmost of yr. power to come often hither to trade, & pswade all Natcons in alliance with you to do the Like when you Join in a Body as you have now done the ffrench will not be able to Stop and oppose you, and as you are a free people you should not Regard what they say wt. an Intent to pvent your coming here, for all what they have hitherto told you & other upper Natcons in disrespect of us. you know has prov'd to be false & notorious lyes Invented by them only that you may go to Canada and then to make you pay double and treble the price for goods if you can have them here for

Now we come to Return you thanks for your kind psent of the Calumet pipe of Peace and friendship, which we take to be now Solemnly concluded, which we shall keep for you to Smoke with as often as any of your Nation shall come here

We are pleased that those of the upper Natcons who have been here have done us the Justice to Inform you of

Of the kind Reception they received from us and have no Reason to doubt but you will be so honest as to give us the Same Character to those who may Inquire of you what Treatment you received from us

We do in a most Solemn manner renew the Covent. Chain wth you that was made in your behalf by Owiestoenis & yesterday confirmed. & as you in the behalf of the Six Several Nations you belong to have Inrafted your selves as the Seventh Nation to this Governt. we now accept you as Such. and promise on our Side not to give the least Occasion to make any Breach between us & shall keep all Secrets you shall reveal to us & wth Covent. Chain Inviolable for Ever, wch we do not doubt but will prove to our mutual Satisfaction & Advantage

We return Owiestoenis thanks for performing the message we sent him upon and are glad it hath taken Effect by yor coming here and hope before yor Return you shall be so well pleased wth the market you meet with for your Skins that it will not only Encourage you

you but all the upper Nations to come & carry on their Trade to this place

As to the Complaint you make about the Waggoners, We have taken Care that none of them Shall take or Exact more from you for a Waggon load then Nine Shillings if you can tell us who hath Exacted more from you Shall be punished for it

We desire you to be friendly and peaceable and not to do any mischief in your Marches to peoples Cattle &c. wherefore we give you Sufficient Provisions for your Journey Viz

		two fatt hoggs
	4½	bush. pease
	4½	bush: Indn Corn
	90	loafs Bread
In Goods	12	Blankets of Strouds
	18	Shirts
	26	Gallons Rum

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Present
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Joh: Bleecker

Propositions made by an Ind.n of the Castle called Agiehantekook near the Saint Francois – in Canada – Esq.r Comr.s who says he is Deputed by the Eastern Ind.ns to the Sachims of the Six Nations of Ind.ns called Maquase Oneydes Onnondages Cayouges Sinnekes & Susquaroras in Albany the 31th day of May 1722

Interpreted from ye Eastern Ind.n Language into ye Maquase by Hendrick then into Dutch by Lowrence Claese & rendred into English by Philip Livingston

Fathers

I am glad to meet you here in Albany at the place appointed to treat of peace and other affairs of Moment with you I begg you to excuse me if I do not Speak with such Wisdom as you ~~have~~ expect.

Fathers that are living at Albany and the Six Nations

If you have any Sorrow or grief in your hearts, I do by this String of Wampum wipe of your Tears that you may See with a glad and Cheerful Countenance. gave a string of wampum

If you should have a hardend heart I do by this String of Wampum Soften & purifie it that you may Speak to me wt a pure heart void of all Evil gave a String of wampum

This being the appointed place to treat abt peace and tranquility If there should be any blood shed any where through Rashness or misunderstanding, I do wipe it up that it may not be Seen for the future which also has been the Custom and Practice of your and our Ancestors to do when they meet one another gave a String of Wampum

I Condole the Death of the Sachim who went last fall abt Some publick affairs to Boston and died there as also of all the Dead who lately died belonging to you Respectively gave a belt of Wampum

The Deaths of your friends and Relations I just now Condold, I do now bury that you may put them out of your Remembrance & again desire you may put them in Everlasting Oblivion gave a Belt of Wampum

Brothers Corlaer & Lauder & the Six Nations

We are Informed that a Sachim of Each of the Six Nations have been last fall at Boston and from thence took a Journey to our Country but to our great grief we were not then at home; but we could partly think on what Errand they were Sent from Corlaer and

And the Six Nations, without doubt you have Endeavoured to be the medeators between the ~~Government~~ people ~~Boston~~ (~~men of~~ N. England) & us because we were in open War one agt. another, We ~~acknow~~ knowledge we waged War agt. y people of that Govern.t & because you found us not at home you at the Return of your Delegates Sent others to perform that message who came to some of our people that were hunting last Winter at the falls near the Lake to whom they told that they were Sent by all the Six Nations to tell them y they were Informed that they had taken up the hatchet agt. their Brethren of New England which was a great grief to them and desired the Ind.ns to go to the Several Nations of Eastern Ind.ns & ask of them if they were drunk or void of understanding that they waged War agt. their Brethren of N. England and desire them to awake out of their giddy Sleep

Yathyamawat Messenger that went from the falls to the Eastward acquainted those Ind.ns what y Delegates told us who after they had Consulted orderd me to Return

to

to Return to this place and withal gave me full power & ample authority ~~in their Name & on their behalf~~ to Lay down the hatchett of War in a most Solemn & publick manner ~~I do now~~ lay down that Hatchet of War ~~with~~ we the Eastern Ind.ns held in their hands against the ~~the~~ People of N. England and I do on their parts & behalfs bury the Same for Ever In Token whereof lay down a belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer & Fathers of the Six Nations

I come with full Power and authority from the Indians of ~~three~~ Several Castles named by y Mokogs Owanagonga, Kuesowanne, Onyanawarea and come weeping to brother Corlaer & our fathers to complain that Some of our People are prisoners at Boston who we desire may be Released give a Belt of Wampum

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Present

William Tailer Esqrs Members of his Majes Coun. of the Province of Mass. Bay
Spencer Phips
John Stoddard Esqr Member of the House of Representatives of the Province
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Eb. Bancker
Philip Livingston
John Collins
John Wendell
Esqrs Comrs

Propositions made by Wm Tailer, Spencer Phips & John Stoddard Esqrs Comrs appointed by his Majesties Govern. of the Massachusets Bay to the Sachims of the ~~Iroq~~ Scaghkook and Rivers & Hatchell Indns in Albany the 1st day of June 1723

Brethren

We are come hither as Comrs from the Govern. of y Massachusetts bay to visit the several Tribes of Nations of live in the Neighbourhood & to brighten the Chain of friendship between us and them, we have already seen and spoken w. the six Nations & are likewise glad to see you, who are our nigher Neighbours; and in y same Covenant w. us, as the Six Nations are, and we are to let you know y regard your Govern. bear to you; and to renew the friendship that hath long been maintaind between them & your tribes which they will Endeavour always to Continue. And as a Token of y kindness for you we shall forthwith in y same deliver you a Present.

We doubt not but you are very sensible of the Disturbance y Eastern Indns have very unjustly given us; and that we have tendered the Hatchett to y Six Nations upon which proposal they have not yet given their Resolution, but in asmuch as your tribes doe not usually engage in a War w.out the Six Nations therefore we do not offer you y hatchet at present. but don't doubt but if y Six Nations do receive the Hatchett, that you will be as ready as they to accept the same, which will be pleasing to the Govern., and an Evidence of yr freendship to them. and if you so do we shall make an Additional present to you, and you shall be entitled to the same Praeminms, as they are for the Services you shall perform

The present being brought the Gentlemen told them, This present we desire may be Equally divided among your several Tribes, and as we have yet some business to finish with other Indians we desire you not to be too free with ~~your~~ the Rum now given you but to keep it till you are going home

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The Same as to ye propo=sitions

Answer of the Schaah=hook, Anwer & Kath Kill Indns to the forgoing Proposition ~~In Albany the first day of June 1723~~ made by Wm Tailer Spencer Chys & John Stoddard Esqrs Comrs appointed by his Majes Governt of ye Mass Bay in Albany ye 1st day of June 1723

They said by ye Speaker named

Father

You told us that you were Sent by the Governmt of the Massachusetts Bay and Impowered by them to Speak unto us and renew ye Covent Chain for wch we re=turn you Thanks, you Calld in one Many you called us Brethren but we have always been Esteemed in the Time of our Ancestors as Children to you and the five Nations

Father

You have Spoken to us and the Six Nations and have offered the Hatchett of War to them agt ye Eastern Indns as you are great as well as they so our Eyes shall be upon them & we shall act Jointly with them in whatever they shall undertake.

Father

We ~~who~~ were the Natives of this Country when the English came first hither they Entered into a Covent with us & the five Nations wch has hitherto been kept Inviolable by us, and do now fasten ye Covent Chain with the Strongest Tyes of friendship imagi=nable to keep it from all Rust. the Proposition you made to the Six Na=tions Relating your lending the Hatchett of War you say they have as yet not resolved what to doe, We Do assure you that whatever they shall Consent or Conclude to doe, We shall willingly Joint & act in Conjunc=tion wt them

The Gentlemen replyed as to the mistake in calling you Brethren shall be Redressed for the future, what you have now said is very acceptable to us for wch we Return you thanks, & have ordered a barrel of beer for you to drink the Kings Health

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Present

Wm Tailer
Spencer Phips } Esqrs of his Majs Council of the Province of Massachusetts Bay

John Stoddard Esqr a member of the house of Representatives of said Province

Peter Schuyler
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Evert Bancker
Phil: Livingston
John Collins
John Wendell } Esqrs Comrs

Answer made by the Sachims of the Six Nations to Wm Tailer, Spencer Phips & John Stoddard Esqrs Comrs appointed from the Govern. of the Massachusetts Bay In albany the 3d June 1723

Brother Yehakowanne & Kusie

We have some days agoe heard the Propositions you made unto us, and have rightly understood & Considered the Same concerning the War you have with the Eastern Indns, how they have from time to time broken their Engage=ments made with you, it is needless for the present to repeat any thing about that, for our Delegates who have been at Boston last year have fully Infor=med us how perfidious they have been in killing our Brethren in New Englands we shall not add further about that matter. You have acquainted us that you have Designd to speak with us here at Albany about one year & half agoe

And you have in your last Proposition de=sired us to take up the Hatchett against your Enemies the Eastern Indns; now Bre=thren we must first acquaint you when our Delegates arrivd first at home what we have done in that affair, we did then privately send messengers to the Eastern Indns, whom we had Enjoined to speak in name of us the Six Nations, that they should lay down the hatchett of War wch they had taken up against you our Brethren of New England, whereupon an Eastern Indn was sent messenger from the Lake to those Eastern Indns who being Returnd, delivered us his ~~answer~~ message a few days agoe in the name of the three Castles of Eastern Indians and spoke to us of the six Nations with a Belt of Wampum; told us that they had laid down the Hatchett of War wch they flung down at the feet of us their fathers. Therefore Brethren Yehako=wanne and Kusie we have had a Con=sultation about that Hatchett you tendred us, as also the Hatchett they have

have now laid down before us which they had taken up against N England, we shall now lay them together, and we desire you our Brethren Yehakowanne & Kinsie that you appoint a place in your Govern.t wherever you please, where we shall meet you, and the Chief Sachims of y.e Eastern Ind.ns as soon as you have appointed such place, we shall send for them to be there where we shall be your mediators to Conclude & Confirm the peace between you and them, and when we shall threat=en them with hard words give a belt of Wampum

Brother Yehakowanne & Kinsie

We have just now desired you to appoint a place in N England where you, we, and the Eastern Ind.ns might Conveniently meet one another, if it please the Brethren to appoint such place; we desire you not to be Impatient till we can speak, & treat conveni=ently with those Eastern Ind.ns ~~the time~~

Time ~~Time~~ we think ~~it will require~~ for us to goe from hence and be at y.e Meeting will ~~require~~ be about the space ~~of~~ Sixty or Seventy Days at Longest ~~least~~, Since our Children the Eastern Ind.ns live at a great distance from hence who may then conveni=ently come at the place appointed

Brethren Yehakowanne & Kinsie

We have just now desired y.e ~~the Brethren~~ you might have patience till the time above mentioned to meet the y.e Ind.ns. We now desire you to accept of this small present, we would give more but are poor, wherefore we desire you will excuse us and ac=cept it.

upon the answer of the six nations to our Proposace of their taking up the hatchet against the Eastern Indians. ~~and~~ we told them ~~that~~ their answer was short of what we expected. and in as much as what we had proposed to them was a matter of Consequence and Required Consideration. so also their answer was of moment and would Require our thoughts till the next day. when we would make a Reply —

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Present

William Tailer } Esqrs of his Majes Council of ye Province of ye Massachusetts Bay
Spencer Phips }

John Stoddard Esq a member of the house of Representatives of ye Province

Peter Schuyler
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Wm Bancker
Ch: Lwingston
John Collins
John Wendell
Johs Bleecker } Esqrs Comrs of Indn Affairs

~~Answer of the Sachims of the six nations~~ ~~Further Proposition made by~~ ~~nations of Indians to~~ Wm Tailer Spenser Phips & John Stoddard Esqs Comrs for the Governmt of the Massachusetts Bay to the Sachims of ye six nations in Albany ye 4th of June 1723

Brethren

Five Days agoe we did in the Name of our Governt offer you ye Hatchett wch you have neither accepted nor refused, but in stead thereof you propose to accomodate the Difference between us & the Eastern Indns.

You know that some few days agoe we renewed the ancient friendship between us and your Tribes to our Mutual Satisfaction, but what Coth such an alliance avail if it will not induce you to assist us, especially when we offer to recompence your Services, you say you are throughly enformed by your Delegates of the many Breaches of Covent. the Eastern Indns have been guilty of, and of the Murthers by them committed, must not Justice be Done on such perfidious People.

You frequently goe to war when you can expect nothing but a little honour, to recompence your Pains, but now you have

an opportunity, not only to gain both Honour and Profit, but to Serve his Maj.tie King George and his good Subjects your friends, yet you seem enclinable to shun it

As to the proposal you make of our being at peace wt the Eastern Indians, it is forraign to our Business, we have no Instructions in that matter, therefore we can't Act therein. however since you have mentioned it we will ask you what good Effect may from thence be expected You know that we have divers times made peace wt them, and when we have thought our Selves secure they have taken the Advantage and murthered our People, and why should we expect better of them now

They have killed several people, Destroyed great Estates, put the Governmt to Expence, and can you think they must be Immediatly received into our Arms.

You say you will give them hard Words, but we must think that words are not Sufficient to oblige those people to a Suitable behaviour of themselves, but blows may do it.

We can't imagine ye Governt of them should be Inclinable at any Time for peace, would make peace wt them, unless the Six Nations would firmly Engage

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to pursue them vigorously, in Case they should ever make war wt us again, for they know that those Ind.ns are too false to be trusted

Upon the whole we desire yo.r one more to take into Consideration our Proposal of taking up y.e Hatchett, and give such an answer as may be kindly accepted by the Govern.t we did, on the delivery of this Speech, lay down six Blankets in stead of a Belt of Wampum

Present
William Tailer } Esq.rs of his Maj.ts Council of y.e Province of y.e Mass.tts Bay
Spencer Phips
John Stoddard } Esq.r a member of y.e House of Representatives of s.d Province

Henry Holland
Ed. Brush
Ed. Bancker
Ch. Lumpston
John Collins
Jon.a Wendell
Joh.s Bleecker } Esq.rs Com.rs of Ind.n affairs

Answer of y.e Six Nations by their Speaker Thannmsorowee to the forgoing Propositions made in the morning

Brother Yehakowanne & Kinsie

You have spoke unto us this morning. The Contents of your full Proposition we shall not now Repeat. You said you could not trust nor give Credit to the Eastern Ind.ns and demanded of us of us what fruit could be expected from it; That is the Reason we desired you to appoint a place in yo.r Governm.t to meet and

and treat with them, and to forbid them to war any more with you our Brethren

You told us likewise that we said that we should use them with hard Words, we shall now forbid them to war any Longer with you, But you Brethren Yehakewanne and Kinsie think they could be better prevailed upon to make a Peace with Blows then with hard Words, we think the Contrary of the Eastern Ind.ns our Children, we have but with great mildness Requainted them to lay down the Hatchett they had in hand against you, & they ~~have~~ forthwith on our Commands sent a messenger and delivered the Hatchett unto us the Six Nations and promised never to take the same up again against the English

Now Brethren

You say unto us y.t you can't understand our meaning, that we have neither accepted nor refused the Hatchett, the Reason why we have not fully answered the Brethren is, because we desire a Gen.l meeting at the Town of Boston and think it in the

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The presence of some of the Chief of the Eastern Ind.ns to give a satisfactory Answer.

Brethren You know well that a few Days agoe we renewed the Covent. with one another and promised each other that we should be one Head one Heart and one Blood, When we meet the Eastern Ind.ns at Boston we shall acqt them with it in your Presence and in what firm Covent. we are with the Brethren, and forbid ym strictly that they never take up the Hatchett against you, and if they Strike you again we shall Esteem the Pain and Smart as if done to our ~~own~~ Selves, and therefore we shall forwarn them in yr Presence of you our Brethren Yehahowanne and Kinsie, and tell them that the first English Person they shall annoy or murther that we the Six Nations shall take up the Hatchett against them, and when a Peace shall be concluded between you and them, we do ~~promise~~ Ingage to be their Sureties that they shall perform whatever they promise

We hope you will excuse us perhaps you might expect a bett.m Confirmation of yt we say but of Wampum, as we have none we Desire our Sincerity may be a Sufficient Token ~~for we gven us full Pledges of your Sincerity and doubt not but you have to will be as ready as we told you.~~ The Gentlemen then said

Brethren

We have heard your answer wherein you have given sufficient Evidence of your Sincerity, and fully Declared your Resolution to let our Enemies know how firmly you are united to us

We told you before that we were not Instructed to say any thing of Peace; and indeed there seems now ~~to be~~ no Occasion for it, seeing you are Determined to send Delegates to Boston, there in the presence of our Governm.t to speak with the Eastern Ind.ns; the Governm.t themselves will then be able to finish the Treaty wch we have begun

We doubt not but your sending will be acceptable to the Governm.t, as it hath always been, and we do assure you that all proper care

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Care shall be taken that you may be suitably provided for in your Journey to Boston

We doubt not but this Negotiation will tend to advance his Majs. Interest, and will be finished to our mutual Satisfaction

We shall now give orders yt suitable Provision be made for your Return to your Respective Castles, where we wish your safe arrival

Brethren Yekahowanne & Kansil

We return you thanks for yr kind Reply in providing sufficiently not only for our Delegats we are to send to Boston but for our Respective Nations home

you wished us just now a safe arrival home & we in like manner wish you a good Journey, It will be very acceptable for us to hear yt you have mett with no Accident in your Return

In Confirmation of what the Six Nations have said they gave Six Shouts after yt usual Manner

Present.
Henry Holland
Cat: v Brugh
Coert Bancker
John Collins
Ch: Livingston
Joh: Wendell
} Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of the Comrs of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 5th of June 1723

Brethren

We shall first tell you that Lawrence was Directed by us to Condole the Deaths of the three Sachims that died last fall belonging to the Sinnekes which he says he has done and desire you to let us know what wise men are appointed in their Room that we may approve of them

We are glad to see so many of the Sachims of the Six Nations here, and of having the Opportunity of Treating with you concerning some affairs of great Moment in Respect to this Governmt but before we proceed it is necessary to tell you, that we think you cant have forgott with how happy an Agreemt from Assurances and hearty Resolutions the meeting with your Brother Carlaer the Governrs of Virginia and Pennsylvania Ended, that if they be well observed we shall always meet wt Joyful Countenances

You then promised Solemnly that you would not Correspond with the French of Canada but adhere & cleave Strongly to the English, that you would give all the Encouragemt and Assistance that lay in your

Power

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Come to the far Indns to come hither, & not only so, but that you had sent Agents to invite those far Indns who trade with the French to come here. In behalf of his Excely our Governr we come to tell you yt you have not been sincere in yr promises and Engagemts in this Respect. Since we have received an Acct that you have harbourd Jean Cour the french Interpreter in one of your Castles all last Winter, and have Consented that he might build a trading house at Kaskoghsago near Theronde quatt on Land you Long since Resigned to the Crown of great Britain. Consider how this agrees wth a ~~free~~ passage the Repeated ~~promises~~ Assurances you have given of a free passage for the far Indns to this place wch is quite the Reverse, for when this House is built the french will soon turn it into a fort, and not only prevent the far Indns from coming hither but also gett all the furr your Selves bring from hunting, and be a means to make themselves master off all your Country, how can you Expect this will be well taken by his Excely yr Brother Corlaer. We do therefor in his name Require you not to suffer the french to make any Settlemt in your Country

Country nor to let any come among you who only breed Division among you. His Excely Desired you two years ago that when the french came among you again to let them know that you disapproved of their Coming into your Country and living in your Land at Jagara or any where else, that you should give them positive Notice to take that house away and to come no more into your Country, and that after this warning given ym if they do not return home you should Complain to his Excellency and inform him who the persons are that offend after the regular Notice given by his Excellys Order, but we do not hear from you that you have given such Notice or are displeas'd at their Settling on your Land, tho formerly you used to make your Complaints that the french Indns annoyed you in ~~their~~ your Hunting. we want to know what has been done in that particular & hope you'l give such answer as may be acceptable to his Excely hereon gave a large belt of Wampum

Att a meeting of ye Comrs same day

Present
The Same as befor
except Mr Livingston

Five of the Oneydes, Cayouges & Tusquaroras come & inform us yt they expected Lead & Powder from ye Boston Gentlemn but got none & desire ye Comrs to have Compassion on them & Supply them

Present
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Ed. Bancker
John Collins
John. Bleecker
Esqr. Comrs. of the Indn. affairs

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Att a meeting of the Comrs of Indn. affairs in Albany the 5th day of June 1723

The Six Nations by Thannmtsorowee their Speaker say

Brother Corlaer

You have made a Proposition to us this Morning in his Excelleneys Name and told us that you thought we could not forgett what we formerly promised to his Excelleney that we should have no Correspondence with the ffrench, and that we would Comand the ffrench to break Down their House at Yangerah, and if they refused to do it, that we should immediatly Inform his Excell. who would represent it to the great King George

Brethren We hope you will excuse us at this Juncture, we shall when our Deputys go to Boston send you a full answer, and now take the ~~Bone~~ Belt you gave us to our Country

Present
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Ed. Bancker
John Collins
John. Bleecker
Esqr. Comrs. of Indn. affairs

42.

Att a meeting of of Comrs of the Indn. affairs in Albany the 5th June 1723.

Answer of the Six Nations to the Messenger sent from the Eastward

Children

You tell us that the Hatchett you have had in your hands against our Brethren of Newengland you lay down at our feet, and promise never to take it up again we hope you will be as good as your Word and perform what you promise. Last fall we sent Delegates to Boston and from thence to your Country, to dissuade you from warring any more against our Brethren. You must thinkt it we will take the Cause upon us, for it is very hard to see one Brother murder another, you must know that we are in a firm Covent. wth the Brethren of Newengland, wch we will always keep & maintain. We acquaint you that we are one Heart one Blood and one Body, therefore have we appointed a meeting at the Town of Boston, and desire you that all your principal Sachims may appear there fifty seven Days hence that we may hear what

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What Reason they had to War against our Brethren and desire that they do not neglect to appear on our appointed place and if they are negligent to ~~ap~~ come at ye meeting it will take no good End, our Delegates shall be there at the appointed time

Children

We have not fully answered to every article of the message sent to us. We refer till we meet one another at Boston

Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
John Collins
Philip Livingston
Johann: Bleecker
Esq.rs Com.rs

All a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian affairs in albany the 16th day of June 1723

Ten far Indians bring arrived to this City Liveing in a Castle Called by them

~~Dacco Dacco~~ Say! that they are come on purpose to see how goods are Sold here, desire the Com.rs they may be well and by the traders and have goods Cheap. ~~that~~ which will Encourage many of their nation to Carry on their trade to this place gave a few skins

The Com.rs told y.m that they would find a vast difference in the price of goods here & those they Must to buy of the French that his Ex.y our gov.r takes nothing more to his Consideration ~~heart~~ y.m to Incourage y.m that they may not be Imposd upon for w.t and he has Caused houses to be build on y hill for their Convenieny ~~to~~ to Lodge in that they may go and buy where they can ~~buy~~ get the Cheapest pennyworth; & gave them some Rum. Indian Corn paw &c.

Present
Mr. Peter Schuyler
Capt. Holland
Capt. Vn. Brugh
Capt. Banker
Capt. Collins
Mr. Ph. Livingston
Capt. John Bleecker
Mr. Joh.s Wendell
Mr. Evert Wendell
Com.rs.

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All a meeting of y Com.rs of Indian Affairs in albany y.e 19th June 1723

A Letter from his Ex.y governour Burnet, bring date y 15th instant Communicated to this board, and read. Directing the Commissioners to tender the oath provided by the last act of assembly to prevent the ~~trade~~ to Canada for Indian goods to all persons Suspected and that have traded with Canada for Christian goods Since the Commencement of y last act. in obedience thereto it was Resolved to ~~Send for~~ summon all persons Suspected & those who have traded for Christians goods to Canada, to tender the said oath unto them

The persons to whom the s.d oath was tendered this day are ~~the following~~ hereunder (viz.t)

Jacob Wendell Son of Harmanus Wendell
Johannis Schuyler Refused
Philip Schuyler Refused.
Cornelis Cuyler Refused.
Nicolas Bleecker
Harmanus Wendell
Samuel Dorsie

Pursuant to an act of gen.l assembly of y Colony of new york Entitled an act for the further & more effectual prohibiteing of y selling Indian goods to the French ~~Great~~ Execution was directed to the Sheriff of y City & County of Albany for Committeing Col. John Schuyler & Mr. Philip Schuyler ~~were directed~~ till they Shall pay each one hundred pounds ~~were directed to the Sheriff~~. to be applied towards the building and Repairing ~~the~~ such of the fortifications of this Colony as the gov.r & Comander in Chief for the time being shall think fit;

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Present

Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Philip Livingston
Johan.s Wendell
Joh.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell

} Esq.r Com.rs

At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 29th day of June 1723.

The Commissioners Sent this day for severall Persons Suspected to have traded or Trafiqued with the Subjects of the french King, or unto any other person for y.e contrary to y.e meaning and Intent of an act of generall assembly of y.e Colony of new york Entitled an act for y.e Encouragement of y.e Indian trade and Rendring it more Erificall to the Inhabitants of this Province and for Prohibiting y.e Selling Indian goods to y.e French and tendred unto them the oath to be taken by Such Suspected persons prescribed in one other act of gen.l assembly of the s.d Province Entitled an act for the further & more Effectuall Prohibiting y.e Selling of Indian goods to the french — the persons who take y.e said oath are hereunder named viz.t

Stephanus Groenbeck
Jeremy Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Johannis J. Cuyler
John Roseboom jun.r
Gerit Roseboom
Johannis Roseboom
Johannis Lansingh jun.r
Hendrick Bleecker
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Jacob Lansingh
David Schuyler
Rob.t Roseboom
Jacob Beeckman
Hendrick Cuyler
Hendrick Roseboom

Present

Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Philip Livingston
Johan.s Wendell
Joh.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell

} Com.rs

At a meeting of the Commission.rs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 22d day June 1723

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Albany 22d June 1723

May it please your Excellency

We have received your Excell.cy Letter of y.e 15th Instant whereby we perceive that your Ex.cy is pleased that so great a Number of far Ind.ns have been here: they have been well treated at this place in their Trade, and we have given them a very kind Reception and all possible Encouragement, here have been more Since and more others expected, but hear that they have not been well used at Schnectady, partly thro the Management of one Cornelis van Slyck and Sons who make themselves Masters of their Effects in Conveying them in their Canoes to that Town, as soon as they arrive their Waggons are ready to ride away their Effects, that often we not know what is become of them and throw y.e packs in particular houses

As the Assembly hath resolved to make a further Provision for y.e Encourag.t of those Ind.ns, we hope it may have y.e desired Effect in promoting & preserving this new Trade

According to your Excel.ys Directions the oath provided by the last Act of assembly to prevent the Canada Trade for Ind.n Goods has been tendered unto Coll.l John Schuyler and his Eldest Son who have both refused on wch Warrants are drawn to be Issued according to the Directions of ye s.d Act but the Shreif being out of Town Surveying Land for the Palatines and is expected in a Day or Two

Inclosed your Excel.cy has an affidavit of Jacob Wendell who has been at Canada Son of Mr Harmanus Wendell whereby it appears that Strowds has been Transported for ~~Canada~~ the use of the ffrench. We had most all psons in Town that have traded wt Canada for Christian Goods before us who have taken the oaths ~~for Christian~~ Mr Cornelis Cuyler & Capt. Goose van Schaick have refused and Warrants are Issuing, when we had them all before us. we shall send your Excel.cy Certificates how it has happened

We desire your Excel.cy to be assured that nothing shall be Wanting on our part for ye Effectual putting yo.r Excel.cys Orders in Execution. Yesterday arrivd here three ffrench Men with a passport from the Gov.r of Canada to go and see their Uncle in the Province of Pensylvania (a famous trader there) they are going down by this Opportunity, they have no

Letters.

Letters for your Excel.cy from their Gov.r tho' they say others are coming who they suppose may have some we take leave to Conclude with that we are sincerely

May it please yo.r Excel.cy

Your Excel.cys most humble & most obed.t Servants

was Signd
Henry Holland
Pieter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
John Collins
Johannis Wendell
Johan Bleecker
Evert Wendell

The Commissioners now present took the oath prescribed to be taken by an act of generall assembly of ye Colony of New York Entitled an act for the further & more Effectuall prohibiteing ye Selling Indian goods to the ffrench, as also did mynder Schuyler & Jacob Glen

Cornelis Cuyler & Goose van Schaick being Sumoned to appear before this meeting refused to take the said oath In Pursuance of the s.d act Executions are directed to be Sherif of ye Citty & County of Albany for Committing the s.d Cornelis Cuyler & Goose van Schaick said till they Shall pay each one hundred pounds to be applyed towards the building and Repairing Such of the fortifications of this Colony as the Gov.r or Comander in Chiefe for the time being Shall think fitt

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Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Philip Livingston
John Wendell
Evert Wendell

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At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 25th day of June 1723

Fourteen Indians from Twightwighs by the french called Miamies being arrived to this Town say by their Speaker Called Dewa-Eorho native of Onnondage settled among said Indians being formerly taken prisoner by them

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We are arrived here and have undergone great difficulties for the french continually oppose our coming hither and tell us that if we venture to goe to this place we shall certainly be killed either by the five Nations or by our Brethren, but we have now struggled and forced to come & see you as but few of us have been here before so we crave a favour from you to have compassion on us that we may have goods Cheap We lay down two Calamet pipes as a Token that we have been here to be kept by you to smoke out of in case there should happen any misunderstanding between us that it may be reconciled in Smoking of Tobacco

We desire you to have Compassion on us and on our Wives and Children that we may have goods cheap and be provided with ~~w~~ provision that when we come home we may say if we have been well used & Civily treated by our Brethren

Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Ph: Livingston
~~John Wendell~~
John Wendell
Evert Wendell
Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of ye Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 25th day of June 1723

This day the Comd. Sent for Severall persons Suspected to have traded or traffiqued with the Subjects of the french King, or unto any other person for them contrary to the meaning and Intent of an act of genl. assembly of the Colony of New york. Entituled an act for the Encouragement of the Indian trade and Rendring it more beneficiall to the Inhabitants of this Province and for Prohibiteing the Selling Indian goods to the frenchs and tendered unto them the oath to be taken by Such Suspected persons precribed in one other act of Genl. assembly of ye. Province Entituled an act for the further and more Effectuall Prohibiteing the Selling of Indian goods to the frenchs. the persons who take the s. oath are here under named viz

Hendrick De Ridder
Johannis van Bergh
Nicolas Schuyler
Daniel Fort
Dirck Ten Broeck
John D Peyster
Philip Verplank
Jacob Glen
Johannis Meynderts

Whereas Hans Hansen and John Schuyler Junr. are Complained of to have traded with the Subjects of the french King for Indian goods contrary to the ~~direction~~ ~~of~~

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True Intent and meaning of an act of generall assembly of the Province of new york Entituled an act for the further and more Effectuall Prohibiteing ye Selling of Indian goods to the french. Resolved that Summonces pursuant to the direction of the said act be Issued to the Sherriff of the City and County of albany Commanding him Imediately to bring the Sd. Hans Hansen & John Schuyler before one or more of the Comrs of the Indian affairs.. that they may be tendred the oath provided by the said act to be taken by persons Suspected to have traded for Indian goods with any of the french kings Subjects -

Magepanant a River Indian going to the upper nations was given by the Comrs a String of wampum a Blanket & a keg with Rum to invite them to come to trade with the Inhabitants of this Province and to give them all Imaginable Incouragement & assurance that they Shall be well Come. and ye Indian was promist to be well Renarded if at his Return he brings down a large Company with him

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Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Ph: Livingston
John Bleecker
Everardus Bogardus
Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of the Comrs of the Indian affairs in Albany y 12th day of July 1723

Fourteen Indians from Twightwighs by the french called Miames being arrivd at this Town say by their Speaker called Dewadirho native of Onnondage settled among st Indians being formerly taken prisoner by them

Brother Corlaer and Lauder

We are arrivd here & have undergone great difficulties for the french continually oppose our comming hither and tell us that if we venture to goe to this place we shall certainly be kill'd either by the five Nations or by you our Brethren, but we have now struggled and forced our way to come and see you, as but few of us have been here before so we crave a favour from you to have Compassion on us that we may have goods Cheap We lay down two Calamet pipes as a Token that we have been here, to be kept by you to smoke out off in case there should happen any misunderstanding between us yt it may be reconciled in smoaking of Tobacco

We desire you to have Compassion on us and on our wives and Children that we may have Goods cheap and be provided with provision that when we come home we may say that we have been well used & Civilly Treated by our Brethren

An Indian Native of Onnondages Called Squarent who has been on hunting two year and been with a Nation of Indians called by the Indians Agottsaragoka being Situated beyond the Twightwighs who are enclind to come to carry on their Trade hither and have sent this Messenger to Endeavour to make a free passage thro' the five Nations to come to trade at Albany and desire they may be kindly received & have Goods cheap when they come give a few drest Deer

Some Indians from Tughsaghrondie by the french called Detroit Say Brethren here is the place where the Covenant between you and us is made under the Tree of ~~Peace and~~ Friendship

We desire that the Covenant Chain may always be kept Clean & Bright, We are now come to renew it and hope that the Path from our Country hither may always be kept Clean from all Weeds and Stumbling blocks and beg that we may as usual have goods Cheap and be well treated in Trade give a few drest Deer

Answer to y Twightwighs

We are very glad to see you here and that you do not hearken to what the french say with a view to hinder you from coming to trade at this place We desire you not to give Credit to what they say

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say for they will use all means to prevent yo.
coming to us. but as you are a free people
you do well to carry on your Trade where
you find Goods cheapest, you have the
Liberty to go and buy where you please
and can ~~buy~~ get the best penny worths for
wch purpose his Excel.cy our Gov.r has caused
two houses to be built on ye hill for yo.r
Convenieney, We shall keep ye Calumet
pipes and Show as often as any of
your Nations come here and do assure
you yt you shall always be welcome to
trade and have Goods as Cheap as any
of our Brethren ye five Nations, give
you in his Excel.cys name two blankets
Strouds & three large Casks Rum
to show your people what Goods we
have to supply you with

Answer to ye Messenger

We give Oquaront thanks for the
Message he brought from ye Ogatsarahaka
Nation. We desire him to assure those
Indians yt they need not fear coming
hither to trade, We promise they shall
be kindly received & have Goods as Cheap as can be afforded
and the more of the upper Nations come
here the more plenty ~~here~~ will be pro-
-vided here for them, the five Nations
have promised to give a free passage
to ym give forsd Nation 2 blankets Strouds
& three large Keggs Rum

Answer to ye Sachsaghrondie Indians

We are glad to see you here where ye Tree
of peace and friendship is planted whose
branches reach unto ye remotest Nations
of Indians We do renew the Covent. Chain
with your Nation & do assure you yt ye path
shall always be kept Clean you shall be
kindly received & have goods as Cheap
as our own People gave ym three Keggs
Rum and six hatts And to them all in
Company was given a Bull 12 Sheple Ind.n
Corn & peace & loaves of bread

Then the Com.rs told ye far Indians that
his Excel.cy our Gov.r is well pleased to hear that
a great Number of them have been here to
trade and desires that some of ye principal
Sachims should go to him to N York he being
desirous to speak with them and will pay
their Charge & give ym good Encouragement
The far Indians Replyd yt it was too late in ye
year to go down to N. York being ~~so far~~ some
a great way but ye next Spring some of them
Should go to his Ex.cy

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Present
Mr. Pieter Schuyler
Henry Holland
John Collins
Ch: Livingston
Joh.s Bleecker
Ed. Wendel
Esq.rs Com.rs

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian affairs in Albany the 9th of Aug.t 1723

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The Deputies of the five Nations going to Boston make the following Speech to the Com.rs by Adastichta their Speaker

Brother Corlaer & Lauder

Last Summer were here three Goo.rs who had sent for us, and in our Return from that meeting died some of our principal Sachims. Mean while the Com.rs have sent Word to Maj.r Abraham Schuyler to appoint a Sachim in the Room of Blewback, and you desired us when we were here to treat with the Boston Com.rs to appoint a fitt pson in his Room on which we have thought fitt to appoint one of his nearest Relations called Annatsei~~ccie~~ in his Stead ~~and~~ We Desire you may have the Same Esteem and Regard for this pson, that you had for the Blewback He was a Man always true to the English Interest & Cultivated the Happiness of the five Nations, ~~We~~ Doubt not but this pson will follow his Example and hope y.t you & our Childrens Children shall follow the Steps of our Ancestors gave a belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer & Lauder

When his Excel. our Gov.r & the Govers of Virgin.a & Pensylv.nia were here his Excel.y gave

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gave us a Belt of Wampum to Speak to the French and order them to break down their house at Jagara & not to come any more among us nor to make any Settlements on our Lands

⊕ & also to break down the house he made at Jagara, on which he made answer with a belt of Wampum as a Token that his Excel.y Gov.r Burnet was but a Servant of the King of England & of Gov.r of Canada of the King of France ~~and~~ that he would acquaint his Master the Gov.r of Canada with the Proposition they Delivered him ~~and~~ of the Contents of our Proposition should be sent to the Regent of France and if he Comanded that the house should be demolished it should forthwith be done

⊕ Upon as we came home we Delivered Jean Cœur with the belt of Wampum we received not to come any more among us nor to make any settlements on our Land

Brother Corlaer & Quider

You told us this Summer if we did not perform what we had promised to his Excel.y our Gov.r We thought that the answer from France would come sooner to you then to us for we know the Kings of England & France have a Correspondence

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We have long since Complained to yo.r that the french Ind.s called the Wayankas annoy us on our hunting. but now they are become as our Brethren & come to trade at this place ~~and~~ We are now Entirely Reconciled with those Ind.s since they are Entred into the Covenant Chain with us. You are not pleased that the french have a house at Jagara what they do is for their Interest as our Brethren do among us, and we will not suffer the french to keep our Land.

We were Desired two years ago by his Excel.y Gov.r Burnet to let the french know that might come among us again that we disapproved of their coming into our Country & Living on our Land at Jagara or any where Else We ~~have~~ have given Jean Cœur the french Interpreter Notice to take away that house at Jagara & to come no more into our Country We the Sachims of the five Nations being forty two in Number do now make our Complaint unto yo.r that Jean Cœur will not take away yo.r house till he has Orders for so Doing from the Gov.r of Canada gave a Belt of Wampum

We think it our Duty to acquaint yo.r that we are going to Boston to treat of some publick affairs. and that it was Concluded by us and the other Sachims before We came from home to Desire you to appoint three of your Number to go with us to be present at the Treaties. wch are to be held at Boston and we have appointed Col.l John Schuyler to go ~~along~~ with us and it would likewise be Convenient that Lawrence should go

Answer made by the Com.rs to the foregoing Propositions.

We are Concerned that on your Return from the last Meeting, that his Excel.y yo.r Burnet the Gov.rs of Virgin.a and Pensyl.na had with you here some of your Sachems Died, We must Submit to Divine Providence According to your ancient Custom the Deaths of those Sachims are Condoled, We are well pleased

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please with Annatsecre who is appointed in stead of the Blewback, We hope this Man ~~may~~ will follow the Example of his predecessor for the English Interest and prosperity of the five nations in general & that you will appoint other good Men in the Room of the other Sachems, Burnet &

You tell us that when his Excell. Gov.r of Virgn.a & Pennsylv.a were here, he desired you to tell the French to break down y.e house at Jagara & not to come any more amongst you, that as soon as you went home you performed the Message and that they answered that they would send his Excell.ys Belt to the Gov.r of Canada, who would send it to the Regent of France and if he orders them to pull down the House they would Imediatly do it, but that his Excell.y and their Gov.r were both but Ser.ts to their respective Princes, You tell us further that you send us this y.e Answer We must tell you that we never rece.d their Answer on that head, but since you now repeat that their Answer to us and Complain of their not complying with your Demands, We shall acquaint his Excell.y of it, who will no Doubt take proper measures about that affair

We are glad that the Wagan has are come into the Coven.t Chain and y.t you are in an Entire friendship w.th them which is very agreeable to this Governm.t and the Cleaner and more open you keep that path, the more your fidelity & good design

for

for this Govern.t ~~will appear~~ and your own Strength and Selurity will appear

You have done well to acquaint us of your going to Boston, We wish you a good Journey and doubt not but you'll act like wise Men, but we cannot Intermeddle in that affair having no Directions from his Excell.y about it, if you had had any Intentions to have any of us along with you, you ought to have propos'd it at your Treatie with the Com.rs of Boston since that time we could have acquainted his Excell.y our Gov.r with it and known his pleasure on that head

Present
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Philip Livingston
John Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Esqrs
Comrs

At a Meeting of the Comrs of Indian affairs in Albany the 20th day of August 1723.

Resolved that the following letter be write to his Excel. Wm Burnet Esqr Govr of &a

May it please your Excellency

We are honour'd with your Excellencies favours of the 9th and 13th Instant by the first perceive that two of the Nonjurors have given security for £100 each we wish the rest would do the like to prevent further trouble we have advised the Chief Justice Relating to tendring the Oath again to those that have Refus'd The allowance your Excel. hath been pleas'd to allow to the Smith is with the £15 — what former Smiths have had for a years Service in the Sinnekes Country

On the 16th Instant we recd a Letter from Lawrence Claese the Interpreter that an Indn from Canada in 22 days Informd him that 20 Eastern Indns were gone out with a Design to cutt of a Town in Nenglaud and Had pitch'd on Deer field or the next Town to that on which we Immediatly sent an Express with a Letter to Westfield to Inform the Gentlemen there with this Intelligence who was stopp'd by two Men from Boston who told him the Melancholy news —

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(as they Tell us) that as they came from
Westfield a Post came there on ye 14th
Instant that a Town Called Rutland of
about 60 families newly Settled Chiefly
by Irish was cut off Situated about 10
Miles north east from ye Town Called
Quaback being the next to Deerfield the
particulars they did not know, We Sent on
the 18th Instant by these Men ye Letter to
Shew that we did advise them of their
approaching Danger from ye Savages

As we have had sufficient proof of the
many outrages committed on his Mays
Subjects in America by ye Indians thro'
the Insinuations of the French yt are
among them in Canada & do not know
how the Indns may be prevaild upon to
attague us and perhaps first ye Block
house at Mount Burnet wherfor we
humbly propose that his Excel. will be
pleased to order ye same to be Stockadoed
in the best manner it can be

We are Informed yt these two men from
Boston had a Letter from ye Lieut. Govr.
Council & Assembly & one of ye Lieut. Govr.
Directed to Coll. Peter & John Schuyler
on which the Latter went from hence
yesterday in order to go for Boston, that
they Intend to make him Chief of all
their forces, if he does accept of it we
leave your Excel. to Judge what the Ill
Consequence thereof may be In Respect
to this Governmt. wt great Respect
we remain was Signd Henry Holland Lett. v Brugh
Evt Banker John Collins
Ph: Livingston Johs Bleecker
Ever Wendell

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E.B 3 Ew. 7
JB. 4 PL 8

Jarvis

Albany 29th August 1723.

May it please your Excellency

We take leave to enform yor Excellency that Montour an Ind.n being sent by Order of the Late Lord Viscount Cornbury when Gov.r of ye Province of York in August 1700 to treat with the Ind.ns of ye far Nations about their Commerce with the Inhabitants of this Province, at the earnest Request of ye Sd Montour the Com.rs of the Ind.n affairs at Albany brought his Son Michell to ye Reverend Mr. Thomas Barclay Minister of ye Church of England there & during his abode with the Sd Mr. Barclay which was about five years and a half he has been taken Care of as to his Dyet & Clothing but Especially in his Schooling and well Instructed in ye principals of Christianity & good Morality for which Sd Mr. Barclay has desourised the Sum of fifty five pounds as may appear by the Acc.ts & Vouchers ready to be produced and it is but Just that he should be Reimbursed by this Province out of some publick money in the Treasury Wherefore we humbly hope your Excel.cy will be pleased to take ye Case of this Gentleman into your wise and serious Consideration

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Consideration that his Spouse & family may be no sufferers by means of ye publick in which your Excell.y will sensibly oblige

May it please your Excell.y

Yr. Excell.y most humble & most obedient Servants

Sept.r 3d 1723

May it please your Excell.y

Having just now recewed the enclosed Letter from Lowrence Claese the Interpreter with the surprizeing news that the greatest number of the french Ind.ns were making themselves ready to join with the Eastern Ind.ns to goe out fighting against ye England wch we thought in duty to forward to yr. Excellency without loss of time a Bloody War is to be feared with those Savages, We lately Examined one of the Cachnawage Ind.ns who would not confess that any of that Castle nor Schawenadie were Concerned in this War but said that the

Present
Wynder Schuyler
Stevanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Leger Gerritse
John Depeyster

At a meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 9th Day of June 1733

This Board having rec.d a Letter from Capt Banks Comanding Officer at Oswego thought fitt to forward the same to his Excell.y the governour under Cover of one from this Board which is as follows Viz

Albany 9th June 1733

May it please your Excellency

Sir

We beg leave to acquaint your Excell.y that we have rec.d the Inclosed Letter from the Comanding Officer at Oswego to wch we refer you

The prisoner is here in Gaol wch he must remain till delivered by Course of Law, or till your Excellency gives Orders about him

The Indians having expected your Ex.y early in the spring are very impatient to see you at Albany to Congratulate your Arrival to your government

The Two Men that brought Down the Prisoner met Capt Nelson with his Comand the 7th instant about half Way to Oswego, and they were all in good Order

We are told that there is but a very poor Trade this Year, A great many of the poor Natives of Indians dying of the small pox that rages among them

We are with the greatest Respect

May it please your Ex.y

Your Excell.y's most Obedient humble Servants

Wynder Schuyler
Stevanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Leger Gerritse
John Depeyster

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At a Meeting of the Comrs 3d Augt 1753
The following Letters were Wrot

Sir

We have recd a Letter from Mr Morris w.th Copy of yours of the 19th July last giv you acquaintance unto us Wt it was his excys pleasure that we should forthwith send the Interpreter to summon the Nations of Indns to meet him on here the 5 Day of Sept next pursuant to yr Directions we forthwith dispatch'd the Interpreter & ordered him to bring yr along wt him & doubt not they will be here by the time appointed of wch we have acqtd his Excy by our Letter of the 13th Ittnt we have sent by Capt Jacob Fisher who informs us yt he did yr Letter to Capt Dick who promised to forward it to his Excy We are at very great

Sir Your most Humble servts
Jn Lansingh
Peter Ricker
Marinus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Ricker
Johan Lansingh Junr
Roger Gertse
Rensselaer

Albany 3 Augt 1753

Sir

We are laid under yrs of the 29 July last w.th Copy of Peter Clarks letter of the 5 of the same Month wch we acknowledge to have Recd According to Direction of sd Ltr sent the Interpreter to summon the five Nations of Indns wch we acqtd his Excy by our Ltr of the 13 July. We have also enclosd a Ltr to Mr Clark signifying him of your Compliance w.th his Directions We are

Sir
Your most Humble servts
pr ordr of the Comrs of Indn Affairs
Jno Fredersdorff

Albany 3d Augt 1753

The Govr of Canada was Master whether they should take up the Hatchet or not, that they were under his Comand & obliged to obey what he Ordered. He doth Certainly Incourage those Infidels in their attempts & outrages against our Brethren & fellow Subjects of Nengland their Condition is to be Lamented for an Indian War is the most barbarous & dangerous we ever heard of this County having the Smart thereof in the former War if not timely Stopd will be the Ruin of our neighbouring Government and none can tell what our fate will be for we dread to be Involved in it if so we are most miserable having no manner of Defence & lye open to their mercy which is nothing less then Cruelty

Cont
H. Holland
Peter V. Brugh
Pvt Banker
John Collins
Ch. Livingston
Col Wendell
Comrs.

att a meeting the Comrs of Indian affairs in Albany 8.7.1723
having Recd. Intelligence that 50 Indians are gone from Canada to attempt some of our neighbours in Nengland Resolved to Imploy an Express with the following Letter.

Albany the 8th Sept. 1723 at five a Clock at Night

Gentlemen

Just now received the Surprizing news that fifty Indians from Canada were about 8 days ago in the Lake at the Otter Creek wt a design to fall on some of your out Settlements we think it our Duty to acquaint you with this Intelli=gence without any Loss of time hoping that you may be on your Guard at the frontiers to frustrate the Barbarous & Bloody Designs of these Inhumane Brutes whose mercy is nothing but Cruelty we shall be glad to hear that this Indian War may soon Cease that Christians may not be murthered and fall as a prey to those Salvages, and that this Intelligence

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Intelligence may be of service to the Publick We beg you to satisfie the bearer for his Trouble and to favour us with what hopes you have of Concluding a peace with the Eastern Indians or Subducing them we are Sorry for what happend at Northfield & Rutland on the 13 and 19th past which we Conclude has been Comitted by that party we advised you of in our Last the Express we Sent was Stopd by one Hezekiah Philips who told us Rutland was Cutt of and Destroyed —

on his Maj.ty Service
To Colle. Sam.l Partridge
or any Justice of peace
in N: England

Albany 12th September 1723

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May it please your Excellency

Our last to your Excel.y was the 3d Instant Since wch we received Intelligence that fifty Eastern Indians from Canada were gone out fighting towards N England and that their Designe is against those Settlements bordering on us we Sent Immediately on the 6th Instant thither an Express to advise them to be on their guard; By what we hear the Gov.r of Canada publickly Encourages the Indians in this War against N England and Supplies them with Provision and Ammunition We can't Imagine that he should have any such Directions from the french King to assist and Encourage the Indians in time of Peace against the Subjects of great Britain, Since there is such a strict and firm Friendship & alliance between the two Crowns, it must be that the Gov.r has another view then meerly to destroy and take a few poor people, we take leave to trouble your Excel.y with our thoughts on this head that by Engageing his Indians in this War, and if our Natrons should be Engaged on our part against them will in Course Involve this Province in the Same neither

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Can we see in what manner to avoid it, for we are under some Apprehensions the French will not leave us unmolested on purpose to get their view in Steping the Road for the far Indians to the Brovinle for they well Leave no Stone unturned to prevent their coming hither

We Submitt to your Excellency whether it would not be proper to write wth the other Gov^rs on the Continent to the Govr of Canada to make such Resentments of his bad actions in assisting the Indians against N England as may be agreeable to his Majesties honour and dignity and render his subjects on the Continent secure and peaceable in their Settlements His behaviour we Conceive is Contrary to the true Intent and meaning of the Treaties of peace and friendship maintained by the two Crowns wch is humbly Submitted to your Excell^cys better Judgment by who are with Respect

Att a meeting of the Com^rs of ye Indian affairs at albany the first day of ~~September~~ October 1723

Present
Henry Holland
Joh^s Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Ph: Livingston
Joh^s Bleecker
Evert Wendell

Com^rs of Indian affairs

Whereas for Some time past no Indians have been here from Canada as usual so that its Concluded that there may be an Enterprize by the Eastern Ind^ns & others against some part of N England wch is supposed they Intend to keep very private It is thought fit by this board fit Ind^ns be sent to Canada to observe ye motions of those Ind^ns & persuade ye Cachnawa & other french Ind^ns not to join wth the Eastern Ind^ns in this War their principal Sachems having engaged to keep their young Ind^ns at home and not suffer them to assist the Eastern Ind^ns against N England

Present
Henry Holland
Evert Bancker
Cet: v Brugh
Jno Collins
Ph: Livingston
Evert Wendell
Lawrence Claus
Interpreter

Com^rs of Ind^n affairs

Att a meeting of ye Com^rs of Ind^n affairs in albany the 7th of October 1723

The Deputies of the five nations who have been at Boston being Returned the Com^rs bid them Welcome and Desire them to acquaint us what has been transacted there

Bret^hren

you Just now bid us welcome ~~and~~ said ~~that~~ you were glad that we are returned in health and Desired us that we might Inform you of the principal heads what we have transacted with our Brethren at Boston, It is what is surprizeing to us that we should be desired to Repeat what passed between us, for Col^o Jno Schuyler has ~~it all~~ in writing ~~of all the~~ our transactions and thought you were throughly acquainted with the whole affair and that his Excell^y our Govr has an acc^ott of it, therefore we desire that ~~that~~ the writing may be sent for and Repeated to us, and if it doth contain more or Less then what we have said we shall Inform you of it

The Com^rs answered

We are sensible you have good memories to retain and repeat what you have said & Did at Boston and as you are great men who Represent yor Respective Nations so we will not give Credit to any thing but what you your selves do inform us. neither is it honest to take things upon trust. But we Christians do give most Credit to what ye parties come to tell themselves, as Col^o Jno Schuyler ~~is gone~~ went to Boston without the knowledge of our Govr & of this Board so we are not to take any thing from him relating yor Treatie at Boston but desire you to repeat it to us that his Excell^y our Govr may be acquainted wth the Truth of y^t affair

Answer

Since we find you are inclind to hear from us what we have done at Boston we shall Inform you of it as well as we are able

Bretheren

Brethren

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That in our Journey to Boston before we arriv'd there several people were murthered by ye Indians & when we came there the Govern^r offered us the Hatchett or War by a Belt to fight against the Eastern Indians whereon we took a Consultation and thought proper to take Coll^o Jno Schuyler among us & desired his Advice and Consent how we should act in that matter on which he gave his Vote in behalf of the Govern^r of New york to take up the hatchett of War & then we all in behalf of our 8 Nations mutually Consented to take up each a hatchett of War ag^t the p^d Eastern Ind^ns He took up one & then we took up each one after the Speaker had faid this he was stopd and they equivocated that Coll^o Jno Schuyler had not taken up the Hatchett of War Nevertheless we desired that the Govern^r of Boston should acq^t the Kings of great Britain and France what flame is kindled by reason of this Ind^n War It is not reasonable they should suffer any of their plantations to be in War and they at the same time in peace in Europe That they might speedily order that this War should Cease on wch they gave a belt of Wampum and what answer they did receive ~~might be~~ that we might be acquainted therewith next year

They desired us not to dissuade any of our young Men from going to war ag^t the Eastern Ind^ns who are inclined to go out which we promised & before we departed from Boston 6 Men of our Nations went out in 2 Troops ag^t the p^d Ind^ns That when we go out a fighting we shall be provided w^t ammunition from Coll^o Jno Schuyler at Albany and when we bring a Scalp he is to pay us the premium of £100 for Each

After the Ind^ns were w^d drawn Hend^k ye Ind^n informd this Board y^t ye 8 Nations have not acted any thing at Boston without the Consent & Approbation of Co^ll John Schuyler

Co^ll John Stoddard

Albany the 14th October 1723

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Sir

We have Received yours of the 11th Instant whereby perceive that a Number of 60 or 80 Ind^ns attacqued 2 Small Forts at Northfield that Morning, we are Concerned for the Loss of the Men they have killed and other Mischief they have Done, You are pleased to Intimate that if a number of the 6 Nations together with Some of the River Indians were dispatchd might probably arrive at Otter Creek before the Enemy reach there and be capable of doing Service, We are of Opinion that if 80 or 90 Indians of the p^d Nations were in Town and had Canoes provisions and Ammunition Ready and Immediately dispatchd might probabely do Some Service, but as here are not above four or five young Indians; the Sending to their Settlements would take up so much time in their Coming hither and getting ready for such an Enterprize that it would have no Effect, We hope your forces may have defated the Enemy we Remain with Respect.

Sir

Your humble Servants

was Signd

Henry Holland
Joh^s Cuyler
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
Evert Wendell
John: Collins
Joh: Bleeker

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Present
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Ch: Livingston
John Bleecker
Evert Wendell
} Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of the Comissioners of the Indn affairs in Albany the 14th Day of October 1723 —

Taquayanott one of the Sachims of the Mohoggs and two young Indns of that Castle being in Town to whom this board Communicated that they had recd a Letter from Nengland dated the 11th Instant by wch they are advised that a number of 60 or 80 Indians attacqued two Small forts at Northfield that morning that they wounded two men and its feared three or four are killed they were firing at the Garrisons when the Express came away It is proposed in said Letter that if a number of the Six Nations together with some of the Rwer Indns were dispatched Immediatly they might probably arrive at the mouth of the Otter Creek before the Enemy reach that place and be capable of doing service we now demand your opinion in that affair whether it can probably be Effected that is propounded in said Letter

The Indns say that they cant give a direct answer but they are going to their Castles and will acquaint their people with what this board told them

Albany the 14th 19: October 1723.

May it please Your Excell.

We have been honoured with your Excell.ys Letter of the 13th Ultimo: before Receipt wher of we were Satisfied that the Story about Rutland was false, but by the Enclosed Letter of Coll. Stoddard we hope your Excell. will be Convinced that ye Indians on the 11th Instant did attack two Small forts at Northfield in Nengland not far from Rutland they killed 3 or 4 Men and wounded two and were firing at ye forts when the Express came away. wch are not above 50 or 60 Miles distant from the Settlements of this County, so that this Indn War is approaching us wch creates a terrour in many of our Planters who are under great apprehensions of danger, their fears are not without some reason for the Indns from Canada in the late wars have committed several murders & barbarities upon many of his Majesties Subjects in this County when there was more dependance upon our Indians then there is at present. We are much concerned that your Excell. is not pleased to agree in our Opinions we humbly presume to Confirm what we Intimated

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In our former of being apprehensive that this County is in great Danger to be drawn into this dangerous War, it may probably soon be bent this way: if so it is what we Conjecture the Gentlemen of our neighbouring Govern.t aim at to save themselves & leave us a Sacrifice to Defend their quarrel, and its well known to the World this County is not able to make any Resistance, all can be done is for the planters to leave their Settlements and retire to an open unfortified place this Town of Albany w.ch can end but in the ruin of many families

Its Coll.o John Schuyler has made so bold a Step as to take up the hatchett of War against y.e Eastern Ind.ns in behalf of your Excel.ys Govern.t at Boston as your Excel.cy may perceive by the Enclosed minutes and Confirmd by several trusty Sachims to be truth by w.ch Actions we may be drawn into this terrible War, w.ch is of the greatest Consequence to these Frontiers, and tend to the utter Ruin & Destruction of this County wherein our Lives & Fortunes and what is dear to us is Concerned what Orders or Directions he may have had we are strangers to; with all due Regards to your Excel.cys Sentiments of the Consequences of these late Transactions at Boston at this Juncture amongst the Impending Dangers which threaten us, we can't think we discharge our Duty without telling your Excel.cy that we are Convinced that nothing can Ensue these Strained Actions of Coll.o John Schuyler but an Ind.n War in the Bowels of your Excel.ys Govern.t & begg leave to assure yo.r Excel.cy that this Opinion of ours does not proceed from any pusillanimous or unmanly fears but from a just sense of the honour Interest and safety of his Maj.es People & Govern.t under your Excel.ys Administration & these Considerations have

have been motives in all Countries to the wisest Nations, that had not he gone to Boston, the Christians settlements of this Colony had not been in so much danger, the Ind.ns having then taken up the hatchett on their own accord that the Ind.ns now say that we not they have made the War

That the French now have their aim in our Ind.ns going to war against the Eastern Ind.ns upon w.ch they are assured as well as we y.t the far Ind.ns will not come to trade w.t the Inhabitants of this Province during such War

Inclosed is also a minute of the first Instant when we thought fitt for his Majesties service to send two trusty Ind.ns to Canada to observe the motions of the Ind.ns there, that Coll.o Jn.o Schuyler sent two belts w.t those Ind.ns unknown to us at that time will induce the Eastern Ind.ns to believe yt he & we go hand in hand, it not being Impossible that our Ind.ns may discover that they were with the Com.rs

That Philip Schuyler & John Groesbeck are gone to Canada ~~to~~ w.t a pass from the Gov.r of Boston as is Reported to Redeem prisoners, w.t our best respects to your Excel.cy we take leave to subscribe ourselves

May it please your Excellency
Your Excel.cys most Obedient & most humble Servants

Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
John Collins
Joh.s Wendell
Joh.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell

Cornelis Cuyler is gone in Company with the three french men to Canada as is said to recover his Debts -

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All a meeting ~~of Com^d.~~ of ye
Com^d. ~~of~~ the Indian affairs in
Albany the october 1723

All a meeting of the Com^d. of the
Indian affairs in albany the 63
Novr. 1723

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Present
Henry Holland
Johan.s Cuyler
Peter v: Brugh
Evert Banker
Philip Livingston
Johan.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell
} Com.rs

At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 17th day of November 1723

The two Indians who the Com.rs sent to Canada on the first of October being returned sometime since to Enquire what news they could hear there Concerning the Indian War with Engeland Did Tell them they have given some Relation of it at their arrival but Lawrence Claese the Interpreter being in Town were desired to repeat what they heard and saw in Canada

That after they were Engaged by the Com.rs to go to Canada Col.o John Schuyler gave them a Belt of Wampum to bring the following Message to the Cachnawage Kanughnoghquadie and Kondaxis three Indian Castles in Canada to tell them in the name of the Government of New York & Boston & the Six Nations desiring them to lay down the Hatchett of War against Engeland to use and Cultivate the Road from Canada thither and trade as Usual and if any weeds or Stumbling blocks ly in the way should be removed and laid aside and desired them to come to this place

When they arrived at Cachnawage the ffo Indians found but three Sachims there to whom they Communicated the above Message who told the said Messengers that the other Sachims were gone a hunting and their young men were gone to War wch they had not Communicated to them till they were ready to go and without their Order and Could not give a Direct answer now and would acquaint the other Sachims and since the Season of the year is so far advanced they

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Can not come now and gave a String of Wampum wch the Messengers have delivered ffo Col.o John Schuyler

Present
Henry Holland
Johan.s Cuyler
Peter v Brugh
Evert Banker
Philip Livingston
Johan.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell
} Com.rs

At a meeting of ye Com.rs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 18th day of Novem.r 1723

Whereas this Board is Credibly informed that the french at Canada or the Indians in alliance with them are in actual War with our friends and Brethren in Engeland have lately sent several Belts of Wampum to the Upper and Remote Nations of Indians to Invite them to come to Canada early the next Spring as soon as the trees begin to bud to assist the Eastern Indians for carrying on the ffo War the Com.rs are of Opinion that if these Messages have the desired Effects of the ffrench may be of dangerous Consequence to his Maje.s Subjects in Engeland and be a motive to draw the ffo far Ind.ns from trading wt the Inhabitants of this Province wch has been Endeavoured to be promoted at a Considerable Expence of the publick This board are therefore of Opinion that Lawrence Claese the Interpreter be forthwith dispatched with a Belt of Wampum to the Innekes Country & there to get two trusty Indians to go to the far Ind.ns wt a message as mentioned in his Instructions here underwritten

By the Com.rs of the Ind.n affairs at Albany

Instructions for Lawrence Claese the Interpreter to the Innekes Country

Whereas we are Informed that the ffrench of Canada or the Indians in alliance with them have lately sent several Belts of Wampum

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to the upper & remote Nations of Indians to Invite them to Come to Canada early the next Spring as soon as the trees begin to bud to assist the Eastern Indians in Carrying on the War against our Brethren of Nengland wh we have good grounds to give Credit to and may be of dangerous Consequence to his Majesties Subjects in those parts

You are therefore hereby Required & Commanded to go from hence wt all speed to the Sinnekes Country taking for your assistance & Company a trusty Indian from the Mohoggs Country who shall be paid by us

On your arrival at the Sinnekes Country you are to acquaint the Sachems there or as many as you know to be true to his Majes Interest that you are sent by us who represent his Excell. Gov.r Burnet here, to Inform them that we have received certain Intelligence that the French at Canada have sent several Belts of Wampum to our and their Friends and allies to come to Canada early ~~in the~~ next Spring to assist the Eastern Ind.ns in the War against our Brethren of Nengland, that you have a Belt of Wampum wh you are to show them and to the other Nations as you pass by and that you are directed to get two trusty & faithful Ind.ns to be sent wt the P. Belt to the said far Ind.ns and to acquaint them wt the above Intelligence adding that as they ~~are~~ have Ingrafted and made themselves a Nation to the other six they are Esteemd and accepted as such that these belts lately sent them is only a Bravado of the French & an Envious design to keep them from coming to trade hither because Goods are to be had here on much easier terms then they can afford them having none of their own Manufactory fitt for their use, and that Goods are more plenty

plenty & Cheaper now then ever they had them, we having had good Success this Last Summer & several Ships from Europe Laden wt Goods

That we have an Entire peace here and that the unfortunate War between our Brethren of Nengland and the Eastern Ind.ns will soon be laid aside & a gold peace Concluded the Gov.r of Canada having sent Messengers who are gone through this City to Boston wt Orders to make a peace in behalf of the Eastern Ind.ns so that the said far Nations may be assured wt the Road from their several abodes throug the six Nations will always be kept clear & the Covenant they made be kept Inviolable by us & the Six Nations, to give them assurance to be kindly received & well treated here & that we hope to see many of their Nations here the next Summer

You are to Enjoin the P. two Messengers to persuade as many of the P. far Ind.ns as they can to trade at this place, and to come in Company wt them, and that at their Return they shall be p.d for their service what you can agree for before their Departure from the Sinnekes Country Given under our hands in Albany the 18th of November in the tenth year of his Maj.ts Reign Ao D.o 1723

was Sign.d Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Cornr van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
Joh.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell

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John Wendece
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At a meeting of the Comrs of the Ind. affairs in albany y. 21th day of Nov. 1723

The Commiss.rs haveing on the 30th ultimo desired the Indians Liveing at Schaahkook & places adjacent to come before them in pursuance whereof thirty two of appeard before this Board to whom was made the following Speech

Children

The Reason why we sent for you at this time is to Let you know that we are Surpnzd to hear that your people have no Settled place of abode, but go Stragling & Scatter one from another, and do not Shelter your selves under the tree of peace & frindship Long Since planted by at Schaahkook under whose Shadow you promised to Live & Dye, this misfortune we Impute to your having but few Sachims, wherefore we thought proper that five or Six of your wisest & Leading men Should be appointed as Sachims over you to keep you together and that you do not Stragle from under the Shadow of y.e tree of frindship

We are Informd by Indians who we sent to Canada to observe y.e motions of y.e french & Indians there that they mett the Indians and Eight Squas of your nation in the Lake going thither we want to know what moved them to Leave their native Country, we propose if you do Joyn with us in sending for those & for those who are gone from you to Canada to Come back to their Settlements

The Indians answerd

Fathers

As you said just now there has been a tree of frindship Planted at Schaahkook which is there Still, under whose Shadow we Intend to Live & dye, our & your ancestors Lived amicable together and did Eat of one meat when we did cut one Slice we handled the knife over to them to Eat, we do Still persist to do the like with you and are Resolved

to Stay in our native Country at Schaahkook those who are gone to Canada did not acquaint us with their design and do not know what reason they had to go thither, we desire you to believe that if the Gov.r of Canada Invite us to go & Live there & would give us Land we Should not go but Stay here in this plentifull Country —

our Nation that did Live & Shelter themselves under the tree of peace & frindship at Schaahkook were very numerous but are now few in number, we have brought you Some vinison the fruits of our plentifull Country as a present which we desire you to accept from our hands as a token of our Loyalty.

What you have proposed of appointing Some Sachims among us. and of Sending messengers to Canada to fetch back those who are gone to Live thither we cant give you an answer to that a present but Refer it till to morrow morning.

Albany y.e 22d novemb 1723

The Schaahkook Indians answer to the Comrs

Fathers

Those Indians of our nation who went Lately to Canada are gone thither with an Intent to Stay there for before their departure they Committed Robberies at Saraghtoque and do think that it will be but fruitless to send for them

The tree that was planted at Schaahkook is grown to a vast hight under whose Shadow we have lived plentifully but of Late it has Lost its principall nourishment so that the Roots begin to be bare. for we have no but little Land to plant on and that is a very barren Soil so y.t the Ears of Corn grow very Small and the Inhabitants there do anoy us in our quiet Possession of y.e Land and Desire we may be Redressd give a string of wampum

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As we have but little Land at Schaahkook we do propose that part of our number shall live there and part at Sinchejack where is good Land & a plantifull Country for ~~our~~ hunting give a string of wampum

We have some of our arms & hatchett here that are out of repair. which we desire yr Fathers to gett Repaird for us to Enable us to go a hunting gave a String of wampum

Since you have proposd that some men of our number Should be appointed as Sachims & Leading men over y Rest we Leave it to you to nominate them

The Comrs answerd

We have heard your Speech and Shall first tell you that we Considerd who to appoint for your Sachims & Leading men and have thought fitt to nominate Six Including the two old Sachims viz. navatakietan aspenoot. Wapelanie, Kakaghsarweet. mashequant and akamsomett. whom we exhort you to Obey in all their Lawfull Comands and on the decease of any these six we have thought propor that nansafant Shall Succeed in the Room of the Deceased.

We think it absolutely necessary that you send for those of your people who are gone to Canada to Return home and those who have Committed faults Shall be forgwen

The Inhabitants at Schaahkook that do anoy you in your quiet Settlement of your Land Shall be directed to Let you Injoy the same peaceably, that you may reap yr Comforts of the Shadow of the tree of peace & friendship. you may do your pleasure to settle part of your people at Sinkhajick for ~~your~~ better hunting

We Shall order your ~~hatchetts~~ guns to be mended & do Return you thanks for the present of venison. to Enable you to hunt for your Selves, we give you 20 lb powder 40 lb Lead a Bark Kettle with Rum & strong beer to Drink. the King's health ~~drinking~~ for Each of the Sachims a Shirt and for old Sachim navatakelan a Blanket & one d: for Waleghlaret

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Att a Meeting of the Comrs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 7th day of January 172 3/4

Present

Henry Holland
Johs Cuyler
Peter v Brugh
Philip Livingston
John Collins
Johs Bleecker
Evert Wendell
} Comrs

Lourence Claese the Interpreter being returned from the Indian Country where he went by Order of this board pursuant to his Instructions Dated the 10 of November where he arrived the third of December and sent imediatly for some of the principal Sachims (who were on hunting) to whom when come there he Commnnicated to them his Message (as he also did to ye Sachems of the other Nations in his going thither) who Consulted several days before they gave an Answer. and then said they returned the Comrs thanks for the message he brought to be sent to the far Indns that they have for some time had bad suspiccon that the french would use all artifices to prevent those Indians Comming to trade with the Inhabitants of this province and Could give no Credit that the french ~~would~~ would to have them come to Canada in the Spring to assist the Eastern Indns against Englaud since they are alone able to keep them in alarm, but think that

That the Gov.r of Canada designs to sett the far Indians on the five Nations and for that reason have kept all the Smnekes at home

That on the 23.d Decem.r three of the principal Sachims of the Smnekes accepted to go to the far Nations & added six belts of Wampum to the belt delwered them alleadging one was not enough there being several Nations to speak with to bring the Mesage delwered them by Lowrence Claese to the far Indians and to come down w.t a great Number of them Early next Spring to Albany and would meet Capt. Jacob Verplank at the Lake who was directed by our Gov.r to be there to treat with them

That on the 2.d October last Jean Coeur departed from the Smnekes Country to Montreal & promised to come there again early the next spring to build a house at Therondegaat by Consent of the Indians & a small fort

Albany the 7th Jan.y 172 3/4

May it please your Excel.y

We have not much to add to our last of the 19th October which we hope your Excel.y has received, only that we thought fit for his Maj.ys service to send Lowrence Claese with a Mesage to the Smnekes Country & your Excel.y well perceive by the Enclosed Instructions he returned to day & delwered his Mesage as appears by the minutes here with

Account of his journey & expences we'll send your Excellency in the Spring

We gott this day w.t some trouble & expences a Negroe boy from a French Ind.n taken from Virginia belonging to one Capt. Ricks who was here w.t Coll.o Spottswood & has suffered by them formerly the Charges am.ts to £5:16. — which we hope will be p.d on his delwery. and that your Excellency will be pleas.d to acquaint the Gov.r of Virgin.a w.t it that the owner may have him again. We wish your Excel.y a happy new year & many of them w.t Respect we remain

May it please your Excel.y

Your Excel.ys most humble and most obedient servants

Peter van Brugh
Joh.s Bleecker
Phi. Livingston
Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Evert Wendell

Present
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins
John Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Esq.rs

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of Ind.n Affairs the 14th Day of ffebruary 172 3/4

This day came before us Schenondoe one of the Sachims of Cognewagah with three other Ind.ns who being asked what news he had, told us he had no news except that an Onondagah called the great World with five others of the same Nation came last fall by the Lieu.t Gov.r of Canada with a melancholy Acco.t as they termed it That they had news that the Ottowawas had a design to fall upon the five Nations who answered them that he was

entirely

Entirely Ignorant of any such Design, but advised them to go to Mons.r Vandeuil at Quebeck to Inform themselves further, but when they arrived there he declared also he had heard of no such thing Nevertheless the great world told Mr Vandreuil that he suspected the Wagonhas, designe to stop their path thro' the five Nations to Albany upon which the Gov.r of Canada told him he heartily thanks him & hoped he would keep his word, which performed he should embrace him with open Arms

The Gov.r of Canada told him at the same time you must not give the first blow, but if they do, Come to me and I will be a mediator between you which accordingly they promis'd to observe

The Com.rs having this Opportunity by Sehonondos Return Now send to the Cognewaghas Sehawenedis Crimdax & Sehosowanahs three belts of Wampum Desiring them to lay down the hatchett against Nlngland and that they should never more take it up against them, And that we from this time Stop the path thro' which they used to go to New-England

That they could not but know that the people of Nlngland were our Brethren & under the same Crown, That if the hatchett was not now layd down against Nlngland, it might happen that the path betwixt this & Canada might entirely be stopped & then they themselves would be the Authors of it, We not knowing in such Case wt. Orders may be sent from Kng George to that purpose. That we wonder how they can be assisting to the Eastward Ind.ns who have been always treacherous & base to them & their forefathers who when sent Embassadors to them murdered them in their sleep being men not to be depended on in any thing

That soon after they layd down the hatchet at this place before the Com.rs and the five Nations last summer, they went to Nlngland & Committed sev. Insults & murders on the subjects of that Country We desired them to Consider the Strict allyance and freendship wch is between the two Crowns of England & France who are in a profound peace and cannot approve of either of their subjects being murthered in such a barbarous manner

Then Sehonondoe told us he was rightly possessed of our meanning & would use his utmost endeavour to bring it to good Effect & would bring us an answer in the Spring

He told us at the same time that he desired he should not be named as giving an acct. of the great World's Designs being a matter of moment, and what he has Discovered is out of a particular freendship for this Government

Before he went from hence he desired a Gent. of this Board to Inform us that he was assured the Sachems of Cognewoga & the other three Nations before mentioned would be here early in ye Spring which we suppose will be to answer a Belt sent in Behalf of Nlngland last fall therefor Desires the path hither may be clear that they may come free from any Danger of the Nlngland partys & that your Excell. would acq.t the Gov.r of Boston of it that they may not be destroyed on their Journey designd to a good End

Albany the 29th Feb.y 1729

May it please your Excellency

We are honoured with your Excell.ys Letter of the 27th Ultimo it is acceptable to us that your Ex.cy is pleased we sent Lawrence Claese to the Sinnekes to dispatch Messengers to invite the far Ind.ns We are Concerned to see your Ex.cy suppose we should

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Should have given private Instructions to persuade the Indians not to let their young men go to the Assistance of Boston Govern.t We can clear our selves from such practices and think can have no better evidence then Lawrence to shew our Innocence in this affair, if the Ind.s do not go out a fighting we may have the blame whatever else the reason of their staying at home may be Its certain the Ind.s are much Influenced by the french, the method your Ex.cy proposes to break the french making a fort at Theorondequat we are humbly of Opinion will not take Effect We wish your Ex.cy will be pleased to pass more favourable Constructions on our Actions and behaviour in the publick affairs, which we endeavour as much as we are able for the publick welfare and the safety of his Maj.ts Subjects, the Intelligence we sent your Ex.cy the 10 October last may yet prove true. Since the Eastern Ind.s make it their interest daily to draw off our Schaakhook Ind.s over to them, we should be glad that the pannick frights of the farmers of this County could be removed by having sufficient fortification on these frontiers for the safety of themselves & families in case of a Rupture wt the Ind.s what the traders are guilty of in the Course of their trade we cannot be answerable for

The Negroe boy is still here we leave it to your Ex.cy which way he is to be sent home & begg the money advanced for him may be paid us

Inclosed we send your Ex.cy copy of our minutes, this day we received a Letter from Capt. Verplank — wherein he tells us that six far Ind.s are wt him in the Sinnekes Country who acquainted him that many of that nation are to come down in the spring to trade hither, but we have an Acct that 50 french are to lye in the Cadarachque

Lake

Lake or near the Onnondage River to oppose their coming to this place. With our best respects to your Excell.cy we Remain

May it please your Excell.cy
Your Excellencies most humble & most obedient Servants

Ph. Livingston Henry Holland
John Bleecker Joh.s Cuyler
Evert Wendell Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker

L. S.
Wm Hend.k Hansen departed this life on y.e 17th instant & Coll.o Peter Schuyler on y.e 18 D.o

Present
Henry Holland
Johan.s Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph. Livingston
John Bleecker
Evert Wendell
} Esq.rs Comm.rs

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs in Albany this 25 day of February 1723/4

This Board being Credibly Informed that some persons either from the Government of the Massachusetts Bay or Connecticut are at present at Kinderhook in the County of Albany who have sent for and mett with several Indians in order to purchase Land contrary to the severall Proclamations from his Ex.cy William Burnet Esq. Capt. Genl. & Govern.r in Chiefe of the province of New York &c. in Councill that no person or persons within the said City & County presume to treat or negociate with any native owner of any Lands within the said Province without Lycence from his Ex.cy in Councill.

Resolved that a warrant be issued by some Justices of peace within this City & County to Call the Persons acting Contrary to the above proclamation to answer what on this behalf shall be objected against them

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Present

Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
John Collins
Ph: Livingston
John Bleecker
Ev: Wendell
} Comrs.

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Att a meeting of ye Comrs. of ye Indian affairs in albany ye 4 day of may 1724

Canakadrichha and Sagonadagaine two principall Sachims of the Sinnekes, appeard before this meeting & gave ye following account

That last fall the Sachims of onnondage sent some deputies to the governour of Canada that ye far Indians have for some time had their passage thro' the five Nations, and were apprehensive that they are in danger by them ~~and~~ that they will kill some of their people either on their hunting or fishing places, in Case such open acts of hostilities should be Committed by them they would Certainly Revenge it.

The Governour answerd them and said Indeed I am afraid that what you are apprehensive of will come to pass for the far Indians are a loose & mischievous people. but I can give you very good advice in this matter and which I am sure will prove for your & my Interest & advantage that is if you and ye Rest of ye 5 Nations admitt my building two forts one at Jagara and another at ye mouth of ye onnondage River at ye Entrance of Cadaraqua Lake. then you will be at Ease and free from all assaults you apprehend from ye far Indians. and then ye 3d come hither as usual. ~~and~~ and gave ye messenger a belt of wampum to ~~ye~~ Carry to their Country to desire ye Consent of ye five nations for building ye sd forts.

That on a Summons of a publick meeting at onnondage to be held on the 5th instant to Consider on ye purport of ye sd belt ye sd two Sachims of ye Sinnekes those of onnondage & Tuskarora and with the Consent of those of Cayouga (the onneydes & maquas being absent) took in Consideration & remended how deceitfull the french of Canada have been to them when they were yet in their Infancy and ever since. what advantages & opperturities they have taken and yt they are not to be trusted now, It was Resolved by ye sd Sachims that ye belt of wampum should be Returnd to ye Govr. of Canada and that he should not be admitted to build or make any settlement on any of their Land belonging to ye five Nations. ~~and~~ yt he be told, not to use any means to prevent or hinder any of the upper nations in their passage tho' ye 5 nations to albany. and if he had any thing to propose ~~built~~ Concerning making of forts or Settlements he should apply to their Governour & Brother Clacker ~~would~~ who could give him a proper answer on this subject

That is was Concluded at ye sd meeting in onnondage that messengers should be dispatched, in behalf of ye 5 nations to Canada with the sd belt of wampum (and are to meet on another ~~at~~ Entrance of ye onnondage River into ye Lake) to Return the same to the Governour of Canada. that he should not be admitted to build or make any Settlement on their land this Resolution has been Communicated to ye onneydes & ~~onnondages~~ maquas. 1724 who approve of what the other nations have done in this affair and Return ye sd thanks.

The sd two Sachims and ye Some ~~Clacker with~~ french men in a Canoe went up early this Spring who were seen by some of their people at Jagara. they Confirmd the news Received from home that Jean Coeur was to go up with 50 men to build a fort there

That as ye sd two Sachims came from their Castle they heard news of ye messengers who were sent last winter by order of the Comrs. from the Sinnekes Country to Invite the far Indians to Come to trade with the Inhabitants of this Province, that some Indians who have been fighting in their Return home overtook ye sd as they were making a Canoe. So yt they would be at home in a few

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days, that they had spoakin to severall nations of ye far Indians with ye belts of wampum & goods Brot ym and those they had Added. but could not hear what number of far Indians were to come. that they were all ordered by mons. Tontie Commander of Ledetroit to come to him as they came from hunting. but not to go from thence to albany and they were obeying his orders

That ye Sd. messengers are Returning home but not as they were directed (to Conduct a great number of ye Sd far nations) thos. Sachims Desire to send four number may go to their Country to hear this message and Enquire what Jeuncour is going to do with 250 men

The Comrs Returned ye S. two Sachims thanks for their fidility in giveing ye foregoing acct wch they think will be pleasing to his Ex. Your Gar & their Brother Corlaer. and told them that they had acted prudently and for the Interest of their Country to Return ye belt of wampum to ye gov of Canada. and if they denyd him to build on their Land. wch he Intents for no other purpose yn to debar them of their hunting & keep ye far Indians from them. by yt means to keep them poor and at Last when he sees a fitt opportunity to drive you into ye sea they were given Each a Blanket strouds a shirt & shalt & a mackeg with Rum.

Present
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Pet. Bancker
John Collins
Sch. Livingston
John Wendell
John Bleecker
Evert Wendell
} Comrs

At a Meeting of the Comrs of the Indn Affairs in Albany the 29th day of May 1724

Two Indns one from Cachnawage and the other from Skawenndde say by seven hands of Wampum wch they show as a Token to be sent as Messengers from the Sd Indns to make the following speech

That the Governm of ~~Boston~~ New England have desired to speak w. us here being ye place appointed to treat about publick affairs. and our Sachims are to sett out from their Castles three days hence, and sent us to desire you to Despatch Messengers to the Sachims of the five Nations to come here and be present to hear what proposition shall be made We desire your speedy Answer when they shall be here for we design to Return to Morrow in Order to meet our Sachims to bring them an Acct when the Sachims of the five Nations are to be here gave a Belt of Wampum

Brethren ~~We~~ Last Winter we sent Sachims three belts of Wampum to acquaint them that the Path is open hither and by them to take the Hatchett out of your hand against our

Brethren

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Brethren of Wnglaud, It is very agreeable
to us that the Gentlemen of Wnglaud have
desired to meet yr. Sachims here to treat of
some publick Affairs, We are glad that
some Gentlemen from Wnglaud are now in
Town and as we suppose are sent on purpose
to make some Propositions to yr. Sachims
As our Govr. knows not of this meeting We
Cant Comply with what you desire but We
think it would be very proper that you
do acquaint them wt your Message, they
may send for the Sachims of the five Nations
We are very willing to assist in what lyes
in our Power to bring this Intended Treaty
to a Good & happy Conclusion

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Albany 12th June 1754

May it please your Excell.y

We presume your Excell.y has been Informed that some time since three Gentlemen arrived here from Engeland w.th Directions from that Governm.t as we suppose to treat w.th the Cachnawage Ind.ns to whom Coll.o John Schuyler sent a Belt of Wampum last fall to be here this Spring w.th an Intent to engage them to stay at home & not to Join w.th the Eastern Indians ag.t our Neighbours at the arrival of d.d Gentlemen were here three Ind.ns from Canada w.th a Message that the Cachnawage Sachems were to be here in a few days and Desired that the Sachems of w.d five Nations might be present at w.d meeting on which a Messenger has been dispatched by them to Invite them hither Inclosed we send your Excell.y Copy of a Letter we recd. from Gov.r Dummer on what has been write him by his Com.rs now here the main drift of it as we suppose is to draw us in to defray part of the Charge w.ch we Can.t resolve to Unless we be Enabled, We shall not be backward to do what service lyes in our Power

This morning we recd. an acco.t tha a party of seven Cachnawage Ind.ns were 13 days since at the Otter Creek in the Lake w.th an Intent to go Skulking to Engeland & w.th few.t parties of d.d Eastern Ind.ns are out we Could wish this Dangerous War could be brought to a happy Conclusion

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Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Philip Livingston
Joh.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell
} Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of the Comrs of y.e Ind.ns Affairs in Albany the 16th day of June 1724

The Deputed Chiefs from four several Nations living in Canada called Cachnawages Shawenadies Ioreronda & Skightquan appeared before this meeting and by their Speaker named Cachnarondie made the following Proposition

Interpreted by Lawrence Claese

Brother Corlaer

The last winter you sent us three belts of wampum to signifie unto us that we had taken up the hatchett of War against your Brethren of New England that if we had any Compassion on our wives & Children to lay it down and bury it but if we persisted in that War you would stop up the path from our several habitations to this place we Confess that we have taken up the hatchett of War ag.t the People of Engl.d and at your Instance we come to lay down that hatchett of War and bury it for ever, And tell you that We are Informed that you w.t the five Nations and the Governm.t of Engl.d have taken the Hatchett of war in hand against us and the Eastern Ind.ns which We desire you in like manner to bury w.t us

You Informed us by the 3d Belt that it was very disagreeable whilst the two Crowns of great Britain & France are in a firm alliance & good agreement ~~by~~ w.t each other that the people under their Subjection should wage War ag.st each other, We are of the same Opinion & come now

Now & promise solemnly for our four Nations to to Stop up the path to Engl.d and desire y.t both hatchets may be buried in everlasting oblivion and that it may be thrown in a fast Corr.t of Water to Carry it away Gave a belt of Wampum on this and the foregoing Articles

Brother Corlaer

We return thanks to God who knows our hearts that he has Endued you w.t such great Wisdom as to become Mediators between us and the Governm.t of Boston to take the hatchett of War out of our hands w.ch the Eastern Ind.ns had given us ag.t the People of that Governm.t We do now solemnly promise in the Name of our four Nations to lay down & bury y.t hatchett for ever gave a Belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

You also desired y.e Ind.ns Inhabiting at S.t Francois as you did us to lay down the hatchett of War w.ch was Communicated unto them by your Belts to w.ch they Replied that our four Nations might act in this Affair as they should conceive would tend for the Welfare of them all but as soon as those of Boston should send back the Ind.n prisoners now there they would come and treat of a Peace w.t the People of that Governm.t

That at our Departure from Montreal Gov.r Vaudreuil bid us to tell you that as soon as y.e Ind.n prisoners at Boston are at Liberty he will on his Word of honour Comand the Eastern Ind.ns to lay Down the hatchet & make peace w.t the People of Engl.d

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Brother Corlaer

The Contents of your belts we have repeated & answered in the best manner we are able, but Brethren if you had Included ye Eastern Ind^ns. in those belts some of their Sachims would have been here wth us to treat of a Peace ~~then Said they had one speaking & gave a Belt on this & the two foregoing Articles~~ gave a belt of Wampum

~~The Com^rs told them That they are glad to see them here and that they have given a very Satisfactory answer to the Belts sent them~~ That as we were on our Departure from Montreal we rec^d. Intelligence that some Ind^ns. living near Quebeck were preparing themselves to go out to war ag^t the English at the Eastward on wch it was Concluded to send the prin^ll Sachim of Skawinnadie to those Ind^ns. who was dispatched to order them to Stay at home till we should return

The Com^rs told them that they are glad to see them here & y^t they have given a very Satisfactory answer to the Belts sent them and that they would give them a timely answer

At a meeting of the Com^rs. of the Indian affairs in albany ye 20th day of June 1724

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Resolved ~~that the~~ a Letter be writ to his Excellency wch is as follows

albany the 20 June 1724

May it Please your Excell^cy

our Last to your Ex^cy. was on ye 12th Instant Since wch the Sachims of four Severall nations Settled at Canada arrived here who on the 10th Instant made a proposition minutes whereof are here inclosed by which appears y^t. the belts we sent Last winter to those nations had a good Effect, it seems they are inclind to make peace or be Neuter, wch we suppose is as much as the Boston Com^rs appointed here can be able to bring them to, we wish that this war could be brought to a happy Conclusion of which we have some hopes. Govr Dummer has been pleased to insert in his Instructions to Col^l John Schuyler & Col^l Stoddard to Cultivate a good understanding with this Board. we have given ye last him assurance that we Shall not be wanting in any thing for Effecting a good & Solid peace with the eastern Indians. to wch the Govern^t of Boston are now more Inclind than ever. for they begin to be Sinceable that they can gett nothing by this Indian war. if they had been of your opinion Last year. it might have been Effected ere now.

We meet with some difficulty in Relation to ye Indian Complaints made against the traders who defraud them in their trade we which, we could be Impowered to Compell any Christians against whom any Complaint is made to purge themselves on oath whether Such Complaint be true that ye Indians may have Justice done. for they Suppose we are Impowered in all Cases to see them Righted. there is a Clause in an act of last Year. Relating to ye far Indians. but makes no —

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mention of ye Indians of the five Nation & others, we
Remain with Respect

P. S.

We beg leave to tell ye Hon.r & G.
that we Conceive it would be
of great service that we were
Enabled to take Cognizance of all
Reports spread among ye Indians
detrimentall to the Hon.r & Interest
of ye government and ye Delinquents
may be obliged to purge themselves as above

Present
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Ch. Livingston
Evt. Wendell
} Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of the Comrs of ye
Indian affairs in Albany ye 23d day
of June 1724

The Sachems of Cachnawage having desired to meet this Board ~~which~~ when Convened they made the following speech

Brethren You have hitherto w.t unwearied pains desired that the Ind.n Prisoner who was taken at Virgin.a by some of our People in 1722 should be released and sent home to his Native Country the Squa who has accepted of him as her adopted son in stead of her dec.d son to come w.t him in order to Deliver him unto you that he may go home We Conceive you are sensible what great Affliction it must be for another to part with her child but to show our Regard for you we have prevailed on her to deliver him over unto you and hope you may have Compassion on her In==tending that she may have a present.

The Comrs Answer

Brethren We return you thanks for what you have Effected at our Instance but Especially the Squa who has

Accepted of him as her Son, We know it must be a great Affliction for her to deliver him over to be sent home We shall give her a present to Wipe of her Tears

Present
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Philip Livingston
Evt. Wendell
Hend.k Renselaer
Jacob van Dyck
} Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of the Comrs of Ind.n Affairs in Albany the 26th day of June 1727

The Comrs answer to the Cachnawage Shawennadies Adirondax & Skighkquan Sachems

Brethren

We return you thanks that at our Instance you have laid down the Hatchett of War against our Brethren of Engl.d w.th the Eastern Ind.ns had given you, It is Certainly for your Interest to maintain Inviolable the good Agreem.t & friendship that is between this Governm.t & your Several Tribes w.ch has hitherto been faithfully kept on our side, We expect you will order your young Men not to make any breach in your Engagement by going to fight for the future or molest any of our Brethren and fellow Subjects in Engl.d, and as long as you keep these promises you shall always be kindly accepted and received by us

You seem to accuse us that we have taken up the hatchet against you. We do assure you that we have not done any such thing. If any private person has done it, it must be of his own Record, as for our taking the hatchet from our Brethren of Engl.d & the five Nations is what can't be done at this time, since fresh Inhu=mane Murders have been lately Committed there

But

But we promise to use our best Endeavours to be Mediators to End this War - We expect that you are sincere in your Engagem.t in laying down the Hatchet against our Brethren of Nengland and that the same may be buried in Everlasting Oblivion

The Ind.ns Inhabiting at S.t Francois we Esteem as part of the Eastern Ind.s We are Concerned that they have not delegated some of their Sachems to Conclude a Solid & Lasting Peace. And as they have Impowered you to Act as you Judge for the best of you all We expect you'll Encourage those Ind.ns to Come to terms of Peace to end this War The Hostages now at Boston we can't perceive how our Brethren of Nengland should sett them at Liberty till the peace be actually Concluded And its surprizing to us that Gov.r Vaudreil should Encourage the Ind.ns in that Demand & sending an Errand by you & giving his Word of honour that if the Hostages were delivered he would comand the Eastern Ind.s to be at Peace & lay down the Hatchett

It Concerns us that while you came on purpose to lay down the hatchet w.t that treacherous felon Shononda w.t six other Ind.s went out from Cachnawaga to fight toward Nengland and has since as we are Informed Committed fresh hostilities We Expect you'll Show your utmost Resentment of this base Act, and that at your Return home you'll take the prisoners out of their hands w.ch we shall account as a sincerity of the performance of part of the Engagement you Lately made

We

We return you thanks that before your Departure from Montreal you dispatched a Sachim of Skawennade to prevent the Quebeck Ind.ns from going a fighting against our Brethren of Nengland

We think it necessary to acq.t you that several Negro slaves have of late Run from hence to Canada, and that others have lately been enticed by some of your men now here to run thither, and we desire you to discourage you People from such pernicious practices, for Inticing them from us is the same as robbing us of our Goods and may be a motive to make a Breach in the Good Agreement & Correspondence hitherto maintaind between us

The Sachems answer'd that we shall discountenance our young Men ~~when~~ ~~Conference~~ from debauching or Enticing Negro Slaves to Run to Canada that Shononda with his party went a fighting agt their Order and Resolution of all the Sachems

Then the Com.rs said

It's pleasing to us that this Conference ends so amicably & hope it may have the same Effect w.t the Boston Com.rs the Sachems of the five Nations & yo.r several tribes now here Then they gave four Shots in Confirmation of what has been transacted at this Meeting

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Present
Henry Holland
Evert Bancker
John Collens
Ch: Livingston
Joh: Wendell
Joh: Bleeker
Ev: Wendell
David van Dyck

Com.rs

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of the Ind.n affairs in Albany the 28.th day of June 1724

The Delegated Sachems of the Mnekes being arrivd it was Judgd necessary to acquaint them and the Sachems of the other five Nations with the Message Sent from hence last Winter by three belts of Wampum to the Cachnawage, Schawmnadies, Adirondax and Skaghquan Indians in Relation to lay down the hatchett they had taken up against our Brethren of Engl.d which was Repeated to them as also their Answer and the Com.rs Reply thereto, wch being done it was Told them that they have now heard how this Board has Acted to make a Solid and form Peace

The Sachems of the Six Nations by their Speaker named Thannoghsarant Said Brethren We return you our thanks for your unwearied Endeavours in pro=moting a good Understanding between our Brethren of Engl.d and the Sd. four Nations to bring the Eastern Indians to terms of Peace and put an End to that War

At a meeting

Present
Henry Holland
Ev.t Bancker
Ch: Livingston
Joh.n Bleecker
Joh: Wendell
Lend.k Renselaer
David v Dyck

Com.rs

At a Meeting of ye Com.rs of ye Ind.n affairs in Albany y.e 9.th July 1724

The Com.rs having propos'd to the Com.rs now here appointed by the Governm.t of the Massa=chusetts Bay to have a private Conference with the Sachems of the Six Nations to Endeavour to prevail with them to send one Sachem of each of their Nations to the Eastern Ind.ns to bring them to terms of Peace w.th our Brethren of Engl.d w.ch being approvd by the Sd. Com.rs this Board made the following Speech to them

Brethren We heard your Proposition to the Cachnawage and other Sachems living at Canada & their Answer but Can't understand that any thing has been yet transacted to bring an End to the War the Eastern Ind.ns have so unjustly Engaged & taken in hand against our Brethren of Engl.d, As we have taken on us to be Mediators to put an End to this War in the best Manner We are able for the Honour of the British Interest in Gen.l it is for that pur=pose we do propose unto you whether it will not be adviseable since you have Engaged in taking up the Hatchett against those Ind.ns for you to offer unto the Com.rs appointed for the Governm.t of the Massachusetts Bay that you send one Sachim of each of your several Nations to those Eastern Ind.ns w.th positive Orders that they forth=with come to Terms of Peace & Submission

w.t

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with that Governmt. & despatch expresses to their several Sculking parties on the frontiers of Engl^d to return home without Committing any further Acts of hostility, and that they appoint Sachems to go wth you to Boston to Conclude this Peace in the best manner it can be done that you be Witnesses thereto & Engage to be Guarrantees for them, and in Case they do refuse to Comply wth thes your Reasonable Request to Compose this Matter, that you do plainly tell them that you will Compel them to come to terms of Peace wth Sword in hand

The Answer of the Sachems of the Six Nations to the Com^rs ~~which~~ being delitory & not satisfactory ~~to which~~ a Reply was made and after they had a Consultation they Returnd & said

Brother Corlaer

We have heard & Deliberately Considered of your Proposal made to us this morning that afterwards According to our ~~Manner~~ Custom we have made Propositions to the Sachems of Cachnawage and others now here from Canada and thought every thing would be brought to a happy Conclusion to End this War, Since those Ind^ns have Laid Down the Hatchet. But it seems you do not Judge it Sufficient to put an End to this War We have therefore resolved to come into your method, Since you Judge it more Effectual to put an End to the War that has been thus Long vigorously Carried on by the Eastern Ind^ns against our Brethren of England and for that purpose have appointed three of our most able Men to perform that

That Message named Tarighjoris Jacob, alias Watsondee, & Ajredowax, Desiring they may have belts for that purpose a Canoe for their Journey & be paid for their trouble & fatigue but we Desire that one of your People may go with our Messengers

Present
Peter v: Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ch: Livingston
Joh^s Bleecker
Joh^s Wendell
Ev^t Wendell
Hend^k Rensselaer
David v Dyck
Com^rs

At a Meeting of the Com^rs of the Ind^n affairs in Albany the 2^d Day of July 1724

The Messengers who Lawrence Claese sent from the Sinnekes Country by the Order of this board last Winter to the far Nations to invite them to come to trade at this place appeard before the Com^rs give the following Account.

That they have undertaken to perform the Message delivered unto them by Lawrence Claese wth much fatigue in their Journey arrived at a Settlement of the far Ind^ns called by them to whom they delivered their Message by the belt given them, that they Desired them not to hearken to ye French but to carry on their Trade to Albany where goods are very Cheap the Path Open and Clear for them and all the upper Nations; from ~~whatever~~ that Settlement they proceeded to five other Nations, but having but one belt they added five others & spoke to them to the same Effect, who promised to come to this

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to this place; That several Canoes of those Ind.ns having been on their Journey hither and two Canoes with Ind.ns who never had been here before came in Company with them who were Stopt by five Canoes with young Men ~~who~~ that meet them Just above the Talatines Land at the Falls, who with bribes Presents and Perswasions prevail'd to trade with them Contrary their Intentions & the Sachims of our Nations who are very much displeas'd that the far Ind.ns are Stopt & do not come to this place

Albany 6 July 1721

Sir

We come to acknowledge Receipt of your honours favours of the 4th and 27th past, wch we should answered ere now, had we not been prevented partly by our not knowing when your Com.re dispatched Expresses to you and the uncertain Circumstances of this Critical Affair, that has been transacted w.th the six Nations who prov'd very wavering in their Resolution and Intention, We hope the Gentlemen whom you entrusted with the Affair of your Province will do us the Justice to Inform you that we have Acted in what your honour has been pleased to recommend to our Care, and the Order of his Excel.cy Gov.r Burnet in Council with much freedom and readiness to put an End to the Dangerous War the Eastern Ind.ns have Commenced against his Majesties Subjects under your Government. The Sachims of Cachnawage & others having Conform'd their Engagement made to us, to your Com.re in burying the Hatchet of War, on which the Sachims of the Six Nations Insisted (tho' very absurd) that on the Delivery of the Hostages the Peace was Actually Concluded w.th the Eastern Indians of which w.th many Arguments we Convinced them of that unreasonable Demand & Insinuation, and in a Conference w.th your Gentlemen Consulted what was most proper to be Done at this Juncture at which We offer'd to make a proposal to the Six Nations that they should Offer to send Messengers to the Eastern Ind.ns with positive Orders that they forthwith come to termes of Peace & Submission

with

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with your Governmt. & dispatch Expresses to their
several sculking parties on your frontiers to return
home without Committing further Acts of hostilities
that they appoint Sachems to go wt. them to Boston
to conclude this Peace in the best manner they
Can, that they be Witnesses thereto and Engage to
be Guarrantees for them, & in Case they do refuse
to comply wt. this their Reasonable Demand &
to compose this matter that they do plainly tell
them that they will Compel them to come to
terms of Peace wt. sword in hand, wch. being
agreed on was the day following propos'd to
them, who after some difficulty Consented to it
and made that offer to your Gentlemen, which
we hope may be Effectual to bring the Eastern
Ind.ns into terms of submission and Peace with
your Governmt. and in failure thereof (wch. God forbid)
We shall observe such Orders as we shall from time
to time receive from his Ex.y our Gov.r wt. respect
we remain

Sir

Your most humble and
most obedient Servants

was Signd Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
Evert Wendell
Hend.k van Renselaer
Dav.d V. Dyck

Albany ye 6th July 1724

May it please your Excely.

We have been honoured with your Excely.s favours of
the 20th past. and the Copy of the Instructions from
Gov.r Dummer to his Com.r for your Information
we had also two letters from him in Relation to
the same Effect. but they nor we could with all the
perswasions Influence or Interest bring the Sachems
of the six Nations to no other Conclusion but to send
Deputies to the Eastern Ind.ns to Comand them to be
at Peace and to send Sachems with them to
Boston to Conclude it as may appear by our Minutes
and Letter to Gov.r Dummer here ~~in~~ Enclosed

Capt. Holland went from hence a few days agoe
with whom we sent the Negro Boy belonging to Capt.
Hick of Virgin.a Mr. Ch: Livingston tendered the
£6:— for his Charges but it being augmented since
the Acco.tt sent down wch. we desird Capt. Holland to
receive from your Excely. as also the Charges Laid out
on the Ind.n Prisoner from Virgin.a we redeemd

There have been no far Ind.ns since last April those that
Intend to come are Stopd in their way hither by our
People that go up to trade whether any will come
to this place is much doubted, having nothing to add
at present but that we remain wt great Respect

May it please yr. Excely.
Your Excely.s most humble
and most obedient Servts
Peter v Brugh
Evert Bancker
Phili: Livingston
Evert Wendell
Hend van Renselaer
Dav.d V. Dyck

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Present
Peter v: Brugh
Ch: Livingston
Joh: Bleecker
Ed: Wendell
Hen.k v: Rensselaer
David v Dyck
Esqrs Com.rs

At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Ind.n affairs in Albany the 14th Day of July 1724

Several far Ind.ns being arrived at this City appeard before this board & said

Brethren

That they are Come a vast way to see the Brethren of this place and desire that they may have goods Cheap and large. Keggs of Rhum that the Beav.r and other Skins they brought may be in good Esteem, that the french have usd their Endeavours to prevent their Coming here but they would not hearken to them therefore desire they may be pityd & have goods Cheap

The french told them to go to Canada and not to this place for they would Certainly be poisond here but we have taken no notice of what they say, but they have prevaild on thirty Canoes w.t Ind.ns to go to Canada partly by fair perswasions & partly by threatning who intended to come hither

That as it is an ancient Custom among them to bury the Sachims that die of their neghbouring nations, and they do now in like manner bury Coll.o Schuyler for w.ch they lay down a few dress Deer Skins & a Bev.r Coat and desire they may have the like kind Reception as if he was alive

They desire by a Calumet pipe that y.e path may always be Clean open and free for them to come to this place to trade that the Sun may shine Clear over them and that when we smoke out of it we may have good thoughts about them to give them goods Cheap

That they ~~have~~ are Come a great Journey and have undergone a great fatigue & are poor and

and lean therefore desire a supply of Provisions.

The Com.rs told them they should provide for them and give them an answer to morrow.

Present
Evert Bancker
Ch: Livingston
Joh: Bleecker
Ed: Wendell
Hend.k v Rensselaer
David v Dyck
Esqrs Com.rs

At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Ind.n affairs in Albany the 15th day of July 1724

The Com.rs answer to the far Indians

Brethren

It pleases us that you are come hither to trade and have not given Credit to the french who have endeavoured to hinder you which they do w.t no other view but to send you to Canada to let you pay an extravagant price for Goods for they are well assurd that goods are Cheap here, and what you can buy for two Beavers here you must pay eight for at Canada and you can buy large Keggs & Rhum Cheaper then ever you bought them

The Caution the french have given you that we should poison you they do not think that any such thing should happen unto you, but they are very sensible when you come here to trade you will be poisond with the Cheapness of your Goods that you will never go again to Canada but carry on your trade hither which we hope will not only Induce you but encourage all the upper Nations who are Entered in the Covenant w.t this Governm.t to come to trade with the Inhabitants of this Province you may be assurd that the path from your several habitations shall be open and free for you to pass and repass as you shall have occasion It concerns us that the thirty Canoes w.t far Ind.ns

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who were in your Company have given so much Credit to the French at Jagara to go to Canada, We are sure that when you meet one another you will have Reason to Rejoyce wt. the plenty of goods you will be able to show them; and they sad for the Sarcity they have bought at Canada

It is acceptable to us that you have according to your ancient Custom bury'd Coll. Schuyler We assure you that the path shall be Clean and open for you & shall think of your welfare when we smoke out of the Calumet pipe you have given us & you will ever have the same recepteon here as if he was alive gave them a fat Cow 3 Bread 10 Blankets 3 Strowds 21 gall Rhum pypes and tobacco

They returnd the Comrs thanks for the Presents. ——

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Present

Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Ph Livingston
Evert Wendell
Dav. v Dyck

At a meeting of Commissioners of the Ind: affairs in Albany y. 4th day of august 1724

By the Comrs. of the Ind. Affairs at Albany

Instructions for Lawrence Claese Interpreter

Whereas his Excelleney William Burnet Esq. Capt. Genll and Govr. in Chief of the Province of York &c. has signified unto us by a Letter dated the 25th day of July Last that he has fixd on the tenth day of September to meet the Sachims of the Six Nations at this place, and has orderd us to dispatch you to them, Wherefore we do by his Excelleneys Directions Require and Comand you forthwith to go through all the six Nations to acquaint them that his Excelleney will meet their Sachims here on the 10 tenth day of September and the most remote of them to come time enough to join the nearest so that they come altogether and that they exceed not Seventy persons in all You are to come down in the Company of the Last and use your utmost endeavour to be here w. the Sachims at the day prefixed and hereof you are in no wise to omit at your peril Given under our hands this fourth day of August in the Eleventh year of his Majs. Reign A. D. 1724

was Signd Henry Holland
Joh. Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Chas Livingston
Evert Wendell
Dav. vandych

Present

Henry Holland
Joh. Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Johan. Schuyler
John Collins
Evert Wendell
Dav. van Dyck

Esqrs. Comrs.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs in Albany y. 07th day of augt. 1724

This day came here seven of the Kenondadeis Sayd they have no news. but come on account of trade that by the way they heard of Colo. Peter Schuylers Death. and of mr Hendrick Hansons. and Cant do less. then to take Notice of it. therefore Lay down twelve hands of wampum to wash off the tears of the Relations, and further Say that they now Lay down nine deer Skins two Cubs two beavers & a lap and five Racoons to bury them

Present

Henry Holland
Johan. Cuyler
Ph. Livingston
John Collins
Evert Wendell
Dav. v. Dyck

At a meeting of the Comrs. of the Indian affairs in Albany the 15th day of august 1724

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Present

Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
John Cadwallader
Evert wendell
Hend: van Rensselaer
Dav: van Dyck
} Esq.rs Comd.rs

A meeting of the Comd.rs of the Indian affairs in albany y.e 16th day of aug.st 1724

Jacob the Indian and other messengers sent by the Sachems of the six Nations to the Cadraqui Indians being returned. Give the following Relation

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Present

Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
John Collins
Evert wendell
John wendell
Hendrick van Rensselaer
Dav: van Dyck

Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of the Comrs of the Indian affairs in albany the 17th day of august 1724

Whereas it is thought very necessary for the publick Safety and welfare of his Majts Subjects that the Indians Lately deserted from Schaahkook and places adjacent to a place on the north end of Corlaers Lake Called Misisquick who have of Late by the Insinuations of some base Indians Liveing there made Severall Insults on his Majesties Subjects in n England to invite those Indians to Return to their old habitations at Schaahkook to the end they may become our friends and be out of the way to be Inticed of doing mischief to our neighbours, and Strengthen our frontiers

It is therefore Resolved that Some trusty Indians be sent with a Belt of wampum to those deserted Indians to perform this Message and that Johannis Knickerbacker be Imployd to dispatch ye messengers who at their Return shall be Sp for their trouble.

Johannis Cuyler Philip Livingston Evert ~~Bancker~~ Wendell Abraham Cuyler Nicolas Bleecker Gerrit Roseboom & Robt Roseboom were tendered ye oath mentiond in an act of Gen: assembly of the Province of n:yorck Entitulled an act for the further more Effectuall prohibiteing the selling Indian goods to the french who severally took the same

It is also tendered unto John Schuyler but he Refusing whereon an Execution was Issued directed to ye Sherif of the City & County of albany for Levying the forfeiture of one hundred pounds pursuant to the directions of the s: act

Present

His Excellency William Burnet Esq.r Capt. Genll & Govr. in Chief of the Provinces of New York &c.

Francis Harison Esq.r one of his Majestes Council for the province of New York

John Stoddard Esq.r one of his Majs. Council for the Province of the Massachusetts Bay

Comroy

A private Conference by his Excell.cy with the Sachims of the Six Nations In Albany the 14th day of Sept.r 1724

His Excellency desired the Sachims to give him an account of the Message their Messengers delivered to the Indians at St. Francois in Relation to the War w.th our Brethren of the Massachusetts Bay & the Eastern Ind.s

Brother

You desire two things from us first to give you an Acco.t what Message we sent to the Eastern Ind.ns as also their Answer

When we arriv'd at Montreal we acquainted the Gov.r of our Arrival, on which he said that he would hear what we had to say next Morning, And then we told him that we were sent by the six Nations and Corlaer, and that our Business was to go to St. Francois to speak w.th the Ind.ns on w.ch we gave him a Belt of Wampum

On the Morning the Gov.r sent for us & gave us thanks and said that he was glad that we had acquainted him ~~with~~ our Arrival & Business, since his Indians ranged the Woods & might have met ~~them~~ us & done ~~them~~ Mischief & endangered our Lives, But let us Consider what is best for us in this Matter whether it be not advisable that I do send for those Indians & then I can hear your proposal and their Answer

On which we answered Father we think it

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It is best that you send for those Ind.ns to come here for they cant understand us nor we they and here we may be supplied w.th an Interpreter.

The Gov.r Answerd & Returnd us thanks that we had Consented he should send for those Ind.ns as he proposd on which he sent an Express and they were to be in Montreal in four Days. Mean while we went to Cachnawage and Designed to return the fourth Day but on the third Day at night a priest (who was Interpreter between us and the Indians) awakes us and said that the Ind.ns were come, which we thought something Extraordinary, the Priest went that night but we the next Morning, when come at Montreal we went directly to the Gover.r who said we should tarry a while to deliver our Message & he would send for us which was done in the afternoon.

Then we told we were sent by the six Nations and Corlaer, and Desired the Ind.ns that there might be a Cessation of Arms for a while, as we had also Desired of our Brethren of Englund

Then We said Children we are come on purpose for you to desire you to come to Albany which is the place to treat of peace & matters of Consequence, This Proposition was not only made in presence of the French but of the Indians thereabouts gave a Belt

We have proposd that your Principal Sachems should go to Albany, we have not limited a Time but desire that they may come along w.th us.

The Ind.ns answered

Fathers You told us that you were sent by the six Nations & the Gov.r of N York that there might be a Cessation of Arms, which we can't grand for we are so Incensed against those People of Englund because they

They have taken away our Land & kept our People prisoners, but let them restore our Land & relieve our People, we will Immediatly lay down the hatchet and be at peace gave a belt of Wampum 88

Fathers You say you are Sent from the Gov.r of N York and the six Nations to desire our Sachems to go with you to Albany to treat of Peace w.th the People of Boston, We can't Consent to send Messengers to them they having so often deceived Us & kept our people prisoners whom we sent as Messengers

Fathers you desire my Name of the Gov.r of N York & y.e six Nations we should go to Albany to treat w.th y.e Government of Boston, we flatly deny it, but if they are desirous for a Peace they may come to Montreal & bring our three men along, & treat w.th us in y.e presence of y.e Gov.r of Canada & Restore our Land, So we will Conclude a Peace, We need not go to our Castle for the principal Sachems of our Nation are now here & this is our final Answer. On which they gave a Belt

His Excel. asked the Mess.rs whether they did not promise the Boston Com.rs that y.e Eastern Ind.ns did not Comply w.th their Message to take up the hatchet w.ch lay at their side. They replied that they did not but if those Ind.ns should murder their Messengers, they would make use of the hatchett w.ch lay at their side

On which the Speech ~~the speech~~ that the six Nations made to the Boston Com.rs on the third of July last was repeated unto them.

His Excel. asked them whether they never promised him or the Com.rs here or those from Boston to take up the hatchett against the Eastern Ind.ns in Case they should persist in War with our Brethren of New England, or whether they ever Intended to Engage in that War against those Indians

They Answerd they knew not of any promise or Engagement only that they promisd his Excel.y to be Mediators for Peace

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His Excel.y Wm. Burnet Esq.r
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David van Dyck
Esq.rs Com.rs of Ind.n affairs

Propositions made by his Ex.y Wm. Burnet Esq.r Capt. Gen.l and Govern.r in Chief of the Province of New York New Jersey &c. to the Sachems of the six Nations Called Ouquase Onedes, Conondages, Cayou=ges, Innekes, & Tusgaroras the 15th of Sept.r 1724

Brethren

I am come hither to see you with the same brotherly kindness which you have always found in me, And I doubt not that you bring with you hearts full of the same honest ~~and kind~~ Inclinations as becomes Brethren

But you must always Remember that I do not speak to you from my self only, but in the Name of my great and good Master KING GEORGE and your only true & Loving father, who has often fed you & Cloathed you, and is always making you kind Presents, and who has ordered me to take all the Care of you, and do you all the Service we=is in my Power, and who expects of you Return of Obedience, as becomes good Children, and that you will Shew it in being firm to the British Interest in America, in Opposition to all it's Enemies whether Christians or Indians; And

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In Token of this Ancient & happy Covenant, I now solemnly renew the Covenant Chain with you in behalf of this Province, and all his Ma=jestyes other Provinces in North America, and I hope this Chain will now remain bright and Clear, and lasting as the Sun Give a Belt w.t GR

I'll have made the path open for the farr Indians to come to trade with our People among you, and to come through to Albany, if they please, by which means Goods are now become plenty among you, and our People see you often as good Brethren, ought to be, And that this happy Correspondence may become still easier, I have mended the Carrying place, and the Wood Creek, so as to make the Road much Shorter, then it was, and it shall be made still better,

I have for sometime kept some young Men always among ~~you~~ the Innekes w.t a Smith, which I doubt not was very agreeable to them; and I hear they have a house near their Castle where they may live Conveniently

And now I find many more are willing to go next Spring to live among the Onondagas where the chief Trade w.t the farr Ind.ns lyes, and that they may keep their Goods Dry and safe; I have ordered them to build for themselves a good Block=house at the Mouth of the Onondage River, and so they will become yo.r good Neighbours, and live as Comfortably among you as they do here at home, I intend to send a

Smith

Smith along wt. them for your Convenieney, and I doubt not but you will be very glad to see one another, and to bring the great Beaver Trade into your own Country where it will be for your Advantage it should come rather then to Canada, where you Cannot buy goods without paying excessive prices for them, whereas our People sell at very reasonable Rates, and to shew you how much I desire your Beaver should bear a good Price, I have Cloathed my self in Cloth made of Beaver, wch you now see me wear.

What I therefore desire & expect of you is that you Continue to keep the path swept and Clean for all the far Indns. to come and trade with our People, and that you use our People kindly, that are to live in the Sinnekes Country with you this year, and those that are to come & trade & build a house next Spring among the Onondages give a belt GPW

Brethren

You promised me two years ago that ye would send Messengers to the Eastern Indns. to comand them to make peace wt. the Government of Boston, and to tell them that you could not look on unconcerned when your brethren of New England received such barbarous Treatment

I am informed that since that you have renewed the like promises to the Governmt. of Boston, to the Comissrs. here and to their

Deputils sent hither, from the Governmt. of Boston; I expect of you that you will seriously consider what you have promised and faithfully perform it, for the great bond of Unions between us is to keep our Word to one another, without this there can be no true friendship or Brotherhood between us.

I do not enter into particulars because the Deputies from Boston Governmt. now in this place desire to speak wt. you themselves, and I recomend it to you earnestly to hear them wt. Attention, & kindness, and to give them such an Answer as they may expect from good Brethren after so many promises made by you to them, and so many Presents made by them to you.

Give a belt PF

Present

His Excellcy Wm. Burnet Esqr.
Capt. Genll. & Govr. in Chief
of the Province of N York &c.

Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
John Collins
Philip Livingston
} Esqrs. Comrs.

Brother Corlaer

We have some preface to make before we come to give our Answer to the Proposition made us two days ago

This Town of Albany has been of Ola place of meeting & treaty between us, and since that time it has been agreed that this should be the place only of Treaty, not only between this Governmt. & us, but wt. all our neighbouring Colonys

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Colonies of north America, to be a fixed and Settled place to treat of Peace & Tranquility and those who had any Occasion to treat with us might come and meet us here

Brother Corlaer

You told us that you was glad to meet the six Nations in good health, and that you came to treat us w.th a good and brotherly heart and that you did not Doubt but we came with the same as becomes Brethren, We now come to acquaint you that we are come w.th a good true & honest heart, and you likeways said that you did not speak from your self only — but in Name of your good & great Master King George our kind & Loving father who has so often Cloathed & fed us and given us so many Presents, and that you renewed the Ancient Covenant Chain, which we do renew likeways in the most solemn Manner w.th all his Maj.ts Provinces in North America by this Belt

We cannot omit to ~~tell~~ inform you that there are some wicked Devilish People who come among us, but we will not hearken to them for your Excell.ys kind & Candid Proposition has in a Manner brought us out of Darkness into w.t Light & rejoiced our hearts extreamly

Brother Corlaer

We say still that we are come out of Darkness into the Light, Your kindness to us exceeds that of your Predecessors for you have been at the Expence to mend and Clear the Carrying Place and wood Creek and that you will order it further to be mended for which

Which we Return our hearty Thanks, for now the Old and Decrepit may come over w.th Carrying Place; Whereas formerly it was Difficult to pass that Way, but now it will Induce and Encourage the far Ind.ns to come to trade here which will Engage them to be firmly united to us. It is most Certain that Trade is the chiefest Motive to promote friendship, therefore we repeat again that we Return you our hearty thanks for this singular favour and kindness.

Brother Corlaer

You told us also that you designed to build a Block house near Onondage or at some Convenient place on that River we have Consulted & do Consent that you may build it since you say it will be for our Advantage but we desire that we may know how Goods will be sold there, for here we get a Strouds Blanket for one Large & a Small Beaver, but those that go there to Trade will perhaps take excessive prices from us. but if they sell as Cheap as here it will be like a Beaver Trap and will gett them all But if they sell Dear it will be of no use for then we must come hither to buy what we Want. We are very thankful for w.t Smith your Excell.y has been pleasd to promise to send up to Onnondage next Spring, pray let him be a good One who understands his Trade & can make hatchetts and repair our Guns, We have two several times desired to have one but could not obtain our Request till now.

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Brother Corlaer

You told us that the place you propos'd to build a Block house was at the Mouth of Onnondage River where it falls into the Cayaadehqui Lake, but we propose another place at the End of the Oneyde Lake and desire your Opinion on that head and that a fitt person may come along with the people who can speak our Language, who may be a proper Judge of the most Convenient place

give a Belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

You acquainted us that some People were to go to the Sinnekes Country w.th a Smith for which we return Thanks, and since you desired that they might be Civily & Kindly Used w.ch we promise to do, You told us that we said formerly, that we could not see the Eastern Ind.ns so barbarously murder our Brethren of Engeland without Resenting it, According to our former Engagem.t and Promise to this Governm.t and that of Boston. w.ch we acknowledge to have said that we would Resent it, And according to your Excell.cys Directions we shall give those Com.rs from Boston now here an answer to that affair

The Sinnekes said

Brother Corlaer

It is two years ago since Maj.r Abraham Schuyler was in the Sinnekes Country w.t the Smith Mynd.t Wemp & we sent a Token with them that we desired they might come again next year, We desire to know where the

The fault lyes that they did not come for the Smith is very good kind & Charitable to our poor people, and we desire that they may now go along with us.

His Excell.cy told them that he would give them an Answer, when he delivered them their present and ordered them a barrel of Beer

Present
His Excellency Wm Burnet Esq.r Cap.t Gen.ll & Gov.r in Chief of the Province of New York &a
Francis Harison Esq.r one of his Maj.ts Council for s.d Province
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Further Proposition by his Excell.cy William Burnet Esq.r Cap.t Gen.ll and Gov.r in Chief of the Provinces of New York Newjersey &.c to the Six Nations of Indians in Albany the 19th day of Septem.r 1727

Brethren

I have a few Words more to say to you about what you have propos'd to me in your Answer

But I will begin w.t a Preface as you do, which is that I always like to hear your Answers that come from your Selves, but I do not like the Answer which the handlers here put into your Mouths, for they neither love you nor me, but mind only their own Profit, And therefore I expect that for the future you make all your Answers your Selves

and

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And never advise with any of the handlers what you should say, for I can always find out what is your own & what comes from them.

As to the Block house it must be at the Onondages Rivers Mouth, and not at the Oneides Lake, for the far Indians pass only by the Mouth of the River and do not come up to the Oneides Lake, so y.t the Beaver Trap would then be so far off that it would Catch no Beavers at all, and this is a thing the handlers put into your heads, on purpose that the Beavers may all go to Canada, where they would rather trade w.t the french then with you by which you may see they are not your friends

Another false Story they have put into your heads is that Goods should be as Cheap at the Onondages Country as here, which they know cannot be, for then there would be no allowance made for the Trouble of carrying them, which however I will Order them to make as small as they can afford it.

This is a Convenieney for those that are not able to walk hither, but if any will rather come to Albany, it is reasonable that they should have Goods Cheaper because of their long Journey to fetch them then when they can buy them at their own Doors.

As

As to what the Senecas proposd about Abraham Schuyler, I know that it is put into their heads the same way with the rest But I do not approve that my Officers should apply to the Six Nations to appoint them that is making you their Masters & not me, so that I cannot trust them after they take such Measures, and therefore I will not employ Abraham Schuyler any more, because he has taken a wrong Way to get himself named, and I have appointed Harme Vedder Captain already, and a Smith that is Brother to Myndert Wemp.

I am always ready to shew you what kindness I can, but I will not suffer my People that are Under my Governmt. to put notions into your heads Contrary to my desires for your Good, and if I knew them I would punish them for their presumption in doing it, so that I must expect of you as a proof of your thankfulness to me, that you will be advised in these things by none but me and these Officers whom I think fitt to appoint and then we shall always remain good Brethren

~~I have now taken Care to give you the best powder y.t can be bought and I must warn you not to put above half so much of it in your Guns as of common powder, for it will break your Guns if you do, and a little will serve to Shoot w.t ball. And now I take my Leave of you wishing you all a good Journey home & good health till I see you again.~~

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Brethren I find by your Answer to the Gentlemen from Boston that you do not now Deny your promises, but only you say you wait for the King of great Britain's Orders in answer to your Bett, Now this is not a just pretence, for the King has given his Govrs here power to make War wt Indns without first acquainting him, and you cannot believe he can be pleas'd that you suffer the Eastern Indns to Continue their Mischiefs to England under pretence of waiting for his Orders to make War, because he is often abroad out of England, and so cannot give an Answer to you soon enough, And in the mean time all the mischief may be over, and your Assistance be of no Use, so that I think you are obliged by your promises to the Governmt of Boston to make War Immediatly against the Eastern Indns, since they have not accepted yor Messages to incline them to Peace, And now I expect you will give a positive Answer to the Gentlemen from Boston in pursuance to your repeated promises, since that you do not now Deny them, and are convinced that the Excuse you made before me in a private Conference was all false, so that you know very well that you have promis'd that if Eastern Indns did not accept your last Message, you would take up the Hatchet, and you ought now to stand to this as what you are

bound

Bound to do, and to make a favourable answer thereupon to the Gentlemen from Boston

But if you will be so unworthy and so Cowardly as to avoid going to war wt your white Natives, as you ought to do. — You cannot do less than permit yor young men to list themselves as Soldiers under the Governmt of Boston, for this is a Custom in Europe, and the French know it well, that when they were at War with the English, they have gone to a people who were at peace wt the English, and have had leave to list Soldiers from that Nation, and this was not thought any breach of the peace between wt English and that Nation, which was Neutral in the War, And if some of these Soldiers were killd in the War, it was not look'd upon as the Concern of that Nation, but only a private Loss to their own kindred

So that if the Governmt of Boston can perswade any of your young Men to list under them, this does by no means engage you in the War, but these young Men will act only on their own private account. —

I now give you a very large present & I have taken Care to give you the best powder that can be bought & I must warn you not to put above half so much in your Guns as of common powder for it will break your Guns if you do, & a little wte serve to shoot withal, & now I take my leave of you wishing you all a good Journey home & good health till I see you again. —

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Propositions made by his Excell.y Wm Burnet Esq.r Capt. Genll & Gov.r in Chief of the Provinces of New York, New jersey &c. to the Sachems of the Schaakkook Indians in Albany this 19 day of September 1727

Children

I have sent for you to acquaint you of several Complaints our Brethren of New England have against some of your People, who have Comitted several base acts in their Country and are here to tell you the particulars

Then the Gentlemen from the Massachusetts Bay told the said Sachems that one of their Ind.ns called Shas=chanaemp ~~had~~ was about weeks ago on their frontiers doing mischeef to the Christians and last fall in the Ind.n Army against Northfield and desire to be informed whether they know of him

The Indians replied that he and another Ind.n came to Schaakkook about the 8.th or 10.th of July but no Ind.ns being there at that time came to some of their Nation at the half Moon who=as k.d them from whence they came, they said from Canada, and are now gone a hunting, the last fall when the Army was against Northfield thro Schaschanaemp came to Saraghtogue

The Gentlemen say that about 3 Weeks ago the Ind.ns

Indians killd some of their People, & one of the Indians was also killd by their People in the Action. The Marks of him are taken & shewn to one of your Nation who says he's a Schaakkook Indian

The said Sachims Reply that the Name of the said Indian should be known, it may be it's one of the Deserters who are gone from us to live in Canada.

His Excell.y told the said Ind.ns that they ought not to harbour any of those Ind.s who committ murders in New England but ought to deliver them up to that Government to be punishd, and not to subsist them w.t necessaries as I am informed you do, for that is the same thing as going to War your selves against our Brethren

The Boston Com.rs say that one Ind.n was shot lately in the Arm on their frontiers Call'd Snaeppunk and asked whether he has not been among them or if they knew of him

That ~~th~~ our ancestors have liv'd on our frontiers and removd from thence to Schaakkook, and you have ever since had your hunting on the branches of our Rivers, wherewith we have always been well pleasd as being firmly united to you and taken you peculiarly for our friends more then any of the five Nations since you are our near Neighbours, and take it the more unkindly y.t you should harbour & assist our Enemies who committ Acts of Hostilities on our frontiers

His Excell.y Desired to know from them what was the Reason that after the fair promise and engagem.

made to him two years ago of their fidelity and honesty that so many of their Nation have Deserted their Habitations & are gone to Canada and now Insult and Commit so many Murders on our Brethren of Nngland & what provocation has been given them

The Indians Answer

That last fall when an Army of two hundred Ind.ns were gone to Nngland a Messenger came to some families Settled at Saraghloque who told them that this Army after they had cutt of a Town in Nngland was designd to fall on them & therefore advise them to remove to Canada, whereon they went directly thither w.t out acquainting any of the Schaakhook Ind.ns with it

His Excellency said why did not those Indians if they were afraid remove to the Mohaggo Country where they could be secure

They Replied that they did not so much as acquaint one Ind.n who they suspected would Inform us with the News but left him ~~there~~ and ~~they~~ went away ~~without telling~~ where

His Excel.y said by this I see you have no Command over your People, Its surprising that yo.r People are so fond of going to Canada what can be the reason.? here is better Land & Hunting for you. There has been a tree planted by the former Governours for you to shelter under that you might live plentifully & Increase under the shadow thereof

They say its true that a Tree has been planted & we were Recommended to live & shelter under y.e shadow of it but that Tree begins to decay & w.e leaves to wither having but a small spott of Land to plant on.

Father We have been in an Ancient Covenant w.t you and lived peaceably w.t you, We are still desirous it may Continue so, We have been a hunting two years ago on the frontiers of Nngland in a peaceable manner & were taken & carried to Goal at Boston, & not well used by y.e Governm.t and had it not been for Mr. Jacob Wendell a Mer.t at Boston we might have been taken and treated as Enemies & those who are gone to Canada being some of those Ind.ns go to fight against Nngland to Revenge themselves

The Boston Gentlemen say

That those Ind.ns who were taken & Carried to Boston Goal, were taken by mistake they being on Pnehook River where some Indians live who have ever been the Worst Enemies to our People, but as soon as it was known that they were friend Ind.ns the Government Resented it & it was ill taken that the People had taken them & they set at liberty

Father We are in a firm Covenant w.t you & live under the shadow of the tree of Peace & friendship planted at Schaakhook, We have been desired to go & assist Nngland ag.t the Eastern Ind.ns But you are our father & the six Nations our Leaders, when they go we shall follow a Belt has been sent to our great & good father King George concerning this War to which no Answer has as yet been returned till then we don't know how to behave our selves give a Belt

His Excel.y said That they should live peaceably at Schaakhook & not harbour any of y.e Ind.ns who have been to murder any our Brethren in Nngland & when any come among them to deliver them up to Justice.

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do by this Belt renew the ancient Covent. Chain that you may behave your selves as good and obedient Children & live & shelter under the Shadow of the tree of peace and friendship, gave a Present for their Nation

Present

His Excell. Wm. Burnet Esq. Capt Gent. & Gov. in Chief of ye Province of New York

At a meeting of ye Comrs of the Indn affairs at Albany ye 19th Day of September 1724

Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Philip Livingston
John Collins
Johs. Bleecker
Evert Wendell
David v Dyck
} Esqrs Comrs

His Excellency was pleased to appoint and Restore Mr. Robt. Livingston Junr. to be one of the Comrs of Indn. affairs in his former Station & Mr. Johs. Wendell to be left out of ye Commission

His Excell. was pleased to Lay before this board ~~with~~ two affidavits of Mayr. Goose van Schaick & David vander heyden whereby appears that the Oneyde Carrying place is sufficiently cleard up & mended and that the Wood Creek is Cleard up & ye trees Cutt & Carried away out of the same, so that its Navigable for Lodent six Miles as the ye van Schaick & Vander heyden have passd

Whereupon his Excell. has promised ye Undertakers Jan Wemp & Jacob Glen to Endeavour to procure a Warrant to pass in Council for the half of the Money agreed for Compleating the whole Work being £75: — & for the remainder when it shall appear the whole work is done

His Excell. likewise mentioned to have promised the ye Undertakers £25 — more on Condition that they make a sufficient Cart way

Way from the end of the Road already made to Wood Creek from thence to the place where the Canada Creek falls into the said Wood Creek which is Navigable all Summer, and that they should likewise make a sufficient Bridge over the ye said Creek near the place where the Oneydes usually pass the Creek when they are going a fishing wch is said to be about four English Miles lower then where the ye two Creeks join, And that likewise the ye Undertakers do remove those few Trees that lye a Cross the Channel of ye Onekowski River so that there may be a sufficient Channel to come to the Carrying place And that the Bridge be made of a sufficient height that Canoes may pass under it when the Water is at the highest & of Strength that the freshes may not carry it away

This Minute being read to Capt. Glen one of the Undertakers who agreed & approved of it & desired a Copy of the same wch his Excellency ordered to be Delivered him. —

His Excell. was pleased to acquaint this Board that he has Appointed Harme Vedder to be Capt. of that party to lye in the Sonnekes Country for a twelve Month for the allowance of fifty pounds, Ten pound in presents three Men each at £15: — one of them to be a Smith and to have £10: — additional and that this Company shall have the Use of the Canoes Capt. Jacob Eplank & Company had last year purchased wt the Countries Money who are hereby ordered to Deliver the same up unto the

the D Vedder in such Condition as they now are or if they have disposd of any to pay the Value of them to the Order of the Comrs

His Excell. likewise acquainted this Board that he had promest a Smith to the Onnondages next Spring for six Months beginning in March at the allowance of fifteen pounds and his Attendant ten pound and that first Myndert Wemp & then Jurrian Hogan have ye preference to be ye Smith, or else that the most sufficient Smith that can be found be Imployd if he will accept of it and that five pound be allowd for Tools to be left wt the Onnondages for the Use of ye publick All which his Excell is pleasd to Endeavour to get Confirmd by his Majes Council at New York

His Excell. acquainted this Board that he could not for ye future allow any Money for Journey to the Interpreter unless it be his Excell. own Ordering. —

Present
His Excell. Wm Burnet Esqr Capt. Gentl & Gor in Chief of ye Province of New York &c
Francis Harison Esqr one of his Majs Council for the said Province
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
John Cuyler
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
John Collins
Hendk van Rensselaer
David van Dyck
} Esqrs Comrs

Answer of the Sachems of the Six Nations to his Excell. Wm Burnet Esqr Capt. Gentl & Gor in Chief of the Province of New York New Jersey &c. in Albany the 20th day of Sept. 1724 —

D Kanasore Speaker

Brother Corlaer

As You Summond the Sachems of the six Nations to appear here they in Obedience to your Commands are come who have heard the Proposition you made to them & you their Answer the renewing of the Coven. Chain is acceptable to us wth we promise shall be kept Inviolable.

You cant expect I should repeat your Speech made to us yesterday, but shall touch on what your Excell. was pleasd to say that you could always know what Answer comes from us and what is put in our Mouths by the handlers and since your Excell. doth not approve of the place we proposd for you to have a block house built, so wish you joy where you design to have it made & that you may get many Bever in that trap.

Yesterday you told us that you designd to return home & wishd us a good Journey home for wch we are very thankful since we have often lost some of our Principal Men in this Journey who had the Burthen of the Governm. of our Nations

Brother Corlaer

We are desirous to know from you the Number of these people you design ~~to bild~~ to settle at the End of the Onnondage River to trade

His Excell. Replied he could not tell sometimes 40 or 50 more ~~sometimes~~ less as shall be necessary to carry on a trade

Brother Corlaer

D Kannasore said I am appointed speaker by the six Nations, as you have recommended them & they approve of me, & shall do my Endeavour to promote the British Interest, and they have promest to take my Advice in publick Affairs & when Matters of Consequence do occur

Brother Corlaer

We desire you to excuse us for ye small present ~~you~~ we now make wch is but a few Skins had we known yt you designd to send for us to meet your Excell. here, We would have Collected more

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More, but we had Sold our Skins before we knew of this Treaty & therefore desire your Excell.y to accept of it.

We desire to know if you'r accept the Advice of Dr Cannasore in matters of Consequence for the publick welfare

His Excell.y Answerd that he would advise w.t him if matters of great Consequence do Occur he may come to N York or else advise w.t the Com.rs here w.ch is the same thing.

We wish your Excell.y a good Voyage home and hope that Gods blessing may attend you

Brother Corlaer

We are to Depart this day you going the one way and we the other here is a small Present (being a Beaver Coat) to be kept as a Chair to sitt in & Consider for the Welfare of us all that when we are accusd of any base thing we may be heard and Answer to what may be laid to our Charge

Present

His Excell.y W.m Burnet Esq.r Capt Gen.l & Gov.r in Chief of y.e Province of new york

Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter Van Brugh Esq.rs
Philip Livingston Com.rs
John Collins
Joh.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell
David van Dyck

Att a meetting of the Com.rs of the Indian Affairs in albany the 19th Day of September 1724

His Excell.y was pleased to lay before this board two affidavits of Maj.r Goose van Schaick & David van der heyden whereby appears that the Oneyde Carrying place is Sufficiently Cleard up & mended & that the Wood Creek is Cleard up and y.e trees cut & Carried away out of the same, So that its navigable for about six miles as these van Schaick & van Der heyden have passd

Whereupon his Excell.y has promisd y.e Undertakers Jan Wemp and Jacob Glen to Endeavour to procure a warrent to pass in Counsell for the half of the money agreed for Compleating the whole work being £75:— for the remainder when it Shall appear the whole work is done,

His Excellency like wise mentioned to have promised these undertakers £25- more on Condition that they make a Sufficient Cart way from the end of the Road already made to the wood Creek ~~which~~ from thence to the place where the Canada Creek falls into the said wood Creek which is navigable all Summer & that they should likewise make a Sufficient Bridge over the s.d Wood Creek near the place where the onneydes usually pass the Creek when they are going a fishing w.ch is said to be about four English miles below then where the s.d two Creeks Join and that likewise the s.d Undertakers do remove those few Trees that lye a Cross the Channel of the Mohawks River so that there may be a Sufficient Channel to come to the Carrying place and that the bridge be made of a Sufficient height that Canoes may pass under it when the water is at the highest and of Strength that the fishes may not Carry it away.

This minute being read to Capt. Glen one of the undertakers w.ch he agreed & approved of it & desired a Copy of the same w.t his Excell.y ordered to be delivered him,

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Present

Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Robt. Livingston
Peter v Brugh
Robt. Bancker
Philip Livingston
John Collins
John Bleecker
Evert Wendell
David v Dyck
} Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of the Comrs of the Ind. Affairs in Albany the 2d of October 1729 —

Capt. Holland delivered at this Board a Letter from Lieut. Edmund Blood dated at Mount Burnet the 1st Instt. wherein he signifies that he being out a hunting that Day met about 5 or 6 Miles from his Garrison in the woods a parcel of Strowds being 58 p. and between 20 or 30 Indns. as also Nicholas Schuyler & Jacob Wendell that he seiz'd the Strowds in the Kings Name and Clap'd the broad arrow upon them, but soon as they heard & saw that they spoke to the Indns. who Immedately packt up and Carried the Strowds away

Resolved that a Warrant be directed to the Sherrif pursuant to an Act of genll. Assembly of the Province of New York Entituled an Act for the further & more Effectual prohibiting of ye selling Indn. goods to the French for bringing Capt. Philip Schuyler & Harr. Wendell before this Board or any of them to purge themselves on Oath as prescribed by the sd Act The Sherrif brought Capt. Philip Schuyler to whom was tendred the sd Oath wch he took. Harmanus Wendell was also brought before this Board to whom the sd Oath was tendered wch he sd he could take except as to what was already discovered, that he knew something of Nicolas Schuyler & his Son to whom he had lately sold a parcel of Strowds & thought phaps they were going to Canada or Tuchsachronde wt them, then the Oath was

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Him and desired to read it himself, And after some Consideration on it. Mr. Evert Wendell told him you can safely take the Oath for its already discovered & Encouraged him to take the Oath & that no questions ought to be asked him, nor he needed not to Enter into any Arguments, on wch he replied he could take the Oath. The Rest of the Comrs. used all their Endeavour to Explain the Act & Oath to him, and acquainting him wt. ye Nature of it; and after said Harmanus Wendell was ordered to withdraw for about a half hour, He was called in again & then Mr. Evert Wendell urged him to take ye Oath that he could safely do it on wch he took the Oath. Now whether Mr. Harm: Wendell took ye Letter from from Lieut. Blood or his telling to have sold the Strowds to Jo Schuyler & Hudson & perhaps knowing where they were going to be the Discovery is unknown to us & seems very Mysterious

The Rest of ye Comrs. notwithstanding ye many Arguments Mr. Evert Wendell used to persuade said Har: Wendell to take the Oath, told him what has yet appeared to this Board relating this affair is no Discovery by ye Intent of ye Act in that Case made & provided but only an Information —

Present
Henry Holland
Robt. Livingston Junr.
John Cuyler
Ch: Livingston
John Collins
Johs. Bleecker
Hendk. v Renselaer
Davd. v Dyck

At a meeting of ye Comrs. of the Indian affairs in Albany ye 3d. Day of October 1724 —

Esqrs
Comrs.

Resolved by this Board to write a Letter to his Excel. Gov. Burnet Esq. &c. acquainting him of ye Seizure made by Lieut. Blood & Serjt. Buckley of 500 Strowds on the first Instant & to enclose ye minutes of 2d Instant as also Affidavit of Jo Buckley wch Letter is in the Words following —

May it please your Excel. Albany the 3d. of October 1724

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We hope your Excel. arrivd safe at Fort George We take leave to acquaint your Excel. that the Sachems of the Six Nations have Declind to take up the Hatchet in favour of ye Governmt. of Boston, but told the Comrs. that they would still be their friends & adhere to them desiring & Recommending them to make a peace wt. the Eastern Indns. by Restoring them their Land and sending home their hostages. —

Inclosed we send your Excel. a Letter from Lieut. Blood dated the first Instant as also an Affidavit of Serjt. Charles Buckley Relating a Seizure of 500 Strowds near Mount Burnet in Custody of Nicholas Schuyler & Jacob Wendell wt. Copy of our proceedings touching that Affair and the Tender & Taking the Oath by Harr: Wendell prescribed by the Act of Assembly wt. our Observations on ye Subject. It is reported that this parcel of Strowds is Carried Via Schenectady mostly by Indns. of ye Mohaggs Country

Capt. Schuyler came to Town on purpose to ~~take~~ offer the Oath to take away all Clamour or Suspicion wch might be laid to his Charge who took ye same frankly

was signd
Henry Holland
Robt. Livingston Junr
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
John Collins
Johs. Bleecker
Hendk. van Renselaer
David van Dyck

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Albany the 3d Day of October 1724 Appeared before Peter van Brugh Esq.r Mayor of ye City of Albany Serj.t Charles Buckley who Declared on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that on the first Instant Lieu.t Blood & this Deponant went out from Mount Burnet up the fish Creek on the West side of Hudsons River and ab.t 5 or 6 Miles from the Block house near the ye fish Creek Discovered two Christians & a party of Ind.ns being between 20 or 30 in Number the one was Jacob Wendell son of Harmanus Wendell & the other to the best of his knowledge was Nicholas Schuyler son of Philip Schuyler who had there lying a parcel of Strowds, the ye Lieu.t asked them where they were going w.th the Strowds, said Nicholas Schuyler replied to Coll.o Jn.o Schuyler then he order'd the Deponent to Count ye Strowds and found to Consist of 50 p.s w.ch ye Lieu.t seized in ye Kings Name by putting ye Broad Arrow on them, and Charged the Christians not to medle w.th them if they did it was the same thing as to break up the Kings Store, On that ye Schuyler said they belonged partly to him, then the Lieu.t asked the Deponent for Advice who Replied either you or I must go & fetch a Stronger Guard, then Nicholas Schuyler spoke to ye Ind.ns in ye Ind.n Language & Lieu.t Blood seized the ~~[illegible]~~ Strowds over again in ye Kings Name & put ye broad Arrow on almost every p.s After y.t ye Ind.ns Immedeatly took up ye Strowds & carried ym away, The Depon.t at first meeting this party ye to Jacob Wendell I am sorry to see you here, who replied if it had not been for my father I had not been here & further saith not

Jn.o Cotam me was signd Peter van Brugh Mayor

was signd Charles Buckly

Present
Hend: Hansen
Rob.t Livingston jun.r
Peter van Brugh
Evert Banaker
Ph. Livingston
John Collins
Evert Wendree
Hend. Renselaer

At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian affairs in albany ye 10th day of October 1724:

Albany ye 10th day of October 1724 Then appeared before Peter van Brugh Esq.r mayor of the City of Albany Lieu.t Edmund Blood who declared on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that on Thursday the first Instant went out a hunting about five or six Miles from Mount Burnet on the West side of Hudsons River, discovered a party of Ind.ns going up to them, found Nich.o Schuyler & Jacob Wendell coming out of their Tent, who were surprized to see the Deponant, who asked them where they were going, they answerd down the River, on which the Deponant enquird of them whether they had a permitt, they said not, and found lying near the ye tent a parcel of Strowds, then the Deponant and Serj.t Buckley counted how many pieces of Strowds there lay, and found to Consist of fifty Eight pieces, an

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and seized them in the Kings Name, By putting the Broad Arrow on several pieces w.th Chalk, and asked the Serj.t for Advice what to do, who said Stay you here, and I'll go and fetch a Stronger Guard, w.ch when Done heard ye Neck.s Schuyler & Jacob Wendell speak to the Ind.ns in the Ind.n Language, whereon the Ind.ns went about to Sy up the Strowds, then the Deponant seized the ye Strowds over again and ye have a Care what you do, I have seized them in the Kings Name, not being able to carry them off the ye Deponant went w.th the ye Buckley to the Block house, when come there sent a Corp.l w.th a Detachment of six Men to the afores.d place, who went to the ye place & found the ye party was gone w.th the Strowds and further saith not

was Signed Dan.l Bloody

Sworn Coram me
was Signed Peter van Brugh

At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 12.th October 1724

Present
Henry Holland
Rob.t Livingston
John Cuyler
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
John Collins
John Beekman
Evert Wendell
Henr.k v Rensselaer
Esq.rs
Com.rs

Resolved by this Board to write the following Letter to his Excellency

Sir

Our last was the 3.d Instant whereto we take leave to refer, We begg your Excel.y pardon in omitting to acquaint your Excel.y of the arrival of three french Men from Montreal who went to

To New York & M.r Connack Ten Eyck last Week

Inclosed is Lieu.t Bloods Affidavit in Relation to the Seizure lately made of 500 ye Strowds

M.r Hansen & Cornelis Cuyler are returned from Canada & since their Arrival are brought to this place with packs Bev.s besides di: Beer, several Canoes yet expected, w.ch we suppose cant be for Christian Goods only, the Sherrif has a Warrant to apprehend the ye Hansen & Cuyler to bring them before this Board, in order to tender the ye Oath provided by Act of gen.ll Assembly for preventing Illegal Trade w.th the Subjects of ye French King the first has been brought before us who has taken the ye Oath. the last keeps close & not yet to be Taken, until as we suppose the sends another parcel of Strowds by this party of Indians now in Town, and how people can take the said Oath is surprizing, who receive large quantities of Bev.s for it's plain the french covet nothing more then Strowds, and by what we can learn will sufficiently be supplied for the next Season, w.ch will wholly evade your Excel.y good purposes to promote a Trade w.th the far Ind.ns how to prevent this pernicious Trade is a great Mystery to us, but find it not in our Power since a few Men break thro' the Severest Laws that can be Invented for the good & Prosperity of this Province in gen.ll tho' we shall Resolve to tender the ye Oath to whole families among whom any may be suspected, and if it cannot be found out & prevented by that Method, We with

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Submission shall then be at a Loss how to act further for its plain that Strowds is transported to Canada, Mr Hansen informs us that he saw several ps of Strowds in his passage to Canada, but knew not from who the Indns had them, adds also yt he saw at Canada one Indn from hence delivered to a french Man 60 y blankets of Strowds at one time, Since your Excellcys Departure from hence we have enquire of the Sherrif abt the Recognizance of Mr Ch: Schuyler taken by Coll Morris Govr for his £100:— Sum of last year & Transmitted to the Treasurer and Since Reflections are made by those who have paid their Sum yt others do not pay if the Recognizance were returnd & refusd then the Sherrif may proceed to executte his Warrant

was signd
Henry Holland
Robert Livingston
Joh: Cuyler
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
John Collins
Joh: Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Hend: v Renselaer

At a meeting of the Comrs of the Indian affairs in Albany yr 28th day of october 1724.

Present
Hend. Holland
Robert Livingston Junr
Joh Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
John Collins
Joh: Bleecker
Hend. v. Rensselaer
Dav van Dyck
} Esqrs Comrs.

This day the Sherrif brought Mr Cornelis Cuyler before this Board by vertue of a warrant directed unto him — to whom was tendred the oath to be taken by persons Suspected to have traded or treatiqued with any Subject of ye French Kings or with any other person for them. ~~directed~~ ~~contrary~~ ~~according~~ Contrary to Severale acts of the Genll Assembly of ye Colony of Newyork made & provided. and prescribed, to be taken by an act of Genll Assembly Entitulled an act for the further and more effectuace Prohibiteing of the selling of Indian goods to the french which oath the said Cornelis Cuyler Refused. So yt he is Convicted of being a trador for Indian goods with the french and forfeited the sum of one hundred pounds to his majtty for which he has given a Recognizance and for the payment of ye Some

Two Letters from his Exy Govern Burnet Esqr. dated yr 12 & 17th instant as also a minute of Council of ye 8 d. being read as had been done before at this Board onus. is Resolved to write a letter to his Exy which is in the words following

Albany yr 28th 8bre 1724

May it please your Exy.

We are honoured with your Exys Letter of yr 12 & 17th instant with ye minutes of Council. this day Mr Cornelis Cuyler was brought before us who refusd to take ye oath prescribed by the act of assembly, and is to give Recognizance for ye paymt of £100. — in may next with bond to the Ultimo for £200 — in Case

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Case your Ex^y. doth disapprove of this proceedings herein we dont doubt but your Ex^y. will be pleased to think this safe money.

We have Issued a warrant ag^st. Nicolas Schuyler and Jacob wendell to take the above oath when they Return what discovery they shall make time will Learn, with our best Respects to your Ex^y we remain —

Present

Henry Holland
Robt Livingston jun^r
Joh. Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
John Collins
John Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Hend. van Rensselaer
David van Dyck

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs in albany this 29 day of October 1724.

This day a Letter from his Ex^y. dated the 22^d. day of this Instant was Read. wherein was Inclosed a Petition of Severall Merchants of London to his Majesty against an act of Genl. assembly passd in n: york the 19 day of nov^r. 1720 and an order of his Majesty in Council upon ye Petition Referring the Same to the Lords of trade and there Report thereon with ye Chief allegations ~~by~~ made by the s^d. Merchants before the said Lords desireing us to Contradict as many of ye s^d allegations mentiond in the s^d Petition or ~~allegations~~ heaving before ye Lords as we know to be false &c.

all which was taken in Consideration by this Board and Resolved to be Referd till to morrow

Present

Henry Holland
Robt Livingston jun^r
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
John Collins
John Bleecker
Evert Wendell
David van Dyck

At a meeting of the Com^rs. of the Indian affairs in albany ye 30: day of october 1724. 106

Resolved to write a Letter to his Ex^y.

Resolved that Robt Livingston jun^r John Cuyler John Collins Ph: Livingston & Evert wendell be appointed by ye Govr of albany & the Petitioners a Committe to make observations on ye merchants of London to his Majesty and their allegations before the Lords of trade & plantations & make their Report with all speed to this Board,

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Present
Henry Hollaime
Robt. Livingston junr
Joh.s Cuyler
Lester van Brugh
Evert Banker
Phil. Livingston
John Collins
Rt. Rendell
Herdk. Rensselaer
David van Dyck
Esqrs
Comrs.

At a meeting of the Comrs of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 2d Novemr. 1721

Whereas his Excellency Willm. Burnet Esqr Capt. Genll & Govr in Chief of the Provinces of New York New Jersey &c. hath been pleased to write a Letter to the Comrs appointed for managing the Indn Affairs at Albany Dated the 22d of October last wherein he encloses Copy of a Petition of several Merchts of London to his Majesty against an Act of General Assembly passed in New York the 19th of Novemr 1720 and an Order of his Majesty in Council upon that Petition referring it to the Lords of Trade & their Report thereon with the Chief Allegations made by the sd Merchts before the said Board Desiring us to make our Observations on as many of the sd Allegations mentioned in the sd Petition or hearing before the Lords as we know they have misrepresented, We having Considered of the same do take leave most humbly to make the following Observations thereon

That what is alleadged in the first Article of the Petition after. That all Trade whatsoever is prohibited in the strictest Manner & under the severest penalties between the Inhabitants of New York Governmt & the french of Canada Contradicts itself for that only relates to Indn goods, having ever since the passing of 3d Act had free Liberty to Dispose of Christian Goods & very Considerable Quantities have been vended to the french of Canada

That the Reasons assigned in the preamble of the Act for the passing thereof, We dont Doubt but the same were very well grounded since the Sachems of the five Nations have often applied to this Governmt to protect the selling of Indn Goods to the french, for they affirmed that by that they were enabled to supply the far Indns whereby they prevented them from coming to trade wt the Inhabitants of this Province for they had Strouds so plenty that they lay at Jagara as a Wall over wt the said far Indns could not come to carry on a free Trade hither, and at the same time alleadged that the great supply the french got from hence would be the Occasion that Strouds would become the Dearer to them. —

As to what they say, That besides ye Nations of Indns that are in the English Interest, there are severall many Nations of Indns who are all prt in the Interest of the french, and who by Between ye New York & ye Nations of Indns in the English Interest, by which we perceive they are mis informed for we dont know of any such Indns living between the places aforesd in Interest of the french This Trade wt the far Indns if it could be entirely brought hither would not only be of great Consequence to his Majs Interest but no small encouragemt to the five Nations in General, who have opend a path & invited them to trade w them & ye Inhabitants of this Province, The more since there are some Nations of Indns who by the insinuation of the french are settled above Cataraqua on Land belonging to the Sinnekes wch they have some years since surrendred to his Majesty being their Chief Beaver Hunting wt those & other far Indns the sd five Nations promote a Trade in

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In their passage to the place & some stay and marry among them

That which is alleadged in the Petitioners That "tho' in the first Intention of the making of the "Act it might be well Designd, yet in the Effect "it has prove very prejudicial to the Brit.s "Trade in general & to w.ch interest of Nor.th in "particular, To the Contrary We are sensible "of the good Effects of the Act, for since the time of the passing thereof, here has been much more Trade w.th the Far Ind.ns than there has been in several years before.

That what the Petitioners alleadge "From the great Difficulties of the Carrying "on any Trade w.th the English Ind.ns, & the prohi-"bition of of all Trade w.th the French, is very ill grounded for we have had a better Trade with the Ind.ns since the passing of the Act than before and should still have been better had there not been some Transgressors of the Act by w.ch the French have received some supply of Strows

And what they say, "That all Ind.n goods have "by this Act been raise in their prices to 30 p.t" We concieve may be occasion'd by their Demand & Consumption in Europe & not by Reason of the small Quantitys imported.

That the Encouragement w.ch was on the Trade between the French of Canada & the Inhabitants of this Province was by far not so advantageous to the Inhabitants thereof as this new Trade would be if it could Effectually be brought in the new Channel as Designd by the Act for then we would not only reap the Benefit on the Sale of Strows, but also on the Things of

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Little Value, wherein the most gains is to be had Whereas the Chief Comodity the French want is Strows (which are universally in fashion among the Ind.ns) which were sold them here on much easier Terms, than they can have them from any place on the Continent, so that nothing can tend more to keep the five Nations of Ind.ns firm in their faith & allegiance to his Majesty and the Enlarging of his Maj.s Empire in America & to keep them strictly united to the Interest of the Inhabitants of this & neighbouring Provinces, than the promoting & carrying on a Trade w.th the far Ind.ns & Cultivating a good understanding among them, from w.ch would flow the happy Consequences Designd by the Act. Especially if the French could get no supply of Strows from hence or any other British Plantations, they not being able to get a Quantity of Strows from France or Holland sufficient to supply their Ind.ns But more Effectually if we had the happiness that his Maj.s would be graciously pleas'd to send over forces & have a fort built & Men posted at Oshagara or Thereon Equator between those places beyond the five Nations on the passage of the Far Ind.ns w.ch leads them hither or to Montreal to take possession & settle the Land resigned to his Majesty by the five Nations & orders on them on the South side of the Lake might Determine his Majestys Interest & Trade in that point w.ch otherwise may remain precarious by Reason of the Interest the French have w.th the Far Ind.ns and by such an Intercourse of Trade between the Inhabitants of this Province the five Nations & the far Ind.ns & the Cheapness of

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European Goods, would Improve & strengthen the English Interest among the Ind.ns 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 linkd to our Freendship in the strongest Tyes of their own Interest as well as Inclination

We take leave further to observe that what is alleadged by the Merch.ts before ye Lords of Trade, "that if the French should once get a Supply of Goods necessary for the Ind.n Trade from any other place, as the five Nations are settle upon the Banks of the River of St. Lawrence directly opposite to Quebeck 2 or 300 Leagues Distant from the Nearest Settlement in New York, the Vicinity of the French would furnish them w.th means of supplying wen the five Nations w.th these Goods & Consequently of alienating 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.ns who are Deserted from them, whom the French have received w.th open Arms & by the Craft of their priests are settled near Montreal who live among them (at a place called by the Ind.ns Cachnawage) where they have built a fort for them as they have also Done for other Ind.ns settled near them & those Ind.ns have before this Act Continually been Imployed to Carry on the

The Trade between the Inhabitants of this place & the French of Canada & with their Chief Lively hood, and those ~~Nations~~ Ind.ns of the five Nations who have been Imployed in the s.d Trade by the Inhabitants here have had the Goods and Beaver skins which was also a Motive for them to settle in Canada & then had Liberty to carry on the s.d Trade more freely, w.ch is humbly offered by

May it please your Excel.cy

Your Excel.cys most humble & most obedient servants

Albany 12.th Nov.r 1724

Chil: Livingston
John Collins
Evert Wendell
Hend.k van Rensselaer
David van Dyck

signe Henry Holland
Rob.t Livingston Junr.
Joh.s Cuyler
Pieter van Brugh
Evert Bancker

Albany 12.th November 1724

May it please your Excel.cy

Since our Last to your Excel.cy of the 30.th October we have had several meetings & Considerd of the papers sent us & been Endeavouring to gett ready, and finish what your Excel.cy expects we should send you, and have only been able to Compleat the Inclosed Observations on the Merch.ts Petition & Allegation w.ch we hope may meet w.th your Excel.cys Approbation, we offerd to the Merch.ts here trading Directly to Europe to sign a Certificate as your Excel.cy required, who refuse to Sign any Instrument whatsoever their Names are here Inclosed

Capt. Joh.s Bleecker has Declind of being a Cont.r

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Any Longer, We have been labouring to gett the Accounts of what Beaver have come have come yearly for four years before the Act, & four years since from Canada & from the Ind.n Country but can only gett an Acc.t what has come to Schenectady & brought hither by Waggoners, and what is come from Canada since Wm Helling went to Mont Burnet, The Traders here refuse to give an Acc.t what they have recd. in these years, These Acc.ts from Schenectady, Lieut.s Hellmy & Bloodgood the Number of Beav.rs & are here enclosed

The only person in Town who has been last summer at Montreal is Mr Cor. Cuyler who Declind to give such an Acc.t on Oath as your Ex.y requires, the others persons that have been there are gone to Albany We take leave to subscribe our selves that we are w.th great Respects May it please your Excel.y

Your Ex.ys most humble & ob.t Serv.ts

Signd Henry Holland
Rob.t Livingston jun.r
Lieter van Brugh

Everd Banecker
Pr. Livingston
John Collins
Everd Wendell
Hend.k van Rensselaer
David van Dyck

Albany the 7th January 1725

May it please your Excellency

We have had the honour to receive your Excellency's Letters of the 12th & 26th Nov.r the Warrant that has been issued ag.t Nicolas Schuyler & Jacob Wendell to take their Oath is recalled So that no Oath is to be tendered them, Since we perceive your Excel.y takes them to be already discovered Your Excel.y is pleased to tell us that we took no more Notice of your minute in Council then if it had been wast paper, We Immediately on receipt of it applyd our Selves to the Act mentioned in the s.d Minute by w.ch

Law

Law, the Com.rs are so far from being Authorized to Act that they are not once mentioned in it, We are sorry your Excel.y should suspect us to have Acted Contrary to your Excellency's Directions when at the same time we use our outmost Endeavours to behave our selves Conformable thereto, and w.th Acts of Assembly which are our Rule to direct us

We are glad your Ex.y has been pleasd to doue the honour to send our report home, We made it the best we could at y.t time, its very agreeable to us that your Ex.y has made some Observations on w.t same, where we have not made use of such expressions as are agreeable to your Excel.y w.th Submission we take leave to say that a Settlement at Tecondeguat would be of service for if any misunderstanding should happen between the french & our Ind.ns We could the more Easily gett the 5 Nations to assist them, and in time of War secure them both to his Maj.ys Interest, We return your Excel.y thanks for w.t new printed Book relating w.t Act w.ch we find well done and are glad to see your Ex.ys measures & Just Endeavors for his Maj.ys Interest will take Effect, Wishing your Ex.y a happy new Year & many to come We remain w.t great Respect — Signd

Henry Holland
Pr. Livingston
Joh.s Cuyler
Pr. Livingston
Everd Banecker
John Collins
Everd Wendell
Dav.d vandijck

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May it Pleasy Ex Cy Albany ye 11th Feby 1724/5

We have been honoured with yr Ex Cys of ye 27th ultimo. on ye Receipt whereof we acquainted Colle Thorton & Colle Dudley that we were directed by your Ex Cy. to give them all ye assistance that lay in our power in their Journey to Canada which they took kindly. they Sett out from hence with Colle John Schuyler on the 6th instant

We Lately Received a letter from Capt Harmevedder out of the Sinnekes Country who tells us yt Jean Coeur the french Interpreter and four men with him are at ye little Sinnekes Castle Called onnahee to winter there. and that in the Spring he is to go to Jaquee. he has Reported that Vedder had order to hale him. the Indians Inquired whether it was true. he Replyd he had no such Order. but if he deserved it he would dispatch him. we have no more to ad at present but that we are with much respect

May it please your Ex Cy

Your Ex Cys Most humble & most obed: servants

H: J: Holland
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
Evert Wendell
H. V. Rensselaer
David Van Dyck

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Present

Att a meeting of ye Commissionrs of ye Indian affairs in albany the 13th of March 1724/5

Henry Holland
Robt Livingston jrs
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Philip Livingston
Evert Wendell
Henry van Rensselaer
David van Dyck
} Esqrs Comrs

Five Sachims of Cachnawage & Scawradie in Canada being arived here made the following Speech before ye Comrs by ondatsaga their Speaker

Brethren We are now mett together and desired that some of the Maquas Sachims might be present. at this meeting and are glad to see some of ym here, we hope you do not Expect that we shall Speak in fine polished words. Since we are but youngster. our ancestors understood affairs better then we, for we shall speak in plain terms and tell you our minds freely. in what we are going to Say which we ought to have done Sometime Since, So hope you Excuse us, it seems that our friendship and amity Declines as if we were no Brethren, therefore we do now come to renew it, at this place wch is the Seat fixed to treat about publick Matters & do now kindle the fire up gave a belt of wampum

Brethren There has long since been a strict friendship between you and our ancestors, and now is between us, we call you Brethren there are six Sachims all ye Castle of Cachnawage two whereof have been accepted as Children of this Governt to develge & make known unto you what mischief ever Should threaten you, one whereof is Since dead in whose stead you have appointed another. who is nowhere to acqt ys what he knows Concerning Matters of moment gave a belt

Brothren Last year the Govr mett ye Sachims of ye six Nations Here and did Renew ye Covenant with ym, and Spoake in a peaceable manner which was very well done you desired us to that we Should use our uttmost Endeavr to appease ye Latten Indians to be at peace with England at our Return home we did what lay in our power till we were prevented by ye news we heard yt ye English had cut off a Castle of those Indians. then we were ashamed to act further in ye affair. Since we were latten as Spies of our Country and were pointed at by those Indians who told us we were at peace, and were daily whilst they are in a Bloody war. if you had write to ye Govr of England, and he had kept his people from Insulting ye Indians our Endeavors might have had ye desired effect. we did what we Could but you haveno kept your word to acqt: ye people of England. gave a belt.

Brethren When you appointed D Carihogo to be a Child of this Governmt, you desired him to let you know whatever Should occur in Canada in Relation to ye publick affairs and now his Come on purpose to tell you that we are Informd then when his Ex. your Govr was here last Summer, he desired ye Six Nations for Liberty to build a trading house in ye Indian Country, the Indians appointed the place at ye west end of Johnnyde lake, on wch his Ex. ye Govr Said it was no proper place and Insisted Strongly to have it built at ye mouth of Onnendaga River near ye Cadarackqua lake, wch at Last ye Indians Consented. now is that trading house be built at that place. (which is the only passage of ye french to go from Montreal to ye far Indians and land first possed by ye) therefore we acquaint you that we come to on purpose to clear the Road & you be Incline for

the Govr of Canada is strongly Resolved to break down that house and it may create a quarrel between ye Nations. therefore we desire you to keep ye trade within your walls as formerly and then you may get other Revs for other wares for this may hinder your trade. therefore it will not there be no house built and ye ye french might be avoid on that the Sachims a word at the Land called Canawaugo

~~peace keep the trade within your walls as formerly, then you may gett Some beaver. but Else not for there will be no Longer peace then untill that trading house be Guilt, and then you'll gett no more beaver, and you'll be y occasion of yourselfs gaw a belt of black wampum~~

Brethren We are witnesses that y. onnondagas some years Since accepted Monr. D Longueil Govern.r of Montreal as a Child, but as they had no Convenient place for him to Reside in, ~~therefore~~ he went thither & Built a house there, on w.h Coll.o Schuyler went thither & demolished that house, Since it was a breach of y. Covenant Chain in y onnondagas for Consenting that building, and so agreed it Should be broaked open again w.h y Indians in Canada took ill, that y french Should not dwell among y. Indians, now if you build a trading house at y mouth of y onnondaga River you may Expect y french will break it down as Coll.o Schuyler did ~~that~~ at onnondaga w.h we like all very well gaw a belt

Then the.s french Indians Said the Inaquas

Brethren our ancestors lived all in one Country and were one people. but it seems Every one is gone where he pleased and its fallen out lett to be settled in Canada, you sent us lately a belt of wampum ~~that~~ we should keep y Covenant Chain ~~Chain~~ inviolable w.h we promise to do. and do Expect you'll form it on your side according to your promises

You for the base & perfidious action committed this Summer by some of your people in murdering one of his Maj.s Soldiers & Subjects at a time when we thought no ill of you, especially since we had not long before cultivated a good understanding between our Brethren of England & your several tribes, that you should be at peace & neuter in the War, and had on that Score made a free and open path for you to come freely to this place to trade gave a Blanket

It is true as you say that our Ancestors in their first making the Covenant and friendship have prudently forseen that no mean accident or mischief that should be Committed or happen either on the one side or other should make a breach of that Covenant, but that must be understood of such Acts as are done on surprize or in heat of blood, but this base Action has been done deliberately and with a Design as we suppose to break the Amity and good Understanding that has been long since between us and to stop up the Road that has been made open and Clean for you to come hither gave a belt But such base Murders as this should be punished on the Committers of them, w.h we should have required had you not come to mediate and reconcile that Affair, and since you do come and acknowledge that this murder has been Committed by some of your vilest people & without your Consent, We shall at your Instance Desire our God to forgive you that Injury on Condition that you promise to become Security to Deliver up to

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To Justice such of your people as shall for the future offend in the like nature, and we do now accept of the Squa instead of the Man as a Token of your Repentance and sorrow for what is past Give a Belt

It is with great Concern that we must tell you how little regard you have to your promises and engagements your several tribes made so lately to this Governmt & in particular to the Governmt of Boston, A new Instance of your breach of these promises we have had no longer than yesterday, by your telling us as an excuse that your people on pretence of going to War with Englund to infest the Eastern Indns they came on our frontiers and killed on of our people, by which we plainly see that there is no Dependance on any of your promises, for no sooner you return home but you are put on by ye French to any thing they please to molest us, but do expect that you will faithfully perform all your former Engagements & promises you have in such solemn & publick manner of your own Record entered into with this & the neighbouring Governmts & in particular that of Boston, for if you will have a free & open Road we expect you to Demean yourselves peaceably towards all his Majs Subjects and perform your promises wch we have always done on our side Give a Belt.

They Answer that they have wt Attention heard what we have Sd and do faithfully promise to perform their Engagements, that they are not fully

Impowered

Impowered to promise to become security to Deliver up to Justice those of their people who transgress for the future, but that in particular they shall communicate to their Sachems when they gett home and bring an answer asoon as possible

Albany 29th Septemr 1725

Sir

We have been honoured with yours of the 17th Instant by your Messenger whom we have detained four days expecting the arrival of the Cuchnawage Rondax & Skawnnadee Indians with whom we had a Conference yesterday in Relation to this Governmt wch being ended, We told them to have recd seven hands of Wampm from them whereby they desired to treat wt your Governmt wch they did acknowledge, on that we acquainted them that you are to have a Treaty about this time at Boston with the Indns engaged in the War, and that you had desired us to receive any Message they had to deliver you, that you kindly accept the Testimony of their amity and good affection towards you They would deliver their Message in presence of Coll Jno Schuyler & not to us wtout him alledging that he is your Agent, perceiving they were not enclind to deliver their Message wtout him, We must take leave to refer you to him who we doubt not will by this Opportunity acquaint you wt what they came to say, We heartily wish it did lye in our power to serve you in Relation to this Indn War, We have proposd to them that some of their number should go and pay you a visit at Boston but can't find that any are enclind to go tho we aswrd them of your friendships & kind treatmt to wd them, We hope you will have success in making a firm and lasting peace wt the Indns wt respect we remain

Henry Holland
Philips Livingston
Peter van Brugh
Henry Renselaer
Evert Bancker

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Present
Henry Holland } Esqrs Comrs
Everit Bancker }

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indn Affairs in Albany the 10th Day of October 1725

This Day appeard before this Board Six Sachims of the Six Nations & said by Thanentsaronwe their Speaker

Brother Corlaer

We are come here to Complain to you of our Grievance & Inform you of the Inconvenency of that hading horse at the Onnondages River by Reason of the Strong Liquor brought thither by the Traders, One of our principal Sachims called Sogeanjowa is Struck Dead wth a knife and several have their Noses and Ears cut off & likewise none of the farr Indns have killed one another

We come in the Name of all the Six Nations to forbid the carrying thither any Strong Liquor for it may be the Occasion of very great Divi-sions between the Christians & Indns & the ruin of the Six Nations

We desire that Strong Liquor may not be brought, not for us only, but that none may be carried for the far Indns and if they want it let them fetch it from Albany, and we will do the Same, So shall have no reason to upbraid our Brethren

Brethren You may come & trade among us where you like best, and wt any Sort of Goods you please but are vberly against your carrying any more Strong Liquor among Us

Brother Corlaer It is Gods pleasure we live in peace and quiet, We are alway in feare lest you and Govr of Canada differ about the Trade, for we perceive you cannot very well bear one another

Another, Therefore we pray you not to be the Occasion of Sheedding blood in our Land, where you may trade and converse all along the Onnondage River and Cadarachqua Lake to Theerondequat, And should any of your people chance to meet wt any french, before they may kindly love & friendly greet one another, We our selves have said ye same to the Govr of Canada, that he should not be the Occasion of any blood Sheedding in our Land, We have given him leave to use ye Lake of Cadarachqua for his peoples free passage

Brother Corlaer You told us you had Stopp'd the Way to Canada, that no Strowaters should be carried thither, Yet we find that this Summer the Strowds have been carried to the Onnondage River & sold there to the french, wch we shall further declare to our Brother next Spring when he shall please to call a meeting, Upon wch we give a Belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer This place was of old appointed for us to meet & speak wt one another, We have heard wt your people who trade in our Country, report that they encourage & draw the far Indns to Albany but we will not give them that honour, We our Selves have Done it, We have gone from Nation to Nation & desired them to come to Albany to trade, And we acquaint you that we have gained five Nations to come & trade at this place from year to year, wch they will not decline except the Govr of Canada delude them, We have now our Ambassadors ready to send to the farr Nations of Indns to request them to come & trade at Albany, We are the Nations that lye nearest the far Indns And we must always bear the Charges of Belts of Wampm & Presents, Therefore Brother we pray you

You to a post as w^t Strowes powder & lead, else we shall not be able to speak w^t ym any longer

Brother Corlaer We have heard y^t you sent this Summer to Onondage to acq^t the six Nations you could not meet us this year because the Kings business hindered you, Which Message was not rightly brought to us from Onondage, for had we rec^d the Message Right, We would not come hither this Sumer, So when you are pleas^d to send us any Message, Send it Directly to the Sinnekes for the Ind^ns are forgetful in Delivering their Message

Brother Corlaer It is now a year or two since we desired a Smith, We have had one but not according to our mind But now Brother we desire w^t ~~a good Smith~~ Myndert Hemp may be sent up to us w^t all Tools belong for his business, And we should be very glad if he might go w^t us now, We were in hopes to have met a Smith by the way

Present
Henry Holland } Esq^rs Com^rs
Evert Bancker }

At a meeting of the Com^rs of Ind^n Affairs in Albany this 11th of October 1725

Answer of the Com^rs to a proposition made yesterday by ye Sachems of the Six Nations

We heard your proposition yesterday w^t Attention wherein you laid before us your Grievances occasioned by the Selling of Strong Liquor at the trading house on the Onondage River the great want you are in of a Smith, & likewise your Uneasiness in Case any difference should happen between our people and the french, who come thro' your Country to trade, all wch we shall carefully acquaint his Excellency our Govern^r with by the first Opportunity.

You

You say that you are the Nations who ly nearest the far Ind^ns by reason of wch you are put to great Charge of Belts & ~~Belts~~ to speak w^t them to draw them hither to trade, We heartily thank you for your Care & Diligence in that particular & shall acquaint his Excell^y of it wch no Doubt will be pleasing to him, We now give you 50 ℔ of powder 100 ℔ of lead 6 belts of Strowds & 2 keggs of Rum to be kept in Store to speak w^t the far Ind^ns on Occasion

It was resolved at this meeting to write the following Letter to his Excellency vizt

May it please your Excell^y Albany 11th October 1725

We take leave to inform your Excell^y that on Saturday last arrived at this City Six Sachems of ye Six Nations w^t Lawrence Claese the Interpreter who appeard before this Board yesterday & made a proposition Wherein whereof & also our Answer thereto is Enclosed with our best Respects we remain

May it please your Excell^y

Your Excell^ys most humble and most obedient Servants
Sign^d Henry Holland
Evert Bancker

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Present
Henry Holland
Evert Bancker } Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs in Albany this 4th Day of Novr 1725

Having this Day recd from Jos: Willard Esq Secretary of the Massachusets Bay a Letter wrote by Order of the Lieut. Govr and Assembly of that Province thereto Resolved by this Board an Answer should be sent to Sr Secretary Willard which is as follows:

Albany 5th Novr 1725

Sir

Mr Livingston being from home, am Ordered by the Comrs of Indn Affairs here to acquaint you that they rec. your Letter without Date, acquainting them that your Lieut. Govr & Council had recd from Coll Shoddard their Intelligence of the sitting out of March of the Indns from Canada towards your frontiers wch they hope has prevented their Cruel Designs, This Week arrived here some gentlemen from Canada but bring no News save that Govr Vaudreuille is Dead, They Assure you to Continue their Intelligence of the Motion of the Enemy from time to time with all Care and Diligence possible as Occasion offers, Am with great Respect Sir

Your most humble Servt
was Signd James Stevenson

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs in Albany y. 25th of Novr 1725.

Present
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter Van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Phe Livingston
Henry van Rensselaer } Esqrs Comrs

Whereas his Ex. Wm Burnet Esq Capt Gen and Gov. in Chief of the Province of New York & Vice Adm. in Council Recommended the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany to find Smiths among the nations of Indians to work for them in Onnondaga where they have this day agreed with Jacob Brower Smith and Harme vedder junr to go to onnondaga to work for the Indians Such Smiths work as they have occasion for for from the date of these presents untill y. 15th Septemr now next Ensuing for which they are to be paid by the Governmt the sum of thirty five pounds and necessary tools Steel & Iron

The Comrs have wrote to Jacob Brower the following Letter to Jurian Hogan Smith at present Residing at Sinnekes Country

Albany 25 Novr 1725

Mr Jurian Hogan

His Ex. the Gov. in Councill have allowed for a Smith to Stay in Sinnekes Country for a year Twenty five pound to work for the Indians as occasion Shall Require and for his assistant ten pound. Since you are there it will be in your way to accept of this money, and your Brother Rind Lansingh to Share the ten pound between them, which the Comrs do hereby offer unto you and them, on Condition that you and they Stay there till the 15th of September next to perform Such Smiths work as Shall be necessary for Indians but in the mean time Lansingh or your Brother have Liberty to Come hither on their Lawfull Business if either of them do desire it, in the needfull at present from

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~~Att~~ a meeting of ye Comrs for Indian affairs in Albany ye ~~16th~~ ~~Dec: 1725~~

Present
Phil: Livingston
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
A. van Rensselaer

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Att a meeting of ye Comrs for Indian affairs in Albany ye 16th Dec: 1725

Having this day Received a letter from Capt Jno Collins of Schirechtady. Informing the Comrs that there came a Christian boy from the maquas Country who has been taken by some of our upper Nations and brought to Canajoharie where he Remaind two year and that he has been two year since that at the foremost Castle. that ye Indians to whom he is given are very Cross to him. that he was told by some Indians to Run away as soon as possible otherwise he would Either be killd or Burnt. his father & he being hird to drive the traden horses were taken at ye same time

and also

and also a Negro. and about fifteen horse load of goods. they took at ye same time from ye traders. the boy desires ye Christians to secure him from ye fury of ye heathen being afraid of his life and willing to live among ye Christians. this is ye account Lourence Claes gives from his discourse with him in Indian for ye boy has forgott his English in a great measure

It is Resolved to write a letter to Capt Collins forthwith to send the boy hither that he may be secured from ye fury of ye Indians till his Ex:y Governr Burnet's pleasure shall be known.

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Albany ye 20th Decr 1725

In pursuance of ye Comrs Letter of ye 16th instant to Capt Collins he has sent ye English boy who was been taken by our upper Indians. he being almost naked Resolved It. ~~that~~ he be Cloathed and Lodged at Capt Bancker's till next spring

Present
Phil. Livingston
~~Hen. Hansen~~
Peter van Brugh
Evert Banckers
Henry van Rensselaer

Att a meeting of y Comrs of y Indian affairs in albany y 4th Jany 1725/6

The Comrs this day ye following Letter to his Excellency.

albany ye 4 Jany 1725/6

may it Please your Ex.y

Your Ex.y favour of y 13. 9br we Rec.d and shall observe your Ex.y directions therein Contained. we have at present Nothing of moment to Communicate unto your Ex.y only that we have had y good fortune a few days ~~past~~ since to gett an English boy who is Run away from y.e Magnas at Port Hunter whom we have Cloathed & shall maintain & keep here till your Ex.y pleasure shall be known. this Boy by what we can Learn from him has been taken by our five Nations at y same time they Robbed Capt Ticks in virginia they took ~~then~~ this Boys father but left him at Liberty — but took five Squas along with them. one they killed by y way. two they burnt in onondage & did Eat them. and the other two are among y.e Indians. we have some Information that their is another English boy among our Indians taken from virginia who we shall Endeavor to gett out of their hands. but have no great hopes to Compass it. ~~that~~ is a sufficient proof of y base & falsehood of y.e Nations. Such base actions we Conceive would in a great measure be prevented if some able person did Continually Reside at onnondage with great Respect we Remain

Present
Ph. Livingston
Evert Banckers

Att a meeting of y Comrs of y Indian affairs in albany y 4th Jany 1725/6

This day arrived here Two ~~three~~ Indians with a Letter from Jacob Brower Smith at onnondage dated ye 31st instant wherein he signifies that y.e Smith Bellows is Rotten & of no use So y.t he cant make any good work without a new bellows. It Resolved that a new Bellows be ~~made~~ forthwith ~~made~~ made y ty Indians may be Supplyed with ~~the necessaries~~ Luck Smith with all they ~~have~~ have occasion for.

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Present
Ph Livingston
Henry Holland
Pr Brugh
E Ranselar
Hr Bonevlier

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian affairs in Albany the 15 Day of Jan.y 1725/6

This day the Comrs write a letter to Jacob Brower smith at onnondage with a smith Bellows as also to Jurian Hogan at the Senneker Country which Lett is as follows.

We have write you & Jacob Brower Smith at onnondage if you would work as smith for the Indians at the Senneker Country till the next ensuing Governors. but have Recd no manner of answer from you. in the meantime we hear that you wife has Recd a letter from you wherein you mention that there is a young smith in the Senneker Country with his wife & children and other people with their wives that they are very Indian have been very Back from we desire you to write unto us at large about that affair. that we may a Right Information and if you will stay there to work as smith for the Indians. send your Letter to Jacob Brower and he will forward the same unto us. we are.

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Present
Ph Livingston
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Banckert
Henry van Bonevlier

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian affairs in Albany the 15 Jan.y 1725/6

The Comrs being informed of the Sachems of the five Nations expect an answer to their Propositions made unto them last fall in Relation to their Prohibition of Rum to be sold to their people at the fall on onnondage River & the latter that in Coventry gett no satisfactory answer they have concluded to put in Execution their Resolution in Relation to that affair

Whereon it is thought Proper for safety & tranquility of the traders who design to go to trade next spring that Lawrence Claessen Interpreter be sent to onnondage under a Letter be wrote unto him to appear before this meeting to Receive Instructions in Relation to that affair

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Present
C. L.
H. H.
Jno. Cuyler
J. Bleecker
J. Bancker
J. Williams
P. H. Wendell

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At a meeting of the Comte. of Indian affairs in Albany the day of Feb. 1775/6

It is Resolved by the Comte. to give Lawrence Claus the following Instructions

By the Comte. of Indian affairs at Albany

Instructions for Lawrence Claus the Interpreter

Whereas Indians of the five Nations have but two Several messages to the Comte. Last fall Complaining of Rum being Sold unto their People by the traders at the falls and Lake near Onondage River which they Conceive will be very pernicious if not prevented and whereby many unhappy accidents may happen. — they acknowledge to have given liberty unto his Excellency Governor Burnet to set bounds to Trade at the Lake. But they alledge that the bait his people the Christians upon meaning of Rum will Cate men and therefore desired that no Rum might be Carried up Whether for the future. But that the Traders should only Carry up dry goods to supply the Indians to which message the five nations Expect an answer as soon as may be and on failure thereof they are informed that they have Concluded to Execute their Resolution in Relation to that affair and put it out of practicable to prevent the young Traders to Carry up Rum for Sale to trade with the Indians and in order to quiet the minds of the Indians You are hereby Required and Directed forthwith to go to Onondage (taking a Christian with you) at your arrival there you are to Inform the Sachems of the nations in name of his Ex. Governor Burnet Esq. &c. that he has Received their Proposition

In Relation

in Relation to the Rum not to be sold & Carried up to the Lake. that he has given orders that none of his people under his Government shall sell any strong Liquor unto any of the 5 nations at the Lake but that they are only to sell it to the Indians for Promoteing & Encouraging the trade with them That his Ex. earnestly desires that none of the Traders be any way molested or hindered in their trade with the Indians That his Ex. at his next meeting Shall settle that and other affairs with them for their good and welfare of all. In the meantime it is Expected that they and their young men will behave themselves peaceable to all his Majs. Subjects and not allow any French to Reside in any of their Castles on w. you are to lay down the belt of wampum herewith delivered you —

You are to use your best Endeavors to Release an English Boy which we are informed is in some of the Indian Castles and taken from virginia by some of the 5 nations or Canada Indians wh. Charge shall be paid you —

as We are Informed that a french smith with his family & Some other french men from Canada are at the Sinnekes Country. wh. if Confirmed to be at Onondage you are to proceed to that place where you are to make the Same Proposition as you are directed to do at Onondage which you are also to Communicate unto the other Nations as you go along. you are to Inform your Self how & in what manner the peace is spoiled there and by whose direction and what their Chief Grievances are & Bring Jon belonging to this Government to broake & if Jerian Hogan accepts to work as Smith at the Sinnekes Country according to the Letters wrote unto him by the Comte. how the Indians are generally affected what number of the nations are gone out a fighting & against what Nations and Generally what news you can learn of any Movements among the Indians of all which you are to keep a Journall in Writing. Given under our hands in Albany the day of Feby. in the Twelfth year of the reign of Our Soveraign Lord George the Third Anno Dom. 1772/76

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May it please your Ex.

Albany 8 feb 1725/6

Your Ex.ys favour of 23d Jan.y we rec.d according to your Ex.ys Directions shall send the English Boy p the first Hoop w.th an Acco.t of the Charges we have disbursed. Indeed the base behaviour of our Ind.ns towards Virgin.a is very provoking of w.ch we are ashamed w.th submiss.n we humbly are of opinion w.t it can't be prevented, unless some able persons of Distinction be posted among them to dissuade them from such ill practices, & keep ym firm to w.t allegiance to his Maj.ty for they are very wavering & much inclined to w.t french Interest

We shall not be wanting to encourage as much as in Us lyes all those w.ch are inclined to trade next spring w.t w.t Lake & advise ym from your Excell.cy to behave themselves discreetly towards your Ind.ns in Case any Disputes do arise & not to give any Cause of Complaints, w.ch they only fell Rum to the far Ind.ns on the occasion we have thought fit for his Maj.ty service to make an answer to w.t Imposition of w.t Ind.ns made last fall through Lawrence Claese w.t Interpreter, Copy of his Instructions are herein Inclosed. We hope he will be able to quiet w.t minds of w.t Ind.ns for w.t safety of those who are going to trade at w.t Lake. We are glad w.t peace is concluded between Boston & w.t Eastern Ind.ns w.ch we wish may be lasting w.t our best Respects we remain

May it please your Ex.cy

Your Ex.cy most humble and most obedient Serv.ts

Sign Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh

Present
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
Evert Bancker
Peter van Brugh
} Esq.rs Com.rs

At a meeting of the Com.rs of Indian affairs in Albany the 16th Day of March 1725/6

122.

This Day Lourence Claese the Interpreter Appeard before this Board and Said that he had Pursuant to y.e Instructions Delivered him dated the 5th day of Febr.y been at y.e Severall Castles of the five Nations and had acquainted them with y.e Contents of the Same, of which he has kept a Journall which is in Substance as follows that on y.e 5th of s.d month he arrived in y.e maquase Country where he Communicated to the Sachims that touching the prohibition of y.e 5 Nations of Rum to be Sold unto y.e Indians at y.e falls or Lake his Ex.cy had given Strict orders that no person under his Governm.t Should sell any to the Indians of y.e five Nations at those places. but only to y.e far Indians the better to Promote a trade with them That his Ex.cy Recommended unto them not to molest or hinder any of y.e far Indians in their Comeing to trade with the Inhabitants of this Province or Return home nor to any of our Traders —

That the Com.rs are Informd that there is a french Smith from Canada at y.e Sinnekes Country and that there is another English boy among y.e five Nations taken from virginia —

Answer from y.e Sachims

That they Could give no Liberty that Rum Should be Sold to the far Indians in their Country but faithfull Promise not to hinder nor molest them, nor any of y.e traders in their going up or Comeing Down —

You make Enquiry if here is an English Prison.r from virginia to which we answer that here is None

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We have also heard y^t there is a french Smith in ye Sinnekes Country with his wife & Children —

That on ye 6th Jed. he Left Fort hunter and arrived ye 13th dit. at onneyde where he Communicated to the Sachems there ye Contents of his Instructions the 14th & Received an answer from them and said that they Could not give a full answer to his Proposition. But that Some of their Deputed Sachems were sent to ye Sinnekes Country and Desired him to acquaint them with it and what they in their behalf Should Conclude they would approve of —

On the 15 Ditto went from Oneyde & arrivd at Onnondage the 17 Ditto, where, when the Sachems were Conveend, acquainted them with the Contents of his Instructions, on which they directly gave the same Answer as those at Oneyde had Done That some of their Deputed Sachems were gone to the Sinnekes Country, that they should give him an Answer, and what they Concluded or Consented they would approve —

On the 19th went from Onnondage and arrivd at Cayouge the 20th D. & having called the Sachems to meet acquainted them with Contents of his Instructions who immediatly answerd him that they had sent Deputies to the Sinnekes Country & what they should resolve with the rest of the Sachems they would Conform and approve off.

He arrivd at the Sinnekes Country on the 22^d of Sd month and found there the Deputed Sachems of the four Nations, who he desird — immediatly to meet together, and when they were Conveend acquainted them what he was directed by his Sd Instructions & found Surian Hogan work there as smith, as also a french Smith with his wife and three Children and an Assistant; there are also three french men who take Notice of all Transactions and Occurences. —

In the 26

On the 26th he being called before the meeting of the Sachems of the four Nations they said that they were resolved to send two Deputies of each Nation to his Excel^cy at New York, because they suspected that the Com^rs were negligent to acq^t his Excel^cy with their prohibition of the Rum being sold to the Ind^ns in their Country at the fall & Onnondage River; the same Day he replyd that his Excel^cy has been fully informd w^t their Desire; and that his Excel^cy has thereupon given Orders, that no Rum shall be sold to any of the five Nations at the fall & Onnondage River but only to the far Ind^ns to promote a Trade w^t them, and further what he was directed by his Instructions, on wch they S^d that they fully approvd of every thing he had D^e except that Rum should be sold in their Country wch they will not allow of, and in Case they or the far Ind^ns have Occasion for Rum, that they may go & buy it at Albany or at Schenectady, as they have formerly Done then they & we shall be free from being ~~the~~ Authors of any mischief or murthers ~~shall be~~ Comitted there, for they added that what has been Done is now imputed to them & the Brethren the Christians, and therefore they desire w^t this Belt of Wamp^m as a Token from the 5 Nations that the Gent^lm Com^rs well be pleasd forthwith to issue a prohibition that no Rum may be carried up into their Country Except for the Traders own Use and desire that his Excel^cy may forthwith be acquainted herew^t hoping that their Request may be taken in Consideration, that it may tend for the wellfare of us all, being w^t Strong Liquor is the root of all Evil, wch we our selves have many times had sad Experience off. and few last year some Christian Ind^ns of w^t Nations & far Ind^ns lying drunk to excess among one another at w^t fall who then gett in Quarrel together by wch many sad Accidents may arise & if any do we clear our selves of the Guilt

The french Smith came here in a decent civill manner

We had sent Deputies to Canada to Condole the Death

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Death of Mr. Ramsey & they have brought him along without our Order or knowledge, but we return our Brother Corlaer our most hearty thanks for sending us a Smith

The Sachems desire that his Excell.y will be pleasd to meet them at Albany ~~early~~ in the Spring, they have to treat att. matters of great moment Concerning the welfare of us all, They desire a good Beech Iron for w.d Smith that is w.t them & some tools w.t out w.ch he can make no good work

The s.d Interpreter is Informd that w.d French have finisht and rigd one Vessel at Cadarachqui and another is to be launcht this Spring

That the five Nations have Concluded to send of each Nation two Messengers to the Wagan has or far Ind.ns in the beginning of June next with Belts of Wampum to treat with them, & they desire to know whether the Com.rs will join in it by sending belts of Wampum to the s.d Ind.ns

That he is informd from trusty Ind.ns that the Gov.r of Canada has last year obtaind liberty from the Onnondages, to build a trading house on the West side of Jagara River w.ch vents it self into the Cadarachqui lake on the south side thereof in the passage of the Ind.ns to this place Mon.r Longueuil the present Gov.r of Canada has been there last year to view the place, the french are to have a house built this Spring

That there are gone out a fighting this last Winter 21 Mohaggs 40 Onnondages 20 Tweardas 40 Cayouges 40 Sinnekes and that there were going yet 130 of the last among whom is to go a French Man from Canada who is marryed w.t a Sinneke Squa

May it please your Excel.y Albany 10 March 1725/6

We have been honoured w.t your Ex.ys favours of a 6 Ins.t with Submission to your Ex.cy we are humbly of opinion that it is a matter of the last Consequence to this province that no Care be taken to prevent the french to reside among our Ind.ns and that no person of Ability w.t a Number of Men be sent to dwell Continually among them, We hope the Assembly will please to Consider how to raise a fund to Defray the Charge without which it appears plain to us that the french gett daily more footing, & our Interest decreases w.ch at last may end in our Destruction

We are very glad your Ex.cy is pleasd to approve of our sending the Interpreter to quiet the minds of the Ind.ns he is Returnd. Inclosd is his Journal w.ch we refer to your Ex.ys Consideration, by w.ch it appears that the Ind.ns persist in their first Resolution, that no Rum shall be sold at the falls or Onnondage River, and many of our traders are already gone w.t Rum — thither, how it can be prevented now we dont know for our people will go, Neither do we Conceive that they can carry on a Trade with the far Indians without it, So that we perceive that the french Interest greatly sways the Indians to prevent the Selling of Rum

The French we see are not idle in obstructing our Trade, for we hear they will now build a trading house at the place where we imagind we had one, & what will be the Event of the Vessels in the lake is uncertain Yet it may be Conjectured it will be to prevent the Ind.ns from coming to us to trade We must acknowledge y.t the Ind.ns are greatly under w.t Suspection of w.t French who keep them in awe

It is with no little Concern & w.t out precedent that we see the Ind.ns have sent Deputies to the Sinnekes Country to the French who are there whereas Onnondage has always been the place appointed to Consult & treat about publick Affairs

On the whole at this Juncture we are humbly of Opinion that it will be for his Maj.ys Service w.t some sum of Money in Cnce w.t the Interpreter be sent among y.e Ind.ns at Onnondage to stay there (till your Ex.cy shall meet the Sachems here) to quiet the minds of y.e Ind.ns & keep them from molesting our Traders, ~~for~~ w.ch we hope your Ex.cy will be pleasd to direct us as soon as may be, By the Bearer we send the Eng. boy taken by the Ind.ns from Virgin.a his Charge & Cloathing am.t to £ as p.ticul.r here enclosd

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Jan Wemp & Jacob Glen have produced Affidavits unto us whereby it appears that they have sufficiently cleard up & mended the Road on Onejde Carrying place and that they cleard & Cutt the Wood Creek & Carried away the Trees so that the same is Navigable to the Onejde Lake & that they have made a sufficient Cart way from the End of the Road formerly made to the Wood Creek, from thence to the place where the Canada Creek falls into the Wood Creek, but the bridge over the Wood Creek they did not Compleat last Summer, tho' have given Bond to perform that this Summer according to agreem.t desiring they may receive their Money for the whole Work wch they will not fail to Effect

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By the Commissioners of the Indian affairs at Albany

Instructions for Major Abraham Schuyler

Whereas his Excellency william Burnet Esq. Capt. Generall and Governour in Chief of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey &c. has Been pleas'd to approve that Some person of Experience be Sent among the five Nations to Quiet the minds of the Indians, and has appointed you to undertake that affair, we Do therefore hereby Require you forthwith to go to Onnondage, on your Arrivall there, Desire the Sachems of the five Nations to meet, & when they Shall be Convean'd, you are to Desire them in the name of his Excellency our Governour that he Expects to meet them here this Summer, and that they do not Suffer any of their people to molest our Traders, That Several of them Had Carried up Rum Last winter, who Could not be Prevaild on to turn back again, That the Traders Shall be Directed not to Deliver any of their Rum to the far Indians but at their Departure that no mischief may arise from it

You are to Stay among the five Nations Till you Shall Receive Orders from his Excellency to Return home, and while you Stay there you are to Observe the motions of the ffrench who are Informd are Going from Montreal with a force of men to Build a ffort at Jagara and it may be at Some other Places on this Side of Cadaraqui Lake, off which if you have Certain Intelligence, you are forthwith by Express to Imform us of it, that his Excellency may be acquainted with the Proceedings of the ffrench in the Indian Country, and that you may be the better Informd of the ffrench Design, we think it Necessary that you go to the Sinnekes Country

Country or Such other Place as you Shall Judge Proper, That you may have a true account of all their Transactions and Proceedings, for which Purpose you are to Imploy Some trusty Indians of the five Nations to go among the ffrench wherever they are to See what they are Doing at Jagara, to which End and for Presents to the Indians we think it Necessary that you Shall Receive the value of Twenty five Pounds in Presents as also a Belt of wampum and Blankets of Strouds

you are to Reside Some Time at the ffalls where our Traders Lye to see that they do not abuse the farr Ind. in there Trade, and you are to give them all the Encouragement possible to trade with our People Either here or at the ffalls you are to take Care that no Rum be Delivered to the Indians but at their departure that No mischief may arise from it

It will be very proper that you Keep a Journal of all your Proceedings & Transactions of any moment, while you Shall be among the Indians on this Message, you are to Act in all things as you Shall think most for his majesties Interest and welfare of this Province, you are not to Concern your Self with any Trade while you are this Jurney Not Doubting but his Excellency Shall Sufficiently Reward you for your Service. Given under our hands in Albany this 21. day of April in the twelfth year of his Majs. Reign Annoq: Domini 1726

Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
Pieter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Hend. van Rensselaer

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Albany 27 april 1726

May it Please yr Excellency

yours Ex.y favours of yd 25th March on yd Receipt whereof wi sent for major Mr Schuyler who upon as he Came to Town we acquainted him with your Exc.y pleasure for his Going in yr Indian Country to Quiet their minds he accepted to go on Credit of your Exc.y Letter we thought it Necessary to give him Instructions Copy whereof is here Inclosed hopeing his Message may have yd Desired Effect and yr Assembly will Provide for the Charges he has £25- in Presents to the Indians besides 5 blankets 5 trowds to be Imployd Instead of Belts of Wampum Its very acceptable to us yt yr Exc.y Concurs with us yt its Necessary to have persons of Experiance among yd Indians with out wch they will Certainly alienate in their affection & fidelity to his majesty

We hear of many that are gone to trade to yd westward even to Number of 50 Canoes. People Encourage that trade now to Emulation even those who were at first agst it if our People be not Interrupted by yr French they will gett a Large Shear of their trade this Sumer — we are Informd yt a number of men are gone from Montreal to Sagara Some Say to build a fort there what there Design may be they Conceal from us as Long as Possible

Inclosed is a Petition to your Ex.y from the Inhabitants of Fort Hunter Desiring a Law for Refraining People to Buy yd Corn from yd Indians there & Selling ym Rum wch has Been found by Experience to very Destructive to ym it would Conduce much for yd Benifitt of yd Inhabitans there to obtain such a Law but they ought to debard as well as others from buying Corn from yd Indians & Selling Rum

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Present
Chr Livingston
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Henry ~~Holland~~ Rensselaer

At a meeting of Comrs. of the Indian affairs in Albany the 5th of June 1726.

The Comrs. Recd this day two Letters from maj.r Abraham Schuyler ~~dated at onnondage~~ the

Present
Chr Livingston
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Henry Rensselaer

At a meeting of Comrs. of Indians affairs in Albany 8th of June 1726

May it Please your Excellency

It is with no Litle Concern that the Intelligence we had from Montreal, and we Informd your Excellcy with that the French were Sending up a Number of men to Jagora provoctive there are now 120 men to major Schuyler advices us, and now we have an acct. that the 2 vessells Build by the French at Cadarachquis, passd by the mouth of the onnondage River bound to Jagora with Lime &c. to make the above building this may and we humbly Conceive will prove of Totall Consequence to this Province in Particular, and very Distructive to the fur Trade by what we are aboud that this building is to be at the South Side of Jagora River, where is a good harbour for Vessells and Conveniently Situated to Intercept all the fur trade of the Upper Nations and even of our Sivlves who must pass by that Place as they come from their hunting, who cant avoid Passing by that place or So Near it that the french there will trade with them. they are to have a large Store of goods there for Supplying the Indians — We hope your Ex.cy will be pleased to take Such proper measures as your Excellency in your great wisdom Shall seem most proper to frustrate the French Pernicious Designs in putting up this building on Land Belonging to the Indians we are aboud that 400 men of y.e militia at montreal are Detached to be Ready on the first notice to go up to Jagora if the Indians Should Restrain them from makeing that building, by this and their other vigilant actions it appears plain to us

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To us that they will use their uttmost Endeavours to Prevent us from having any trade at all from any Indians Settled above Jagara or about the Lake of Cadaraqui how this agrees with the treatie of Commerce your Ex.cy may be best Judge. Received this Day a letter from maj.r Abra.m Schuyler of the first Instant brought by three onondoage Indians who say to be Sent by the Sachims to know the Contents of the S.d Letter w.ch was accordingly explaind unto them. it Seems that the Indians Intertain very suspicious & Jealous thoughts of us. and w.ch never will be otherwise untill men of Experience & Conduct be posted & Live ~~and~~ among them. here are also two other Letters from Mr. Schuyler Rec.d y.e 5.th Instant we have no more to add at present but that we are with great Respect

May it Please your Exce.cy

Present

Henry Holland
Rob.t Livingston Jun.r
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Colin Collins
Ph. Livingston
Evert Wendell
Henry van Rensselaer
David van Dyck

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of the Indian affairs in Albany y.e 16.th day of ~~5.th~~ March 1724/5

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Answer from the Com.rs to the Sachims of Cachnawage & Schawnade

Brother

We heard the Speech you made to us last Saturday, We are glad you explaind your selves yesterday, and cleard up the mistake that happend, which is to our Satisfaction, and that you are come to accompany our Child hither to Inform us of the french designs, tho you do not speak in such a Stile as you say your Ancestors could do, yet we are pleasd to find you as honest men as they were, and that you speak your minds freely & in plain terms, You do well to renew the friendship that has always been between us & your Nations, at this place appointed to treat about publick affairs, and that you kindle up the fire here after your manner, which we do in like manner in your Castles, and do expect you will keep firm to your former promises & engagements, as we assure you we will do ours gave a Belt

Brother The Union & friendship that has been between our and your Ancestors, and now is between us, which we expect you'll keep Inviolable, We have long since been Informed that there are six Sachims at Cachnawage out of which number two have been accepted by us as Children of this Governm.t and are glad that one of them is now come to do his Duty & to acquaint us what he knows Concerning matters of moment in relation to publick affairs, and do thank you for Informing us

lis of the Designs of the Gov.r of Canada to demolish the house our Gov.r has leave from the Mahaweys to build at the mouth of the Onnondage River near the Cadarachqui lake being Land belonging to them, but we can't tell you when that is to be done, or when he shall be pleased to give Directions for building of it, you know he has liberty for so doing, and its agreed between the two Crowns of great Britain & France in the 15th Article of the last Treaty of Peace made at Utrecht in 1713 giving free liberty to all the American Indians to go on Acct. of Trade where they please, without giving any molestation to them either from the English or French Subjects, and it is also agreed that the French shall not meddle with any of the five Canons or Nations of Indians give a Belt

Brethren

It was not without sufficient Reason that Coll. Peter Schuyler broke Down the house Mons.r De Longueuil had built at Onnondage since it is Land belonging to the five Nations who are Subjects to the King of great Britain, We can't think that the Gov.r of Canada will presume to offer to demolish a house our Governm.t designs to build on Land belonging to the English w.ch if he did would be in him a breach of the Peace w.ch he will not offer to do tho' he does tell you so, We shall acquaint our Gov.r of his Designs and we assure you he'll be glad for the Intelligence you brought give a Belt

Brethren

We are glad you used your Endeavours to appease the Eastern Ind.ns to forbear any further Acts of hostilitys against our Brethren of Newengland, We remember you promised to do so, but not that we made you any promises to write to the Gov.r of Newengland to keep his people at home, w.ch was absurd in you to think whilst there was no agreement of a Cessation of Arms and that the Eastern Ind.ns did daily murder of our Brethren without Intermission, We do renew the ancient Covent. and friendship that has always been between us & your Nations, and desire De Canehogo to continue to be an Obedient Child to Inform us of whatever designs there may be in Canada against this Governm.t for which he shall be well rewarded Gave a Belt

After

After the Com.rs had ended this speech they asked whether they had no other news De Canehogo said — I am come hither and have undertaken this Journey on purpose to Inform you the Com.rs of the Designs of the French that they will break down the trading house your Gov.r intends to build & we shall tell you that the Gov.r of Canada has about two months ago sent Carpenters to Cadarachqui to build two Vessels there who are continually to be imployed to bring Beavers & Skins from Ochjagara as far as they can be brought thro' the Lake in them and then to be loaden in Canoes and Conveyd to Montreal and that he designs to build a strong fort at Ochjagara and another Vessel above that shall to bring Beavers & Skins thither

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May it please your Excellency

We hope this may find your Excel.cy in perfect health. We Imbrace this Opportunity to acquaint your Excel.cy that a few days since arrived here five Sachims of the French Ind.ns from Canada who Inform us that the Gov.r of Canada designs to break down the house your Excel.cy intends to build at the Mouth of the Onnondage River, and at he has sent Carpenters to build two Vessels at Cadarachqui to transport all the Beaver & peltry from Ochjagara thro' the Lake as far as they can go down towards Montreal and there to empty them in Canoes to bring them thither as also that he intends to build a strong fort at Ochja:=gara, and a Vessel above that shall as may appear by the enclosed minutes. We have answerd them in the best manner we are able, which we hope your Excel.cy will be pleasd to approve off, we can't but expect that the Gov.r of Canada will use all possible Endeavours to Interrupt our trade with the farr Ind.ns and will try all Experiments to frustrate your Excel.cys good Intentions for promoting the Interest of this province, If the Gov.r of Canada puts his designs in Execution in building a fort at Ochjagara the French will stop all the Ind.ns there and that will determine and make void all the Attempts that have hitherto been made to Increase our

Trade

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Trade, which we can never expect to be flourishing if this building can't be prevented to be made wherefore hope your Excell. will be pleasd to use proper measures w.t our Sunnekes not to Consent any fortification to be made by the ffrench at that place, w.t submission be your Excell. we are humbly of opinion that £200:- in presents to prevent this building will go further now then £1000:- after it be made, We take also leave to repeat what we said in our former of y.e 27th Jan.y last that a Settlement at Frezondequat would be of service for it seems plain to us that if no Settlement be made among the 5 Nations, we will in process of time loose most of our best & trusty Ind.s and then in Course all the trade. with due Respect we remain ——

Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
Henry v Rensselaer
David v Dyck
Esq.rs Com.rs

At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 11th of Apr.l 1725

Twe Sachems Viz.t two of Onnondage one of Cayouge and two of the Tuscaroras being as they say Deputed by the Sachems of the Six Nations arrivd here who say to have a Message which is as follows

That they are sent to Inform this board that a Lieu.t from Cadarachqua came this Spring at the Sunneke Castle w.t Letters from the Gov.r of Montreal to Jean Coeur directing him to acquaint the Sachems of the six Nations that Mons.r Vaudreuill Gov.r of Canada was Informd by a Ringland Man that our Gov.r intended to build at the mouth of the Onnondage River near the Cadarachqua lake, and that the Gov.r of Canada told the Ringland Man to tell the Gov.r of ~~N~~York to build the fort Strong ~~this year~~ for he designd to build this Spring twe Vessels at Cadarachqua and a fort at Jagara, and when those Vessels & fort are built he intended to Demolish and Destroy it

Whereon the twe Nations answerd Jean Coeur that the twe Nations and the french have been in a bloody War together w.ch Continued for Eight years very hot on both Sides, at last the ffrench offerd Terms of peace & accomodation on that we 3d. we could not well trust ~~them~~ him that after our

Our manner when any such thing was offered prisoners were exchanged on both sides whereon he delivered up all our prisoners and we sent his home, and that it was stipulated that he should not make War for any frivolous thing as Beavers and furrs, for if he should break down this house a bloody War may Ensue upon it, and therefore desire the Gov.r of Canada to prevent all Quarrel & Controversie between him and their Brother Corlaer not to build those two Vessels at Cadarachqua & fort at Jagara, but to live in peace with his neighbours & to use his Endeavours to get what Beaver & peltry he can without making a War on that Occasion, and that their Brethren may do the like shall desire their Brother Corlaer to desist from his Design in building a fort at the side of the Cadarachqua Lake, that you may live in peace & amity together, for if a War should Ensue we shall Endeavour to accomodate that matter that you may not destroy one another but live like friends together & desire that neither of you may be the first Agressors, that Blood be not shed among us in our Country, & would beg our brother Corlaer to hearken to what we propose for we shall take particular Notice whether our propos all be taken in any Regard or not to this the Sachems have sent a large belt of Wampum, they add that they have given Jean Coeur a belt of Wampum to send the Gov.r of Canada & he has taken a Copy of this proposition in writing & is gone to Montreal with it.—

The 3d. Sachems also say that the Sachems of the Six Nations sent by them a String of Wampum as a Token that they desire to meet his Excell.cy their Brother Corlaer at Albany about the first of June & treat with him about matters of great Consequence & to renew the Ancient Covenant but before that time they will send an Express to fix a Certain Day

The Com.rs Answer

We have heard your Answer w.ch is surprising to us, and can't but wonder that the Sachems of the Six Nations Suffer themselves to be imposd upon by the ffrench at this

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And forts built by Order from home & some of it possess upwards of fourscore years, Although the same has been fairly purchased & possess as aforesd.

And on asking those Indns how far their Demands were Eastwards. their Answer was in the presence of Govr Vaudreuil the whole Country of Lacadie or Nova Scotia excepting only the fort of Anapolis Royall, notwithstanding the sd Country of Lacadie belongs to the British Crown & these unreasonable Indns was Countenanced by the sd Govr & a Numerous Company of ffrench who heard all the Discourse

The sd Indians Told us plainly that they would have no peace wth the sd two Governmts unless all the said Land was delivered up, the fort demolished, the Church at Norridge walk rebuilt, the plunder there taken returned & their priest restored to them who was killd in that action at the head of our Indn Enemy as he hath often been before

We demanded an answer to our proposal made to the Govr of Canada in writing to prevent any mistake, he answerd he would not give any such answer under his hand, Tho, at the same time he had not Encouraged the Indns in the Warr notwithstanding the Contrary was proved by many Letters of his to the priest Rale & other papers and Letters taken by the English at several times

The sd Govr on our Demand of the Captives answerd as for those in the Indn hands he would do nothing as for those in the french hands we should have them paying what they Cost & we could not have them without purchasing of them at any price

their

Their Masters was pleasd to Demand and the purchace Consideration in many exceedingly advanced from the Original or first Cost to ye all which is plainly appears what hard hips and Intolerable Burthen his Majes Good Subjects lye under, being used more like brute Creatures than Men & Christians & call aloud upon all Men under the same Crown King to lend a helping hand to gett the aforesd Governmts out of this Unjust War

Signd. Sam.l Thaxter
Wm Dudley
Theodore Atkinson

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indn Affairs in Albany the 6th May 1725

Present
Henry Holland
Joh.n Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Phil: Livingston
John Collins
} Esqrs Comrs

Resolved to write the following Letter to his Excely the Governour

Albany 6th May 1725

May it please your Excellency

We have the favour of your Excely of the 27th March & 22d April, as to the Intelligence we recd from the Canada Indns we submitt it wholly to your Excely Observations, but think it our Duty to send it your Excely in the same Colours it comes to us, rather than seem to have been guilty of any Omission in things of that Nature wch only time & Experience will determine, that Story seems to be Confirmed from ye five Nations as appears by a Message they lately Sent, Copy whereof we do Inclose

We shall (as much as lyes in our Sphere of Capacity) Discountenance the ffrench Indns in transporting Strouds and acqt the first that come of your Excelys pleasure in

In relation to that matter: and Capt. Holland will exactly execute your Excell.ys Comands as Occasion requires

As to the Business of Mr. Schuyler & Mr. Wendell the former has been taken in Execution by the Sheriff Desiring the favour to take him to the Sheriffs house till he might provide bedding &c. for the Convenencies of life in the Goal. as they went along together Mr. Schuyler made his Escape, We have acquainted Mr Evert Wendell of his Desmission

We shall Enquire for a proper Smith to go to w.d Ind.n Country to go from hence as soon as possible

The Boston Gent.men returned from Canada on Sat.y they delivered us the Inclosed Observations of their proceedings there, We are apprehensive of the ill Consequence it will be to this Province that Jean Coeur or any french from Canada be admitted to harbour among the five Nations, for their only design & business is to draw w.d Ind.ns from their Allegeance to his Majes.ty & fear they have to great an Influence over them already: And may be past Cure if not soon prevented

We begg your Excell.ys pardon for not writing sooner no Sloop having Sailed from hence this fortnight

With great Respect we remain

May it please Your Excell.y

Your Excell.ys most humble & most Obedient Servants

Signd Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Lieber van Brugh
Evert Banker

John Collins

P S
As to the Gov.r of Canada asserting that our Government prayd him to retain his Ind.ns from meddling w.th w.d Inhabitants of this Province we never heard of it till now neither do we believe it to be true

At a meeting of the Com.rs of Ind.n affairs in Albany ye 20th day of May 1725

Present
H. Holland
J. Cuyler
E. Banker
Ph. Livingston
J. Collins

Whereas his Ex.y Govern.r Burnet Esq.r has been pleased to write a Letter to the Com.rs directing them to acq.t Indian, that he cannot possibly meet them this year: The Kings Business calling him to another Province till the Assembly meets in this, but this Board are ready to hear what they have to offer if they send a few Men to Inform them, It is therefore Resolved by the Com.rs, and that the said Message may be safely delivered unto the Ind.ns, that Lourence Claese the Interpreter be forthwith sent to Onnondage to Inform the Ind.ns w.t his Excellencys Pleasure and that he will meet them here the next year The S.d Interpreter is hereby directed on receipt of the S.d Letters to go with all Speed to perform the said Message, and do what other services lyes in his power for the good of this Province and w.d quieting the minds of the Ind.ns who are daily debauched by the french ~~that~~ who come daily among them Endeavouring to draw them from their fidelity to his Majesty and that his Excell.y does not designe to make a Fort on the Lake, but a house for Trade in the most Convenient place on the Onnondage River

The Com.rs agreed this Day with Harme van Slyck Jun.r & Egbert Egberse Smiths to go up to Onnondage to work there at that Trade for the Indians till the first of October next who are to be p.d by his Excell.y the Sum of thirteen pounds to Van Slyck & Egberse the Sum of twelve pounds being the twenty five pounds

allowed

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Allowed by his Excell.y & Council for a Smith and his Man for six Months but in Consideration that they are both Smiths this Board allowd them that Money and five pound for tools to be left there

At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Ind.n affairs in Albany the 5.th of June 1725 ——

Resolved to write the following Letter to his Excellency Viz.t

May it please your Excell.y

We have been honoured w.t your Excell.ys favours of the 12.th May In Obedience thereunto We sent Laurens Claese the Interpreter to the Onondages to acq.t the Six Nations that your Excell.y cant possibly meet them here this Summer but that your Excell.y will certainly meet them early next year at this place as may appear by the Inclosd minutes. Two Smiths are also sent to Onnondage to work for that Nation & allowd them £25:- & £5: for tools to be left there

Mr. David van Dyck has excusd himself of being a Com.r any Longer, & has taken his leave from this Board, have nothing to add at psent but that we are w.t great Respect

May it please your Excell.y

Your Excell.ys most humble & most Obedient Servants

Peter v Brugh — Henry Holland
Hend van Renselaer — John Cuyler
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston

At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Ind.n affairs in Albany w.t 11.th June 1725

Present
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter v Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
Hend.k v Renselaer
Esq.rs Com.rs

Lawrence Claese the Interpreter being returned from Onnondage where he arrivd the 27.th of May & found there Sachims of the Onneydes, Tuscaroras Cayouges & Sonnekes who with those of Onnondage had treated w.t Mons.r Longuill Lieu.t Gov.r of Canada and acquainted the s.d Sachims w.t Seven rends or Strings of Wampum for each Nation that he was sent by Order of his Excell.y Gov.r Burnet Esq.r &c from the Com.rs to acquaint them that his Excell.y can't possibly meet them this year but will the next and what he was further ordered to tell them as p the Instructions Delivered him.

The Ind.ns seemd well pleasd w.t the Message he delivered and said they were very glad that his Excell.y their Brother Corlaer Stood by his word, only to erect a trading house and not a fort as they were informd he Intended to do and that they had nothing against his building a house for promoting Trade

The Sachims of Onnondage Onneyde & Tuscaroras do Return his Excell.y thanks for sending them Smiths according to their request last year they have been in great Want of them ever Since that time, and will make them very welcome

The Sachims acquainted the s.d Interpreter that Mons.r Longuill had been there and departed from Onnondage 25.th of May, and had made to them a proposition to the following Effect ——

Children

When I was last at this place I thought never to come here again, but am comandee by the Gov.r my Master to visit you at this time and take this Opportunity to tell you that he had heard you had lost many of your Relations since I was last with you and do Condole all the Dead of the Six Nations as well those you lost in War as those that dyd at hom

Gave a Large ~~black~~ belt of black Wampum

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Children I have heard that you are very jealous of Us wch is the Chiefest Reason of my Errand, and that the Govr has sent me hither. I hope that the Old grudge that has been between Us in the War we has against each other of Eight Years Continuance may be over & forgott for Since that time the two Crowns have been pleasd to Conclude a peace & do live amicably together, as we have done ever since that time and do now promese for Ever to keep Inviolable the peace we then made, and may hope and expect the same from you Gave a Belt

It seems that there remains still some hatred and malice in your hearts ——— of that bloody War wch has been between Us, but if you have any regard for the prosperity of your posterity I desire you may forgett the old difference that has been between Us and you and I promese on our Side to imprint in the memory of our Children to observe the treaties of Peace & freendship wch have been between Us & we are obliged to perform lay down a Belt ———

Children Wch is peace as well at home as abroad, So hope that the freendships that has been between Us for some years past may be of a long Continuance that our Children may rejoice & reap the benefit of it when we aged men who are soon to be laid in the Grave are Dead & Gone, therefore if there be yet any Remains of the old Grudge on you vomit the poison up not on the Ground for then it may be seen again, but in a swift Torrent of Water that it may soon vanish away that the Water may be Clear Give a belt

I acquaint you that I am going to Freondequat from thence to the Sunnekes Country, thence to Jagara where I'll have a good Strong house built for Trade, and design to sell Goods Cheaper

Cheaper then formerly, You as well as the farr Gnds will be welcome to buy there when you have Occasion, for I also design to build two Vessels in the Lake for transportation of Goods to and from the Sd trading house

Att a meeting of the Comtee of Indian affairs in Albany this 11th day of July 1725

Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
Hend. V. Rensselaer

Resolved by this Board that Sumonces be forthwith Issued and directed to the Sheriff of the City & County of Albany to Cause the following person, viz John Schuyler Stephanis Groesbeck Nicolas Bleecker. Cornelis Cuyler Hart Hansen Edward Collins Davd Schuyler junr Johs Roseboom junr & Gerrit Roseboom junr to appear before any two or more of the Comtee in order that they may be tendred the oath mentioned in an act of Generall assembly of the Colony of N: york Intituled an act for the further and more Effectuall prohibiting the selling of Indian goods to the french, the Sd warrant were signd & Delivered to ye Sd Sheriff who brought before this Board the said persons except John Schuyler & Gerrit Roseboom junr who all took the said oath of abjuration & verplank

Present

Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
Henry van Rensselaer
} Esqrs Comdrs

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At a meeting of the Comdrs of the Comdrs of the Indian affairs in Albany this 19th day of June 1725

A Sachim of the Indians Called Jenondadies — named Schaojiese Living near a french Settlement Called by them detroit appeared before the Comdrs and Said

Brethren

I see you are mett together, tho' you are not all known unto me. I am Informd that you do Represent his Ex.y the Govr. therefore I desird to see you. and tell you y.t I am Come a Road which you have opend for all the Indians who live in the upper Countries to come to trade with the Inhabitants of this place.

The Sachems of my nation knowing of my Intention that I was Resolved to ~~goe~~ hither on purpose to trade, have desired me to deliver you a mesage from them, that they: heard at their Castle that they have lost a Brother who dyed lately at this place, (meaning Coll. Schuyler) and its Naturall that they Should be Concerned for the loss of a good friend & Brother, you are Sitting as weapeing for that great Esq. and by this String of wampum we do wipe of your tears

Brethren I do not Speake in my name but in the name of the Sachems who Sent me; who are very thankfull that you sent messengers to them & Severall far Indian Nations to come to trade with the Inhabitants of this Province. who did assure them in your name that they and their people & all upper nations Should always be welcome hither and that the path Should be Clean & free to pass & Repass without the least molestation and y.t the more of y.r S. nations come hither with bevr. & peltry to trade y.t more Merchandize would be here to Supply them withall & y.t Cheaper, which we do now find to be so. ~~Wherefore~~ and are perswaded y.t you keep your Promises for which Return you thanks — gave a belt of wampum — 137

That the S.d Sachems are Informd that Coll. Peter Schuyler & Mr. Hend. Hanson are dead who were true friends to the Indians. wherefore they desire that their Eldest Sons may be accepted in their places, that they may grow under us & y.t upper nations may gave a belt — Shelter themselves

That you may Injoyne your people to sell us good Rum for we are great Lovers of Liquor, they do often put water in what they do sell us. which by the heat of the weather before we can gett home becomes of little use to us gave a few skins.

Answer of the Comdrs.

We are very glad to see you here and that you are come on such a good Errand from the Sachems of Jenondadies — we desire you to Return them thanks for y.t Concern they seem to have for the death of our Brother who you Condole by a String of wampum to wipe of our tears we do in like Manner Condole the dead of all your nation gave a string of wampum

We are very well pleased that your Sachems have taken notice of y.t mesage we sent to Encourage them & y.t far Indians to come hither to trade with the Inhabitants of this Province. we do in behalf of his Ex.y our Govr. Promise & Engage y.t the path he has opend for all y.t far nations shall always be kept Clean & open for y.m all and do assure you that shall be always welcome whenever they do come. we Conceive that goods are Sold at a very moderate rate as we think you can reasonably desire: that the traders do put water in y.e Rum they do sell you is what we shall discontinuance as much as lyes in our Power. by your keeping a —

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a Continual Commerce you will find out those bad people who Cheat & deceive you in trade. So that you may avoid them, and have only to do with those who you find to be honest & fair dealers gave a belt of wampum

We are Surprised at the desire of ye Sachims of the Senondadies to have the Sons of Coll. Peter Schuyler & Mr. Hendrick Hanson in Room of their dec. fathers as Commissioners. its a thing not in our power to grant and that is only Invested in our Governour who appoints Such Persons as he pleases. So that you may Inform your Sachims that ye Chain of Peace & friendship Shall Stand as fast as ever and it Shall be Cultivated that it may run Strong Roots in the ground and you & all upper nations Shall be welcome to Shelter under the same gave him a present for those Sachims who Sent him

The Said Sachims was very thankfull & Said he would acquaint the Sachims of his Nations of the kind Reception and treatment he meett with at this Place

Jean Tafar alias Macants and Joseph Montour the first being nephew & ye last Son of Montour. who was murdered by means of the french for Encouraging the far Indians to come & trade with the Inhabitants of this Province, appeared before this Board who Informd the Commissioners that they Sett out in Company with nine Canoes of Twightwigh Indians among whom they live & many of them Squaws with an intent to come hither, but by the way meeting with some people of this place at ye falls of onnoyde. who Stopd them there. They Sayd ye Indians have directed them to tell their Brother Corlaer that it seems as if the path is Stopd. that they can come further then that place by Reason ye people of this place Stopd them. So ye they cant come any more

to this place to Renew their former treaties & Engagements and desire to know the Reason. gave a few dr. Deers a Calamet Pipe.

That when those Sachims are informd ye path is open & free they will come with all their people on account of trade. ye next Spring

The Commissioners answer

We are very much Rejoyed to see you here and that the people above have not been able to Stop you to Come hither, it Pleases us to hear ye twightwighs design to Carry on their trade with the Inhabitants of this Province. and that you are come to bring that brand which we take as an Inclination & affection you have to the English Nation. we wonderd at ye Long Stay our of Sachims of twightwigh Since they Lands themselves in ye Covenant Chain we might Reasonably Expect they would have Come before now to Renew their promises. that they hoffers themselves to be Stopd & prevaild on to trade with our people at ye falls must be their own fault for they may freely come hither & none can hinder them nor their Inclinations. we desire ye for ye future they do not hearken to what private persons come to tell them but to proceed in their Journey to this place. where they may be Supplyd Cheap

Gave a Present of Rum & Strouds for the Sachims

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Mr. a meeting of the Comrs
of the Indian affairs in Albany
this day of July 1725

Mr a meeting of the Comrs of
Indian affairs in Albany ye July
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Present
Joh.s Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Ev. Banker
Ph. Livingston
H. V. Rensselaer

At a meeting of the Comd.s of the Indian affair in Albany y.e 27. July 1725

Albany y.e 27th July 1725

May it Pleas your Ex.cy

We have been honoured with your Ex.cys favours of y.e 9.th Instant we hope your Ex.cys will not accuse us with Concealing y.e good Success of the trade on the Lake with the fair Indians which has been attended this year with a fair prospect of answering you Ex.cys Expectation tho. with Submission to y.e Ex.cy we are still humbly of opinion y.t the trade will not be Effectually brought thither only with y.e Cheapness of goods we shall as soon as Conveniently may be procure such an account as y.e Ex.cy Requires from us as fully as possible that it may be Ready to be Laid before y.e Assembly. Wee hope y.t our apprehensions of the french power will never be of ill Consequence to this Province & this new trade w.ch we wish all Imaginable,

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Albany the 12th. August 1725

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May it Please you Excellency.

Since our Last of the 27th. July we are Informd that Severall Sachims of the Six Nations are gone & going to Canada to treat with the Govr. 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 Scawiennadie an Indian Castle so Called on the Island montreal have killed Williams the Soldier that has been miseing from Mount Burnet Some time Since, its Said the Cachnawage Indians are much Concrn 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 killd by the Engs & virginia Indians.

We have Issued Severall Sumonces to the Sherrif to bring sundry Suspected psons as p Inclosed List before us to tender the oath unto them provided by ye act but none can be taken we do what lyes in our power to prevent all Illegall trade but find it to Litle purpose for Strowds is plentifully (as is Said) Conveyd to the french as well by way of onnonadage River as directly from Lenck to montreal, Severall from this place are gone thither on the 10th. 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 Excellcys. orders Shall be Known about them

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We Shall have a heard Struggle to gett an Exact account of what Bever & Skins that have been traded near the Lake and what is Come from Canada as to the value of goods Carryed to the westward we can not procure for many will not tell what they had. but we are well Informd their profit is Considerable and the number of Skins Exceeds above trible of what has Come from Canada Since Spring and Severall Companies are yet up in the Indian Country trading is the needfull at ye sent from who are with grea Respect

May it please your Ex.cy

your Ex.cy most humble and
most obedient Servants

Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Hendr.k van Rensselaer
Philip Livingston

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Present
Peter van Brugh
Ev: Banckes
Ph: Livingston
H: v: Renselaer

At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indians affairs in Albany y.e 2 Sept.r 1725

May it Please your Excellency

In obedience to your Excell.cy Letter of the 9.th July we have made Inquiry what quantity of Skins have been brought hither by our people from the Indians Country and have not been able to gett a more exact then the Inclosed. whereby it appears that 738 bounddles are brought besides 50. odd bounddles Since the account was taken; Some Comp.s are yet in the Country what they will bring is uncertain we are Informd that 4 Canoes with far Indians have been here & at Schinectady this Summer who by Compotation have brought 200 Bounddles

Harme Vedder & Comp.y are Returnd who have as is reported 60 packs, we cann gett no exact accot. of what goods has been Carryd up so hope that this Generall Acc.t may be of Service to your Excell.cy it appears that the trade from y.e far Indians by much exceeds that from Canada from where are only come to this time 176 bounddles beaver & Deer a Lieu.t Blood Informs us. we are assured that is noted above near 200 bounddles. we take no notice of what has been traded here & at Schinectady neither do we think it Justice that we Should Conceale that we are Informd that part of these Skins have been traded ~~here~~ from y.e Indians of the 5 Nations. with great Respect we Remain

May it Please y.r Ex.cy
your Excell.cy most Humble
& most obedient Servant

Peter Van Brugh
Evert Banckes
Ph: Livingston
Hend.k van Renselaer

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A List of the Names of the Several persons who have gone a Trade with the Carr Indians of Indrs. since Last Spring wt the number of their Canoes & Bundles of Skins besides small furrs which they brought Down

1742/3			Canoes	Bundles of Skins
March	27	Jochim, Matthys, David & Johanr. van der Heyd.		
		Jochim Kettelhuyn & Douwe Fonda with an Indian and Squa	3	75
		John Fairly with a hird man	1	11
		Cornelis, Johs. Adrian & Hendk. v: Slyck Barnds. Brat		
		Jean Montour & 1 hird man	3	40
		Ahasweris, John, & Gerrit Marselis, Arent Stevens & Sam.l Hagedoorn	2	16
		Jurian Hogan Jochim Bratt Gerrit Bratt & William Hogan	2	22
		Aeckus and Harme van Slyck	1	12
		Peter Groenendyck, Johan.s Beekman Jun.r		
		Gerrit Marselis & a hird man	2	19
		Johan.s A Cuyler, Johan.s visger, Evert wendell Jun.r & a hird man	2	20
		Jacob Glen Jun.r & Nicholas Bleecker	1	13
		Henry Koster, Johan.s Bleecker Jun.r & Gerr.t Roseboom	1	10
		Jacob, Cornelis, Guillien Verplanck, Joha.s van Denbergh, Johan.s A Schuyler Luykas wyngaert & a hire man	2	32
		Hend.k Robert, Johan.s Roseboom Gerrit Lansing & Richard Hansen	2	28
		Jelles Fonda Daniel Danielse, Isaac Truear Wilhelm.s Vedder & Peter Clement	2	23
April	21	Johan.s G. Lansingh and Abraham Lansingh Jun.r	1	14
May	1	Ahasweris & Jan Marselis N.B for a second time	1	11
		Arent Stevens & Sam.l Hagedoorn N.B for a Sec.d time	1	10
		Jeremy Schuyler, Nich.s Schuyler & Jacob wendell with a hird man & Squa	4	93
	12	John Fairly with a hird man N.B for a second time	2	47
		Jacob Lansing & Jacob Glen	2	28
		Jacob Truear, Peter Wemp & Sander Lansing	1	7
		Johan.s vedder Jun.r & Gysbert van Brakel	1	11
		Nick.s wyngaert Luykas wyngaert & Adam Contie	1	19
	18	William Hollard Arent Stephens	1	11
	24	Peter winne, Guillien Verplanck & 3 hird men N.B a Second time to Plaek	2	63
		Benjamin van vleck, Jacob Brower & William Marenus	1	7
June		Andries Nack Isaac Kip, Ephraim wendell & Johan.s wyngaert	2	18
	21	Cornelis Verplanck Abr.m Schuyler Jun.r & Gerrit Lansingh Jun.r N.B a 2.d time	1	14
		Johan.s Lansingh Harm.s Schuyler Gerrit Brat & a hird man	1	17
		Jacob Glen Jun.r & nich.s Bleecker Jun.r N.B for a second time	1	10
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Gerrit Rooseboom & abraham Lansingh		1	10
Luyckes wyngaert & Dan.l Bradhead N.B s.d			
Bradhead hird a man for himself		1	7
David vander Heyden & Symon Vedder N.B for a second time to s.d vander heyden		1	12
Hend.k Roseboom John Roseboom & Rich.d Hansen		1	8
Isaac Graveraat & Ahasweris Roseboom		1	
Jochim Kettelhuyn and Jelles Fonda Gormoy N.B a second time			738
Johim Bratt and Bernardus Brat			
Jurian Hogan, William Hogan Jun.r & Joh.s Beekman			
Johan.s G Lansing & Peter Schuyler N.B a second time to s.d Lansingh			
Benjamam van Vleeg and Brower N.B a second time to s.d van vleeg			

The above written List is an Exact Number of the Persons names who have traded this Last Spring & Summer in the Indians Country with an account of what Bundles Beaver & Other Skins they have brought hither taken from the best Information that Could be got by

Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
Hend.k van Rensselaer

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At a meeting of ye Com^rs of ye Indian affairs in Albany ye 6th Sepr 1725.

Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
Henry V^n Rensselaer

We take Leave to Inform your Excell^y that on Saturday last Colle: Myndt Schuyler & Capt Heyn Returne from Canada, who where this day under the oath provided by act of Assembly to be taken by psons Suspected to have Traded with the French Kings Subjects for Indian goods wth oath they took they inform us that ab^t three weeks ago 150 Indians are gone from Montreal fighting towards N: England. and that they came through the Camp of 140 Indians near Chambly who Designd to go thither, but thought those Last would turn back they tell us that the French and their Priests publickly assist & press them to go to war.

That the Sachims of the Six Nations are arrivd in 20 Canoes at Montreal who at their arrival were Saluted with the Discharge of ye Canon That the french are Strongly fortifying the Town of Montreal with a Stone wall. that great Quantities of Stroods are Cantifully Sent from hence to Montreall they having Seen Severall p^rs Marmevedder & Comp^rs are Returne from ye Firnes Country and the Smiths from onnohoage as for particulars we beg leave to Refer your Ex^cy to Coll^o Renselaer & Schuyler with our best Respects wee Remain,

May it Please
Your Ex^cy
Your Ex^cys most humble
and most obediant Servants

Hen: Holland
Peter: v: Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph Livingston
Hend: van Renselaer

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It is Resolved y^t a letter be write & an Express be sent to N: England Informing the people their of ye two parties of Indians that are on their march to their frontiers

At a meeting of ye Com^rs of ye Indian affairs in Albany this 7 day of September 1725.

Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Ph. Livingston

The Sachims of the Sinnekes appeared before the Com^rs who Informd them that Eleven Sachims of their Cattle Canossodaqo & six from onnahee are gone to Montreal with Sachims of ye other 5 Nations to Condolay death of ye Late Governor of Canada mons^r de Ramzay y^t they wouldnot go

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Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Banker
Philip Livingston

At a meeting of the Comm.rs of Ye Indian affairs in Albany this 10th day of September 1725 — 145

Lieut. Coll. Stephanus Groesbeck being arrived from Montreal Informs this Board that as he was past Lapprerie on his Journey hither an Express came to him from the Sachims of Ye Cachnawaga Rondaxe Skawinnadie Indians with seaven hands of wampum to deliver a message that they would be at this Place abt. the first of October next and desired then to meet here but by Gov.r Burnet the Gov.r of Boston and the Sachims of Ye six Nations.

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Albany 10 Sept 1725

Gentlemen

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Since our Last of ye 6th Instant, we are assurd by one of this place who arrivd Last night in 13 days from Canada. that ye 140 Indians we informd you Lay Encamp'd near Chambly with a design to go out att your frontiers are actually returnd home partly by ye persuasion of people of this place and partly by their Sachems that of 150 Indians Said to be out are gone to Eastward yet we hear their number is uncertain neither can we be informd whether they are in one Body or in parties but we are told ~~that~~ one party ~~of nine~~ and another of 14 Indians are out who design to be Skulking about ye western frontiers of ye Last gray Lock is Leader. we hope these two parties may be discovered & defeated by your outskouts to prevent their future attempts tho hear ye Indians are weary of war and would long Since have Come to terms of peace & submission if ~~the~~ Govr of Canada & his priests did not Encourage & Sett them on ag^t ye people of your Govern^t. it will be a great Satisfaction to my ~~to~~ hear^t our advice be of service to ye publick as we heartily wish it may be. the Inclosed is ~~copy~~ of ye Govr. wch we desire you to forward to him with all possible dispatch. (as also this Letter for his generall) it being as we suppose of Consequence with Respect We Remain

To ye Justices of peace at Westfield

Albany 10 Sept 1725

hon^d Sir

We should think it a neglect of our Duty as we have ye hon^r to be appointed by his Ex^y. Govr Burnet Lieu^t to Represent him here in Relation to Indian affairs not to Inform you without loss of time of a message this day Brought ~~& delivered~~ us, by order of this place (who arrived Last night in 13 days from Canada) who delivered us Seaven hands of wampum from ye

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of ye Sachems of ye Cachnawaga Rondax & Skaunnadie Indians Liveing in Canada desiring thereby to Speak with you or some deputed by you, his Ex^y. our Govr & Sachems of ye 6 nations at this City by ye Interpreters name but about what Subject this proposed meeting is to be we Cannot Inform you. this ye Said ye Some Sachems of Eastern Indians were at Cachnawaga so that its Conjectured that there may be some proposalls made of a peace between you & them. which we heartily wish may be brought to a happy & desired issue ~~peace~~ we hear ye Indians themselves are weary of this war but are vigorously Sett on & supported by the Govr of Canada & their priests. we write by this Express to ye Justices of Westfield Informing ye effect of motion of Enemy. wch we desire you to forward to you ~~here~~ for ye better Information. we intend to advise his Ex^y. Govr Burnet of our proceeding in this affair which we flatter ourselves will be approved of by him we Remain wth Respect

To ye honble Wm Dummer
Lieu^t Govr of ye Massach^ts Bay

your very humble servants
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Banker
Ph. Livingston

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Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Henry Rensselaer
Philip Livingston

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Attendance of the Comrs of the Indn Affairs in Albany the 26th of September 1725

Twelve of the Sachems of Onondage Cayouge and Tuscaroras being arrivd at this City last night appear before this Board, Say to be appointed to enquire concerning some affairs since there are so often reports spread among us and to see if we cant prevent such Stories

First we desire you to Repeat unto us the treaty that has Been made between the govern of Virginia & his Indians and our forrmd Nations. which ~~[illegible]~~ done they shd ~~[illegible]~~

So agreed on, as it was Entered. then they Said by Dkanasore their Speaker

We made a Treaty with the Gov. of Virginia in 1722 in behalf of the Christians & Indians of that Governm.t in which treaty we engage to be security for the Indns living in Canada, who have to our great grief and without our Consent or knowlege since that time twice done mischief, there one they ~~have~~ ~~taken~~ took an Indn. & another time a Negroe boy, but we hear they are both sent home

Brother Asharigo

Whoever it be that goes out a fighting either from Canada or from any of our Castles it is without our Consent & Order, and if peradventure any of our people should come over the Limits prescribed by our Treaty of 1722 and should be taken prisonrs We desire they may be sent home as these two prisonrs have been sent back ~~to you~~ ~~them gave a belt~~.

We desire ~~that you~~ they will keep that peace and Treaty which was made between ~~you~~

them ~~Gott~~ and us in 1722 inviolable, which we promise to do on our parts, for if either of us should break it, it might be both our Ruins gave a Belt to Confirm the peace and to keep the Covenant Chain bright and Clear if it might be grown Rusty

Brother Corlaer We come to make our Complaints to you that we are but poor having no powder we have bought as much as we were able to purchase, but it proves so bad that it will hardly give any Report and when it has been one night charged in a Gun we cant fire it;

Brother Corlaer We desire you not to sell us such bad powder for the future we have often complained on that Subject and now all the Six Nations in General found it that there may be good powder sold them, for it is a great Decent to sell a Commodity that is not Good especially powder which is our chiefest support

Brother Corlaer We in behalf & by the express command of all the Six Nations desire you to have Compassion on us and our young Men to supply them with powder Lead and flints to go hunting for they are not able to buy it, and your Loss cannot be great for the Skins they get must all come to be sold here ~~to~~ gave a few Skins

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Brother Corlaer We desire you to extend and continue
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your favour on us in sending us a Smith this
fall to work for the Onondages Cayouges
Oneydes and Tuscaroras who might conveniently
supply those four Nations, the Sooner he can
be sent the better to make what is necessary before
our young men go a hunting those Smiths
that have been last at Onondage have
made but indifferent work for which if
you think fit you may reprove them
but please to send any that is good if
it be the same we shall be glad to accept
any gave seven hands Wampum

Brother You desired our Consent to build a trading house
on the Onondage River which we have
Consented to We see now some inconvenency
in it, that there might some mischief
arise from it by the Quantity of Strong
Liquor that is sold there because our
people are unruly when they are drunk
they might commit some mischief to our
Brethren or they to them which should grieve
us very much, If you are enclined to keep
this trading house and build such a house
while our young gnd.rs often go there w.th an Intent
to buy powder but find none & then buy Rum
with those Skins they designd to buy out in
powder but instead of that they get drunk &
are

But the Smith
[illegible]
among we desire
on may be sent in
hither as is said fitch
it seem as we
are informed fit

are troublesome to prevent any mischief
we desire you will for the future bring
there powder instead of Rum which we
may fetch here gave seven hands of Wamp.m

We beg you to supply us with provisions
durring our stay here

Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Hend.k Ronselaer
Philip Livingston

At a meeting of the Com.rs of
the Gne. affairs in Albany the
27th Day of Sept.r 1725

Seven Sachems of the Cachnawage
Skawennade and Rondax being arrivd this
Day, appearing before this board they were
made wellcome by seven hands of Wampum
who after that said

Brethren You told us just now that you were very
glad that we are safe arrivd at this place
while many accidents might have hap=
=pend to us in our Voyage hither either by
Water or otherwise as this is the place
appointed between you and the five Nations
for the place to treat about publick affairs
We do not come unawares but have sent
seven hands of Wampum as a Letter before
to acquaint you of it, Our Chief business
that we are come about is to treat with the
Gov.r of N York & Boston, Wherefore we desire
you to provide us with a Convenient Room
to lodge in and to meet about the Business
we are come for that we may deliver our
Message as soon as may be, We have no Wampum
to give you in Return for w.ch desire you will excuse us.

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The Comm.rs said

We have provided a Convenient house for you with provisions and other Necessaries you shall have occasion for during your Stay in this City We expect you'll deliver your Message this afternoon

Answer of the Com.rs to the Speech the ~~Com.rs~~ Nations made yesterday

Brethren We are very glad to hear you'll endeavour to prevent the evil Reports that are comonly spread among you but the only way is then not to hearken to what shall be infus'd in your Ears by Evil persons who endeavour to delude you and breed a Dissension among you

What you say in Relation to the Gov.r of Virgin.a we shall send a Copy of it to our Gov.r & he will no doubt send it to him, but we must exhort you not to suffer any of your people to go beyond the boundaries fix'd and agreed to by the Treaty & peace you made with that Governm.t in 1722 and that will prevent all Jealousies you have of the Brethren of that Governm.t for we are Certain they will never molest you if you do not excite them to it and it will allways be expected that you answer for the mischiefs that shall be comitted either by your people or those for whom you are become

security

Present
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Evert Bancker
Henry Renselaer
Philip Livingston

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At a meeting of the Comrs of Indn Affairs in Albany the 26th of Septr 1725

Twelve of the Sachims of Onondage Cayunge and Tuscaroras being arrived at this City last night, appear before this Board say to be appointed and Deputed by the Six Nations to enquire Concerning some affairs, since there are so often reports spread among us & to see if we cant prevent such Stories

We made a Treaty with the Govr of Virginia in 1722 in behalf of the Christians and Indians in that Government, in which Treaty we engaged to be security for the Indns living in Canada, who have to our great grief & without our Consent and knowledge since that time twice done mischief once they have taken an Indian, and at another time a Negroe Boy but we hear they are both sent home

Whoever it be that goes out a fighting either from Canada or from any of our Castles it is without our order and Consent, and if peradventure any of our people should come over the Limits prescribed by our Treaty in 1722 and should be taken prisonrs we desire they may be sent home as those two persons have been sent to

We desire that you will keep that peace

Security, so keep them all from going over the boundaries Stipulated, and you will then do what is expected from you by the Governmt of Virginia

We are sorry to find that you are so impoverished that you are not able to purchase powder sufficient for your men to go a hunting and that what you have bought proves so extream bad. We shall acquaint our Govr of it and desire him to write to England that better powder may be made for you, but we conceive that the greatest Reason of your poverty is occasioned by your going a fighting against people who never do molest you, and it were far better for you to mind your hunting and that would enable you to buy what you may have Occasion for

We shall acquaint the Govr of your Request for a Smith to reside at Onondage he will no doubt send one to work for you and as many Nations as he can supply

~~and it shall be placed to your Goodness for you~~

We are glad to see that you have such a Concern for the peace and good understanding that is between us and you & to prevent all mischiefs that might ensue by Occasion of your people in Drink at the new trading place on the Onondage River, We shall desire our Govr to prevent traders to sell any Rum to any of ye five Nations but only to the four Indns but they shall supply you there

will

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with powder and Lead if any of your people
should have Occasion for it, if our Traders
should have no Rum to sell to the far Ind.ns
they can't well gett Sale for their Ind.n Goods

We desire you to be kind to all traders
that shall go to trade on the Onnondage River or Lakes, &
to encourage and invite all far Ind.ns to
carry on their trade w.th our people, they being
able to supply them much Cheaper than
the French can do

In Expectation that you will be Civil to all
our people that may come among you we
shall supply your present urgent want & necessity
of Ammunition to enable your people to go a
hunting and have order'd that you shall
receive three barr.ls powder Lead and flints

The Indians said

We forgott yesterday to tell you that the
Smith's bellows that is at Onnondage is old
and not fitt for any further service, if the
Gov.r should be so favourable to us as to allow
us a Smith We hope he will send us a pair
of Bellows, it begins to be cold the sooner
it be done the better before winter settles in.

We expected that you would send our proposal
about Virginia to our Brother Corlaer & desire him to forward it
Same to the Gov.r of Virginia. You have recom-
mended us to keep our Treaty and friendship
with him & his Indians
we hope & expect he will do the same; those
that bring us evil Reports do probably
bring

Bring him bad news, We desire he will
not hearken to it

You have recomended unto us we should
be kind to your people; that design to go a
trading in our Country we hope you never
heard any Complaints that we insulted
any of them nor any of the far Ind.s We
promise to give them all the Encouragem.t
in our power & assist them in what we
are able; We return you thanks for your
kind supply of powder lead and flints

The Com.rs asked the Ind.ns what propositions
Mons.r Legull had made to them in their
Country

Shannasore said we have already told
Lowrence Claese that proposition w.ch we
doubt not but he acquainted you with, but
we omitted to tell him that as M.r Longueuil
was going away & we had answer'd him
He said fathers I desire that you be not
surpriz'd when any blood shall be shed on
the Onnondage River or at the side of the
Lake for we and the English can't well
abide one another, do you not meddle with
the Quarrel but sit still smoke & be neuter
Shannasore s.d to have sent a belt of
Wampum to Canada to answer the Gov.r there
to the above proposition w.ch imports that
they are very much surpriz'd how he can
propose such a thing that they should
trample on the Blood of their Brethren in
their own house & Country & not take any
notice

notice of it, how he could expect it wholly he makes no mention of his Ind.ns who are numerous whether they would stay at home or be concerned in any quarrel that shall arise if you have a mind to fight go to sea and fight where you have Room

Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
Hend.k Ten Broeck

At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 20th Day of Sept.r 1725

The Sachems of Cachnawage Kondax and Skawunadie Ind.ns came this day before this Board and laid down seven hands of Wampum to wipe off the Tears (after their manner) of those who are in mourning for the man who some of their vilest people have killed this Summer at Saraghtoge and are come to heal that breach

Brethren We shall begin with telling you that our Ancestors have very prudently forseen in their first entering of peace & the Covenant of friendships together, that when any accident or mischief should happen ~~on~~ either, on the one side or other, should be no breach of the Covenant and friendships but that it should be reconciled and made up by the aggressors in the best manner it can be done

Brethren Our people have Committed a barbarous murder in killing the Man at Saraghtoge, We do acquaint you it has been done without our Order or knowledge but as they belong to our tribes we are answerable for that mischief and breach and desire you all forgive

forgive it and pass that fault over, and desire that you all put the veil from your faces & be joyfull and sit in the Light, that we may see one another with joy and gladness, We have brought an Ind.n woman to give in lieu of the man you lost, tho it be not our maxim to do so yet we do it to satisfie you for the breach that is committed

Brethren You sit as one who is sick of excessive ~~Drinking grief~~, for the sorrow and grief of the man you have lost, but for a medicine we lay down this belt of wampum to heal & Comfort your hearts, that mischief has been Committed on the Score of going to fights ag.st England, for the young men are unruly & can't well be kept from assisting the Eastern Ind.ns ag.st England therefore we desire you to use your utmost endeavour that an end may be put to this War.

Brethren We have had several Conferences Concerning the well fare of us all, and you have allways given us the honour to ~~be~~ Call the chiefest Indians living in Canada, and therefore we desire you to forgive us that murder that has been committed by some of our vilest people & bury it in everlasting Oblivion and that it may be forgot & not upbraid or Reproach us for it that the path may be Clear & open for us all & free from all Stones & stumbling Blocks, and that whenever we shall meet one another it may be with kindness and friendships give a Bell of Wampum

The Com.rs told the s.d Ind.ns to have received seven hands of Wampum from them whereby they

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They desired to treat wth the Govrs of N York and Boston & the Six Nations at this time, that they had sent Notice according to their desire to Boston but the Govr there has sent word that he is to have a Treaty with the Indns engag'd in the War about this time, and he desir'd the Comrs to receive the Message they had to deliver in Relation to that Governmt wch this Board was now ready to receive

To which the S. Indns made answer that they would deliver their Message to this Board in Case they would send for Colll John Schuyler Agent for the Governmt of the Massachusetts Bay, that they had done in Relation to the Governmt of N York, and they had agreed to treat with him alone in Case he could not be present here, The Comrs told them they would not hinder Colll John Schuyler from being present but had reasons to suspect he would not come, and if they would not deliver their Message as desired by the Governmt of Boston they might expect this Board would acquaint him of it, and they might do their pleasure to treat wth Colll Schuyler alone, that no person would hinder them so doing, but had one thing more to offer, to desire them that if any of ye people were enclind to go to Boston to pay the Govr their a Visit they would be well entertaind and kindly received

Present
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
Henry v Rensselaer

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indn Affairs in Albany the 29th of Sept.r 1725

Brethren

We have considerd on the propositions you made yesterday & can't forbear to reproach you

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At a meeting of the Commrs of the Indian Affairs in Albany 23d June 1726

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all a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs in Albany the 21th July 1726

Sir

We just now received ye Inclosed by an Indian who Brings the news of the Death of maj^r^ Abraham Schuyler we design now and are met accordingly to write ye Interpreter to Say there and bring ye Indians down according to your Excell^cys^ appointment, Mr. Livingston this minute took his Leave of the Commission^rs^ in order for Canada we have no further to Informe your Excell^cy^ but begg Leave to Subscribe our Selves your Ex^cys^ most obedient humble Servants

Albany ye 22th of July 1726

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Came before the Commissioners an Indian Named Doquin from a sechontoquog to whom was Sent a belt of wampum Two years ago when we could not agree but now ye Same Comes with a belt of wampum who Declares that he dose not know ye reason or what is ye matter that where they Goe they are allways in Danger —

2 d^o^ — formerly he Says they used to have a great tree at Seachtekoke where they Could Shadow themselves under

3 d^o^ — the Lower Indians had threatned them which was ye Reason they Came not Sooner, they had taken their Refuge place in mosixque in the Lake where they formerly Lived —

In answer thereto —

The Commissioners told them that the Same tree was Still in being and was never taken away by them and that they was welcome to Shadow themselves under ye Same again — whereupon they Gave them a belt again — ordered that they get a Cagg of Rum —

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Albany 30 July 1726

Sir

We Recieved yours of the 21st. of this instant and in answer there to these are to Informe — you that we have had noneos Since our first information but you may assure your Self we shall allways behave our Selves as neighbours and brethren Towards your assistance to all yr. news that might or may Come this way, we — having nothing more but our hearty wishes for yr. well fare of your Self & Government and begg Leave to Subscribe ourselves ~~your~~

your Hon.d most
obediant humble Servts.

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By his Exe.cy William Burnet Esq.r Capt. Gene.ll and Gov.r in Chief of the Provinces of New York New Jersey &c.a

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A Proclamation

Whereas I have Sumoned the Indians of the five Nations to meet me at this place to treat with them about publick affairs Some of them being arrivd at Schinectaday and this day expected here and it being found by Experience that the Selling or giveing of Rum and other Strong Liquor to those Indians hath been of Dangerous Consequence and very prejudiciall to his maje.st Interest and the Publick welfare of the Inhabitants of this place I have therefore thought fitt by vertue of the powers and authorities in me Reside=ing here by Strictly to prohibit the giveing or Selling of any Rum or other Strong Liquor to any Indian or Indians Dureing my Residence in this City and County and that no person or pesons Shall Receive buy or take in pawn any goods to be given as presents to the Indians on penalty to be prosecuted with ye. utmost Severity for any Such misdemeanons and all Magistrates and Justices of the peace in this City and County are hereby Required to take Care that this proclamation be duely observed and the Delinquents brought to Condign punishment Given under my hand and Seal this 2.d day of September in the 13.th year of his Majesties Reign Anno Domini 1726

W. Burnet

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His Excelly W.m Burnet Esq.r &c
Lewis Morris Esq.r Chief Justice
Cap.t Cornwell
Cap.t Norris
Ph. Livingston
Henry Holland
Peter v. Brugh
John Cuyler
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Henry Ronselaer
} Esq.rs Com.rs of the Ind. affairs

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Att a Conference Between His Exce.y William Burnet Esq.r Cap.t Generall & Gov.r in Chiefe of the Provinces of New york New Jersey &c and two Sachims of each of the Six Nations named Maquase onneydes Tuscaroras onnondages Cayouges & Sinnekes in Albany the 7th day of September 1726

His Exce.y told the Said Sachim that before he Spoake to them in publick had desired to meet two Sachims of each Nation that they Might acquaint him with what has passd in their Country Since he was here last and that he was Informd that the french are building a Fort at Niagara whether they have given their Consent to it and expects to hear from them the truth of all what has passd between them & the french in Relation to that building or Settlement at Niagara The said Sachims answer by Ajenwahtha their Speaker

Brother Corlaer

You acquainted us yesterday that two of Each of our Nations Should meet you according to your desire are we Come. you told us that you would ask in some news. that you had heard that y.e french were Makeing a fort at Niagara that we Should Tell you the truth what has passd between us and the french about that building whether one nation or all the Nations had given their Consent and not to Conceal any thing from you. we Shall now tell you the truth and not Conceal it for we are one heart and mind with you and why Should.e Desemble

Brother Corlaer

When mons.r Longuiel was Last year among the onnondage the Sinnekes having heard of his being there and what his Errant was Sent a bilt of wampum to them that in Case the french Should desire to m.ke any building or Settlement at Niagara or at ochsweekee or Else where on their Land they Should not give their Consent to it

Mons.r Longuiel told the onnondages that he had built a bark house at Niagara which was old and begun to decay that he could no longer keep his goods dry in it and was now come to desire leave to build a bigger house wherein his goods might be Safe from Rain and Said that if they Consented him to build a house there and have vessells in Cadarachqus Lake he promised y.e it Should be for their good peace & quietness & for their Childrens Children that the french would protect them three hundred years

The onnondages being prevaild by fair Speeches & promises Rejected the Sinneke belt and gave the french leave for building at Niagara

His Exce.y asks them what they understood by his Building of Niagara the french protecting them & their Living in peace for 300 Years

Answer

When Mons.r Longuiel desird to build a house at Niagara they did not perceive the Ill Consequence of it and desird him that he Should not deceive them as the french had done in building a Fort at Cadarachqus which had been occasion of war and were apprehensive that after they had Consented to it they would make y.e Same use of this. he Replyd on that they need not fear any Mischief from this building they Should live in peace & quietness 300 Years

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Question

157a. Whether there was not any thing Else passd between them and Mons. Longuiel and his Interpreter before they parted

Answer

At the departure of mons. Longuiel he Said by his Interpreter that if any quarrel Should arise between him and their Brother Corlaer on the Lake or that any blood Should be Shed the about y. trade as they were Christans he desired they Should Still and Smoake their pipes on which they gave a belt

Question

What they answerd on that Answer Mons.r Longuiel would not Stay for their answer w.t they had ready but said as some of their Sachims were going to Montreal they might give it there

Question

What answer they gave the french at Montreall

Answer

When they were at Canada they Repeated what Mons.r Longuiel had desired them to Sett Still and Smoake their pipe when any Blood Should be Shed on y. Lake between the Christians on which he gave abelt he told them it was a Lye that he had desird any Such thing it was when they Condold y. Death of mons.r D Ramray at Montreal that they Demanded why they had Said that if any Blood Should be Shed on the Cadarachquis Lake they Should Sitt Still they added that they would not Safter any Blood to be Shed nor acts of hostillities Comitted there on the land and Lake belonging to them but to that it Should be a path of peace for all Christians & Indians to come and go forward & backward on account of trade that they kept firm to the alliance & Covenant made with the English & to the peace with the French if they Inclind to make Contention ~~peace with the~~ & fight they might end their dispute at sea and not in their Country

Question

W. They further Told the french that in Case they expected that the 6 Nations Should Sitt Neuter when any Rupture did arise between the frenchs the English that the french ought to ~~between the French~~ promise to keep the far Indians and also all the Indians in Canada at quiet and Smoaking their pipe on which they gave abell which the french Rejected and Returd it and Said they would make use of their Indians when they had occasion for them
if the onnondages did not Repent of the gueing the french leave to build at Magara

Answer

That they Repented as soon as they had done it and do Still but Mons.r Longuill has prevaild on them by fair Speeches and promises but find that he is double hearted

Question

J That they had Sent abelt of wampum with any of their people to Canada when they went to Condole mons.r D Ramzays death

Answer

That they Sent abelt of Wampun from the Sinneke Castle that the Govo.r of Canada Should make no Settlement at niagare nor on the Cadarachqus Lake but the Sachims who were going from onondaga to Canada being gone the Express who had the bett came too late and brought it back

Question

That when mons.r Longuill made the Proposition to the onnondages for leave to build at Niagara whether any Sachims of the other Nations where present

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Answer There were Cayouges Tuskororus, & two young Sinnekes who were sent by an old Sachim that was Sent with a belt by the Sinnekes, but he fell lame by the way, & Dispatched ye two young Sinnekes with it who Acquainted the Onnondages with the Contents of it.

Question Whether the Cayouges & Tuscororus gave their Consent to it.

Answer That they cant blame any other Nations but their own Nation the onnondages only.

Question What the Cayouges & Tuscororas Said when the Onnondages consented the french to build at Niagara

Answer They ~~have~~ Satt Still & heard the onnondages Speak—

Question What the Six Nations did when they heard the french were at work at Niagara—

Answer That ye 6 Nations Sent Sachims of Sinnekes & Onnondages with a belt of wampum to Niagara whereby they were directed to Say in their name to ye french there that they Should not— proceed to build further then they had Done, that they forbad them & protested against their proceedings, because ye they— designd to kill & Subdue the Six nations, & demanded what they— Intend by fortyfying at that place tell us the truth and do— Not deceive us but be Sincere as we would be to you, we Shall not give you any Occasion of breach of peace wch is between us gave a belt of wampum—

Question Who Sent this belt first

Answer the Onnondages

Question Whether the Land at Niagara belongs to the onnondages or to the Sinnekes or to all the six Nations

Answer A Sinneke Sachim named Kanaharighto Said the Land at Niagara belongs to their Nation particularly

Question If the Sachims of the other 5 nations acknowledge that ye Land at Niagara belongs to the Sinnekes alone

Answer They all Say yes and not only the Land at Niagara belongs to the sinnekes but also the Land wit onthe other side of Cadarachqus Lake

Question Why the onnondages Consented to the french building at Niagara while the Land only belongs to the sinnekes

Answer The onnondages Say it is true they have done Wrong they Might better havelett it alone and have left it to the Sinnekes ~~have~~ whose Land it is they Repent of it and Say that people often do what they afterwd repent of

Question Why the Onnondages consented the building without leave of the other Nations

Answer That one Nation often make a proposition & give their Consent to a thing in name of all the rest which if they afterwards Consent & Approve of it is well but if they disallowd it, was void—

Question What the french answerd on their belt to forbid them to build at Niagara,

Answer That the french Said that could not desist from compleating the house at Niagara, being Sent & orderd by the Govr of Canada to build it, and dust not desist from building, but must proceed & finish it, having Consent from the Six Nations for the doing of it, that—

Jean—

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Jean Cocur the french Interpreter was going to Montreal and would Acquaint the Governour with what they had Said that he would bring an Answer at Annondage by the latter end of Septem.r (when the Indian corn was Ripe) and threw the belt back and rejected it, by which they had Spoaken, and Said they thought they were Sent by the Gov.r of New york, on which they Reply.d that they were not Sentt him but by the Sachims of the Six Nations, and did not know who had Given the french that liberty if they did not know it, and desired that they would name the Sachims who had given there leave, on which they did not Reply but Said that when the house was finish.d 20 Soldiers would be posted there with Officers & a priest,

Question Whether they know of a hatchet of war given by the french against the Six Nations

Answer That they have heard that the Gov.r of Canada by two of his Interpreters had given a hatchet of war to the Indians liveing to the southward near a branch of Susquehanah on a branch of a river Call.d Udiego, which vents into the great River missisipi, Some of their people who were out a fighting came to their habitation who acquainted them that two frenchmen had given a hatchet of war by order of y.e Governour of Canada ag.st the Six Nations, which those Indians Refus.d, & Said they were a Joynt of the said Nations and possess part of their land, & if any people made war ag.st them, they were to assist them, but the french saw, that those would not Accept the hatchet of war, they desird them not to Speak of it to the Six Nations, for it was Concluded by the french & English to cut them off & gave bundles of papers to be Carry.d to Philadelphia from thence to New York thence to Albany & to Montreal when that arrived there and the fort at Niagara was built then it was the time

That

That the Six Nations were to be Cutt off, but their warrious happend to gett that packet & burnt it now they have Said the truth & Answerd fully what they Know and since his Ex.y has been asking them questions they desire he will be pleased to Answer them what they shall ask him

They Say that they hear a great deal of bad news from Canada that the English & french Keep a Constitual Correspondance with one another & desire his Ex.y will be pleased to acq.t y.m what News he has

They Say also that the traders who come in their Country do Cheat them very much in the Sale of rum instead of which they Sell them their own water which in a day or two stinks & is Noisom

His Ex.y told them that he was Sorry the Traders have Cheated them, in Rum he intends to Send a man that shall be no Trader to prevent their being imposed on or Cheated for the future,

That the Two Crowns in Europe are in a strict friendships & alliance together & were going to make against Spain & y.e Emperiour & had Sent a fleet to New Spain to prevent their Money fleet from going to Old Spain

That his Ex.y has Sent a letter to the Governour of Canada by Philip Livingston which follows in these words—

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Albany 6th July 1726

Sir

I have heard a Report from persons who have been among the five Nations that there are one hundred french at Niagara who were begining to build a fort there with a design to shut up the five Nations & to hinder the other Indians to pass freely to trade with us, as they used to do, I tought my Self Obliged to signify to you how much I am Surprized at such an undertakeing, so contrary to the treaty of peace made at utrecht Whereby it is Stipulated that the 5 Nations Should Remain to the English and the french Should not in any ways molest them, and that all the Indians in america Should Enjoy the Liberty to frequent Each of the two nations on Account of trade without any hindrance, I believe also that the five nations will always maintain that the land at Niagara belongs to them and that the French have Never in time of Mr. Delafale nor since undertaken to do any thing in that place without Consent of the Sinnekes, and Since the french have by the last peace yelded the five Nations to us, it follows from thence that they have no more presentation on the land of those nations, I hope Sir after you have Seriously considered what I have the honour to represent you, that you will take Care that nothing be done Contrary to the treaties, and the perfect union which is at present Established between the two Crowns, by the last Alliance, if this fortification goes on I shall find my Self Obliged, to represent it to my Court, to the end that the court of France being well Informed, of this Affair may give their Orders thereupon, as I have heard Say, they have already given to Understand, that they blame Mr. D'Vandreuil for the Share he has had in the war of the Eskean Indians against N: England,

His

His Excellency Expected their Answer, but their new Governr. being Come they had no time to write.

That was all what had passed between his Ex.y & the Gov.r of Canada, then the 15 Article of the Treaty of utrecht was Interpreted them, which follows in these words, That the Subjects of the france inhibited Canada shall hereafter give no hindrance or Molestation to the five nations or Cantons of Indians, Subject to the Dominion of great Britain, nor to the other Natives of America who are friends to the Same in like manner the Subjects of Great Britain shall behave y.m selves peaceably towards the Americians who are Subjects or friends to france, and on both sides they shall Enjoy full Liberty on account of trade as also the Natives of those Countries shall with the the same Liberty Resort, as they please to the british or french Colonies for promoting trade on the one side or the other without any molestation or hindrance either on the part of the British Subjects or of the French, but it to be Exactly & Distinctly Settled by Commissarys who are & who ought to be Accounted the Subjects & friends of Great Britain or of France

His Excellency told them that now the question was if the building at Niagara was not prejudiciall to them to their hunting and to the far Indians comeing hither on acct. of Trade, if they say that if it is hindrance to them to go hunting or to the far Indians comeing to them his Excellency has Nothing to Say & the french have done well but if they find it prejudiciall and Complaind of it to his Ex.y he offers to Represent it to his Majesty & that now they might Say what they Judge best for them

then

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Then they Say'd Brother Corlaer

You have ask'd us Severall Questions which we have answer'd and you have acquainted us with what now you know and now you ask if we approve of the building at Niagara We do not Only Complain against the proceedings of the French in Fortifying Niagara on our land Contrary to our Inclination & without our Consent taken us up from our chief hunting places but we also humbly beg & Desire that your Ex.y will be pleased to write to his Majesty King george that he may have Compassion on us & to write to the King of France to order his Gov.r of Canada to Remove the building at Niagara for we think it very prejudiciall to Us all

His Excel.y said that what is now said he Expects Shall be Repeated in publick that all may be done openly & publickly. Every body may know what what passes between y.m

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Present
His Excellency
William Burnet Esq.r &c
Capt. Cornwell
Capt. Morris
Ch: Livingston
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter W.m Brugh
Evert Banker
John Collins
Henry Ronselaer
} Com.rs of Ind. Affairs
Rutger Bleecker Recorder
John Cruyn
Barent Sanders
John Ten Broek
John D. Peyster
} Aldermen

At a Conference Between his Ex.cy William Burnet Esq.r Capt. Generall & Governour in Chief of the provinces of Newyork new Jersey &c and the Sachims of the Six Nations named Maquase, Onneydes, Cayouges onnondages Sinnekes & Tuscaroras in Albany y.e 9th Day of Sep.t 1726

Brethren

I am Come hither to Speak with you on the mat which has always been kept Clean for us to meet upon in this place The french have no Such mat Spread at Montreal theirs have been So Often besmeard with the blood of the five Nations that the Sky will always remain Dark & Gloomy over it whilst here has always been a Bright Sun Fixed over your heads without mists or Clouds I need not fill your Ears with things done as it were yesterday, these you all Know your warriour Can well Remember them but I will mention to you some old things that were done when the eldest of you were but Children & which the french have just now published to the world in books, with the premission & prohibitation of their King when the french first Came over the great lake to this Country they were kindly used by the five Nations and particularly by the Onnondages but Soon after a warr Broke out between your fathers & adrondacks which the

french writer owns because Sq Adrondacks treacherously murdered 60 of the five Nations in their Sleep who had been hunting with them as brethren the french took up the hatchet with this perfidious Nation against you & finding that they Could not master you without more help the Governour of Canada hung up a great kette of war ag.t the five nations, & invited the Ricktages Quatogas the Otowawas y.e Twick Twicks the Quacksis y.e Sauns Sticks The Eftoges, and Severall Other nations att Teryaondoraghis and Onitoghe to Eat your flesh out of that Keble in one great feast and when the Outawawes and Quatoges had a mind to Bury their hatchet and to Set up a tree of Peace the french used all their art to hinder them from planting it and Endeavoured to Cutt off it & at last treatned to drive them from their own fires if they would make a Covenant with your, because they feared that if you became ~~that if you~~ brethren to these Nations that then Canada would lose the Trade of the Lakes, Since the English would be able to Supply them with Goods Cheaper then the french as Long as the path Lay open ~~open~~ when they made peace with you, they asked your Leave to make forts at Tusagordie & at Cadorachqui & when the warr Broke out again they made use of these places to bring the Indians together & to give them ~~and~~ Guns and powder & Lead to Destroy you and at the Same time they Set up trees of peace between these nations and all their other Enemies, that they might have no ~~fresh~~ flesh ~~to~~ Cut Cut yours And Even in a time of full peace with you

They

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They Took forty of your people who were trading at fort Cadaraqui and sent them prisoners to France, only on this pretence Sinekes had Robbed Some of their traders that had passed through their Country This on the Account y. French themselves give of their way of Using some of their Children as they Call you these are the Colours in w.h the french paint their own actions and if they make to bad an Appearance in that light How must they appear to you who have heard the truth from your fathers without any varnish but what have the English ever Done Like these things what nation Did ever give the hatchet to c.gt. you or when Did they Ever take it up themselves for that End what forts have they built on your land in order to Enslave you & protect your Enemies have they Ever taken your Lands by force from you, have they ever Staind the ground with your Blood, have they Ever Deceived you with Smooth words while their hearts were not one with yours, Have they not always fed you & Cloathed you and armed you and assisted you against your Enemies if you know these things be true you Cannot be in doubt who is your true father, the Gov.r of Canada has no manner of right to that name your only true father is the king of great Britain and all that are his subjects are your brethren & in token of this I now Lay before you the Old Covenant chain w.ch has always held us Close to one another let not any false news from Canada make any Shots upon it, but give ear only to the English who have allways spoke from ~~Canada~~ their hearts to you and join now with me in makeing this Chain Stronger & brighter then Ever between all the British Goverments in America and the Six Nations & hereupon I give you a belt of wampum I am Informed that the french are now building a strong house of stone or a fort at Jagara You will tell me to whom that Land belong and whether the Right owners of it or the Six Nations have consented that the French Should fortifye there as the french affirm that you have done unanimously and that you have Confirmed it on the 11th of July last in full Counsell at Jagara as I am Informed by a letter which I have rec.d this afternoon from M.r De Longueil, you will also tell me whether you fear that this fort may wherever the Ord.r French please not shut you by Shuting up the path to your hunting place and hinder you from freely among the Six nations of Indians as well as those Indians from Canada full Liberty to Come into your Country upon act of trade if you ~~fear~~ have such fears you speak them out freely to your brother & I hope

I Shall

I Shall be able to Obtain a Remedy for the Sicknes that this may have given you at heart, for I will acquaint the king my master that the Subjects of the french king in Canada have broken an article of the last treaty between the two Crowns with Covenant.

"That the Subjects of France inhabited Canada shall "hereafter give no hindrance or molestation to the five nations "or Cantons of Indians Subject to the Dominion of Great Britain "nor to the other natives of America who are friends to the "Same in like manner y. Subjects of great britain shall peaceably "towards Americians who are Subjects or frinds to france & on both "sides they shall Enjoy full liberty on Acco.t of trade as also the "Natives of those Country Shall with the same Liberty re=="sort As they please to British or french Colonies for promo=="ting trade on the one Side or the other without any molestation "or hindrance Either on the part of the British Subjects or of "the french but its to be Exactly and Distinctly settled by "Commissaries who are & who ought to be Accounted the ~~friends~~ "frinds & Subjects of britain or of france

This is the whole that Relates to you in the very words of the treaty and if the the King my master is perswaded ~~that~~ that the Building a fort at Niagara since the Last treaty of peace is a breach of this Article I know that he is ~~he~~ is so kind & Carefull a father of his Children that he will order Complaints to be made to ~~make~~ the King of ~~France~~ France of what the french in Canada have Done and since these Two ~~of~~ Great ~~Britain~~ Kings have Lately made a strict alliance and are become bretheren I have made reason to hope that the King of France will Order the Conduct of his Servants in Canada to be Narrowly Looked into and if he finds that they have broken the treaty ~~[illegible]~~ in building a fort at Niagara y. he will order it to be pulled Down & y. You may be Assured y. I will Do my Utmost to obtain full Satisfaction for you y. you may Sleep quietly & Undisturbed in your own Villages, I give you this Belt

Last year you Desired the Commiss.rs of the Indian Affairs to Communicate to me some matters which you had to say ~~to to~~ the Goverment

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of Virginia Writ to the * Governr of Virginia according to your Desire and have Received his Answer which is that there has been there no fighting lately lately between the peo=ple in this Governmt and the Indians but that Some Indi=ans has Alarmed the frontiers last Summer and had plantdered Some of the uttermost Settlemts & killd an English man on his own plantation the * Governour of Virginia hopes that these indians were not any of the Six Nations he Says that if they were, you aught to be ashamed of Such vile Actions so soon after haveing Concluded a peace with that Governmt & that if any of their militia, who were then Commanded out had found any of those indians, they ~~they~~ would have fallen upon them without Delay being so justly provoked.

* Aborigo

* Aparigo

I have this Summer Received a Complaint from the * Governr of South Carolina that there has lately been a party of Twelve indians, who Came into the heart of their Settlements, insulted Some of the English Inhibitants and kil=led Some of the Indians frinds to the English they called themselves Senekas but the English knew two of them to be Tuscororas, I Expect that you will make Enquiry who are the persons guilty of these wicked & barbarous actions that I may Know how much the Six Nations Abhor Such Trechery against your bretheren the English & that you will punish the offenders (whenever you discover them) as they Deserve.

* Troskrohare

I am Informed likewise that 3 years ago Some Sinekas were in the Same Colony at * Choracks on the River Called * Constrichrohare at an English Tradeing house and there took away an indian Slave belonging to one nathaniel Ford an English man together with two guns two blankets and Some powder notwithstanding the Sinekas were told ye this boy & ye Goods belong=ed to the English.

* the Sharrows

* Pedes River

I now therefore demand of you that the said boy and the goods be Restored as Soon as Can be to Mr Peter Barberie now here in albany or to whom he Shall di=rect you, that he may Send them to their owner in South Carolina who has Desired him to Obtain them in his nam

I Question

I question not to Dispatch herein that Mr Barberie will make you a present to your Satisfaction if you Except the protection and frindship of the English you resolve to Do nothing that may most Justly provoke us & perticularly not premit any of the french Indians to pass through your Country in order to make war upon the English Colonies which they do in order to Destroy you by Weakening your Brethren and best frinds but above all let let me never hear again that any of you have so much for lost your Understanding as to Assist the french Indians in Such Expedition & so prepare ye path for your own Destruction, I hope this is ye last time I Shall have occasion to reprove you in this manner & ye you will take Care that while you are here & in your return home you do not Meddle with any thing that belongs to the Inhibitants, I have Complaints of mischief done by Some of you were Comeing hither I Expect that you will do nothing of that kind for the future & on that Condition I pass over what has been done already and upon the whole.

I give you this Belt

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Present
His Excell.cy William Burnet &c.
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter Van Brugh
Evert Banker
Hendk. Renselaer
Rutger Bleecker Esq. Recorder

Answer of the Sachims of the Six Nations to his Excellency William Burnet Esq. Captain Genl. & Governour in Chief of the provinces of new york New Jersey &c. in Albany the 13. day of Sept. 1726

Kanakaraghton a Sinneke Sachim Stood up and Said

Brother Corlaer

You have Spoken to us lately, and told us that this was the place to meet & to Speak to one another on the matt that is Spread here which is Clean and unpolluted.

You told us also that the Governour of Canada could not Say as you have done. but that his matt is besmeard with the blood of the five nations. and that they walk there in a Dark & Cloudy air, you told us also that we have always walkd in a Clear Sun Shine where no Darkness nor Cloomy Clouds have been in the way & you would tell us Some old things that it was needless to fill our Ears with what happend Lately that our young men know it. but what you will acq.t us what happend when our old men were Children, Thereupon told us had been Occasion of the first quarrel between the five nations and y.e orandax Indians that they had treacharously murderd Six of our people on their hunting which was the Occasion of the war between us & the french. because they assisted these vile people who Committed this barbarous act against us when the orondax & the french saw that they could not overpower us y.e French Invited all the neighbouring nations. at a place where the Jenondadies* now Live. and Said that he hung a Large kettle over and put it the flesh of the five ~~nation~~ nations

*Detroit

Nations. and that they Should eat no other flesh but that, when the quabogies & ottawawas were Inclind to burry their hatchet which they had taken up against us when the Gov.r of Canada perceiv'd that, he prevented it, and told those nations if they did burry their hachet he would Drive them out their Country, you added further that the Governour of Canada Invited at the Same time all the upper Nations to wage war against the five nations & Demanded Ever the English nation have Done Such thing. We Shall not Repeat all your Speach but here & there pick out the Chief articles,

You have Renewd our old Covenant & Strenghten it and made the Covenant Chain bright & Clean again and Stronger then it Ever has been you have Said that there Should Come no Spots nor rust on it. which we on our Side shall never Suffer & we Strenghen & Renew the old Covenant Chain Same manner as you have Done We Desire you not to give much Credit when any people do bring you ill Reports of us. we promise the same on our Side not to believe on Slights grounds. Let this belt be a token that we may live & die with one another in good friendship.

* That Mon.r Longueil write you that he builds the house or fort there with Consent of the 6 Nations

you told us that you had heard that the Gov.r of Canada was busy building at Niagara you Asked how we did like it. if It would be no hindrance to us and the far Indians to come & go forw.d & backward. if that building was any way prejudicial to us that we Should make our Complaint we must first acquaint you that we have been at Niagara in name of the Six nations Speak to the Governour of Canado & told him to Desist from ~~their~~ makeing any Buildings there

You told us also that it was agreed between the two Crown of Great Britain & france that the french may not Mode with the Six Nations nor Settle on their Land. if they do it that its a breach of an article of the Treatie, & y.t it is on both Sides Concluded y.t the Indians may go on Acct of trade on molested were they please

We Speak in name of all the Six Nations & Come to you howling, this is the reason for what we hold. that the Governour of Canada Increaks on our Land & Builds

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Builds thereon, therefore do we Come to our Brother Corlaer & Desire you will be pleased to write to the great King your master & if your King will then be pleased to write to the King of France that the Six Nations desire y^t the fort at Niagara may be Demolished this belt we give to you our Brother as a token that you be not negligent to write to the King the Sooner the better & desire y^t ye letter may be write very prefsing.

We Acquaint you y^t Jonsare is Expected at Onnondage y^t the french always Say that our brethern the English will kill us, & all bad Reports do they Spread amongus & our brother Corlaer tells us the Same Evil of the french that they have from time to time Deceived us.

We desire you to send a man of Experience to Onnondage & y^t there may be Spoake nothing but Indian between ye Brother Corlaer & ye French Every one to answer for himself Concerning what Ill Reports he Shall have Spread, the 6 nations would then be present to hear what Every one has to say to the other for his vindication y^t we may find out the Deceit & who is the lyar.

You told us also told the Cond^r of Indian Affains at Albany had Acquainted you, that we were Inclind to Speak with the Govr of Virginia that you had write him & Re^d his answer, y^t there was no mischief done lately only y^t ye Sinnekes had murdered a man on his own Land y^t ye Govr had orderd to persue the murderers. & if they had overtaken them they would have Rec^d their Deserts. you have orderd us to inquire who had Committed this Base Action & if we discovered it to punish the Transgressours according to their Deserts we have made Enquiry & found out who has Done it. there are four Nations guiltty of this action Sinnekes Maquas Tuscororas & french Indians. but it was not done with design there were indians who were our Enemies who we tracd to that house

You have made Enquiry Concerning a Slave whom you Say is taken by our people we Acknowledge to have been of the Company that took him. he is gone to Indians who live on a Branch of Susquehannah River which is Called Soghnie-

Soghniejadie therefore we Desire to you make a further Enquiry, for ye place is nearer to you then us. We desire y^t this may be forgiven us many times happens Accidents between one nation & Another but they must not be too hasty. therefore we Desire the Governour of Virginia that he may not be Rash to Revenge Such an Action w^h was not Committed with a Design nor by Consent of the Six Sachims. if Such things Happens Between Brethren then it must always be Layd up & Reconcild.

You told us to Suffer any of the French Indians to make a path through your Country to go fighting. to promise to do our Endeavour to prevent them to approach any of the English Colonies, we desire also that you may prevent them for many go fighting though Albany to the English Sellem^ts who do not come through the Six Nations.

We Desire again that the Govr of Virginia may not be Rash & may lay down the hatchet which he has in his hand that he ought to think on the former treaties w^h are made between him & the Six Nations y^t there out not to be a gorrel for An Action w^h happens not Designedly.

You have Desird us y^t we Should not molest any of your people our Brethren in our Return home. we ~~Lapple~~ promise to do our utmost Endeavour to prevent our young Indians as much as possible. now you may well say that we always promise & not performe. that are the Diels works & Inspirations to Evil people who make us Lyars & Reproachfull give a belt.

We have now done & have here & there touchd an article of your Speech we must Acquaint you how our fraternity came Anciently it came by the trade. that we Re^d the goods in former times Cheap that we were Conceived of your Goodness. but now the Goods are Sold us dearer & dearer. therefore we Desire you that we may have goods Cheaper. & we desire the Same from the inhabitants of this City that they may use their Endeavor that we may have goods Cheaper Especially powder. but do not lay powder on one Side the Scale & beevers on the other Side. that is too Little powder.

You have two year ago Desird the Six nations to sett Some Beever traps on the onnondage River. which we have Consented & granted. but we find our Selves Deceivd by these beever traps. in Stead of Rum the people who Lay there Sell us water w^h they take out-

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Out of this trap & make us pay Excessive dear for it produces all Evil & Contention between man & wife between the young men & the Sachims. when the uppermost Indians want rum let them go & fetch it at Albany as they formerly. when any of your people go to our Country let them bring dry goods. powder lead & all Indian goods & let we Receive it for the Same price as it can be bought at Albany. this What we have said we shall Communicate to ye far Indians that they must fetch strong Liquor at Albany

We have now done with our proposition that Relates to the Six Nations but what we come to Say now relates particularly to ye Sinnekes

It is three year ago that you Offerd us a Smith & told us we might Look for one to our mind. we found one then who pleas us very well. it Was Myndert wemp when his time was ~~and~~ Expird he told the Sachims that he was going home whereon they desired him to come again because he was good & Charitable to the poor therefore we desire he may be our Smith & go with us when we go home. we desire also for an Armourer who Can mend our locks & arms Such a men lives at Schinectady we desire also ye Andries Mak may go in Company with the Smith that he may be instructed in the Indian Language

We Desire y^t when the Smith & Armourer go up. they may bring all their tools with y^m gave a few Skins

His Ex^cy told them y^t he had Some thing to Offer on what they had S^d wch is in these words

The Governours Answer to the Indians of the Six Nations

I have a few things to lay to you upon what you have Spoaken to me Since you desire it Earnestly I will will write to the king my master in a pressing manner that he may perswade the king of france to order the fort at jagara to be pulled down as to what you Said without a belt that you desird a wise man to meet Jean Cocur at Onnondage that you find out what false Stories have been Spread on Either Side. I think your own Experience for Somany years past may Sufficiently Convince you that All false Stories have Come from the french only & that this goverm^t has allways Spoken ye truth to you & I think you ought not to Suffer Jean Cocur to ~~Come to~~ Come among you Since he has Always filled your Ears with Such Groundless reports for which reason I will not Send any person to speak with him it would be doing him an honour which he does not deserve. But I will send a proper person to Stay among the Sinnekes this winter who will Answer any Questions which they will Ask him & to whom I Expect they Shall tell the Reports that the French Spread among them he may Shew them the falsehood of them & that they will follow his advice in Every thing that he Shall Recommend to them.

You see by this letter which I have now Rec^d from M^r De Longuiel what Groundless Reports ye french are now Spreading Concerning your own Actions of wch you have told me the Quite Contrary & no doubt Jean Cocur the french Interpreter is gone now to spread Some other false reports among you at Onnondage wch you must be in our Guard ag^t y^t he may not deceive you again as he has So Often done I shall in form of the Govr of Virginia of what you desire but the only way to hinder him from taking up ye hatchet ag^t you is to forbear any more Such insults on Virginia on your part

As to what you Say about the Selling of Goods here you know the Merchants are Masters of their own goods & I Cannot Oblige

Oblidge them to Sell them Cheaper then they can afford it but Sometimes your bever & Skins are worth more money & Sometimes Less on the Other Side of the great Lake & to the price y^t they can afford their Goods at Can alter & they have now Assured me y^t goods are as cheap as they can afford them. You Complain that they Sell you water instead of rum at ye Onnondages River, & at the Same time you complain y^t Rum Makes you disordered now the water Cannot disorder you not buy the Rum unless you please but the far nations have a great way to Come to y^t trading place & if they want Rum there they must have it & if they have a mind to fitch it at Albany they may Come hither & fitch it. But that there May be no Complaint about the Rum ye next summer I will order a fit person to Remain at the Trading place & take Care y^t there shall be no Discover or Cheating practised by the traders & if you Shall have any Complaints he will be ready to hear & do you Justice. If Myndert wemp will Go to the Sinnekes land he may & if he is not willing I will Send ye fittest Smith I Can find with ye Armourer whom you desire & who shall go As soon as they Shall be ready. I wish you now a good journey home & Shall Lay before you a noble present from his Majesty ~~king~~ to you y^t powder is of the best sort, & ye rum & Some provisions Shall be Given you After you are past Schin^ty when you are upon your journey,

The Governours Speech To the River and Schakook Indians the 13th September 1726.

Children

It is a pleasure to me to see you together in this old meeting place as you live among the Settlements peaceably & Quietly So you Keep the Benefit of it by Enjoying more plenty of provisions & other Conveniencies of life then those who Live at a great Distance from the Christians & therefore I Dont doubt but you will Continue to Live like good neighbours wth ye English as you have hitherto done & then you may always depend on ye Continuence of the favour & protection of ye Govern^t I hope none of you will go to Canada as Some of ye Schakooks have done but Endeavour to bring back those y^t are already Gone thither for you may Live much better here then you Can possibly do in Canada.

I hear y^t two of your Sachims are dead I Condole with you upon their death & I Recommend Wawakech to be in their place one of ye Sachims of the Scakooks & upon y^t I gave this Belt.

As the Covenant Chain has been always kept Clean between the English & your forefathers. I dont Doubt but you will Gladly joyn with with me in Renewing it & Brightening it that it may last As long as ye Sun & moon & Accordingly I now Brighten it & make it Strong by this belt.

Answer of the River & Schaahkook Indians to his Excellency

Father

We are glad to see you here & thank you for Condoleing the death of our two Sachims & wipeing of our ~~two Sachims~~ we Rejoyced y^t you have been pleased to appoint Wawageek to be a Sachim in Room of the two Deceased Sachims We hope he may behave himself well, & that our behaviour may be better y^n it has been heretofore.

You have Spoaken of the Covenant Chain wch has been made between us & the English we make it clean to keep the same bright & wrape Bever Skins about it y^t it may not Rust. give five bever skins.

You have Spoaken Relating ye Deserters of Schaahkook it is a very bad action they are an Evil Sort of people y^t are gone to Canada. It is because they run y^m Selves much in debt & to a bad paym^t they go away but

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but those that are now here design to live & dye at Schaahkook give five beaver Skins.

You have been pleasd to Renew the Covenant Chain we shall on our side keep it Bright & Inviolable we are very glad y^t you like our Country so well y^t there is food Enough & y^t you think we live well near the Christians

His Ex^cy told them he would make y^m a present of Sundry Goods, wishd y^m a good Journey to their habitations,

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At a Conference held at Albany between his Ex^cy William Burnet Esqr Capt^t Genl & Govr in chief of ye provinces of New York new jersey &c^a & two of the Sachims of the Sinnekes named Kanakarighton & Tnaninbormwee three Sachims of Coyonge named ottsochkoorce Dekanisforee & Wnjelweerat two Sachims of Onnondage named Kackjakarodon & Sadekeenaghtie this 14th day of Sep^t 1726.

His Ex^cy told them y^t Since they had Complaind agaist ye French incroaching on their land at Oniagara by building a fort there & Since they Expected y^t the King of great Britain Should protect y^m in the quiet Enjoym^t of their own Lands it would be proper for them to do at this time what they propos^d to do 25 years ago wch was to Submit & give up all their hunting Country to ye King & to Sign a Deed for it wch however has not been done & perhaps for y^t Reason their proposall at y^t time has not been so well Remembered as it would have been if they had Signd Such a deed therefore his Ex^cy ~~thought~~ propos^d y^t they should now sign a deed Confirming y^t proposall & likewise Submitted & giving up all their Land adjoyning to ye lake of Oswego & ye Narrow passage between it & ye lake Cadarachqui & Also all ye Land along ye lake Cadarachqui 20 Miles from ye water of ye S^d Lakes & Rivers Directly into ye Country so as to Leave their Castles out of it or Sixty miles into ye Country So as to Include all their Castles & Country

After a consultation among y^m selves they would rather have ye said Deed of Surrender & Submission Include all their Castles & y^t they would y^m be pleasd to Defend y^m from ye Incroachm^ts on ye French

His Ex^cy told y^m while it is peace his Majesty Could use no hard measures ag^t ye French only to Stand to the treaties Concluded between the two Crowns but in time of war would protect & Defend y^m ag^st all Attempts & Incroachm^ts whatever to be offerd by the French

Present
His Excel^cy William Burnet Esqr &c^a
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter Van Brugh
Robert Banker
Wynandert Schuyler

At a meeting of ye Commissioners of Indian affairs in Albany the 14th day of Septemb^r 1726

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His Excel^cy thought fitt to Appoint Capt^t Lancester Symes to be one of the Com^rs for ye Indian Affairs at this place

His Ex^cy Desird an Account of what has been Expended for ye publick service on Credit of what Should be Raizd by act of assembly

It Appeard that £25:- on Credit of a minute of Councill of October Last was Allowd by the Commissioners to Jacob Brower & Harme Vedder Junr Smith at Onnondage & £5:10 for their tools &c^a £30:- to Jurian Hogan & Company as Smiths at the Sinnekes Country Last year & £5: for a Smiths Bellows at Onnondage

It is further Observed y^t Major Abraham Schuyler Deceas^d has been in the Indian Country by his Ex^cy^s Order Dureing the space of three months till the time of his Death for which his Ex^cy in Consideration of the Misfortune of his family his Ex^cy would Recommend it to the Councill at New york for the Allowence of £60:- there was likewise produced on Acc^t of presents furnisd by Ph: Livingston actually given by major Ab. Schuyler amo^t to the Sume of £31:7:6. On Account for two men his Attendants £22:- by his Agreem^t a bursh Canoe from Mr Cornelis Cuyler agreed for £10:- provisions £8:19:1½ Jurian Hogan & Sons Given by Lowrence Claese amounts £4:7:- an Acc^t of D^o for Carrying an Anvill & £6:19:- a Smiths Anvill from Philip Livingston for the Sinnekes Country amounting to £7:19:6. On Acc^t of Lowrence Claese for his Journey to the Sinnekes Country in bringing down the Sachims down with horse & Charges in fetching Sachims from hunting Amounts to £32:2:- all wch his Ex^cy Informd the Com^rs he would Recommend to the Councill att N: York for their Consent y^t warrent on ye treasr May Issue for said Payment of Severel accounts,

His Ex^cy further acquainted this board y^t he Intended to Send Capt^t Evert Banker to the Sinnekes Country for ye winter & ye Remainder part of the year to Reside at such places at or near ye falls of Onnondage River as he Shall be Directed by his Ex^cy further Instructions & y^t his Ex^cy will Recommend to the gentlemen of the Councill & y^t he be allowd £100:- for his years

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Years Sallary on Condition y.t at his Return to Albany he Declares on oath y.t he has not traded Directly by himself or indi=rectly by Others Dureing his Stay in the Indian Country (Excepting only for Provisions for himself & his two Attendants) & y.t he may be allowd £25:- for Presents to the Indians providing he declares on oath the same has been given y.m According to y.e best of his Judgem.t for the publick Service & y.t there be allowd £30:- for two Attendants Dureing y.e said time & £10:- for Interpretors as he Shall have Occasi=on for y.m of w.h he is to give at his Return an Attest.d Account If Required by his Ex.cy y.t the Birch Canoe Lately bought & made use of by Major Ab. Schuyler belonging to y.e Governm.t be made use of by Capt. Dureing the time he Shall be in y.e Ind.n Years Service.

That his Ex.cy further will Recommend to y.e Gen.l of the Councill y.t the Sum of £20:- be allowd To Joh.n Van Seysen Armourer & Nicolaes Wamp Smith together for their Service & Work for y.e Indians in y.e Sinnekes Country till the first of may Next provided they Stay there till y.t Day.

His Ex.cy will Also Recommend to y.e Councill y.t £12:- be allowd unto Capt. Evert Banker in full of Provisions Necessaries Whatsoever Dureing his Stay among y.e Indians.

Present
His Ex.t William Burnet Esq.r &c.
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Hendrick Van Rensselaer
Lancester Symes

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs in Albany the 15 Sept.r 1726

By his Excell.cy William Burnet Esq.r &c.

Instructions for Capt. Evert Banker

You are fourthwith to Repair to y.e Sinnekes Country & there to Reside till April Next Either at Canoseraqui or Onahee or go from time to time from y.e one castle to the other as you Shall think most tending to the publick Service & you are to take a journey to Cayuage or onnondage when you think y.e publick Service Requires it not Otherwise.

You are to use your utmost Endeavors to Cultivate a familiar Acquaintance with the Principall men among y.e Indians & per=swade y.m with all your might to be faithfull to y.e British Interest & do your Endeavour to bring off those y.t are Inclined to y.e French

You

You are to find out with all possible Diligence what news y.e French Spread among the Indians or what Design they have & Defeat y.m with the utmost of your Ability you are to keep a particular Journall of all your own proceedings & of all that you hear Concerning the french or y.e Indians & Transmit Acct.s of what is most Materiall to me as Likewise to the Com.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany & if any thing Extraordinary Should happen you are to send an Indian or a Christian Express with an Acct of it in Case you Judge if there be Occasion for it.

You are particularly to Strengthen y.e Indians in their Dis=like to y.e French fortifying onjagara by Reminding y.m of y.e Mischiefs y.e French forts have Allways done y.m & you are to persuade y.m not to Enter into any manner of agreem.t with the french & per=ticularly not give their Consent to their fortifying Niagara or any Where Else on y.e South side of the Lake & you are to use y.e Same Deligence to prevent y.e Onnondages from giveing any Consent to the French fortifying on this Side of the Lake upon any notice you have y.t Any Such thing is proposed to them by the the French you are to follow from time to time Such Directions as you Shall re=ceive from me or the Com.rs of the Indian Affairs at Albany you are to use your best Endeavors to promote the British Interest among any of y.e far Indians with whom you Shall have any opportuni=ty of doing it, & persuade as much as in you Lies to trade with the people of this province from they may allways be Supplyd with goods Cheaper y.n by the French Either at Albany where they are Cheapest or if they Can not Come so far at the mouth of onnondage River & by telling y.m that this Governm.t & the 6 Nations will allways keep the path open & Clean for y.m which you are likewise to Remind the Sin=nekes y.t they have promisd So Often to this Governm.t to do, & you are to represent to them how much it is for their Interest to have a free Intercourse & Strict friendship with all the far nations y.t the French may not be able Ever to Engage the far nations to make war as they formerly have done aft.r y.e 5 Nations, in the mede of april next you are to Repair to the falls at Onnondage river & there you may Expect to Receive further Instructions for your Conduct dur=ing y.e Rest of the Summer According to what may be Enacted in the Generall Assembly for Regulating the trade with the far Indians upon y.e Ind.n River or what may be Directed by me & Councill in Case no act of Assembly be made for y.t purpose or any other Service w.ch we Shall Recommend to your Care given under my hand & Seal this 15.th Sep.r in the 13 year of his Maj.ts Reign Anno Dom. 1726 Was Signd Wm Burnet

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Present
Ph: Livingston
Henry Holland
Peter V. Brugh
Evert Banker
Lancester Symes
} Esqrs. Comrs.

At a Meeting of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs in Albany the 28th Sept. 1726

Capt. Evert Banker Informs this board y. his Exc. has been pleased to Appoint him to Reside among y. Indians for one year & allowed him to go up in y. Burch Canoe wh. Major Ab: Schuyler had Last Summer to y. Sinnekes Country, wh. Capt. Banker Says he has Caused to be viewd & finds it too Small for him & two men with their provisions & Necessaries to go in to y. Sinnekes Country, & proposes y. y. Comrs. may furnish him with a good Burch Canoe,

The Comrs. Considering y. y. season of the year being far Advanced y. a good Canoe is Required to go up with do approve y. Capt. Banker do buy a good Canoe & Sell y. Other for what it will yeald. & they will Endeav. y. y. Residue be p. by the Province or Comrs.

That A belt of wampum be purchased by Capt. Banker for his Use to speak with to the Indians & y. the Charge Shall be paid & y. he take with him 5 Gallon Rum for his Journey & 5 Gallon Do. to Drink his Excel. y. health with y. Sachims,

Capt. Banker is Desired to see the Armourer & Smith Sent by the Gov. to work at the Sinnekes Country be put in possession of the Smiths & tools—

Present
Ph: Livingston
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
} Esqrs. Comrs.

At a meeting of y. Comrs. of y. Indian affairs in Albany y. 14th Octr. 1726

Two Cachnawage Indians Liveing near Montreal In Canada named Schononis & Sohowase being Arrivd here Informs y. Comrs. y. 20 days ago they overtook at Fort Lamett in Corlaers Lake a party of Onnagaree indians wh. Live at St. Francois y. were going with a message to y. Indians who are at hunting to Return to their habitations, y. Said party of Indians told the Above two Indians y. they had been at Quebeck & seen y. New Gov. there who had sent for the Chiefs

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Chiefs of the Eastern Indians of Severall Castles to whom he made a Speech wh. of y. had made peace with the people of England the Chiefs of three Castles Stood up & Said y. they had Concluded a peace with y. on wh. y. Gov. told y. y. Since they were turnd English men he would not Assist nor protect y. but order y. priest who Lives among y. to leave their habitation & would Assist & protect y. Indians of y. Other Six Castles with wh. they have Occasion for. Having Recd. a Ship Loaden with all Sorts of goods fitt for their use & made y. a present 800 lb powder &c. & told y. he had Orders from the King his master to furnish y. with what they have Occasion for to persecute y. war against y. people of N. England who Possess their Land to wh. they have no manner of Right

The 3 a Indians & y. 4 parties of Indians who formerly Lived at Naresgewack were gone out fighting from St. Francois against N. England but do not know how many days its ago Since they went out nor of how many men Each party doth Consist

Resolving y. Gov. Dummer be forthwith Given notice of this Intelligence by Express in order to take proper measures to Defeat y. Designs of y. Indians who maybe haveing or Skulking on his Frontiers wh. was done Accordingly as also to Colo. John Stoddard at Northhampton

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Minutes of the Commissioners of
The Indian Affairs at Albany.
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Albany y.d 4th february 1726/7

May it please your Excell.cy

We had y.e honour of your Excell.cys favours of y.e 21 Jan.y with Capt. Banker Letter acts of Assembly & news papers for which we Return your Excell.cys Directions about y.e Redelivery of y.e rum which y.e Indians Compaind has been Imberled at Schinechtady we wish Such vile practices could be prevented it has done much mischief Al=ready according to your Excell.cys Commands Laid as for our advice about applying y.e 300£ providing by act of Assembly we Shall do in y.e best & we are able.

The most Convenient place & Situation for y.e building we are Informed is at y.e South Side of y.e Cadarach==qui lake on the west Side of y.e onnondage River were it Impties it Sell into Said Lake or Such proper place there Adjacent as Capt. Banker Shall think fitt to pitch y.e fort to be made of Stockadors 12 foot above Ground & if it be a Rock=ie place to be laid on the ground 1/4 of Loggs to be 60 foot Square with two blockhouses of 20 & y.e upper 14 foot Square of good 1/3 timber within a Chimney in act y.e roof Covered with Singles which one of our board has Offerd to Compleat for £150:- and if this affair to be done in a publick manner we Shall En==deavour to gett it done for less 150£. y.e Canoes or batoes wch are Required for y.e Transporting the men &c. we Computs will Cost abt £12:- the remainder of y.e Sums allowed may be Applyd for provisions & Necessaries for the men but for what time we Cant Calculate being a thing wears Unacquainted with as for our part we Shall keep this affair private but its no Secret in town we prosume it to be necessary y.t Capt. Banker be directed about y.e time y.t y.e men are to go from hence y.t Such a building is to be Erected for keeping the ~~the~~ traders goods dry for wch

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Purpose it will be Necessary y^t he be Supply'd with Some Small ~~p~~sent to give Some Sachims who might Oppose this work. as for his Conduct y^t he Endeavours y^t the Indians be not Cheated in their trade Effpecially in Rum by being mixt with water & further to Regulasie himself according to ye Act of Generall Assembly in y^t Case providing.

Present
Ph: Livingston
M: Schuyler
Ev: Bancker
P.V^n Brugh
R: Bleecker
Lan: Symes
St: Groesbeek
N^s Bleecker

At a meeting of ye Com^ns of ye Indian Affairs in Albany ye 3^d March 1727/8

Hend^k & Seth two Sachims of the mohoge Indians being arrived here Inform ye board y^t two Indians onnogongue who are Removd from Canada to live among ye 5 nations at Oriskanie Come to their Castle days ago from ye Litle falls on ye wood Creek where they had been on hunting there with Severall other Canada Indians Say y^t two Cachnawage Indians Come there in 8 Days from ye Castle to Enquire of their Brethren at Albany about 3 Indians who were on hunting on ye frontiers of N^s England y^t are missing w^t is Become of them –

The S^d Cachnawage Indians also Said y^t an armey of a 1000 french were Actually gone on their march ag^t ye building at Oweegs on w^h we Sent an Express with 7 hands of wampum to go past day & night to Inform ye Rest of ye Nations with ye french design & Intention & Suppose by this time its is Reach'd as far as the Sinnekes Country you have Last summer advised ye 6 Nations not to admit their men to go to ~~to~~ war but to keep y^m at home for ye fear y^t ye french Should make any attempts ag^t Oswege or ye Indians w^h we have Observd & taken Notice of and ordered y^m only to go hunting near home to be ready to defend on any Surprize

Albany 18 march 1727/8

Capt Bancker

Sir

Inclosed you have a letter from his Ex^cy with a Commission to be Capt of all ye Christians who are Going to trade at the fixed trading place by act of Generall Assembly one wherefore you are to receive herewith for your direction as we informd that Severall traders are already gone and others going dayly with a view as We Conceive to Endave the true Intent of the ligislature & trade beyond ye place appointed in the Lake and place's Remote wherefore we desire you assoon as you Shall Receive his Excel^cy^s Letter & this. to Send for all Such Traders & Command y^m to Come at ye place appointed as they will Answer to ye Contrary at their peril the Charge thereof Shall be paid you by ye Publick

By the next Convenient opportunity we Shall Send you to ye Value of 20 pounds in presents to be given to our Indians as also 10 pounds in goods to be given by you to ye far Indians

Assoon as we Can gett ye workmen to make ye house they Shall be Sent up with all Speed.

Ph: Livingston
M: Schuyler
Peter V^n Brugh
L: Symes
R: Blecker
St: Groesbeek
P: Schuyler

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Albany 16 March 1726/7

May it please your Ex.d

We have been honoured with your Ex.d Letter of y.d 10.th Instant ~~forwarded to y.e Sinnekes~~ with y.e Inclosed minute of Councill and packet for Capt. w.h we forwarded Yesterday to y.e Sinnekes Country in Obedience to y.e Ex.d ord.s we have Inquird for palatines workman to make y.e Stone house but are Informd y.t there are now above y.e falls nor at Skohere we had a palatine mason here who lives at Schinnechtady he demands 9/ p diem on his own diat from the day he Setts out to his Return 2 Shirts Blankets gun powder we has likewise Masons & Carpenters of this town who Demand 8/ p diem they have from time they go ~~away~~ to their return home all Imploy here & this work being remote from their Abode Demand 12.d move y.n their Usuall days hoe here we have made no agreem.t being limited to palatines workman may probaly be had Cheaper at N: York So Shall not proceed till we receive y.e Ex.d further directions ~~at~~ this Affair y.e presents for Capt. Banker we Shall Gett ready to be Sent with y.e workman with Submission we think it to be Very Necessary as this Juncture y.t Lourence Clase be Sent to the onnondagas to Capt. banker Interpreter to Explain to y.e Indians y.e reason making this house for the use of y.e traders & it being a Matter of Consequence if it Should be obstructed & there is No depandance on any trader y.t Goes ups to Interpret for him

We have Inquired of y.e Traders who agree y.t there is Excellent Stones for building at y.e point of onnondage

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Onnondage river but now Can Inform us Whether there be Lime Stone or Not but y.e Measons tell us if y.e Stone be Good as is Said the house may be made with Clay & Sand. If So much lime Can but be had for pointing y.e Outside of y.e walls w.h must be tryd we Cant learn if a well Can be made in y.e Most Convenient place where y.e house ought to be Erected, but y.e banks of the Lake & river being Very near so y.t water may be had without Difficulty

We Shall gett horses to be Sent up Soon as y.e workmen go up to buy two old horses will be Cheapest

Adam Smith appeard before this board demands 9/ p diem to Work at y.e house at onnondage river & 2 Shirts A blanket gun powder y.t Keth & W.m Waldron Mason Isaac Bogaert mason & Nicolas Groesbeek Carp.t demand 8/ p.d Diem to Work at y.e S.d house

Present
Ph: Livingston
Myn: Schuyler
Hend.k Renselaer
Lancester Symes
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeeck
Nicolas Bleecker
Pyer Goritse

Att a meeting of the Com.n of the Indian affairs &c in Albany y.e 20.th March 1726/7

We had the honour to receive a letter from his Excell.y of y.e 13 Instant in answer to w.h the Com.n write as follows

Albany 20 March 1726/7

May it please y.e Ex.d

After Haveing write the foregoing your Excellencys favour of y.e 13.th Instant Came to hand whereby perceive that your Excell.y doth not think Convenient to Send any Soldiers till y.e house be finisho we do favourably hope y.t the french will not Attempt to hinder this building in time of peace on our land nor y.t y.e Indians be ag.t it Indeed y.e force of all the traders & y.e 20 men are but a trifle to what force the french Can bring there if they design to obstruct it, your Excell.cy orders

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to Capt. Backer to go on with the work are very necessary but while your Ex.y is pleased to require our opinion in this Matter with Submission we Suppose that it would much Conduce to y.e forwarding of the building if the 20 Men went up with y.e Workmen who may be Assistant and Imp=ployd Makeing the house while there is but litle de=pandance y.e work of the traders for at best few will only Work their 6 Days and phaps not many will assist Unless they be well paid we think if y.e Soldiers & work=men up at One time y.e Indians Will be less Jealous y.n y.t they Should Come afterwards the house may be So long Makeing y.t the traders be most Returnd home & y.n the work=men wont Care to be left Alone if workmen Can be had on better terms at N: York then here they must understand to go up aq.t Rapid Water Else they Cant Gett to the lake, We have Imployd Carpenters to make forthwith four batoes w.h we think more Convenient for y.e men y.n Canoes,

The further presents of £10= for y.e Sar Indians Shall Sent Cap.t Banker as also y.e Necessaries for y.e buil=ding w.h y.e Ex.y has been pleased to Send p Bothoud

This Day agreed with Luykas Wyngaert Wm Barret to fitch boards at Mr Coyemans for four batoes & knees for y.m

Imployd Anthony Bogardus & Cornelis Bogaert Carpenters to make four batoes

Albany 25 March 1726/7

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May it please your Excel.cy

We had the hon.r to write your Ex.y on the 20.th Instant p Peter Winne, Since w.h we Rec.d y.e Inclosed from Capt Banker of the 25.th Ultimo wherin we are advised y.t y.e Gov.r of Canada has been Speedily Informd of the design of our building at Sweegue Even as Conceive before it was determyned to be done by your Excel.cy the french are Certainly much Alarmd at this building & will leave No means untried With the five Nations to Overfett Our design if possible they Can Compass it If they do y.n they again their view and become masters of our Indians who Seem to be aq.t Erecting this house out of a vain Conceit they Entertain y.t we Shall treat them as the french have formerly done not Considering y.t we have always Supplyd & Assisted y.m & y.t is our Int=rest to Secure y.m future Insult of the french as we Conceive that this Affair is of y.e last Conseqence to this province if it Should Miscarry So we may humbly hope that Such proper Measures Shall be taken y.t it may have y.e desird Effect and not leave y.e work till prevented by force & Voilence of y.e french or Indians as y.e Ex.y has Already Ordered it will be Very Necessary y.t y.e Indians be prevailed to Consent our makeing that Building for w.h purpose it will be Absolutely necessary y.t Laurence be forthwith dispatch to Assist Cap.t Banker & withall Carry up y.e Severall presents for y.e Indians not being Able to treat with y.e Indians y.e men who has been his Interpreter is Returnd hither & None left with him who Can Speak y.e Indian tongue this men tells us y.t y.e Indians are Strongly possesd aq.t any building to be madd by us,

Cap.t Banker has Sent us an acc.t of Charges one negro wom=he Releasd in y.e Sinnekes Country am.t to £20:- he has had much trou=ble to Gett her & prevent y.t She Should not be sent to Canada & make a path for other Slaves to desert y.t way we hope he may be Repayd

At a Meeting of ye Comrs of Indian Affairs in Albany ye 26 March 1727

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Hendrick Renselaer
Roger Gerritse
Stephanus Groesbk
Nicolaas Bleecker

This Day Recd a letter Collo Samuel Patridge dated at hatfield of ye 22 Instant & Copy of a letter from Govr Dummer to this Board

Albany 27 March 1727

Gentlemen

Your Letters of ye 22th Instant with Coppy to you from Govr Dummer we Recd. desiring our Assistance ye Gray Lock Should be Made a friend to Come into ye treaty of peace as also ye Chiefs of ye St francois Indians we Could wish ye it was Effected. to the end we have not been Wanting in Sending a Message Jand Last by Malalement Brother of St Gray Lock Inviteing him and other Chiefs who were hunting on our fronteers Come hither, but Unfortunately miss him being gone home but brought on ye first Instant three St francois Indians to this place to whom we thought fitt to Communicate that his honr Gov. Dummer had Confirmd & Ratifyd ye peace with ye penaboscott & namyewalk tribes ye Much blood had ben on both Sides Lost in this Last War and Excepted ye these Indians In behalf of St francois Should Ratify & Confirm the Pd treaty of peace that for ye future none of their tribe Should go to Molest or any of our N. England Brethren or Else where: wch if they do faithfully perform they Should at all times be well Come to hunt on these

On these fronteers & Civil Tracted at this place, on this we gave yem a present a belt amt £11.-.- promis to use their utmost Endeavour to prevail on their Chiefs to Come hither on our Invitation what success we Shall ~~have~~ in our undertakeing is Uncertain & precurious assoon as an Opportunity Shall Offer we Shall Send Such a message to Gray Lock & ye Chief of St Francois as you desire but you have no belt as is Required on Such Occasion we think proper to do it in Our Name ye your Governmt may not be Seen in this Message for fear it Might Miscarry not to give ye Indians ye Opportunity to Suppose it Comes from you we Shall not Scruple to make our Selves Garrantees for ye Indians Civil Treatmt with you & their Safe return tho Suspect they had hardly be prevaild on Especially ye Gray lock to go into ye Country for ye letter has done Much Mischief on ye fronteers & has doubtless a Guilty Confience We Shall at a times be ready to do any thing wch may Contribute towards Establishing a firm & lasting peace between ye Governmt & ye Indians Could wish it was Already Accomplisht. we fear ye ye french priests & their Governr will if possible Oversett all amicable Measures. ye May be Sett on foot to Confirm or Conclude any treaty with you

These Indians Seem to be Sincere they tell us ye last fall on invitation of Some of our number while at Canada Severall Sachims of Pd Jnns were in their way hither as far a the Crown point with an intent to make treaty of peace wt your Govrnmt were prevented by false reports Spread among wm made ym depart ye design ye Pd Indians have faithfully promiss us to use their best Indeavours to prevent ye Pd Indians from going to do Mischief on ye fronteers tho the but little dependance on wt they come to promise is ye Needfull at pseent from who are with Esteem

Your very Humble Servts

Ph: Livingston
Myn: Schuyler
Hen: Renselaer
Roger Gerritse
St: Groesbeeck
N: Bleecker

To Mr Josiah Patridge &
John Stoddard Esqr

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Albany 28th March 1727

May it please your Ex.

Your has here Inclosed a letter from Coll. Samuel Patridge proposeing our Intercession for bringing y. Indian of St. francois to an a micable disposition & Inclination of ratifying y. peace with N. England. wt. we have done Already without their Knowledge as may Appear by the Inclosed wt. we hope y. Ex. will be pleased to approve of the Necessaries p. bothout we Rec. we are in Expectation of y. Ex. directions about Workmen &c. is Needfull at p. sent from

Present
Philip Livingston
Peter V. Brugh
Henry Ronselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Stephanus Groesbeck
Harmanus Wendell
Nicolaes Bleecker

Att a Meeting of y. Com. of the Indian Affairs in Albany y. 3. apl. 1727

This day Rec. from his Excel.y William Burnet Esq. &c. two letters of the 23. & 23th past. in answer to two letters from this board of the 16. & 20th Dito directed us to agree with workmen here on y. best terms can be done, to build the house at the Mouth of Onnondage river Near y. lake. and to Send up y. Interpreter to Capt. Banker in Case we think it Necessary,

In Obedience to his Ex. directions agreed this day with Isaac Bogaert & Cornelis Waldron masons, Benjamin Bogaert & Nicolaes Groesbeck Carpenters to build P. house according to the Mode Sent by his Ex. at 8/ diem Each from the day they Sett out till their Return home Excepting Sundays to find themselves with provisions. but they to be

provided

Provided with Canoes or batoes to bring up the Materials and tools Sent hither from Newyork for y. use of the P. hous

Agreed with Coenraet Becker & Christian Jans Sawyers to Saw Timber & boards for y. Use of P. house & Such other Work as they Shall be Imployd at by Capt. Banker & the Chief builder at 5/ p. Diem on Condition as above,

Agreed Also with Mr. Jeremy Schuyler Joh. Beekman Jur. & Nicolaes Wyngaert to lett their Servants work as Labourers at the P. house at 4/ p. diem for the days they Shall Work, on their own diat and to be p. for their Journey back If they do not Com home with their masters,

Its resolved that none of the workmen Shall Carry up any trading Goods, that they may not be hindered to Carry up the necessaries & tools for P. building,

Bought from Capt. Peter Van Brugh two horses and from Mr. Peter Schuyler at £5 Each to be Sent up to y. mouth of Onnondage river for drawing Stone boards beams &c. for building Said house,

Orderd y. a letter be Write & Sent to Lourence Claese the Interpreter forthwith to Come hither to Receive orders to go to Onnondage river to be Capt. Banker Interpreter

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Henry Renselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Stephanus Groesbeck
Har: Wendell

Att A Meeting of y. Com. of y. Indian Affairs in Albany y. 4th of April 1727

The Commissioners have this day agreed & allowd unto Isaac Bogaert the Sume of 5 pound over & above his wages of 8/ p. Diem to be Chief Workmen & director of the building to be made at y. Mouth of Onnondage river yet to be is table under Command of Capt. Banker

Allowd unto the workmen who are to build y. P. house 12 Gallon rum above the Alowance of y. thirty Gallon sent for y.m from new yorke all wt. is to be paid by y. Com. out of their allowance of two hundred pound p. Annum

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Present
Ph: Livingston
Mgnt: Schuyler
Henry Rensselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
A. Groesbeck
Har: Wendell
Ph: Schuyler

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of y.e Indian Affairs in Albany 6.th day of Ap.l 1727

This Board acquainted Lourence Claese that his Ex.y had been please to approve of our Sending him to Cap.t Banker at Onneyde to Serve as his Inter=preter to Communicate to y.e Sachims of y.e 5 Nations that his Excel.cy W.m Burnet Esq.r &c. good intention and design to build a trading house at Sweege on y.e mouth of Onnondage river the better to promote & Carry on a trade with the far Indians,

Agreed with the Said Interpreter for his Service at Onnondage, and to bring up with another men (whom he is hire on y.e best terms he can) three horses to the mouth of Onnondage river to be Imployd for drawing timber & Stone for the P. house, for the Sume of £20:- to be paid by the P. Com.rs out of their Allowance of £200:- but if he be Obliged to attend any time on Cap.t Banker at the building ~~[illegible]~~ its agreed he Shall be allows what is Reasonable above P. Sume

This board have tought power to Send Cap.t Banker & P. Interpreter the following addi=tionall Instructions,

Haveing obtaind Consent from his Exc.y Gov.r Burnet Esq.r &c. to Send Lourence Claese the Interpreter to Inform the Indians with the Intention of his S.d Ex.y for building a house at Sweege it being a matter of Great

Consequence

Consequence to this Governm.t if it Should be Opposd by the Indians, you are therefore to use your best Endeavours to Obtain their Consent for w.h purpose, We Recommend you that observe & follow such directions as you have & Shall Receive from his Ex.y as near as possible you Can in relation to your treaty with the Sachims of the Six Nations Concerning his Ex.y Intention for building a house at Oweege Near Cadrachqui Lake you must tell them is for y.e Convenieney of the traders to Secure their Goods according to the leave & Con=sent given by the Said Sachims to his Ex.y in 1724. to prevent that their Goods may not be taken out of their Small bark houses, and that the traders may Secure and Store their goods for w.h they Can have no redy Sale, and ~~what~~ not be Obliged to bring back hither

You are also to acq.t y.e Indians y.t the Chief motive w.h Moves this Governm.t to build this trading house at Oweege is that his Ex.y is Informd that the french design to ~~ma~~ Make a fortification at S.d place which will not Only y.e far Indians from Comeing to trade there and at Albany with the Inhbitations of this province but also the five nations them=selves by which means they Would Entirely make y.e Selves of All the Indians and Surround y.e brethren on all Sides, that they have had Sufficit proof of y.e french fortifying near them and on y.e Contrary that they have had repeated Instances of the Civil treatm.t and kind behaviour of this Government towards y.m for their Security and wellfare for many years past at this building will prevent the french from makeing Any Attempt to fortify near it, and as it is done as well for their Secureity as for promoteing the P. trade So we Cant Suppose but that they ~~may~~ will readily agree to approve of this good Intention. that we Cant think y.t they do Entertain or believe any report or Stories y.t y.e french of Canada may have Spread am.g y.m to resentm.t y.t our Gov.r has Ordered to ~~begin~~ y.e back=ing & finishd this house if they do our Gov.r who represents

the Great

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The Great and Good King of great Britain their father & protecter would take it as the Greatest Affront that Can be done his S. Majesty and him Given under our hands in Albany this 6 Day of April 1727

was Signd by these presents as above

Albany 4th April 1727

Capt. Collins

Being this day honoured with a letter from his Ex.y who has orderd a Capt. two Lieu.ts 2 Serg.ts 2 Corporalls & one Drum to be sent to Oswego and has directed us if all the bateos Stores & provisions be Sent with all Speed to your place in Order to Imbareq. we desire you to procure 26 waggons to Carry up all at one if any person Should Refuse they must be Imprest there will be 66 paddles 16 Setting poles y.e last Shod with Iron Required as.d we hope you'l gett made without delay you also are Desird to Imploy as many Carpenters as can be Imployd to make three bateos with as much Speed as possible not to ~~Refuse~~ Lose one day & if any might refuse they must be Imprest we want 50 lb. boiling pease for y.e Bateos pray let us know if they are to be had at Your place his Excel.cy has been pleased to Ingage to pay for all y.e Charges we Shall Send up nails y.t are wanting for y.e ~~men~~ favour us with a line in answer and You'l oblige who are with Esteem

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Albany 6 april 1727

Capt. Banker

Wy hebben UE laest Geschreven p m.r John Cuyler & Visger nevens Een brief Van Zyn Ex.y haar toe Gesonden,

Hier Nevens gaet een andere brief van Zyn Ex.y p Lourence Claese als mede Instructie van ons Joh.s Vedder heef De presente Van de Viff Natie & Veere Wilde d Eerste £20:- & d. Laeste 20:- bestaende In Sulke Goederen als inlegende Memorie om door UE Vergeven te werden als UE. Goet Sall Ordeelin voor best Vant publick. Wy Choopen dat gy UE uyterste de voir Sall Aen wenden dat D Wilde Gewilligh toe Staen het Op bowen vant hugs En ghy niet Mankere Sult om sulx te Gevgen willen wy niet aen twyfellen So Sullen met Flangen D gunst te Uyt Slagh Van UE met patientie afwaghten

Lourence heeft drie paarden voor hout & Steen &c Meede te zyen voor het Opbenden Vant hugs modell daer Van fullen D naeste week met het het week volk Opsenden & dan UE verder Schryven ondertusche Blyde naer haer hartelyck Groetenisse

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Capt. Banker

Albany y.d 26th Apr.l 1727

UE brief van den 13 deser Ontfangen waer by wy vernemen dat ghy in Onnondage met d' Sackemakers hebt Gesproken wegen het Timmeren op Sweege dat Sy het niet willen toestaen dat het huys daer Sall op gebout werden twelk ons Seer Leet is om te hooren en Sy Excellency ongetwyfelt Sall het ter hearten neemen wy hoopen & Verwaghten dat op d' Komst Van Lourence ghy d' wilden beter kunnen verstaen & onderrichten want hy verwaght dat Sy het Timmeren niet Sullen tegen staen maer vrywillegh ons Sullen laeten vort gaen volgens haer Consent also het voor haer besten is So als wy Alreede in UE Instructies met Lourence gemett hebben, Syn Ex.d heeft het aen ons gelaeten voor een persoon van aensien Nae UE te Senden tot UE Aensistentie om het vry lof van d' wilden Soude Wurmereeren te Obtineeren als Sy voor dese gedaen hebben dat alles wreedigh magh toegaen also het een Saack Van d' Groetse Consequensie is tot dit Governm.t Indien het niet Soude Gelucken, so hebben wy goet gedaght dat een of twee Soonen van aensien tot UE assistansie Sullen toegesonden werden onstants op UE verder Schryvens dat de Wilde UE affslaen ondertusschen Sullen wy alles dat noodigh is voor so een Tocht Klaer maken & gereert houden tot dien Einde & Stecken wy dat ghy d' Sackemakers by malkander houdt om een verdere propositie mat haer te maken

So Zy

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So Sy UE affgeslagen hebben ondertusschen moet ghy d' principaelste wilden om Coopen & over reeden want het werk moet gaen Laet d' Corter Syn wat het will der halve verwagten wy UE Schryvens terpost of ghy Consent hebt van d' wilden of niet

D' Metselaers & Timmerlieden moeten niet t' huys Comen sonder Consent & verder Schryvens van ons ondertusschen laet het volk geimplogeert werden in hacken planken Sagke Steen Kyen & putmaken &c. d' wilden den brengeers deses hebben wy voldoen wy Voldoen wat het Cruyt aengaet weet ghy kunnen wy niet Indoen d datum Van UE brief denken wy is a buys en Ock het Jaer heb UE gestelt 1717 naer haertelycke groetenisse Ebbyde

Myndert Schuyler
Ruetger Blecker
Harmanus Wendell
Nicolaes Bleecker

Philip Livingston
Peter van Brugh
Reyer Gerritse
Stevanus Groesbeck

Mr. Lawyer

Albany y.d 10th april 1727

We have Rec.d your letters of Yesterdays date that y.e Indians have wounded three men at Skohare for w.h accident of we are very much Concerned & hertily Sorry for those y.t are fallen under this heavy Affection. We Send a letter to his Ex.d Gov.r Burnet to acq.t him of this Mischief what measures he Shall think proper to take we do not know, mean while We Send to Capt. Banker at Onnondage that he may acq.t the Sachims of the five Nations of this fatall misfortune what will be done in this affair we Cant tell but y.e most moderable & amicable means will be best for the best peace of our Country. We remain

Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Peter V Brugh
Heerd.k Renselaer

Reyer Gerritse
Stephanus Groesbeck
Harm.s Wendell

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At a meeting of the Comrs. of yt Indian affairs in Albany yt 11 day of April 1727

Sedert onse Laeste deese Gelegentheyt van Lourence Claese ontfangen wy op gisteere het Onaengenaem niews dat Enige wilden & wildinnen tot het Getall Van 10-12 dewelke Laeste Sondagh aghtermiddagh drunken asarren op Skohere Een groot onkeyl Voorsaakte driegende om D huyse & Schauen int Crant te Steeken om Sulka voor te Comen Stellen D. palatines haar tegen dat gedaen Synde gingen D. Wilden nae haer huysen & quamen te Samen met haer Roers peylen & boogen & Vielen aen op Een huys daer Ses man in ware van wien Sydrie man hebben geschoten twe daer Van doodelyck gequest, Een weert Gedoghl Nu Doot te Syn de wilden niet beter weetende of Sy waren Doot & daer op namen Sy D. Vlught wy hebben Zyn Excellcy daer kennis van te geven maer wat order hy dies aengaende Sall Geven weten wy niet,

Ondertusschen oordelen wy noodigh Dat Ghy De Jackemakers dit onheyl op D. Jagste Manniere bekent maakt om So van haar te hooren hoe Sy dit neemen En wat Sy daer in willen doen wy Soude Zwaghten dat Sy Enige Jackemakers Deputere om hier te Comen dit onheyl voor te Verschonen & Indien Sy dit Uyt haar Self niet doen of proten dere So visele wy Noodigh dat Ghy op D beste manier ghy Can te wegh brenght door Enige principale wilden dat Sy Sulx te werk Stellen & Satisfactie doen door Zoenning om Eder onheyl voor te Comen

Albany 2d May 1727

May it please yr Exc.

Inclosed your Exc. has a letter from Capt. Banker of the 24th April with the Acceptable News that the Six Nations have given Consent for building of the house at Oswegge weare much Rejoyced with it while we think it will be pleasing to yr Exc. Save the Publick Great Expences and as much trouble we hope Your Excecellencys will be perswaded that we act with As much for the best of the Caution according to our Ability as we are Capable of.

We hear from the Mesengers who brought us Capt. Bankers letter that french have Desired the Sachims of yr Six Nations to Come to Montreal we Suppose they may Easy Stop to go thither,

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Albany 2d May 1727

Capt. Banker

VE ons seer aengenaome van den 24 april hebbe Wy met veel blyt Schap ontfangen & hoope dat alles nu well gaen. Sall dat hot huys sonder ~~Zblyden~~ Ghindering Sall voltogt werden D. Sackaemakers die ghy by geoall Sall ontmoeten gelieft haer van Onsentweegen te bedanken dat Sy haar belofte aen Syn Ecl. Volbrengen dat hy de beever vall ~~nu~~ Een Goede plaats Can Setten hy Soll het seer weel Neemen & haer in Zyn Gunst wegens dese Sack sterker Continuere dat de wilden Cruyt Lool & andere Goederen begeeren geenzum is voor haer best het Can Alles op dese tydt niet ter reght gestelt worden maer als het huys gemacht is Sall het Cruyt well bewaert kunnen worden gelieft devoor te zoeken om D. Sackemakers te Huyzen om reze Canadae te gaen wy hebben gehort sy Syn genodight om Daer te Comen wy laefte volkoomen aen ue om Lourence by ue te geven So lang als ghy noodigh Denck Indien ue Enigh nieus Cruygh gelieft het ons te laeten weeten wy hopen dat ghy So veelwerk volk Imploijeert als ghy noodigh Denk dat het op bowen vant huys Speedigh magh voort gaen en met ue wynigh Coften als Mogelyck is, man heartlyck groetenis &c.

At a meeting of the Comd. of ye Indian Affairs In Albany ye 4th of may 1727

Present
Phil. Livingston
Langester Symes
Hend. Renselaer
Reyer Gerritse
H. Groesbeeck

Being honoured this day with a letter from his Excell.y of ye 24 ~~Ultimo~~ whereby his Exc.y has pleased to direct a Capt. 2 Lieut. 2 Sergts 2 Cor: 2 Drum & Sixty Men of Greater Troops fourthwith to Swegen in 11 Batoes to help fourthwith the work there and to defend it ag.t any attack ye might be made ye. We Shall fourthwith Send for Waggons from Schinechtady that all the Stores & provisions may be Sent away as fast as Can be & that we Shall provide with all Necessaries that may be yet required to dispatch the D. Men for their further provisions if it be wanted w.t his Exc.y Ingages to pay,

Ordered a letter to be write to Schinechtady to Capt. Collins to Send fourthwith 26 Waggons to Carry up ye batoes Stores & provision sent up ~~to~~ by his Excellency for this Service and that all Necessaries be provided with all Speed that may be Required for the Service

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Att a meeting of the Comr. of Indian affairs in Albany y. 5 of may 1727

Present
Philip Livingston

Albany 9 May 1727

May it please your Exd.

Your Excellencies most Esteemed favours of the 24 Ultimo we Recd. and have Added 4 batoes to the Sent hither, and one more is made at Schinechtady those Made at New york are much Inferiour & Shilter made then those here we have provided all the Necessaries y. have been requird from us with dispatch to put forwd. the work that nothing is wanting for the Detachmt. to proceed to Oswegge So that we Expect to hear y. they put out this day from Schinechtady hopeing y. Every thing may Succeed According to Expectation. we Suppose y. the workmen are now beginning to provide Materiall for y. house Capt. Banker haveing Obtaind Consent from the Sachims of the 6 Nations to Errect y. house he has the Kanasore & Other Sachims with him at Oswegge to Lay out y. Ground for the P. building the Inclosed is from him Dated of the 29. April wherein he makes mentions y. Sachims have Entirely left it to him build where he pleases he thinks the Only thing y. will be Wanting is lime Stone. the Stores were Sent fourthwith to Schinechtady and what we have provided here & there at the request of the Officers is Containd in the Inclosed note y.m y. they Should tell us what Other Necessaries they wanted for this Expedition and we would timely Apply that nothing might prevent their Going forwd. major Symes has Already fitt of Sickness wch has brought him So low y. we Suppose he'll not be able to undergo the fatague of Such teadious Voyage & Journey all persons are very well Satisfyd to furnish what they have and do what work they can on Credit on y. Exd. Letter

We Suppose y. y. Means of this detachmt. will be

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at Canada much sooner then they Can be at Oswegge,— tho: we think the french dare not Oppose this work— while the Indians are for it,

We Shall agree with those ye Evill Supply the men with further provisions Cheapest to be Delivered beyound ye Carrying place if men want it some— palatines have Already Offord to do it,

There are Severall Young men at Oswegee who Can In=terpret french make no doubt but thy will do it when it may be Requird, but if Your Ex.d in your next Shall di=rect us to agree with some persons to do ye Service we— Shall do it,

We have write to Lourence Clase to Stay With Capt. Banker till ye house be finisho & to Interpret as well for the kings Officer as for Capt. Bank. as your Ex.d has directed,

We return your Ex.d our most— hearty thanks for ye hon.r & liberty given us to— Consult about the best measure to be taken by us without wait.g for ye Ex.d Orders & Execute in without delay—

Albany ye 30 June 1727

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May it please your Ex.d

Your Ex.d Severall acceptable favours we have Rec.d which we Should have Answerd much Sooner but have been prevented ye Some of us have been out of town, others Out of Order with ye Distemper w.h rages in our City & County, & that haveing had had of late any Materiall news from ye westward to Communicate to your Ex.d we are Afraid by ye traders who are Come Down ye ye building at Oswegge goes on very well ye on ye 4.th Instant the beams of the first Store was to be layd as may ap=pear by the Inclosed from the head Carpenter, we are told ye but 2 a 3 Canoes with Indians have been to trade there Since Capt. Banker write last ye there had been 20 ood, its Conjectured ye the french at Jagara Stop ym while the traders who pass by our trading place are partyloaded with Brandy w.h they neber premitted to Carry up till Now to Cut of our trade it is Re=ported ye they think our people have found Lime Stone,

We Write Some time Since to Capt. Banker to Stop the Sachims of the 6 Nations to go to Canada on ye Invitation of ye Governour, but hear ye Severall are gone thither tho: Chiefly from Onnondage who are Inclind in the french Interest,

We write to ye two Justices Living among the palatines above the falls to Come hither to agree with Us for ye Delivery of provisions for ye Detachmt gone to Oswegge,

It is long Since we had any manner of— Intellegence from Canada, no Indians Come from thence to trade here,

We return your Ex.d Our most herty thanks for

Sending

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Sending us the news, wh. we take very kind & as a great favour, we hope his Majestie arms may have Such Good Success, over y. Spanish & Imperor as we desire from the bottom of Our hearts, &c

Its Conjectured y. y. Detachmt. Sent to Oswege are arrivd there abt. y. 7 Instant they might have been there Sooner had they not Met with bad Whether & little water in y. wood Creek — —

Albany the 12 June 1727

May it please y. Ex.

Since we had the hon.d to write to your Excell.cy on the 10 Instant we are Informd y. a french=men Lately Come from philadelphi but last from N. York, who we find on Examination has been pam=pering with Severall Negro Slaves at this place to run to Canada wh. is of Dangerous Consequence y. our Slaves Should be Intic'd to run thither, this fellow we had order'd to return from whence he Came pr. Capt. Winne who is to take him On board) he gives out y. he will waite for y. Opperturnity of these ~~here~~ three french=Men lately come from Canada & gone to philadel=phia to go with y.m but we humbly Hope y. he may be Secure y. ~~the~~ he may not go thither this way —

Albany 16 June 1727

May it please Your Excell.cy

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We had the hon.d to write your Ex.cy p. peter Winne & Jacobse Since wh. we had y. Inclosed from Capt. Nicolls y. traders Inform us y. it Would be done 3 weeks but it Seems y. Capt. Nicolls Suppose it would be 6 Weeks before it would be finish we Cant Understand y. Only 2 Masons are at Work while more are there who Can be Imployd we have Sent at Second letter for the palatines to Come hither to Agree with us for the Delivery of provision for y. Men at Oswege, who we Expect in a few days We Suppose they'l not be able prevaild on to deliver it further y. the wood Creek, it Seems y. y. french have Already finish y. building at Jagoora as their traders are Allowd brandy they will do us no little damage yet hope Every thing may Succeed According to your Ex.d Expectation,

This day Arrivd here a few ~~days Ago~~ far Indians but Cant Speak with y.m till to Morrow for want of An Interpreter what they Shall purpose will not faile to Communicate to your Ex.cy pr. first Opportunity mean while take leave to ——— y. we are with Great Esteem & Respect, —

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Albany y.d 14 July 1727

May it please your Ex.y

We had the hon.r to write to your Ex.y by Bothout Since w.h have none of your Ex.ys favours, the inclosed is from Cap.t Nicolls to Cap.t Holland whereby Your Ex.y has an Acct how it goes on with the building at Oswego, how the Detachm.t are provided with provisions and what trade is Carryed on there, it is Supposed y.t Some traders will not have y.t Success as was Suspected and will Come back with part of their Goods, for want of Vent, the Detachm.t may want some provisions but not So much as Nicolls Seem to Mention y.e Men he Sent with a bateau for provisions to y.e palatines-had 130 bushel wheat Meal & we Sent Near 500. bacon as we write in our last w.h Arrived Soon after he writ last we Calculate y.t Cap.t Banks will have 2 Months ~~Service~~ provisions for his Detachm.t Expected pease w.h we do not know how to Supply now, it may be time Enough to Send y.m further provisions w.h we Shall have y.e hon.r to receive Your Excel.cy answer how to proceed y.e palatines Cant Supply y.m till Sep.t Unless with wheat Meal & Indian Corn, on your Commands to us of y.e 12.th April & 29.th June relating our proceeding to y.e Acts of Assembly aq.t those who have not Come in & taken y.e advantage of the last act, made in their favours we had Sundry Meetings & persuall of the Act passd y.e 11.th June 1720. we find y.t Every Article Clause or things in y.e former Acts are Inforced, so y.t we humbly conceive y.t w.t Sumonies have been Issued by the Com.rs are Still in force & Since no further Complaints are made to wd.t any person we Can not proceed we take leave to Subscribe our Selves y.t we are with Esteem

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian Affairs in Albany y.e 10.th of June 1727

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Present

Philip Livingston
M.ynd. Schuyler
Peter Van Brugh
Henry Van Rensselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Lancester Symes
Reger Gerritse
Step. Groesbeck
Harmanus Wendell
Nicolaes Bleecker

Two Indians Sachims one from detroit alias Tuchsachronde named ajastoenies & y.e Other from y.e Nation Calld by y.e french poatamis named Wynamack Appeard before this board with a Calamet pipe painted blew, who make the following Speech,

We are not Come hither only on an Idle Errant but Chiefly to Visit & See our fathers with our own Eyes how they do, and how Affairs are here;

We are Sent by y.e Sachims of Tuchsachronde with this Errant y.t they have heard y.t Coll.t Peter Schuyler is dead, to Inquire whether it be So or not, & while we are Assurd y.t he is departed this life We Come to Condole his Death & Cover his grave with a bever Coat y.t it may not be Exposd to y.e rain. w.h we desire his Excel.cy Our father Corlaer may be Acquainted with,

They fill y.e Calumet with tobacco lighted it, y.e one one of y.m went ab.t & lett all the Com.rs take Some whiffs Out of It as a Ceromony among y.m of peace & friendship w.h they use in their treaties with y.e Neigbouring Nations,

one of y.m

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One of ye Said I am but a young man of the Nation Called patamis & am Come hither directly from hunting in company with this old men ajastoenies Else would have brought Some presents from my nation but can Only leave this pipe as a toaken ye our Nation will Come to trade here,

I have had but an Indifferent hunting of bevers wh ye french would have traded from me as I Came down but they would give me but trifles for it and having heard ye goods were So Cheap here induced to Come to make a tryall of it the old Indian Ajastoenis,

I am come now but with a few Skins to See how you do here, & if I meet with good treatm. & get a good penny worth I Come again with large Quantity of Skins,

I have Mett with Great Difficulty from the french who would prevent me going to See you Alledging ye Coll. Schuyler dead & ye I would not hearken to any thing they told me, being Afraid other men would be Appointed by our Blues ye Gov. to Represent him therefore I persisted in my Design to go & See my fathers & would give no Credit to any thing ye french told me Depending on what has been formerly promised me ye ye houses would be open here for the far Nations who Are Civilly & Kindly treated.

It was represented unto me ye Some Ill Should befall on me from you but I depened on your promis=ses & Engagemts ye we Should be Always wellcome I saw almost in great darkness & Covered over ye I Could Scarcely see ye sun, but I have Uncovered ye roof by my constant resolution in Comeing hither & now find & see a Clear ~~resol~~ sun Shine & Every thing well give a few Skins

Answer of ye

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Answer of ye Comrs made on 19th June 1692

We are Rejoyed to see you here & bid you hearty Welcome at this place ye we have ye Opperturnity to Smoake together out of ye pipe of peace its a pleasure for us to hear from you ye you have not regarded what ye french did falsely Insinuate agt us to prevent your Comeing hither You will ever find true & Certain what we promise you ye this place is a feat peace where ye tree of fridship is plan=ted whose reach now over all your habitation under whose Schilter you may be Certain to be Secure from all Evill the Evil, ye Sun wh Shines on ye tree will we hope Spread Over All ye remote Indians, & ye Good report you will bring your Nations treatm.t here we Expect will Induce a greater Number to Come hither or to ye trading place at Ochweege where you please, wh house is build there as a token ye ye path hither Shall be at all times open & Clear for you to come without any Apprehension of fear, wherefore be Content & Never Regard what ye french may tell you ye we Shall use you Ill wh they do with no Other View but ye they may Exact & Impose on you as they have done for these Many Years past to make you their goods at an Extravagent high price, wh we hope you may perceive now to open your Eyes, we Cant Omit to advice you not to hearken to ye french if they Should propose unto you or any other Indians near you to Engage in a war together for they will Contrive to prevent your Comeing to trade here his Excellcy Injoyns ye five Nations to lett you frely pass without any Interruption & therefore we recommend

you

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You to ~~Stay~~ keep a Strict & firm Alliance & good — Understanding with ye. we Return you thanks for ye. Condoling ye. Death of Coll.t Schuyler wh. we take very kind from you & Shows the true Regard you have for this Governm.t ye. Gov.r of this province had Appointed him with Other pSons to treat with you & all Other remote — Indians, here is at all times Some persons who Repre=sent our Gov.r Your Kind & Indulgent father if one pSon dyes he Appoints Others in the room if he thinks fitt So ye. here is Always a perpetuall Succession of Sachims as you — Now See,

You find our Goods Very Cheap here we have — Abundance at this time for have Sufficiently provided — our Selves of all Sorts in Expectation ye. a great Number of ye. far Indians would have Come to trade with Skins & — peltry & Now our Stores are all filled & your people are backward in Comeing Contrary to the former promises to do, now to Convince you of what ~~you~~ we Say you may go & try were Everyou please & ye. you find true wt. we Say Given them 20 Gall. Rum 6 blankets Strouds & 4 blankets

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Att a meeting of the Com.r of ye. indian Affairs in Albany ye 22th June 1727 —

Present

Philip Livingston
Pe: Van Brugh
Rutger Bleecker
Ryer Gerritse —
Lancester Symes
St. Groesbeeck
Harmanus Wendell
Nicolaes Blecker

Rec.d this day a letter from his Ex.y Wm. Burnet Esq.r &c. dated ye. 19th Instant ye. Com.r agreed with Johan Jurch Kast & Johan Joost Petri ye 2 Justices liveing above ye falls among ye palatines for ye. Delivery of provisions for ye. Detachm.t who are to Stay at Oswege, to Deliver it at ye Wood Creek over the Carying place — or at the Canada Creek where it Comes into ye S. wood Creek to witt for a ℔ pork 4½, a ℔ beef 3¾, a Skeple — wheat meal or a Skeple pease 5/ for one year & ye. at Expiration thereof to provide for a longer time if his Ex.y Gov.r Burnet Esq.r &c. Approves of this agreem.t & they are willing ye. to do ytt.

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Philip Livingston
Lancester Symes
Rutger Bleecker
Ryer Gerritse
Harmanus Wendell
Stephanus Groesbeeck

Att a Meeting of the Comrs. of ye Indian Affairs in Albany ye 28th June 1727

May it please your Exy

Your Excellencys favours of the 19th Instant we received since which no opportunity has offerd, we give your Excellency thanks for ordering the frenchmen not to Return hither again,

The building we hear by the Last Advice goes not so forward, as we Expected 2 of the workmen are Sick which may keep it back for Some little time, Capt. Holland has had the perusall of your Excellencys letter and has write to Captain Nicolls to gett Skins for Shoes for the men as we Shalled do by ye first Opertunity,

The report about the young men who had found lime Stone, and would not discover it proves false for we hear he Shewd the place,

We hope that our ambassador in france who has orders to represent agt. ye building at Jagara may have good Succeed,

We have agreed with ye palatines to furnish ye Detachmt. have Oswegge with provisions for one year as Appears by our Minute of ye 22th Instant, but they have no bacon pork nor beef now we Send nord thither 400 ℔ bacon by Capt. Bankers Son who going up to See his father who we hear is Sick but Cant learn yt. he is very Ill we Shall look out for a Smith & armourer & Inform ye Exy. in our next

P.S. by ye Information we have ye road & bridges on ye Carrying place want to be repaird—

Att a Meeting of ye Comrs. of ye Indian Affairs in Albany ye 1 of July 1727

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At a Meeting of ye Comrs of Indian
affairs in Albany ye 5th of July 1727

We had ye honr to write your Exy on ye 28th past
Since wch have Recd nothing of Moment from ye west=
=ward only this inclosed we had to day from Capt Banker
of the 25th whereby it is to Seem how the building goes
forwd at Oswegge by the Information we have from ye
head Carpenter it will be finished by ye first of Augt next
the men Capt Nicolls sent with a batoe to ye palatines
for provisions have only 30 Bushels wheat meal from them
So ye the bacon we Sent will Come in good time we
Intend to Send more in a short time yt it may Serve
ye Detachmt till ye palatines Can provide with beef & pork

Albany ye 14 July 1727

May it please your Excellcy

We had the honr to write to your Exy
p bothout since wch have had none of your Excellys
favours the Inclosed is from Capt Nicolls to Capt Hol=
=land whereby your Exy has an Account how it goes on
with ye building at Oswegge, how the Detachmt are
provided with provisions & what trade is Carried on
there, it is Supposed that Some traders will not have that
Success as was Expected & will Come back for want
of their Goods for want of vent, ye Detachmt may want
some provisions but not So much as Mr Nicolls Seem to
Mention the men he Sent with a batoe for provisions to
ye palatines had 130 Bushel wheat meal & we Sent near
5000 bacon as we write in our last wch Arrivd Soon after he
write

Write last we Calulate yt Capt Banks will have two
Months provisions for his detachmt Expected pease wch
we do not know how to Supply now, it may be time
Enough to Send ym further provisions when we Shall
have ye honr to receive your Exys answer how to proceed
the palatines Cant Supply ym till September with
wheat meal & Indian Corn on your Exys Comands to us
of ye 12th April & 19th June relating our proceeding to
According to ye Acts of Assembly agt those who have not
Come in & taken ye advantage of the last act, made in
their favour we had Sundry meetings & on perusall of ye
Act passed ye 17th June 1726, we find yt Every article
Clause or things in the former acts are Inforced, So ye
we humbly Conceive yt what Somones have been
Issued by ye Comrs are Still in force, & Since no fur=
=ther Complaints are made to us agt any persons we
Can not proceed

Albany 17th July 1727

Your Exys favours of ye 15 Instant we Recd & observe
ye Contents, our last was ye 14th Instant. whereto we take
leave to refer, the agreemt with the palatines we Could
not make more favourable to Send it from hence would
Cost much More while its a great distance thither
they think they have a hard bargain to furnish ye provis as we agree

We have been Informd yt an Indian was hangd for killing
an English Man in N: yerseys yt place is place is different
Scituated in respect to our five nations numerous are of a
different temper & More they those who live in ye Jerseys
~~yt place is Different Scituated in respect to our five nations~~
& on an other hand their have Indians been killd by our
people who have not been Executed for it but made
their

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their Escape after tryall & Judgment wch they allways obridge us with how to Apprehend ye Murderers now ye kills ye Palatine at Skohere we cant tell we gave your Exy timely notice of this fact,

We Cant hear yt there has been in a manner any trade at Oswego from Tachsaghrondie Indians all yt has been there this year is from our own Indians & those Living on ye North Side Cadaraghqus lake & ye living to ye Eastward of it its Supposed many of our traders will be obliged to Come back with their goods its Said ye Clear Rum has already been Sold there at 3/ pr gallon by one trader to Another,

We are at a Stand what to Conjecture yt ye french are doing at Canada havcing had no manner of Intelligence from there Since April,

We are of Opinion with Mr Nicolls yt an able Indian Interpreter will be much wanting At Oswego

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Peter Vn Brugh
Henry Ronselaer
Lancester Symes
Ryer Gerritse
Stephanus Groesbeck
Harmanus Wendell
Nicolaes Bleecker

Albany ye 26 July 1727

May it please your Exy

We take this opportunity to Inform your Exy yt yesterday arrivd here Mons Lasasangie Govr of trois riviere accopanyd with Some Officers message is to your Exy & Intends to Sett out from hence in 2 a 3 days, by what we hear is ye Subject of his Errant is abt our building at Oswego Mr John Tippets from N England who has been to Canada to redeem his Captive Children Inform us ye 400 french & 400 Indians have been ready to March directly to Oswego to Destroy ye building kill & take our people & their goods, but has been happyly by the advice

the advice Mons Lasasangie who has offerd his Service to Undergo ye fetaque of this Journey to Mediate this Affair with your Exy Mean time an Officer is Sent to Oswego with orders to desire our people their to desist from building till they have ye resott of this message their frees are to be kept ready at an hours warning ye Indians of Cochnawage have firmly promised ye Govr of Canada not to have any Communication with this place. Mr Tippits is going to New york who Can give your Exy a particular Acct how affairs are at Canada

Inclosed is a letter from Capt Banker wherein is no better Intelligence ye we have from Montreal.

The Comrs agreed with Mr Jacob Visger to Carry Mons Lasasanie Govr of trois riviere now in town with people in his Company in his Sloop to N York for Seven pounds ten Shillings for ye trip down & for four pound ten Shillings up hither again & to lye 8 a 9 days at N York

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At a meeting of y. Com.rs of Indian affairs y. 26 July 1727

Capt. Nicolls

We had y. persuall of yours to Capt. Holland wherein you very Justly Imagine y. y. french are hatching some mischief aq.t us we have y. same Intilligence from Canada as you intimate & y. Gov.r of trois rivere is here & going to his Ex.y our Gov.r with a message abt. our building at Oswego, we have private Intilligence y. a Man at Canada has undertaken for to go with a few men to surprize you & take possession of y. building & dispose you, w.h would be dangerous Consequence to this province wherefore we desire you to be on your Guard & not to suffer on no acct. whatsoever any french or any of their Indians to Enter into y. house.

We send you a half barrel powder 56 ℔ lead & 20 ℔ shot for a small supply. & ℔ bacon we wish you all well & assure you y. we are

Capt. Banker

Albany 26 June 1727

VE aengenacme p.r Mr Hend Cuyler hebbe wy ontfangen en den Inhout Estaen het is ons seer leef dat het gebouw by nae Claer is, het geraght ~~dat~~ VE heb wegens de france in Canadada om met maght ons volk op oswegos te overvallen & possesie vant huys neemen wy hebben daer sekerheyt van over dese wegh dat 400 franse & 200 wilden Claer geweest Syn in Montreal om dat Ongevorloft werk uyte voeren. doch als wy geinformeert Syn is ~~het~~ gestacht tot dat de Gov.r van Trois Riviere Mons.r Lasasanje Syn Ex.y onse Gov.r Sall Gesproken hebben wien nu aff gaet nae N: York wy hoopen dat het een Goede uytslag magh hebben, wy Estaen dat een persoon in Canada ondernoemen heeft voor £50 met 10 a 12 man om het huys te Erafseren & so daer possesie van te neemen twelk Informatie wy nu aen Capt. Nicolls Sonden dat ock de raeds is van deze Express. dat hy op syn magh syn wy ordeelen het raatsaen dat ghy D. Sackemakers dit ~~bekant~~ te maken en dat ghy 6 Tronwe wilden in gagert om op Oswegos te leggen in plaise bestacht Sall worden so als VE. Sall Accorderen & hoopt VE sult met Lourence der over aviseren — —

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Albany y.d 26 July 1727

May it please Your Ex.cy

We had y. hon.r Yesterday to acq.t your Ex.d y. Mons.r Lassaranje Gov.r of this Rivine arrivd here y. 24.th Instant as we are Informd with a message from y. Gov.r of Canada to y. Ex.d having good reason to be perswaded y. y. Subject is Errant about our building at Oswego & as we hear y. french at Canada are very much alarmd at our posessing y. place & y. forces ready to Attack & dispo=ses us to a great presumtion in y.m & of y. last Consequence to this province all y. Neighbouring provinces on this Con=tinent w.ch we humbly hope may be treated with great Caution & deliberation y. y. good union & firm aliance w.ch Subjects between y. two Crowns may not be violated by y. french of Canada, & its province disturbd in their Just & In=doubted right & possession of y. lands Solemnly agreed to belong to y. Crown of great britain & they in no manner to prevent any Indians freely to trade with y. British Subjects, as this Gentlemen is a person of Distinction & y. we are in Expectation y. your Ex.d may be pleased with our Opinion on this Creticall Subject w.ch would take up too much room to write out of y. Great Concerns we have desird & prevaild on Coll.t M. Schuyler & m.r Livingston with whom we have discourd & told our Sentiments Ab.t this Affair w.ch we hope may be Acceptable to y. Ex.d with respect we Remain

Your Ex.d most humble
& most Obed.t Servants

Peter V.n Brugh
Lancester Symes
Rutger Bleecker
H. Groesbeck

Nicolaes Bleecker
Harmanus Wendle
Ph: Schuyler

Albany y. 3.th August 1727

May it please your Excell.cy

Since we had y. honour to write your Excell.cy on y. 27.th of July two Canoes Cachnawage Indians arrivd here about two Days ago one of which Indians hath given us the Inclosed Information that the french Governour by a great belt of wampum told the Cachnawage Indians not to go to Albany as they use to do and that he had Stopt the path by a great Stone in the ground planting that they Can not Climb over & told the S. Indians that they had no business here at Albany the indians answerd him that the Governour would Engage them & Shew them a harbe in Canada were they Could have goods as Cheap as in Albany from days after the S. Said Governour told them they Should not go that his belly was full to his throath about our building the house at Oswego & desird y.m to assist him in takeing & destroy=ing the S. house & braged very much in y. ~~Governour~~ gran=deur of the french & their war Like Actions & by what we can Apprehend they have Consented to that Request that the Gov.r & the priest had Desird & Entituled y. to go a fighting and to Kill only one man Either at New England Oswego or Albany whereupon one of the Indi=ans answerd the priest he Might go himself to do y. himself If he would

That the Governour of Canada in his propositions to the Onnondade Sachims told y.m that the french had Cutt of all their Castles and thereby had a just Claim to the Same butt neverthelesse the French were so Kind as to lett the five nations quietly Enjoy their Nation Country and have not presumd to make any building amongst them, But ~~nevertheless~~ y. on y. Contrary y. Gov.r of New york having first desird Liberty for a Small wood=den house at y. falls hath now built a great Stone

house at

house at Oswego that they thereby might plainly see the intention ~~& y.~~ of the English to Creep in amongst them & y.r Cut them of y.t the King of great Britain had now for three year Solisted to the king of France to join with him to do the Same But the King of France will not Agree to it & y.t y. building of the house at Oswego is a plain prove of what he has Informed y.m & told them to destroy of the F. house, & to bring an answer to the Governour at Canada upon the matter. and if it was not done y.t he would use means to do it without Delay

And on y.e Departure y. F. Sachems of Onnondage Came to y. Cachnawage Castle, were the Cachnawage Sachems Spoke to y.m by a great belt of wampum & Desired y. Onnondages not to Consent to y. building of y. house at Oswego y.t the buildings were of ill Consequence y.t the English had built in the Moaks Country above Saraghtoge, and that all the land in the Moaks Country was gone & that the Intention of the English was to Deprive y.m of all ~~such~~ their Lands & that they Should Consider in what a Miserable Condition they may be brought to

And the Said Indian who hath given this Information Says y.t he is Inclined to Leave Canada & Come to live amongst us Some were at ~~Schenectady~~ Saraghtoge with Eight men with their family's if he Can be Employed with lands & Desired us to Acquaint his Excellency with the Same & y.t he may have answer upon y.e matter in a Months time & give great Encouragement that a great many Indians would Come to Live there if there be land & a ~~Multitude~~ Minister y.e Com.ds are of Opinion y.t if there may be had Some lands within the bounds of Saraghtoge & y.t if that matter Can be brought to Effect it would be a great Securety to this province, w.h we tought our duty to transmit to y.e Excell.cy are Remain with Due Respect

Y.e Excell.cys most humble & obedient Servants

D. Sackemakers van Asekantekook syn op Dese dagh verschene voor D. Commissioners om antwort te brenge aengaende de proposes en onderhandeling met haer gehouden op de Eerste dagh van meert 1726

Monsr. En Seghe dat het geen Sey doe maels hadde aengenome hebbe als onder de gront deur gedaen aen d. drie Castiels & its middle in Asekantekook uyt D. Gront gekoomen want VE heb ons belast dat D. bootschap niet reughbaer Soude gemaekt werden als aen D. wilde natie,

Monsr. & Ouste Broeders Ick Seghe nue ~~tot~~ VE Soals VE de wegh geopend hebbe VE Seyde So Comme wy new & make d. wegh ock open van Onse Seyde & het pat dat wy nu open make, Comt middle in d. Stat van Albany uyt & as wy new vrinde Syn & Moeten malkander op het voor Schreven pat so Sullen wy malkander als vrinden ontfangen & behandelen, So dat in toekomende als wy malkander moetten So Sall Zyn in vrede & in vrijenschap waer op Zy gaven 4 ketlinties wit Swant Syn het Selfde dat Sichtock van hier heeft mede genomd om het pat te openen

Monsr. & Broeders VE hebt ons verseyt dat van onse Sackemak. Soude hier in Albany koomen & op D. Selfde tyt ons aengedient dat twe Sackemakers van boston alhier Soude Syn om onse Sackemak.s ~~te moetten~~ & Als D. Sackemakers van Boston & van Asekantekook malkander alhier moetten in Albany dan Sullen wy volkomen met haer Spreken wy hadden D. Monsr. belooft om opt Spoudighste alhier weder te komen maer hebbe niet Eerder kunnen komen als nu D. reeden dat wy niet Eerder Zyn gekoomen is om dat D. Sackemak.s van onse Castelen waren geroppen naer D. oft in N. England waer op Syn Een bant Gegeven hebbe Zyn de Eenbant die de vorlede jaer aen haer was Gesonden

Monsr. & Broeders

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UE hebt geseyghtge west menigh yaer om D. weghte Openen & wy komen nu Eens om D. wegh te Open & bekant te houden met Een volkomen beslut

D. Monsr. hebbe de wegh open gemackt & wy komen nu om het Open te houden & UE Zyet ons nu hier persoenlyck om met UE te Spreken & wy Sullen d. wegh goet & Open houden Tot alen Tyden waer op wy geven Drie bevers

Brodr. & Vrinden, wy Syn verheught en het is ons Seer ~~leet~~ aengenaam van UE Comst alhier Volgens belofte den 1 maert 1727

Broders & Vrinden, het is ock Seer Aengenaem dat UE van weegen de drie Castelen van UE natie ons verseker ingh doet dat het padt tusen ons Een UE nu goet en open is en also altoos gehouden Sall werden twelk wy van onse Zyde UE nu weeder Versekeren wy Zyn Seer verblyt uyt UE D.rs mond te verstaen dat UE Sachemakers na Nu Engeland waren wy willen hoopen dat de Vrede tusschen onse broeders van new England en UE. magh voltrecken Zyn dat ons Seer ~~leet~~ aengenaem Sall Zyn om te hooren

Vrinden & Broders UE hebt Ingetoyfelt well verstaen dat D. franse tegen haer Zin is dat wy Een huys op Oswege hebben Getimmert welk huys onse Governeur hebbe Getimmert met Consent Van de 6 Naties wy versoecken dat UE met die Sack niet will Bemoeyen maar UE Still houden en UE pyp te Smoke en niet te hooren Luysteren als D. france UE op Sellen om het gemelde huys in te neemen of te demolieren op dat het pattt nu Schoon & goet is niet vryl magh Werden want dat verschil moet By D. Groote Koningen van Groot britainien & van Wanelugh geslist werden,

hier

Hier meede wenchen wy D. Broeders Een Behoude rys dat UE Met Gesontheyt by UE vrouwen Kinderen En vrinden magh komen en haer vertellen datt het patt nu den alle Zyde Schoon en goet is en dat UE nu Can Comen om hier in dese Statt te handelen En handelen als vrinden en goederen die UE dienstigh Zyn hebben wy overvloedigh en So als onse mont Spreakt So is ons hart—

Albany the 5.th aug.st 1727

May it please yr Excellency

We find our Selves honoured yr Excel.cy favourable of yr 31 July by yr Express & have fourthwith Sent a man with the Letters to Capt. banker & Capt. Nicolls and Shall Send the Value of the Sixty pounds in goods and the provisions as Soon as yr Same Comes & wither Observe your Excel.cys directions we remain with due Respect—

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At a Meeting of ye Comrs of ye Indian Affairs in Albany ye 6th of augst 1727

Two of ye Chief sachims of onake being Sinnekes Sheweth unto ye Comrs 4 Strings of wampun whereby they Say yt ye Same was Sent by ye Jenundadeys from onnes=sagronde unto ye Six Nations & to ye Comrs to make known yt ye of ye Jouondadees with 3 men formerly taken prisoners from ye flatt heads were gon to the flatt heads to make a peace with ym but not yet returnd

2dly Brotheren. I make known to you yt I have been with 4 Nations of ye far Indians Medewandamy nichheyake, wisseake & Jononadadeke, & have taken much trou=ble & pains to perswade ym unto ye Intrest of this Governmt to wm they have hearkned & are now become our frinds, butt there are Still more farr nations if any of ym Should happen to Come & give opportunity to us of makeing any propositions they Say yt they have nothing in hand to Speake & Invite ym to ye Intrest of this province therefore they resolved to Come here to their Brethren in albany wm are rich & well Stockt with goods, & therefore desire to be Supplyd with goods on yt purpose as being for ye Intrest of this Governmt

3dly Brethren we Desire yt we may be Supplyd with ye Smith & Stock maker Liveing at Schinechtady Called Joost Van Sysen

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Lancester Symes
Peter Van Brugh
Rutger bleecker
Cyler Gerritsen
Harmanus Wendell
Nicolaas Bleecker

at a Meeting of ye Comrs of ye Indian Affairs at Albany this 7th August 1727

Answer to ye propositions of ye 2 Sinneke Sachims

Brethren we do in behalf of his Excellency Salute you & Assure you yt we are very glad to See you here in health

Brethren it will be a great Satisfaction to his Excellcy as it is to us of your Endeavour yt you have taken so much pains in bringing ye far nations of Indians into our Intrest wm we take to be an Equal Benefitt for us & our brotheren ye Six Nations we Shall acquaint his Exy with our proceedings in yt Affair

Brethren you know yt we have built a house at Oweg by Consent of the Brethren ye Six Nations we perceive yt ye french at Canada are much against it pretending that they have a right to yt place Brotheren that house is not only a Securetty for our traders but also a great Securetty for our brethren the five nations were by the french will be prevented to attack our brethren we know very well yt ye french By false instigations Shall Endeavour to insinuate our brethren to resent yt good work but wee know very well yt our brethren are wise & prudent & Shall never hearken to ye false Storys & Instigations of ye french who always Endeavour to break ye Covenant Chain & desire you will do your utmost Endeavour with ye rest of our brethren to Secure ye Sd house when ever ye french or their Indians Should attempt to dispose us of ye Same, as for ye Smith we Shall acqt ye Governr with ye Same, you may be Sure of being Supplyd with one

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At a meeting of the Comd. the 7th August 1727

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Evert Banker
Lancaster Symes
Peter Vn. Brugh
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Harmanus Wendell
Nicolas Bleecker

This Day ye Comd. write a letter to Capt. Collins to procure Carpenters & workmen to build 4 Large Batoes at Schinnechtady for Carrying up the Provisions Lately Sent up by his Excellency for ye Garrison at Oweego.

That Lourence be Sent for to Come hither to receive Instructions to go to ye five nations to acquaint them with the decease of his late Majesty King George and that the Prince of Wales is Proclaimd King of Great Britain france and Ireland

Albany ye 9th August 1727 199

May it please your Excellency

We had ye honour to write your Exd. on ye 5th Instant Since we Recd. your Exd. favour of ye 8 Do. pr. Wm. Wimen and upon due Consideration of the matter wee are humbly of opinion that the potents for the Indian provisions, and amunition Should be Sent up with all Expedition have therefore hired the men to Assist the Soldjers in bringing up ye Same in three large wooden Canoes hired at Schinectady and two batoes being one which laft at Schinechtady and one which the Carpenters brought down wee have gott about 1000 lb of Biskett bread and twenty bushel of pease from hence and will order to gett Soon more pease and wheat meal palatines if posabil there is wheat Anough by ye palatines but the Season being So very dry as is reported that the mill was no water to Grind and the river verry Shallow So that it will be hard to bring up the loaden Canoes and batoes but we use the best means we Can and hope for Some wett whether the goods on provisions are most gone up to Schinechtady and we hope the batoes and Canoes will Sett out from thence a fryday morning being the 11th Instant major Symes and Coll. Groesbeeck are going up to Schinechtady to dispatch thine, may it please your Excellcy we have Considered that if the batoes Should go further part of the provisions and Come down again for the reft would take up a Verry long time and detain Capt. Nicolls to gett at Oweege and the Soner he be there wee think the better, in this intiere of time,

-The Carpenters did arrive here on ye 6th Instant in the

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in the Evening and say y.t Capt. Nicolls & Capt. Banker were resolved to Sett out from Oswego the next day after them it is Generally reported that the house at Oswego is a very fine and Strong building and the workmen have Labourd very hard at it

Inclosed we Send your Exd Copys of the propositions of the Aseekantekook indians and of two of our Smics Sachims we do all for the best & hope it may all turn to good Effect wee remain with due respect

Your Excel.cys

Most humble and Obedient Servants

Albany 30.th August 1727

Capt. Banker

In gevolge van Syn Excel.cys order So Sende wy hier neffens D. Goederen Volgens inleggende memorandum tot presenten voor de Sess Naties hier neffens ook Een opste=Stelling vant geen wy Oordeele om beneffens het geen Syn Excel.cy gebrdineert heeft aen de Sess naties voor=Stellen om watt UE oordeelt na De Gelegentheyt van Zaaken noodigh daer bij te Voegen

Het weeder om gaen van UE parsoon nae Oswego om met de wilden te Spreken Sall UE watt Swaar Schynen hebbende alreede so veel groote en Moylycke Zaaken uyt Gericht doch terwyl het veryst voort beft vant landt So twyfelen wy niet of UE Sult met Een nieuw moet aengedaen Zyn En hoope dat de heer die alles Regeert UE Sall versterken en de Zaak voorspoedigh maaken.

Wy twyfellen niet of UE Sult met Lourence Clase in alles Een goet Verstant & vrintschap houden wy groeten UE van herten en Eblyve met veel respect

Myn heer

UE Seer geneege vrienden & Drs

Albany the 10.th August 1727 200

May it please your Excellency

We had the honour to write your Excellency yesterday this Comes to Inform your Excel.cy that Captain Banker is Come to their place this Morning Seekly & week and Lourence Clase is Come with him,

And Since Capt. Banker is not able by Reason of his Seekness to go back to Oswegee & Considering y. your Excel.cys good Intention ought not to Stop in a matter of great Consequence we are Resolved to Send Capt. Philip Schuyler & his brother Pieter Schuyler to go up with Lourence Clase to meet the Chief Indians upon Subject & make propositions to them according to your Excel.cys Distructions we hope your Exc.cy may be pleased to approve of this our proceedings & as we are Informd by Capt. Banker & Lourence y. the indians are now to have a Meeting at Onnondage which as wee Conjecture may be upon the propositions made by the governour of Canada to the Sachims of Onnondage lately Returd from Canada we Are humbly of Opinion not to Delay butt hasten those Gentlemen to go up with all Expedition who have Undertaken to go for y. Service of the king & Country Upon the Credit of the Goverment Wee believe they will Sett out from hence to Morrow we are with due Respect

Your Excellencys

Most humble & Obedient Servants

P.S. we are very much in want of belts of wampun

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Major Symes

Albany y.e 11.th Aug.st 1727

Sr

The inclosed letter was delivered to us opened wee have taken a Copy of the Same in Order to Send to his Excel.cy we desire you send us a line or two by the bearer hereof forth=with & thereby Acquit us If you have or Can procure men enough to Carry up the stores & provisions to Oswego & to Sup=ply the Garrison with men at Oswego in Order y.t wee may be able acquit his Excell.cy, with the Circumstances of matters Since Capt. Nicolls is Comeing down to Albany According his letter whether it be Be best to take all bateaux for Carry=ing up the provisions Since Capt. ~~Barker~~ Nicolls is belonging down with Right bateaux or whether to Succeed with y.e 3 wooden Canoes & two bateaux as it was first designed we leave to your Self Coll.t Groesbeck & Capt. Collins wee are

Sr

Your most humble Servants

pray Communicate this Fourthwith to Capt. Collins & Coll.t Groesbeck

We are Of opinion y.t Since Capt. Nicolls is Comeing Down to Send all Store & provisions w.th all the men at Once together

Was Signd
Peter V.r Brugh
Hend.k van Rensselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Ryer Gerritse
Harmanus Wendell

Albany y.e 12.th aug.st 1727

May it please your Excel.cy

we have Acquainted your Ex.cy by our last of the 10.th Instant that Capt.t was Returnd home Seek & Week by the Inclosed Coppy of Capt. Nicolls letter & ma=jor Symes letter your Excel.cy will See that Capt. Nicols is Comeing Down with the men w.ch Makes Some alteration about the matters in hand and are Aforeaid Matters will not go So Expeditions as We hoped & Expected in respect of getting up y.e Stores & provisions our Express met Capt. Nicolls a Little on this Side of y.e Great Carrying place we believe it will take a long time before y.e men gett up with the Stores & provisions to Oswego Capt. ~~Sch~~ Schuyler & his brother peter with Lourens believe will Sett out this Day from Schinechtady Capt. Schuyler & Lourence go a horse back to make all the hast the Can to gett up to onondaga

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Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Peter Vn Brugh
Hendk Vr Rensselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Ryer Gerritse
Nicklas Bleecker

At a Meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs ye 15th Augt 1727

May it please yrs Excell.y

Our last was on y.e 14 Instant whereto take leave to refer Since Capt. Nicolls is Arrived with y.e N. york Detachmt under his Command at Schinechtady, we are Informd y. 12 Men thereof are Sick & y.e rest major Seymes tells us will not go back to Oswego, So y thereby your Ex.y good Intention is partly vaguated we have Applyd to major Seyms for men to bring up provisions for y.e Detachmt posted at Oswego all he Can Command as he tells us for this Service are only 12 men out of both Companies who alone are not Able to bring up the provisions to Supply w.th Depot we have Judgd it Necessary (tho at at a great Expence to hire men out of our neighbourhood to bring up y.e provisions for y. is chefest article they want at present

We had Dispatchd 12 Soldiers & 8 Inhibitants with provisions from Schinechtady but they turnd back when they met Capt. Nicols near y. place who are to Sett out again to morrow with 6 Inhibitants more we hope your Ex.y will be aware y. we have Done hitherto our utmost Endeavours for promoting this work while it is of the greatest Consequence to this province for y.e future shall be at all times ready to do Whatever is in our power,

We think it would be very Necessary for y.e Service y. 6 of our Inhibitants & 6 trusty Indians be Imployd to lay at Oswego.

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Albany the 5th Septemb. 1727

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May it please your Excell.y

This comes to Acquaint your Excellency that Captain Philip Schuyler & his brother Peter Schuyler with Laurence Returd here on the Second Instant from Onnondago their proceedings And good Sucess will appear to your Excell.y by the inclosed propositions which we Dout not but will be pleasing to your Ex.y we have thought it Necessary according to the Custum to acq. the Six Nations of Indians with the Decease of his Late Majesty King George of blessed memory and the Succession of his present Majesty our Sovereign Lord King George the Second on y.e throne in Order to which we Shall Dispatch Lourence up to the Six Nations & also give him Directions to Endeavour to Stop y.e Onnondages from their resolution w.ch they have taken by the Nitigation of the french to go to war against the flatheads w.ch we Conceive is the polacy of the french to gett y.m from home & out of the way but we hope we may Defeat their Designs they maght undertake against the building at Oswego, & we have good bacon to believe such Since the Indians have taken such prime & loyall Resolution to our interest as appears by the Inclosed proposition,

We Shall not be wanting in Sending up the provisions & to observe your Ex.y orders & Directions & milarge by our Next we remain with Due respect

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By the Commiss.rs of Indian Affairs
at Albany 9 Septemb. 1727

Instructions for Mr. Lourence Claese the Interpreter

You are hereby Directed to go fourthwith to the sachims of the Six nations to acquaint them at their Severall Castles of the Decease of his late Majesty King george of glorious memory, & that his son the high & mighty Prince George of Wales is now his Successor to the Imperiall Crowns of great Britain France & Ireland to whom they are to pay all Submission & Alligance

You are to Endeavour to Stop ye Onnondages from their Resolution wch (we hear) they have taken by the Instigation of the french to go to war agt the flatt heads, which you Must tell them the french do with an Intent to get ym from home out of the way or by these means to destroy and Dominish ym If possible,

You are to Encourage ym to persist in their good resolution wm they have taken to Defend the house at Oswege If Any french or Indians might attack it,

You must Enquire what french massages have lately been sent among the Six Nations & what the purport of ym Are, whether at ye Sinnekes Country are any of the other Castles, & if any thing might happen whilst you are among the Indians wch we Cant foresee at present you are to Act in it as you Judge will be most ~~humble~~ for his majesty intrest given under our hands in albany ye 9th September 1727

Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Pieter Van Brugh
Harmanus Wendell
Reyer Gerritse
Ritger Bleecker

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Resolved that three Indians be Sent to the lake St. Sacrement to See whether there be any Indians by whom they may learn what news there be at Canada we ~~hope~~ not haveing had Intelligence from there a this long time, & ye wgs Charges thereof be pd by the Comrs Agreed with Guysbert Vn Brakel Jrs to go with Lourence Claese to the 6 Nations for three pound twelve Shillings pr Month

to 28 Bread	2 prs Topes
8 bacon	25 flints
Keg rum	12 ails
2 Doz Knives	

At a Meeting of the Comrs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 13th Day of Septr 1727

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Peter Vn Brugh
Ratger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Harmanus Wendell
Nicolas Bleecker

D. Kannaforie a Sachim of onnondage & Ondariagen a Sachim of Cayonge being Arrived at place say by bands of wampum That the Sachems from a Nation Called the Junondadies who live at ledetroit ye we Sent Messengers to ye Waganhoes or far Nations to make peace are Safely returnd home ye they had Concluded a peace but the term were not yet Known

That the nations of Waganhoes Say ye they will firmly keep to all Alligance they have made with this Governmt as the brethren of the 6 Nations do & will refuse the hatchet of war if the Governmt of Canada offer & Desire ym to take it up Agt ye English or Six Nations

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That what y^d Sachims had promised Capt. Philip Schuyler when he was at Onondage y^t one of Each nation should be Sent with a Message to the Indians liveing at & near Canada that the Six Nations have resolved to Defend the house at Oswego against them if they Shouldt offer to molest it, but that the English & french might oppose one another w^h messengers D. Kanapue says were ready to go when he Came from home

They Say they have no other news of moment to acq^t the brethren with & desire y^d Com^rs to acq^t y^m what news y^d Com^rs acq^ted y^m y^d Decease of his late majesty king George of ~~Glo~~ Glorious memory & y^t his Son prince George of wales is proclaimd King of Great britain & y^t his present majesty is very well beloved of all his Subjects

That Laurence Claese ye Interpreter is Sent to ye Nations to Acq^t y^m of y^d decease of his late Maj^ty & y^t he is to Endeavour to Stop the Onondages who we are Informd & prepared to go out a fighting by y^d Influence of ye Govr of Canada ~~we~~ We Requainted y^d two Sachims with ye Contents a letter to Govr of Canada write to his Ex^y our Govr & his answer

Johan Jurch Kast & Johan Jost Petri Inform this board y^t the Road from the magase River to ye S^d wood creek on ye Onneyde Carrying place is very much out of repair and Impractacable to ride over a load provisions, or a batoe if it be not repaired with all Speed they Cant perform their agreem^t to deliver ye provisions at ye wood Creek for the Detatchmt at Oswego.

Resolved y^t 6 men be hird to repair ye S^d ~~wood~~ road as soon as may be on acct of the publick y^t ye provisions & may be Transported to Oswego & if it be not paid for y^t the Com^rs of Indian Affairs Engage for ye paym^t of the same

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Albany 13th Sep^t 1707

May it please your Ex^cy

We have been honoured with your Ex^cy^s acceptable Letters of ye 2^d & 24th of august ye bedding & provisions were Sent up Directly to Schinnechtady pease wheat meal & what Other Necessaries y^t may be wanting for ye Detachm^t at Oswego shall be Supplyd & provided by us we hear y^t the Soldiers and men are hird to go up thither with ye provisions have had a stagne in Getting forw^d Reason of ye low water in the wood Creek we Expect to get four batoes ready before ye men can Come back with ye Other, its a great pleasure for us to See y^t ~~y~~ your Ex^cy is So hearty to maintain and keep the Garryson at Oswego we Shall not be wanting in any thing for promoting so good a work the batoes w^h remain at the house will be better for putting in peas & meal, where ye Capt. Banker has gott the pork barrel Cleand & filld with water its no Difficult matter for the men there to make a good port Cully to fall down upon Occasion within ye door we Shall give Directions about it.

Capt. Nicolls has Sent us a Memorandum for Severall Necessaries wanting at Oswego w^h we Shall provide & Send p the first batoes that Shall go up thither

We hear no manner of Intellegence from Canada w^h makes us Uneasy what is hatching there the french must Certainly have a great Command and Influence over their Indians y^t they Can Keep y^m So Close y^t not one Single one Should Come hither we have ordered three Indians from Schinechtady to Lake St Sacram^t to See us if no Canada Indians are hunting there & if they find none they are to go Strait to Canada & ye other is to come back

The road & bridges on the Carrying place are So bad y^t its Impractable to ride over ye provisions & batoes, we have desire ye Justices among ye palatines to hire men to go & repair ye Same

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Albany 5th October 1727

May it please yr Excell.

Albany 28 Octr 1727

May it please your Ex.

We have received with your Ex. favour of the 23 instant
the Capt. Hollandt's and Deerbrey's Indians
Schenectady to fetch Provisions
treaq are to go with 5 men who are to stay
by Brandt to bring more Provisions
all further to Albany
but after as they can be spared
have
by us. we cant get them all while this is
long Expence
Great Wilderness

Present
Philip Livingst.
Henry Holland
J. Cuyler
Mgn. Schuyler
Peter Yr Bridgh
Lancester Symes
Harmanus Wendle
Reyer Gerritse
Nicolaas Bleecker

At a meeting of the Comrs. of the Indian Affairs in Albany yr. 6 October 1727

An Indian Messenger from yr Asikantsi=
=kook Indians came to this City who Says yr it is the goodness
of God that we meet together in good Health

That he is Sent from the Sachims of the Said Indians who
are now on their hunting with a number of their purpose about the
End of the wood Creek & to the eastwd of the Drowned land that
what he is in behalf of & in name of the Said all the Indians
who are now about the Said places on their hunting, that they
have Sent him to See if the path to this place is free & open for
them to Come to trade hither if it be Acceptable to the brethren
the Commissioners to give them liberty to Come gave a string
of Wampum

Brethren

We have been here last Summer and you gave us then
Liberty to Come to trade hither but as we have a great num=
=ber of ancient men among us who Can ~~give~~ hardly undergo the
fetague to come down to this place wherefore we desire that
we may be furnisho & Supplyd with Necessaries at Saraghque
as Cheap as there are to ~~Come Down to this place where=
=fore we desire yr. we may be furnisho & Supplyd with
Necessaries at Saraghqe~~ to be had here while it is very
Difficult at this season to draw & Carry down yr Deer
Skins but in the Spring wn we Can Come down in
Canoes we

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Albany 5th October 1727

May it please yr Excel.cy

We have been very prefing to gett in the acct of the Expences this year for building bates y house at Ofwe=ge provisions waggon hire peoples wages &c in transporting the provisions thither & Incident a mounting in all as may appear by the Said accts & list herewith to £ we Suppose there may Come in which we Shall Send his Exd Assoon as may be Some of the accts of yd Country people are not Certyfyed tho Suppose they are Just

The Detachment Set out from Schinnectady yester=day with five of our Country people who are to Stay at Ofwege till april next as also 6 more are Hired to help up the bates at £5:- Each for the Trip the Charges runs high which Could not be prevented for the ~~bate~~ Security of the house and Garryson while we think it of the Greatest Consequence to this province & Security of the five Nations we hope Every thing may Succeed according to Expectation with Great Esteem & Respect

Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
Johannes Cuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Harmanus Wendle
Nicolaes Bleecker

Indian Affairs 1727

At a meeting of the Comrs of the Indian Affairs in Albany y 6 October 1727

Present
Philip Livingst
Henry Holland
J. Cuyler
Mann. Schuyler
Peter Vr Bergh
Lancester Symes
Harmanus Wendle
Reyer Gerritse
Nicolaes Bleecker

An Indian Messenger from yd Asikanks==kook Indians came to this City who Says yt it is the goodness of god that we meet together in good Health

That he is Sent from the Sachims of the Said Indians who are now on their hunting with a number of their purpose about the End of the wood Creek & to the eastw of the Drowned land that what he is in behalf of & in name of the Said all the Indians who are now about the Said places on their hunting, that they have Sent him to See if the path to this place is free & open for them to Come to trade hither if it be Acceptable to the brethren the Commissioners to give them liberty to Come gave a string of Wampum

Brethren

We have been here last Summer and you gave us then Liberty to Come to trade hither but as we have a great num=ber of ancient men among us who Can ~~give~~ hardly undergo the fetague to come down to this place wherefore we desire ~~that~~ we may be furnisho & Supplyd with Necessaries at Saraghque as Cheap as there are ~~to Come Down to this place where=fore we desire yt we may be furnisho & Supplyd with Necessaries at Saraghe~~ to be had here while it is very Difficult at this season to draw & Carry down yd Deer Skins but in the Spring wn we Can Come down in Canoes we

Canoes we Shall Come hither with a great number of our people and abundance of beaver and peltry and then our Sachims Shall also Come, Gave a String of Wampum,

Answer

We are very glad that it has pleased Almighty god to preserve your Sachims and people in good health & y.t they have Sent them to Come hither to trade, we do assure you and promise that y.e Sand Shall be kept open & free for all your nation to come thither to trade as Long as they demean themselves well and peacable as we Sent you word Last Summer by the messengers they sent us at y.t time.

As to what you desire that Some persons may Supply you with Necessaries at Saraghtoque as Cheap as they are here because you all alleadge y.t it is Difficult for the old men to bring down their Skins hither w.h is a thing y.t we Can not promise you neither Can any person afford y.m So Cheap as they are to be had here for y.e must Consider y.t they must be paid for bringing up the the goods thither and if your young men do bring down the Skins belonging to the old men do bring down the Skins belonging to the old men or hire Steads to ride them Down w.h will be but a trifle Considering how much Cheaper goods are here y.n at Saraghtoque therefore we recommend you to tell your Sachims we desire that they and all their young men do Come hither to trade while, goods are much Cheaper then Ever they Had been.

Albany 18. October 1727

May it please your Excel.cy

It would be very acceptable to us to hear of your Excel.ys health and prosperity Inclosed your Ex.y has the Journall of Mr. Lourence Claese the Interpreter to the Six Nations by retection it appears that the Indians are well affected to the british Interest but in our Opinion what has been ~~brought~~ begun to Secure them ought to be persud. for they begin now to See of what Consequence of building at Oswego will be ~~at~~ to them for they perceive that we Can defend and Secure them against the attempt of the french of Canada which we humbly hope that our Assembly will Conceive that the Support of the Six Nations & Securety of our trade is of the Greater Consequence to this province and that they will raise a Sufficient Supply to discharge the expence already layd out and what may be wanting to lay out for the next year,

The Interpreter Informs us that the french Smith freely trades among the Sinnekes which we wish Could be prevented it seems a great hardship to us that the french may trade there and our people be prevented to do the like by a law wh we beg your Excel.ys may be repeald by a Cause in any bill that may pass this Sessions, w.h will be very acceptable to who are with great Esteem and Respect

Phil: Livingston
Henry Holland
Hend.k V.n Rensselaer
Stephanus Groesbeek
Harmanus Wendle
Nicolaes Bleecker

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12 Octob 1727

Journall of Mr. Lourence Claese the Interpreter of his Journey to the Six Nations being Translated into English is as follows

In pursuance of my Instructions from the Comrs of indian affairs at Albany Dated the ninth Sept. I went to the Mohogge Country acquainted the Sachims there of the decease of his late Majesty King George of Glorious memory and ~~that his Son prince george~~ of the accession of his present Majesty King George the second to the Imperiall Crowns of Great britain france and Ireland, from thence I went to Oneyde and Tuskerores and Acquainted those Sachims with the Same,

On the 12th of Sept. I Arrived at Onnondage where I found 160 men ready to go a Fighting by order of the Governour of Canada of wch 48 of yn went out the Same day I came there, whereupon I calls the Sachims and warriors to Come together, I Acquainted them also of the Decease of his late Majesty King George & of the acceptation of his present Majesty King George yd Second to the Imperiall Crowns of Great britain &c and Spoake to yn in name of his Excel.cy William Burnet Esq.r &c our Governour yt he was very much Surprized that they Suffered that they Suffered themselves to be Commanded by the Governour of Canada who has been always their Ancestors Enemy and is so Still Who by Shew of frindship Seeks to deprive yn of their land and privileges where our Governour gives Sufficient Instances of his Sincere affection & frindship towards the well being of the Six Nations which he Endeavors to Accomplish and Intends to preserve in it

The King of France himself owns that the Six Nations belong only to the Crown of Great Britain Therefore brethren I Desire you in his Excel.cys Name that you do not go fighting on yr Comand from y. Gov.r of

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Of Canada but that you Stay at home & go hunting for the Sustenance of your wives and Children, and not to Undertake nor do any thing without advice from brother Corlaer and to fetch those Indians back who are gone out fighting whereon I gave yn two blankets stroods Desiring yn to give me an Answer at my return from the Sinnekes Country

On the 27th D.o I Came at Cayouge I acquainted the Sachims also as before of the Decease of his late Majesty & of yd Accession of his present majesty King George yd Second to yd Imperiall Crowns of great britain &c I found at Cayouge 140 Men ready to go out fighting to prevent wch I made yd Speech to yn as I had done above to the Onnondages and gave yn a blanket Stroods they promist directly to Stay at home & go on their hunting.

On yd 29th D.o I arrived at the Sinnekes Country where I found the Sachims & warrious people at home, who I Acquainted with yd foregoing they promist me that none of their people Should go fighting in a years time because they saw yd yd French were Crafty & deceitfull whereby they think to gett possession of the house at Oweege, they hold firm to the Covenant which our and their fathers have made

I found a french Smith in the Sinneke Castle with his wife Children, and Servant who Sold goods there to your Indians for Skins & peltry, your Indians Inquired of me if the Smith from hence Should brings there to Supply there necessity, if he Did not they would be Dispatched about it,

The Sachims of the Sinnekes answerd me to what I had told yn in name of the Six Nations yt they were much Concerned to hear the Moloncholy news of his late Majesty they Rejoyced again to hear yt his Son King George the Second Sitts on the throne & hoped yt his present Majesty ~~may~~ Might follow this fathers Steps for the welfare of the kingdoms of great britain yt the Might be as a tree which Reaches to the heaven, & his branches may Spread over yd whole Earth that they might rest under the Shadow of those leaves, wch they hope may ~~render~~ never fade or whether yt yd Roots they may go through yd Earth, that no Storm or Tempest may

Demmolish

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Damnify the Same & Expected in the Spring to Speak the Govr. touching this affair.

The Sinneke Sachims Informd me that the french of Canada keep a Continuall Correspondance with Some people who live on the ~~french~~ Susquahana river a little above Casastogue a french Interpreter from montreal had been there last year by the way of a Small River wch vents into the Cadaraghqus Lake above the falls of Jagara the head of that river by a Carrying place till they meet with water Carryage & so Down the Saxquehanna River to the Settlement where some french live who are much Disaf=fected to yr British Interest.

That the Said french Interpre=ter has usd his Endeavours with the Schawenes Indians to have them Removed if they love their loves a from yr place Near Niagara.

That Jean Cocur the french Interpreter had been gone from the Sinneke Castle Called two days before I came to Canosade yr Chapitall of yr Sinnekes he Informd yr Indians yt he had a Great Store of goods in the house at Jagara & Invites yrm to trade with yrm there he had formerly given Strouds at 8 beever Skins a blanket but none he would Sell it at three a Choice french blanket at the Same price a fine french gune at £) : Kettles & powder their wt in beever a fine man Shirt as appear fine Ratine Stockings At 1 1/4 beever, 4 french potts pure brandy at 1 beever he had Sent for a Cooper to make kegg who Exp. daily

The Sinneke Sachims who have made lately in Canada to Condole yr Death of Mons. V. Vandreul where returnd home who had told the Govr. of Canada yt they English & french were very Jealous of one another about their buildings at Oswege & Jagara they defard him yt there might be no Disturbance in the Country nor blood Shed about it for if they Say it Might Refence if but if these places Credits any disturbance they might decide it at Sea whereon this gave a belt of Wampum.

The Govr. of Canada took up ye belt and again De==sireing yr Said Indians to tell yr Govr. of New york to remove yr house, yt Oswegge further up the River from the lake wch has been for many years past yr passage for his trade is to yr for Indians.

On the Second October I went from yr Sinnekes Country & Arrived on Onnondage on the 4th D. who gave me an An=swer to my former Speech & told me they were Convinced of his Excelcy Good Intention for their welfare yt they would all Stay at home & go hunting those who were gone fighting where home but Desird to have a Smith them as soon as May be, further I found all the yr Indians of the Six Nations at home none were gone fighting, most of yrm are on their hunting.

That the Deputed Sachims of Onnondage were Sett out on yr 3. Instant to Canada with a message to yr Indians liveing there to that they do not at any time Assist the french to Attack the house at Oswegge

Present
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Evert Banker
Peter W. Brugh
John Collins
Rutger Bleecker
Harmanus Wendell
Nicolaes Bleecker

At a Meeting of the Com.d of the Indian affairs in Albany y.e 17th Dec.r 1729

An Oneyde Sachim Named Canachquanie arrived here with a message from the rest of the Sachims of that Castle that pursuant to the ancient Covenant between you & y.e & the other nations that when any news of moment should come to Either of them it should be communicated without loss of time they have Received advice from Cadrachqui by a Sinneke & a Cayouge Indians y.t an officer of that place had Advised the Indians who were Inclind to go to Canada shou fourthwith depart and those who Intended to Return to the Six Nations should go with all speed before the Commander of y.e fort should arrive from Montreal that no unhappy accident men befall y.m the Sinneke Indian who lately Came from Canada Affirms that the Indians of Schowinnade & about the number of 200 made frequently their dances of war According to their ~~Antient~~ Custum to go to war in the Spring to Cutt off & destroy the house at Oswego this was no Secret there while the Childrens sung these Songs of war in the streets that the Indians were Imployd in makeing padles for the french but what number of french would go on this Expedition with the Said indians the Sinneke doth not know; but had heard from the french at montreal that they Intended to go on this Expedition against the house at Oswego the next Spring

The Sachims of Onneyde to acquaint this nad that the Onnondage messengers who had promist Capt. Phil: Schuyler & Capt. Peter Schuyler last summer to go to the Canada indians not to molest or disturb us the quiet Settlem.t at Oswego y.t if they should Commit any acts of hortillities their y.e Six Nations should Defend against them & the English ag.st y.e french are returned back haveing been only one days Journey & have not

Not delivered their Message according to ther promise & Consent from home if the Six Nations as directed by y.e making fained Excuse that they were sick,

Since the said messengers have failed to perform this Message the S.d onneyde Sachims promise y.t this board Should Send Indians to Canada on pretence of trade to prevent the said french Indians to joyn with y.e french & also to discover what is hatching in Canada ag.st y.e house at Oswego y.t all y.e indians of y.e 6 nations are at & near home

The Com.d Answed the S.d Messenger y.t they return thanks to the Onnegdage Sachims for their Care In sending to ~~to~~ acq.t us with the Neglect of the Onnondage Sachims in performing their promise & Engagements made to Capt. Schuyler to let their Messengers proceed to the Canada Indians ag.st y.e Six nations had Resolved to defend the S.d house at Oswego against them & y.e English against the french that the board are unthankfull to him bringing this Message hither & Rely on him while they are Sinciable of this former faithfull Services to this Governm.t & as a reward give him a present of a blanket a pair of Stockings a lap of Stroads a Shirt & a looking Glass,

Resolved that Lourence the Interpeter go to onnondage with a men for his Assistant in Company with the S.d Onneyde messenger to Endeavour the Six Nations send one of Each nation to confirm y.e Message to the Canada indians they had formerly promised to Mr. Schuyler for w.t purpose its tought fitt to give him the following Instructions,

By the Com.d of the Indian Affairs
At Albany

Instructions for Lourence Claese the Integreter to y.e 6 Nations whereas we are Informd by a message rec.d this Day from the Oneyde Sachims y.t y.e Onnondages have not Sent Messengers to the Canada indians as they ha promised

promise last Summer to Mess.rs Schuylers y.t they should not Molest us in the quiet Settlem.t of y.e house at Oswego that y.e Six Nations are Resolved to defend y.e S.d building ag.t y.m & y.t if English will maintain & defend y.e Same ag.t y.e French and being Informd that the indians at Canada are designd to joyn with the French of Canada to Molest us at Oswege w.ch is Contrary to the Treaties of peace that we Should be Attacked on the land belonging to the Six Nations ~~under the Six Nations~~ under the Subjection & protection of his present Majesty King George y.e Second, our Sovereign & their King & Indulgent ~~King~~ father & whereas Such attempts to be made by the French or Indians ag.t Oswego will be Violation of y.e peace & friendship w.ch Subsists between the two Crowns of great britain & y.e of france & may be of dangerous Consequence to this his Majesties province in particular & to all his Majesties Governm.ts on y.e Continent in generall the prevention wherefore will be of great Service to his Majes.d province & his loyal Subjects in these parts.

Wherefore you are Required & Commanded to go with all Speed accompanyd with Jacob Glen Jun.r to the Six Nations acq.t y.m y.t we have Rec.d Intillegence y.t y.e messengers w.ch the onnondagez Sachims had promised to Send to the Canada Indians last Summer have not proceeded in their Journey by reason of Sickness y.t that message Should be Accomplished & that by one Deligate from Each of the Six Nations to tell the Indians dwelling or rendezing, or Such Sett persons as they Shall think proper, near Canada in their names only they are Informd that the french excite ~~the french~~ & Stir themselves to Assist them in disturbing their brethren the English in their quiet Settlem.t Enjoyne of the S.d house at Oswege w.ch had been Erected by their previous Consent & good liking and for their own Security, wherefore you are to prevail on y.e S.d Sachims to Send Deligates a Cross.d if they are Sent to forw.d & y.e S.d Sachims not to Assist the French in this lawfull undertakeing ~~but if they Should~~ be

but if they Should be So Stupid & Senceless to be prevaild on the French in this Expedition y.t the y.e 6 Nations have resolved in their Generall meeting to defend y.e S.d house ag.t y.m y.e S.d ~~French~~ Indians & y.e English are Determd to do like ag.t the French that a good amicable Correspondance between y.e y.e Six Nations cant be maintaind unless they will keep y.m selves neater & not to hearken to any proposalls to be made by the french on y.t Subject nor to be assistant in this matter

Given under our hands in albany y.e 27 Day of Dec.r in the first year of his Maj.ty Reign anno Dom. 1727

Resolved y.e Interpeter have a copy of the English Translation in Dutch of y.e S.d Instructions for his better Information

It is agreed by the Com.n with Lourence Clase & Jacob Glen that if they be not paid by the publick for their journey ~~to~~ & Service now to the Six Nations, that the Commiss.rs will pay them out of their Allowlence

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Albany the 4th february 1727/8

May it please your Exly

We had the honour of your Exlys favours of 4c 13 Jan. with Capt. Bankers letter, acts of Assembly & News-papers for wh we Return your Excellcys thanks, well Acquaint Capt. Collins with your Exly Directions about the Redeli-very of pure rum Insted of ~~Wampum~~ of that wh 4 Indians Complaind has been Imbezeld at Schinechtady, we wish such vile practices could be prevented for ye future, haveing done much Mis-chief Already

According to your Excellcys Commands laid on us for our ad-vice about Applying the £300 ÷ provided by act of Assembly, we Shall do in the best Manner we are able the most Convenient place & Situation for the building we are Informd is at the South Side of the Cadaraghqui lake on the west Side of the Onondage River were it emties it Self into Said lake, or Such proper places there adjacent as Capt Banker Shall think fitt to pitch the fort to be made of the Stockados 12 foot above the ground, and if it proves to me a ~~resolution~~ rocky place Square logg laid on the ground the Same hight Sixty foot Square, with two block houses of 20 & ye Upper Room 24 foot Square of good Sound timber with a Chimney in in Each ~~Side~~ and the Roofs Covered with Singles which one of this board has offered to Compleat for £150 ÷ and if this af-fair come to be done in a publick manner we Shall Endeavor to gett it done for Less, the Canoes or batoes wh are Requird for Transporting the men &c we Compute will Cost about £12 the Remainder of the Sume allowd may be applyd towards provi-sions and Necessaries for the men but for what time it will Sub-sist ym we Cant Calculate, it being a thing we are unacquaint-ed with as for our parts we Shall keep this affair private, but its Nosecret in town, we presume it to be necessary yt Capt Banker be Directed about ~~them~~ time that ye Men are gone from hence to acqt the Indians yt Such a building is to be Erected at the place above mentiond for keeping the Traders goods

Goods Safe & Dry for which purpose it would be very pro-per yt he be supplyd with Some Small presents to gain Some Sachims who might obstruct or oppose this work, as for his Con-duct there that he Endeavors that yt Cheated in their trade Especially in rum by being mixt with water, and further to regulate himself According to the act of Assembly in yt Case provided with Respect we are

May it please your Exly
your Excellcys most humble &
Most Obedient Servants

Philip Livingston — Rutger Bleecker
Myn: Schuyler — Harmanus Wendle
Peter Van Brugh — Nicolaas Bleecker
Lancester Symes — Stephanus Groesbeck
John Cuyler — Reyer Gerritse

Present
Phil: Livingston
Johs Cuyler
John Collins
Ratger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Nicklaas Bleecker
Philip Livingston

At a Meeting of the Comrs of the Indian Affairs in Albany ye 6 February 1727/8

Schonondo the Indian who formerly lived at Cachnawage in Canada wh place he has deserted with his family purposes to Settle with a number of 50 Indian Squaws & Children on our frontiers desires yt they may be Supplyd with provisions till they can furnish ym Selves with Sufficient sustenance & desires now Some powder & lead & Indian corn

The Comrs told yt he & those who are to Come with him Shall have a fitt peice of land Given them to Settle and plant on between still water & Saragtoque when they Come pork & Indian Corn Shall be given them & Now he is to receive a blanket 4 lb powder 20 lb Shot & lead a keg rum & 3/4 Schple Indian Corn a Coat & Shirt for Coating him & a Son

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Nicolas Bleecker
Phil: Schuyler

At a Meeting of the Com.ts of the Indian Affairs in Albany y.e 14th february 1707/8

Mr. Lourence Claese Returnd from his Journey to onnondage where he Sent by order of the Com.ts on y.e Janu.y last as follows,

Journall of Lourence Claase the Interpreter to the 6 Nations in Company with Mr. Jacob Glen

That pursuant to his Instructions from this board dated y.e I Sett out from Schinechtady on the 3.d Instant & Arrived on the 4.th D.o at fort hunter y.e 5.th at Canajohery but found no Indians at home to treat with us go with us to Onnondage

Albany the 14.th february 1707/8

May it please your Excel.cy

Your Excel.cys favours of the 26. January we Rec.d and are glad y.t your Excel.cy is pleased to approve of our Sending the Interpreter to press the Indians to perform their promise made last summer to Capt. ~~Banker~~ Ph: Schuyler inclosed is the Interpreters Journ.l thither whereby it appears y.t the Onnondages are backward in their promise it Seems they dare not Openly appear in the Affair of Oswegge ag.t the french Indians at leaft they Seem not to be herty at it

We Shall Send word to the palatines y.t Your Excel.cy will Stand Engaged for three months provisions more to be Sent up In the Spring if they have no pork nor beef we dont doubt but they will gett ready wheat meal & pease by the time it Can be fetch'd by the men at Oswegge we Shall Send Notice by the first Opertunity to Capt. Nicols that pease will be ready w.t he Can Send for it

Inclosed is a letter to Capt. Holland from Capt. Nicolls for your Excel.cy better Information.

As the Onnondages are Desirous to have a Smith this Winter, we Cant Send one from hence, Capt. Holland promises to write to Capt. Nicolls to order printhop the Smith now at Oswegge to go thither to work for the Indians — Steal will be Sent up as far y.e palatines from hence y.e Indians are to fetch it

We hope y.t your Excel. will be pleased, to Send up good pork by the Return of our first Sloops for the use of the Garrison at Oswegge —

Present
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
Mynd. Schuyler
Joh.s Cuyler
Peter V.n Brugh
Evert Banker
Rutger Bleecker
Lancester Symes
Nicolaes Bleecker

At a meeting of the Com.ts of Indian Affairs in albany y.e 24 feb 1707/8

Two Indians from Cachnawage in Canada named Catistagie & Cahowage messengers from y.e Sachims of the place arrivd here this day Inform the board that about 20 days ago four Indians were hunting near new England ab.t 12 mile from a settlem.t by what we Can learn it must be Northfield three of y.e Named Sanagarissa & his two Sons went with a Small parcell of bever to buy powder from their brethren y.e english who were to return in a few Days with three Indians had been 30 days from their wigwom & were not Returnd w.h made the Indian who ~~were~~ Stayd there out of fear make the best of his way home to Cachnawage on which the Said Sachims Sent the S.d two ~~Sachims the~~ Indians hither to Enquire what we might have heard from them while their brethren of New England when last at Canada desired the Indians if any thing of Consequence or Misfortune might happen they Should inquire into the truth of the matter gave a Small String of wampum the Said Sachims Expect an answer by their return home in ten days that all the Indians were at home waiting for their Answer before they go hunting,

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The Com.ds told them that we have heard nothing of the S.d three Indians but Concerne that they are missing wherefore resolve directly to Send an Express to N: England to Enquire into this affair an on his return hither Send an Express to the Sachims of Cachnawage which we Expect may be Sent from hence 3 weeks time that we Can have no room to think y.t Our brethren of N: England Should have in ways molested them

The indians desired that the men who brought them hither in a sled may be paid he demands 10/. which the Com.rs order accordingly

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 3.d March 1756

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Evert Banker
Peter V.r Bruyn
Rutger Bleecker
Lancerter Symes
Stephanus Groesbeck
Nicolaes Bleecker

Hendrick & Seth two Sachims of the mohawks Indians being arrived here inform that board that 2 Onnogongue indians who are Removd from Canada to live among the 5 Nations ovis=kanie Come to their Castle days ago from the little falls on the wood Creek where they had been on hunting there with Severall other Canada Indians Say that two Cachnawage Indians came there in 8 Days from that Castle to inquire of their brethren at Albany about three Indians who were on hunting on the frontiers of N. England that are missing w.t is become of them

The Said Cachnawage indians also Said that an armey of thousand french men were Actually gone on their march against the building at Oswege on which we Sent an Express with Seven hanks of wampum to go past day & Night to Inform the rest of the nations with the french design & Intention & Suppose by this time it is Reached as far as the Sinnekes Country you have last Summer advised y.e Six Nations not to admit their men to go to war but to keep them at home for the fear that the french Should make any attempts against Oswege or the Indians which we have Observed & taken notice of, & order them only to go hunting near home to be ready to defend on any Surprize.

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Present
Ph: Livingston
Henry Holland
Myndert Schuyler
Langester Symes
Stephanus Groesbeck
Harmanus Wendle

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian affairs in Albany this 14. day of March 1728 Speech made by an oneyde Sachem

Brother Corlaer & quieder

I speak in the name of the Six Nations its not that I that have Contrive what I am to Say but its Concluded by all the nations what I shall now Say, you have last Summer desird to build a house at Oswegee, and you said at the Same time that that house Should be to your & our Advantage whereon we Considerd & did Consent the building of the Same house but we found it on the Contrary that its not to our Advantage for we have not the liberty when we Come there to Enter into the house to warm our Selves If they of any one Obtains that liberty before he Can be half warm he is out Doors, we had also thought at the Same that we Should have had goods cheaper then formerly but find it the Contrary for the powder is Sold us there by the Gill therefore Brother Corlaer & quieder we desire that we may have powder Cheaper there

Brother the reason we desire that Goods may be Sold us Cheaper is that thereby you will Incourage all the wa=ganhoes & far Indians to Come & trade with you & leave the french at Canada, we Cant much Complain about the price of Dry goods but only the powder & lead you sell too dear you said also when you desird liberty to build the house that it Should be a house of peace but it Seems often to be the reverse as we Suppose that you & Goo.r of Canada cant often agree on the Subject and then there is again a time that you maintain a great Friendship together,

Brother we desire that you will be pleased to give us a Speedy answer on the Subject that you will give us powder & lead Cheaper then you do now because it has often happend that we have Desird or proposed a matter we never Rec.d any answer thereon gave a String of 7 hands of Wampum

Answer

Answer.

Brethren

We are Sorry to hear that you are Concern and affected that the building at Oswegee does not give you Such releave as was first Intended by our Goo.r to Supply you with powder & lead & other Necessaries for your use & Convi=ence that the Canidities are not Sold you there So Cheap as you could have them we Shall not faile to Inform our Goo.r with your request that you may have a Speedy & Acceptable answer we have no rum to doubt but proper Care will be taken of Redress for you that powder & lead Shall be Offerd you there Cheaper as has been Sold last winter it Seems that the men there have not taken Care to Carry with them Such a Supply as has been necessary for you & that you have not been well Rec.d at the house is to be inqui=red & that Our are not known to the Commander there is a report that the French will take it by the Retetown Otherwise would be rec.d with Cavality its our Goo.r Chief aim to Induce the far Indians to Come & trade with the people of this province & you & he knows of greatest motive to draw them is to give them goods Cheap Which you must acknow=ledge are Sold at Every Low rate So Recommend you to give all the Incouragem.t in your power & free trade is Advantagous to us & you for the more trade we have the Greater quantity of goods we have to Supply Such trade as it is a firm peace between the two Crowns of Great brit=tain & France So we & the french of Canada who are Sub=jects must as long as Continues in Friendship & good Continuence together wherefore we dont think that they will molest us in the peaceable possession of the house at Oswegee if they Should they break the peace they Cant never justify Such a vile Account for pretending a right to your land we must needs give you a Certain not to join the french in their pretending war against the Foxes a Nation of Indians Liveing on a Breach of the River of Misisipi, with an Intend to Subdue y.m for that only Strengthten the french make them proud and is drawing you from your habitations & bringing a war on you

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You while you Can Live at peace for part of the Same
indians are now liveing among you do reather go on hun=
=ting & because your wives & Children we suppose its more
its more to Stop the trade to us then to subdue them—

Whearas the Garryson at Oswege by the last advice
from Capt. Nicolls will Soon be in want of pease & wheat
meal Wherefore its resolved that two bateaux be Repaired at
Schinechtady four men hird there one hundred Sheple
pease & 100 Sheple wheat meal be brought & 100 bags be
made to put them in to bring it up to the Onnegde Carrying
place to deliver it to the men which Capt. Nicolls is to
Send to receive that there all which Philip Livingston
offers to provide & Stand Security for & for the Charges which
may come thereon wch the Comrs do resolve & Imagine Shall
be paid & Riembarzd unto ye Sr Philip Livingston or order
out of the next Comrs Mony if the Next Assembly do not
provide & pay for the same

Present
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
Myndert Schuyler
Peter V. Brugh
Hendk V. Rensselaer
Langester Symes
Butger Bleecker
Stephna: Groesbeck
Nicolaas Bleecker
Phil: Schuyler

At a Meeting of the Comrs of Indian
Affairs in Albany ye 19th March 1725/6

This Day Recd a Letter from his Exy
Gov. Burnet Esqr Dated the 19 feb. wherein he men=
tions to have Recd ours of the 14 Do that he will Send
up pork by the return of the Sloops to Send an Express
with a letter for Capt. Nicolls at Oswege ye that wt
any desires Lylences to go up there be Required to de=
=mand from them by his Excellcy order to Carry arms &
powder Every one les last year which the Comrs desird Colonel
Rensselaer to Order the Capt of Regimts to warn their
Men ye go up to take arms & amination with them to Swege
Resolved that his Excelcy for Capt. Nicolls best
the Interpreter at Schinechtady) Incloses in a ~~letter~~
letter to Direct him to hire a trusty Indian to Carry the Sr
letter Express to Oswege with all Convenient Speed—

Albany the 25 March 1725/6

May it please your Exy

We are honoured with your Excellcys fa=
vours of the 29th feb. whereby perceive that your Exy
will take care to Send up pork by the return of
the Sloops, we are about to hire men to Send Capt.
Nicolls (Assoon as the River is Navigable & free
from Ice with hundred Sheple pease & 100 wheat
Meal the last from the Carrying place to the Carry=
=ing place where we write him an Express your Exy di=
=rected us to send to Oswege with the pack to Send bateaux
to the wood Creek to receive those provisions assoon as the
whether will permit,

We Suppose the best & Sevelt way to provide provi=
=sions for the Garryson at Oswege will be to Send thither in
may for 12 Moths wch would Save much trouble & more Costs
Charges these are but four bateaux Safe & free from rain will
be Requird to have Six Tarpellins made of Course Duck,

Inclosed Send your Excellcys Capt. Nicolls last letter
whereby your Exy will see in what Condition ye garryson
at ye time & how necessary its to Send them ~~more unto~~
pease & Meal In wt no time we have nothing more wor=
=thy your Excellcys Notice a present wherefore Conclude
with that we are with great Esteem & Respect

Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
Myndert Schuyler
Evert Bancker
Peter V. Brugh
Hendk V. Rensselaer
Butger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Har: Wendle
Nicolaas Bleecker

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Present
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
Mgn: Schuyler
Har: Wendle
Ger. Gerritse
Nicholas Bleeker

At A meeting of the Comm.ds of y.e Indian Affairs in Albany the 27.th March 1720

Mr. Harmanus Wendle Engages to pay Jacobus Beel for such quantity of peake as the 3 men who go up to the Carrying place can load a batoe w.th the Com.ns promise shall be paid unto him at the first Com.n Meeting if it be not otherwise paid for by the next Assembly

Albany 13 May 1720

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May it please your Ex.cy.

Your Ex.cys most acceptable favours of y.e 5.th Inst.a we Read and are very glad for y.e kind Assurances your Ex.cy pleased to give us that you intend to Imploy your thoughts very much for the securerity of our frontiers which is very much of his Majesties Service & advantage of all his Subjects in this Contenant. if there be no Incouragement to support the Credit for y.e present Service we are at a loss how. It will be supported unless we Engage our selves for it.

Pursuant to y.e Ex.cy Commands we have Agreed with a fitt person, to Go to Oswego who understands Bleeding and Phisick Named Mr. Charles Kerr for 2 Yr. Cred of the Government for a year to Commence from the time we can send him thither at his Return hither to be p.d on Certificate from the Comm.d officer he has served that time. we shall supply him with some wine Rum & sugar for the use of the sick men and hope that the next Assembly will provide for the payment of this & all other Incidents that may Accrue for the Imediate Service without which the settlement at Oswego cant be maintaind, in what manner & when we shall send Mr. Kerr to Oswego we cant tell to hire people on purpose will Cost at Least £12 more when more provisions be sent thither he may Convenently go without much Charges to y.e Publick however if it be your Ex.cys pleasure we shall send him directly & hire men for that purpose

By the Commissioners of the Indian affairs att Albany

To Mr. Charles Kerr.

Whereas His Excellency John Montgomerie Esq.r Capt. Generall and Governr in Chiefe of the Province of Newyork New Jersey &c. has Directed us to send a fitt Person to the Garrison at Oswego who understands Physick and bleeding, and being Informed that you are a person well Skilled in these arts: These are therefore by Vertue of a Letter Received from his Said Excellency To desire and Require You to go to Oswego as Chirurgion for the Said Garrison Soon as may be with Such Proper Medicines as we Can now Supply you with att Present, and take under Your Care for the time and space of one Year from the date hereof Such Sick men which now are or Shall be there belonging to his Majesties Garrison, for which Service You are to be paid as p. Agreement, with us by the Government or by his Said Excellency the Sume of Sixty pounds new york money.

Given Under our hands in Albany the 15th Day of July in the Second Year of his Majesties Reign Anno Dom. 1729

Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Johannes Lansingh

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N 27 [illegible] to prevent their their people from going to Old Spain.

That his Exy. has sent a Letter to ye Gov.r of Canada by Philip Livingston, which follows in these words

Sir

Albany 5 July 1726

I have heard a Report from persons who have been among the five Nations that there are one hundred french at Niagara who were beginning to build a fort there with a design to shut up ye five Nations and to hinder the other Indians to pass freely to trade with us. as they used to do. I thought myself obliged to signify to you how much I am surprized at such an undertaking so Contrary to the treaty of peace made at utrecht wherein it is Stipulated that ye 5 Nations should remain to ye English and ye french should not in any ways molest them. and that all ye Indians in america should Enjoy the Liberty to frequent each of ye two nations on account of trade without any hindrance. I believe also that ye five Nation will always maintain that the Land at Niagara belongs to them. and that ye french have never in time of mr De la sale nor since undertaken to do anything in that place without Consent of ye Sinnekes, And since the french have by the last peace yielded the five Nations to us. it follows from thence that they have no more pretension on the Land of those Nations. I hope Sir after you shall have seriously Considered what I have ye honour to represent upon, that you will take Care that nothing be done Contrary to the treaties, and the perfect union which is at present Established between

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the two Crowns, by the Last alliance, if this fortification goes on I Shall find my Selfobliged to represent it to my Court. to the end that ye Court of France being well Informed of this affair may give their orders thereupon. as I have heard Say, they have already ~~done~~ given to understand. that they Blame Mr D Vaudreuil for the share he has had in ye War ~~with~~ of ye Eastern Indians against New England.

His Excellency Expected their answer, but their new Governour being Come ~~Secretary~~ they had no time to write That was all what had passd between his E^y & ye Govr of Canada; then the 15 article of ye Treaty of utrecht was interpreted ~~unto~~ them. which follows in these words,

"That the Subjects of France inhabiting Canada shall
"hereafter give no hindrance or molestation to the five
"Nations or Cantons of Indians, Subject to the Dominion
"of Great Brittain, nor to the other Natives of America
"who are friends to the same in like manner the Subjects
"of great Brittain Shall behave themselves peaceably
"towards the americans, who are subjects or friends to
"France. and on both sides they Shall ~~enjoy~~ have
"Liberty, on account of trade as also the Natives
"of those Countries Shall with the same Liberty
"Resort, as they please to the British or French
"Colonies for promoting trade on the one side or the
"other, without any Molestation or hindrance either on
"the part of the British Subjects or of the French. but it
"to be Exactly and distinctly Settled by Commissaries who
"are and who ought to be accounted the Subjects &
"friends of Britain or of France

His Excellency told them. That now the that question was if the building at Niagara was not prejudiciall to ~~them you~~ them to go hunting and to the far Indians coming hither on acct of Trade, if they Say that if it hindrance to them to go hunting or to the far Indians Coming to them his Excellency has nothing to Say and the french have done wrong but if they find it prejudiciall and Complain of it to his E^y he offers to Represent it to his Majesty and that now they might Say what they judge best for them

Then They Said Brother Corlaer

You have asked us severall questions which we have answerd and you have acquainted us with what now you know; and now you ask if we approve of ye building at Niagara. We do not only Complain against ye proceedings of ye french fortifying Niagara on our Land Contrary to our Inclination without our consent to hem us up from our Chief hunting places. wherefore but we also humbly begg & Desire that your E^y will be pleased to write to his Majesty King George that he may have Compassion on us to write to the King of France to order his Governour of Canada to Remove the building at Niagara for we think it very prejudiciall to us &c

His Excellency Said that what is now Said he Expects Shall be Repeated in publick that all may be done openly & publickly that every body may know what passes between them

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His Excellency William Burnet Esq. Gonerell & Governour in Chief of Province of Newyork New Jersey &c

Capt. Cornwell
Capt. Norris
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John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Henry Renselaer
Comd. of Ind. affairs
Rutger Bleecker Recorder
John Cruyn
Barent Sanders
Jgh. Ten Broeck
John D Bryler
Aldermen

At a Conference Between his Excellency William Burnet Esq. Gonerell & Governour in Chief of Province of Newyork New Jersey &c and the Sachems of the Six Nations named Maquaqueyder Cayuqs Onnondags Sinnekes & Tuscarorys in Albany ye. 9th day of Sept. 1726

Brethren

I am Come hither to Speak with you on the Mat which has allways been kept Clean for us to meet upon in this place.

The french have no such mat Spread at montreal, theirs have been so often besmeared with the blood of the five nations, that the Sky will allways remain Dark and Gloomy over it, whilest here has allways been a bright Sun Spread over your heads without mists or clouds I need not fill your Ears with things Done as it were yesterday, these you all know, Some warriors can well remember them But I will mention to you Some Old things that were done when the eldest of you were but children — and which ye french have just now published to ye world in Books, with the permission and approbation of their king.

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When the French first Came over ye great Lake to this Country they were kindly received by the five nations and particularly by ye Onondagas. But soon after a warr broke out between your fathers and the Adirondacks which the french writer owns was because 6 Adirondacks treacherously murdered 6 of ye five nations in their Sleep who had been hunting with them as brethren, the french took up the hatchet with this perfidious Nation against you and finding that they Could not master you without more help The Governour of Canada hung up a great kette of warr against ye five nations, and invited the Kicktages, the Quatoges the Outawawas the Twick Twicks, the Quacksis the Scungsticks The Etiages and twenale other nations about Teryaoridoraghis and Enitapsghe to Eat your flesh out of that kette in one Greal feast and when the Outawawas and Quatoges had a mind to bury their hatchet and to Set up a tree of peace the french used all their art to hinder them from planting it and Endeavoured to Cut off the roots of it, and at Last threatned to drive them from their own fires if they would make a Covenant with you, because they feared that if you became brethren to those nations that then Canada would loose the Trade of the Lakes, since ye English would be able to supply them with Goods cheaper than the french as Long as the path Lay open. When they made peace with you, they asked your Leave to make forts at Tsachondie and att Cadraequi and when the warr broke out again they

they made use of these places to bring the Indians together and to Give them Guns and powder and Lead to Destroy you. and at the same time they set up trees of peace between these nations and all their other Enemies, that they might have no flesh to Eat but yours. and Even in a time of full peace with you they Took forty of your people who were Loading at Fort Cadaraqui and Sent them prisoners to France, only on this pretence that the Senecas had Robbed some of their Traders that had passed through their Country This is the Acco.t of french themselves give of their way of Using some of their children as they Call you, These are the Colours in wch. the french paint their own Actions and if they make so bad an appearance in that Light How must they appeare to you who have heard the truth from your fathers without any Varnish but what have the English ever Done Like these things what nation Did they Ever Give the hatchet to agt. you or when Did they Ever Take it up themselves for that End what forts have they built on your Land in Order to Enslave you and protect your Enemies have they Ever taken your Lands by force from you have they Ever stained the Ground with your Blood, have they Ever Deceived you with Smooth words while their hearts were not one with yours.

Have

they not always fed you and Clothed you and armed you and assisted you against your Enemies if you know these things to be true you cannot be in Doubt who is your true father. the Goo: of Canada has no manner of Right to that name Your only true father is the King of great Brittain and all that are his Subjects are Your Brethren, and in token of this I now Lay before you the old Covenant chain which has always held us Close to one another Let not any false News from Canada make any Spots upon it, But Give Ear only to the English, who have always Spoke from their heart to you and join now with me in making this Chain Stronger and Brighter than Ever Between all the British Government in America and the Six nations and hereupon I Give you a belt. I am informed that the frenchare now building a strong house of Stone or a fort at Jagara You will Tell me to whome that Land Belongs and wether the Right owners of it or the Six nations have Consented that the french should fortify there, as the french affirm that you have Done unanimously and that you have Confirmed it on the 14th Of July last in a full Council at Jagara as I am Informed by a Letter which I have recd this afternoon from Mr. De Longueil. You will also Tell me whether you fear that this Fort may whenever the French please molest you By Shutting up the path to your hunting places.

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and hinder you from Going freely amongst the
fair nations of Indians as well as those Indians
from having full Liberty to Come into your Country
upon acct. of Trade. If you have such fears you
should speak them out freely to your brother &
then I hope I shall be able to Obtain a remedy
for the sickness that this may have Given you
at heart. for I will acquaint the king my
master that the Subjects of the french king
In Canada have broken an article of the Last
Treaty Between the two Crowns which Covenants.

"That ye Subjects of france inhabiting
"Canada shall hereafter give no hindrance or
"molestation to ye five Nations or Cantons of Indians
"Subject to ye Dominion of great Brittain nor to
"the other natives of America who are friends
"to the same In Like manner ye Subjects of great
"Brittain shall behave themselves peacably towards
"the americans who are Subjects or friends to france
"and on both sides they shall Enjoy full liberty
"on account of Trade; as also the Natives of those
"Countreys shall with the same liberty resort as
"they please to the Brittish or French Colonies
"for promoting Trade on the one side or the
"other without any molestation or hindrance
"Either on the part of the Brittish Subjects or of
"the french, but it's to be Exactly and distinctly
"settled by Commissaries who are and who ought
"to be accounted the friends and Subjects of Brittain
"or of France.

This is the whole that relates to
you in the very words of the treaty and if

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King my Master is perswaded that the
Building a fort at Niagara since the last
treaty of peace is a breach of this article I
know that he is so kind and Carefull a father
of his Children that he will order Complaints
to be made to the King of france of what
the french in Canada have Done and since
these Two Great Kings have lately made
a strict alliance and are become brethren
I have reason to hope that the King of
france will order the Conduct of his servants
In Canada to be narrowly Looked into and if
he finds that they have broken the treaty
in building a fort at Niagara that he will
order it to be pulled Down and that you may
Be assured that I will do my utmost to
obtain full satisfaction for you, that you may
Sleep quietly and undisturbed in your own
Villages. I give you this Belt.

Last year you desired ye Commiss.rs of the
Indian affairs to Communicate to me some
matter which you had to say to the Governm.t
of Virginia, I writ to the Govern.r of Virginia
according to your Desire and have received
his answer which is that there has been no
fighting Lately between ye people in this
Government and the Indians but that some
Indians had alarmed the frontiers Last
Summer and had plundered some of the
outermost Settlements and killed an
English man on his own Plantation.

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The *Governour of Virginia hopes that these Indians were not any of ye Six nations he says that if they were, you Ought to be ashamed of such vile actions so soon after having Concluded a peace with that Government and that if any of their militia, who were then Commanded out had found any of those Indians, they would have fallen upon them without Delay being so justly provoked.

I have this Summer received

*Tostekrohare, a Complaint from ye *Governd of South Carolina that there has lately been a party of Twelve Indians, who Came into the heart of their Settlements, insulted some of the English Inhabitants and killed some of the Indians friends to ye English they Called themselves Senecas but the English knew two of them to be Tuscaroras, I Expect that you will make Enquiry who are the persons guilty of these wicked and Barbarous actions that I may know how much ye Six nations abhor such Treachery against your Brethren the English and that you wile punish the offenders (whenever you discover them) as they Deserve.

I am Informed Likewise that 3 years ago some Senecas were in the same

*the Sharranes, Colony at *Characks on the River Called

*Pedes River. *Conftichrohare at an English trading house and there took away an Indian Slave belonging to one Nathaniel Ford an English man.

Together

Together with Two Guns Two Blankets and some ponder notwithstanding the Senecas were told that this Boy And ye Goods belonged to the English.

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I now therefore demand of you that the said Boy and the Goods be Restored as soon as Can be to Mr Peter Barberie now here in Albany or to whome he shall Direct you that he may send them to their owner in South Carolina who has desired him to Obtain them in his Name I question not but that if you make dispatch herein that Mr Barberie wile make you a present to your Satisfaction if you Expect the protection and friendship of the English you must resolve to do nothing that may most justly provoke us and particularly not permit any of the french Indians to pass through your Countrey in order to make war upon ye English Colonies wch they do in order to Destroy you by weakening your Brethren and best friends But above all Let me never hear again that any of you have so far Lost your Understanding as to Assist ye french Indians in such Expeditions and so prepare ye path for your own Destructions, I hope this is ye Last time I shall have occasion to reprove you in this Manner and that you will take Care

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That while you are here and in your return home you do not meddle with any thing that belongs to the Inhabitants. I have Complaint of mischief done by some of you as you were Comeing hither I Expect that you will do nothing of that kind for the future and on that Condition I pass over what has been done allready and upon the whole.

I Give you this Belt

Present
His Excell.y William Burnet Esq.r
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Banker
Hond.: Renselaer
Rutger Bleeker Esq.r Recorder

Answer of the Sachims of the Six nations to his Excell.y William Burnet Esq.r Capt. Gen.l & Governor in Chiefs of the Province of New york New Jersey &c. in albany the 13th day of Sept.r 1726.

Kanakaraghton a Sinneke Sachim Stood up and Said

Brother Corlaer

you have Spoken to us Lately, and told us that this was the place to meet & to speak to one another on the matt that is Spread here which is Clean and unpolluted.

you told us also that the Governour of Canada could not say as you have done. but that his matt is

is besmeared with the blood of the five nations. and that they walk there in a Dark cloudy air, you told us also that we have always walked in our Sun Shine where no darkness nor Cloudy Clouds have been in the way. and you would tell us some old things. that it was needless to fill our Ears with what happond Lately that our young men knew it. but that you would acquaint us what happond when our old men were Children, Thereupon told us. what had been the occasion of the first quarrel between the five nations & y.e orandax Indians that they had treacherously murdered Six of our people on their hunting. which was the occasion of the war between us and the french. because they assisted those vile people who had comitted this barbarous act against us when the orondax & y.e french saw that they could not overpower us the french invited all the neighbouring nations. at a place where the Jenonadies* now Live. and Said that he hung a large Kette over and put in it the flesh of the five nations. and that they Should eat no other flesh but that; when the quatogies & ottawawas were inclined to bury their hatchett which they had taken up against us. when the Governour of Canada perceiv'd that, he prevented it. and told those nations if they did bury the hatchett he would drive them out of their Country, you added further that y.e Governour of Canada Invited at the same time all the upper Nations to wage war against the five Nations. and demanded when ever the English nation have Done any such thing. We shall not Repeat all your speech but here & there pick out y.e Chief particles

you have Renewd our old Covenant & Strengthen it, and made y.e Covenant Chain bright & Clean again. and Stronger than it ever has been. you have Said that there Should come no spots nor rust on it. which we on our Side shall never suffer & we

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we Strenghten & renew the old Covenant on the Same manner as you have done. We desire you not to give Much Credit when any people ~~that~~ do bring you ill Reports of us. we promise the Same on our Side not to believe on Slight grounds. Let this belt be a toaken that we may live & dye with one another in good Friendship

~~you told us that you had Received a letter from~~

* that Mons. Longueil ~~who~~ writes you that he builds the house or fort ~~at Niagara~~ there with Consent of ye 6 Nations

you have told us ~~that~~ you had heard that the Governour of Canada was busy building at Niagara * you ~~and~~ asked us how we did like it if it would be no ~~way~~ hindrance to us and the far Indians to Come & go forward & backward. if ~~that~~ building was any way prejudicial to us that we Should make our Complaint We must first acquaint you that we have been at Niagara in name of the six Nations & Speak to the Governour of Canada and told him to desist from making any ~~[illegible]~~ building there.

You told us also that it was agreed between the ~~two~~ Crowns of Great Brittain & france. that the french may not meddle with the Six Nations nor Settle on their Land. if they do it that it's a breach of an article of the Treatie. and that it is on both Sides Concluded that the Indians may go on account of trade on molested were they please

We speak now in name of all the Six Nations and come to you howling. this is the reason for what we howl. that the Governour of Canada Incroaches on our land & builds thereon. therefore do we Come to your ~~[illegible]~~ our Brother Corlaer and desire you ~~[illegible]~~ will be pleased to write to the great King Your Master and if our king will then be pleased to write to the King of France. that the Six Nations desire that the fort at Niagara may be demolished. this belt we give to you our Brother. as a toaken that you ~~[illegible]~~ be not negligent to write to the King the Sooner the better and desire that ~~write~~ the Letter may be wrote very pressing.

We acquaint you that Jonsaire is expected at onnondago. & that ye french always Say that our Brethren the English will kill us. & all bad Reports do they spread among us. and our Brother Corlaer tells us the Same Evil of the french that they have from time to time deceived us.

We desire you to Send an ~~man~~ of Experience to onnondage and that there may ~~nothing~~ be spoake nothing but Indian between the Brother Corlaer & the french ~~that [illegible] but [illegible] deceit & know who is the liar. and~~ ~~each~~ every one to answer for himself concerning what ill Reports he Shall have Spread. the 6 nations would then be present. to hear what ~~each~~ everyone had to Say to the other for his vendication, that we may find out the deceit & know who is the liar.

you told us also that ye Com^r of Indian affairs at albany had acquainted you. that we were Inclind to Speak with the Govr of virginia. that you had write him & Received his answer. that there was no mischief done lately. only that the Sinnekes had murdered a man on his own Land. that the Govr had order to persue the

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the ~~murder~~ murderer. and if they had overtaken them they would have Received their deserts. you have ordered us to Inquire Who had Comitted this base action and if we discovered it to Punish the Transgressor according to their deserts. we have made Inquiry and found out who has done it. there are four Nations guilty of this action, Sinnecker Maquas Tuscaroras & French Indians, but it was not ~~design~~ done with design. there were Indians who are our Enemies who we traced to that house

you have made Inquiry concerning a slave whom you say is taken by our people. we acknowledge to have been of the Company that took him. he is given to Indians who live on a branch of Susquehannah River which is Called Sognieiadie therefore we desire to you make a further Inquiry, for that place is nearer to you then us. We desire that this may be forgiven us there many times happens ~~an~~ accidents between one Nation & another but they must not be too hearty. therefore we desire the Governour of virginia that he may not be Rash to Revenge Such an action which was not comitted with a design nor by Consent of the ~~Sachims~~ Sachims. if Such things happene between brethren. then it must allways be Layd by & Reconciled.

you told us not to ~~suffer~~ any of the French Indians to make a path through our Country to go fighting. we promise to do our Endeavor to prevent them to approach any of the English Colonies, we desire ~~you~~ also that you may prevent them for many ~~they~~ go fighting ~~when~~ through albany. to the English Settlements who do not ~~go~~ come through the six nations

We desire again that the Governour of virginia may not be Rash, and may lay down the hatchet which he has in his hand. that he ought to think on the former treaties wch are made between him & the six Nations ~~no~~ that they ought not to be a quarel for an action wch happend not designedly

you have desired us that we should not molest any of your people our Brethren in our Return home. we Promise to do our utmost

Endeavor to prevent our young Indians as much as possible. now you may well say that we always promise and not perform. that are the devels works & Inspiration to evil people who make us Lyars and ~~makes~~ Reproachfull give abelt.

We have now done & have here & there touched an article of your Speech. We must acquaint you how our fraternity came anciently it came by the trade. that we Recd. the goods in former times Cheap that we were Convinced of your goodness. but now the goods are Said us dearer & dearer. therefore we desire you that we may have goods Cheaper. and we desire the same from the Inhabitants of this City that they may use their Endeavor that we may have goods cheaper especially powder. but do not lay powder on one side the Scale & Beaver on the other. that is too little powder.

You have two year ago desired the Six Nations to Sell Some beever traps on the onnondago River. which we have Consented & granted. but we find ourselves deceived by those beever traps. in Stead of Rum the people who lay there Sell us water wch they take out of this trap & make us pay excessive dear for it, therefore we desire that no Rum may be Sent up. for it produces all Evil & contention between man & wife between the young Indians & the Sachims. when the uppermost Indians want Rum let them go & fetch it at albany. as they have done formerly. when any of your people go to our Country Let them bring dry goods. powder lead & all Indian goods. and let us Receive it for the same price as it can be bought at albany. this what we have Said we shall Communicate to the far Indians that they must fetch strong Liquor at albany

We have now done with our proposition that ~~belong~~ Relates to the Six Nations but what we Come to Say now relates particularly to the Sinnecks

It is three year ago that you offered us a smith and told us ~~that~~ we might Look for one to our mind. we found one then who pleas'd us very nice. it was Ingnedt weems when his time was

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ron Expired he told the Sachims that he was going home whereon they desired him to come again because he was good & Charitable to the poor therefore we desire he may be our friend and go with us when we go home. we desire also for an armourer who can mend our locks & arms — Such a man lives at Schinechtady: ~~as~~ we desire also yt Andries nak may go in Company with the smith that he may be Instructed in the Indian language —

We desire that when y smith & armourer go up. they may bring all their tools with them gave a Belt

His Exly told them that he had Some thing to offer on what they had Said ~~in answer~~ wh is as these words

The Governours answer to the Indians of the 6 Nations

I have a few things to say to you upon what you have spoken to me since you desire it Earnestly I will write to y king my master in a pressing manner that he may perswade y king of France to order y Fort at Jagara to be pulled Down as to what you said within to a belt that you desired a wise man to meet Jan Coeur at onnondaga that you might find out what false stories have been spread on either side: I think your own Experience for so many years past may sufficiently Convince you that all false Storys have Come from y frenchmen and that this Government has allways spoken y truth to you. and I think you ought not to suffer Jan Coeur to Come among you since he has allways filled your Ears with such Groundless reports for which reason I will not send any person to Speak with him it would be doing him an honour which he does not Deserve. But I will send a proper person to stay among y Senecas this winter who will answer them any Questions which they shall ask him and to whom I Expect they will Tell all the reports that the frenchmen spread among them that he may

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shew them the falsehood of them and that they will follow his advice in Everything that he shall Recommend to them.

You see by this Letter which I have now Recd from Mr De Longueil what Groundless Reports the French are now spreading ~~amongst you~~ Concerning your own actions of which you have now told me the Quite Contrary and no Doubt Jan Coeur is Gone Now to spread Some other false reports among you at Onondaga which you must be on your Guard against - that he may not Deceive you again as he has so often Done I shall inform ye Gov: of Virginia of what you Desire but ye only way to hinder him from taking up the Hatchet against you is to forbear any more such insults on Virginia on your part.

as to what you say about ye selling of goods here you know the Merchants are Masters of their own Goods and I Cannot oblige them to sell them cheaper than they Can afford it. But sometime your beaver and Skins are worth more money and sometimes less on the other side of the great Lake and so the price that they Can afford their Goods at Can alter and they have now assured me that Goods are as cheap as they Can afford them. You Complain that they sell you water instead of Rum at the Onnondages River, and at ye same time you Complain that Rum makes you disordered now ye water Cannot disorder you and you need not buy the rumm unless you please

Buy But

But the fair nations have a great way to Come to that trading place and if they want Rumm there they must have it and if they have a mind to fetch it at albany they may Come hither to fetch it, But that there may be no Complaint about ye rum the next Summer I will order a fit person to remain at the Trading place and take Care that there shall be no disorder or Cheating practised by ye traders and if you shall have any Complaints he will be ready to hear and Do you justice. If Myndert Wemps will Go to ye Seneca's Land he may and if he is not willing I will send the fittest Smith I can find with the armourer whome you desire and who shall Go as soon as they can be ready. I wish you now a Good journey home and shall Lay before you a noble present from his Majesty to you The Powder is of ye best sort, and the Rumm and some Provisions shall be given you after you are past Schenectady when you are upon your journey.

The Governour's Speech To the River & Schakook Indians the 18th September 1726.

Children

It is a pleasure to me to see you together in this old meeting place as you live among the Settlements peaceably and Quietly so you Reap the Benefit of it by

Enjoying

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Enjoying more plenty of provisions and other Conveniencies of Life than those who live at a great Distance from ye Christians and therefore I Dout Doubt but you will Continue to Live like good neighbours with the English as you have hitherto Done and then you may always Depend on the Continuance of the favour and Protection of the Government I hope none of you will go to Canada, as some of ye Schahooks have Done but Endeavour to bring back those that are allready Gone thither, for you may Live much better here than you Can possibly Do in Canada.

I hear that two of your Sachims are Dead I Condole with you upon their death and I recommend Wawackeek to be in their place one of the Sachims of ye Scahooks and upon that I Give this Belt.

as the Covenant Chain has been always kept Clean between the English & your fore fathers I Dout Doubt but you will Gladly joyn with me in Renewing it and Brightening it that it may Last as Long as the Sun & moon and accordingly I now Brighten it & make it strong by this belt.

Answer of the River Schaahkook Indians to his Excellency

Father

We are glad to see you here and thank you for Condoleing the death of our two Sachims & wipeing of our tears. we are Rejoyce that you have been pleased to appoint Wawageek to be a Sachim in Room of the two deceased Sachims. We hope he may behave himself prize and that our behaviour may be better than it has been heretofore

You have spoaken of the Covenant Chain which has been made between us and the English we make it Clean to keep the same bright & wrape Beverskins about it that it may not Rust. give five beverskins

You have Spoaken Relating the deserters of Schaahkook it is a very bad action they are an Evil sort of people that are gone to Canada. it is because they Ruin themselves much in debt and to avoid payment they go away but those that are ~~there~~ now here desight to live & dye at Schaahkook give five beverskins —

You have been pleased to Renew Covenant Chain. we shake on our side keep it bright & Inviolable. we are very glad that you like our Country so wee. that there is food enough and that you think we live well near the Christians.

His Ex. told them he would make them a present of Sundry goods, wished them a good Journey to their habitations —

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At a Conference held at albany between his Excellency William Burnet Esq. Capt Genl & Govr in Chiefe of the Province of New yorke New Jersey &c and two Sachims of the Sinnekes named Kanakaighton & Tharaintorowwee three Sachims of Cayouge named ottsochkoorie Dekenisore & Renjeweerat two Sachims of Onnondage named Kachjikadrodon & Sadekeenaghtie this 14 day of Sept 1726.

His Excellency told them that since they had Complaind against the french encroaching on their Land at onjagara by building a fort there, and since they expected that the King of great Brittain should protect them in the quiet Enjoyment of their own Lands it would be proper for them to do at this time what they had Proposd to do 25 year ago which was to Submitt and give up all their hunting Country to the King and to sign a deed for it which however has not been done and perhaps for that reason their proposale at that time has not been so well Remembered as it would have been if they had signd such a deed, therefore his Excellency proposd that they should now sign a deed Confirming that proposale and likewise Submitting and giveing up all their Land adjoyning to the Lake of oswego and the narrow passage between it and the lake Cadarachqui, and also all the land along the said lake Cadarachqui 30 miles from the water of said Lakes & River directly into the Country so as to leave their Cattle out of it or sixty miles into the Country so as to include all their Cattle & Country

After a Consultation among themselves

They said that they would rather have the d. Deed of Surrender & submission include all their Cattle and that they would then expect that his Majesty would then be pleased to defend them from any encroachments any french

His Excell. told them while it is peace his Maj.ty Conduct no hard measures against the french, only to stand to the treatie Concluded between the two Crowns but in time of war would protect & defend them against all attempts & encroachments whatever to be offerd by the french

Present
His Excellency William Burnet Esq.r &c.
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Myndert Schuyler

At a meeting of Commissioner of Indian Affairs in Albany the 14.th day of Septemb.r 1726

His Excellency thought fitt to Appoint Capt. Lancester Symes to be one of the Commissioners for the Indian Affairs at this place

His Excellency Desird an account of what has been Expended for the publick Service on Credit of what Should be Raized by act of Assembly

It appeard that £25 on Credit of a minute of Counsell of October Last was allowd by the Commissioners to Jacob Brower and Harme Vedder Jun. Smith at Onnondage and £5.10 for their tools &c. £35:— to Jurian Hogan & Comp.y as Smiths at Sinnekes Country Last year & £5: for A Smiths Bellows at Onnondage

It is further observd that major Abraham Schuyler Deceased has been in the Indian Country by his Excellency's order Dureing the Space of three months till the time of his death for which his Exc.y in Consideration of y.e Misfortune of his family his Exc.y would Recomend it to the Council at New york for the allowence of £50:— there was Likewise produced on acc.t of presents furnished by Philip Livingston actually given by major Ab.m Schuyler amo.t to the Sume of £31:7:6— an acc.t

An Account for two men his attendants £22:— by his agreement a bursh Canoe from m.r Cornelis Cuyler agreed for £10:— provisions £8:19:12— Jurian hogan p.r sents given by Lourence Clase amo.t £4:7:— an acc.t of D.o for Carying up an anvill &c. £6:19:— a Smith's anvill from Philip Livingston for the Sinnekes Country amounting to £7:13:6 an acc.t of Lourence Clase for his Journey to the Sinnekes Country in bringing down the Sachems now with him & Charges in Keeping Sachems from hunting amounts to £82:2:— all which his Excellency Informd the Com.ns he would Recommend to the Councill at New york for their Consent that warr.t on the Treat.r may Issue for the Said Severall acc.ts

His Exc.y further acquainted this board that he Intended to Send Capt. Evert Bancker to the Sinnekes Country for the winter and the Remainder part of the year to Reside at such places at or near the falls of Onnondage River as he Shall be Directed; by his Exc.y further Instructions & that his Exc.y will Recomend to the Gentlemen of the Councill & that he be allowd £100:— for his years Sallery on Condition that at his Return to albany he Declares on Oath that he has not traded Directly by himself or Indirectly by others Dureing his Stay in the Indian Country (Excepting only for Provisions for himself & his two attendants) and that he may be allowd £25:— for p.r sents to the Indians providing he declares on oath the Same has been given to them according to the best of his Judgement for the publick Service and that there be allowd £30:— for two attendants Dureing the said time & £10:— for Interpreters as he Shall have occasion for them of which he is to give at his Return an Attested acc.t if Required by his Excellency

That the Bursh Canoe Lately bought & made

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Made use of by Major Abraham Schuyler belonging to the Government be made use of by Capt. Bancker Dureing the time he shall in the S^d years Service ——

That his Exce^ly further will Recomend to the Gent. of ye Councill ye Sume of £20: be allowd To Jost van Seysen Armourer & Nicolas Wemp Smith together for their Service & work for the Indians in the Sinnekes Country till the first of may next provided they Stay there till that day —

That his Excellency will also Recomend to ye Councill y^t £12:- be allowd unto Capt. Evert Bancker in full of all Provisions — Necessaryes whatsoever dureing his Stay among ye Indians —

Present
His Exce^ly William Burnet Esqr &^a
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Hend^k Renselaer
Lancaster Syms

At a meeting of the Com^ns of Indian affairs in Albany the 15th September 1726

By his Exce^ly William Burnet Esqr &^a

Instructions for Capt. Evert Bancker —

You are forthwith to Repair to the Sinnekes Country and there to Reside till april next Either at Canoseda qui or — Onahee or go from time to time from the one Castle to the other as you Shall think most tending to the Publick Service and you are to

To take a Journey to Cayouge or Onnondage when you think the publick Service Requires it not otherwise —

You are to use your uttmost Endeavors to Cultivate a familiar acquaintance with the Principall men among the Indians. and persuade them with all your might to be faithfull to ye Brittish Interest and do your Endeavor to bring aff those that are Inclind to the french —

You are to find out with all possible Diligence what news the french Spread among the Indians or what design they have and Defeate them with the uttmost of your ability you are to keep a particular Journall of all your own Proceeding and of all that you hear Concerning the french or the Indians and Transmitt accounts of what is most matteriall to me as Likewise to ye Com^ns of Indian affairs at Albany and if any thing Extraordinary Should happen you are to Send an Indian or a Christian Express with an acc^t of it in Case you Judge there be occasion for it —

You are Particularly to Strenghten the Indians in their Dislike to the french fortifying Onjagara by Reminding them of the mischiefs the french forts have allways done them and you are to persuade them not to Enter into any manner of agreement with the french & Particularly not give their Consent to their fortifying Niagara or any where Else on the South Side of the Lake and you are to use the Same diligence to prevent the Onnondages from giveing any Consent to the french fortifying on this Side of the Lake upon any Notice you have that any Such thing is proposed to them by the french you are to follow from time to time Such Directions as you shall Receive from me or ye Com^ns of the Indian affairs at Albany you are to use your best Endeavors to promote

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The British Interest among any of ye far Indians with whom you shall have any opportunity of Doing it. and persuade as much as in you Lyes to trade with ye People of this Province from whom they may allways be Supplyd with goods Cheaper then by the french either at albany where they are Cheapest or if they can not come as far as the mouth of onnondage River and by telling them that this Government & the 6 Nations will always keep ye path open & Clean for them which you are Likewise to Remind the Sinnekes that they have promist so often to this Government to do, and you are to Represent to them ~~where~~ much it is for their Interest to have a free Intercourse & Strict friendship with all the far Nations that so ye french may not be able Ever to Engage the far Nations to make war as they formerly have done a gainst ye 5 Nations, in the middle of april next you are to Repair to the falls at Onnondage River and there you may Expect to Receive farther Instructions ~~for~~ your Conduct Dureing the Rest of ye Summer according to what may be Enacted in the General Assembly for Regulating the trade with the far Indians upon the Sd River or what may be Directed by me & Councill in Case no act of Assembly be made for that purpose or any other Service which we shall Recomend to your Care

Given under my hand & Seale this 15th day of Sept in the ~~twelth~~ 8th year of his Majs Reign Anno Dom 1726

Wm Burnet

Present
Chr Livingston
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Lancetan Symes
} Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian affairs in albany the 20th Sept 1726

Capt Evert Bancker Inform this Board that his Ex has been pleased to appoint him to Reside among the Indians for one year and alloud him to go up in the Burch Canoe which Major Abraham Schuyler dec. had Last Summer to the Sinnekes Country. which Capt Bancker Says he has Caused to be viewd and finds it too Small for him and two men with their provisions & necessaries to go in to the Sinnekes Country. and proposes that the Comrs may furnish him with a good burch Canoe

The Comrs Considering that the season of the year being far advanced. that a good Canoe is Requird to go up with do approve that Capt Bancker do buy a good Canoe and See the other for what it will yield. and they will Endeav that the Residue be paid either by ye Province or Comrs

That a bolt of wampum be purchaid by Capt Bancker for his up to speak with to the Indians and that charges Shall be paid and that he take with him 5 gallon Rum for his Journey & 5 gall. d to drink his Ex health with the Sachems

Capt Bancker is desired to See the armourer & Smith sent by the Gov to work at the Sinnekes Country be put in Possession of Smiths Shop & tools

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Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
John Cuyler } Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of the Comrs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 14th Jany 1726.

Two Cachnawage Indians, Living near Montreal in Canada, named Sonondo & Cahowaye bring arrived here informs the Comrs that twenty days ago they overtook at fort Da not in Corlaer Lake a party of Onnagongee Indians, who Live at St. francois that were going with a message to the Indians who are a hunting to Return to their habitations. the said party of Indians told the above two Indians that they had been at quebeck and Seen the new Govr there who had sent for the Chiefs of the Eastern Indians of nine severall Castles to whom he made a speech which of them had made peace with the people of New England, the Chiefs of three Castles stood up & said that they had Concluded a peace with them on which the Governour told them that since they were turn'd English men he would not assist nor protect them. but order the priest who Lives among them to leave their habitation. and would assist & protect the Indians of the other six Castles with what they have occasion for. having received a Ship Loaden with all sorts of goods fitt for their use and made them a present of rum powder &c. and told them he had orders from the king his Master to furnish them with what they have occasion for to prosecute the war against the people of New England who possess their Land to which they have no Manner of Right.

The said two Indians said that four parties of Indians who formerly Lived at Naringewack were gone out fighting from St. francois against New England. but do not know how many days its ago since they went out nor how many men each party consists

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Resolved that Governr Dummer be forthwith given notice of this Intelligence by Express. in order to take proper measures to defeat designs of the Indians who may be hovering or skulking on his frontiers which was accordingly as also to Colo John Stoddard at Northhampton —

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Albany y.d 4th February 1726/7

May it please your Ex.cy

We had y.e honour of your Excel.cys favours of y.e 21 Jan.y with Cap.t Banker Letter acts, o f Assembly & newspapers for which we Return your Excel.cys thanks, we lac.d y.t Cap.t Collier with your Ex.cys Directions about y.e Redelivery of the Rum w.ch y.e Indians Compaind has been Imberled at Schineetady we wishe such vile practices could be prevented it has done much mischief already according to your Ex.cys Commands Said as for our advice about applying y.e 300l. provided by act of Assembly we shall do in the best & we are able

The most Convenient place & Situation for the Building we are Informed is at the South side of y.e Cadarackqui lake on the west Side of y.e Onnondage River were it Implies it fell into Said lake or such proper place there adjacent as Cap.t Banker shall think fitt to pitch y.e fort to be made of Stokadoes 12 foot above Ground & if it be a Rockie place to be laid on the Ground of Loggs to be 60 foot Square with two blockhouses of 20 f y.e upper 14 foot Square of good x/s timber within a Chimny in act y.e Roof Covered with Singles which one of our board has offerd to Compleat for £150. and if this affair to be done in a pullick manner we shall Endeavor to get it done for less 150 l. y.e Canoes or Batoes which are Req.d for y.e Transporting the men &c.a we Compute will Cost abut £120 the Remainder of y.e Sume allowed may be applyd for provisions & necessaries for the men but for what time we cant Calculate being

being a thing we are unacquanted with as for our part we Shall keep this affair private but its no Secret in Town we presume it to be necessary y^t Capt. Banker be directed about ye time y^t ye men are to go from hence that Such a building is to be Erected for keeping the traders goods dry for which purpose it will be necessary that he be Supplyd with Some Small p^sent to give Some Sachems who might oppose this work, as for his Conduct that he Endeavors y^t the Indians be not Cheated in their trade Especially on Rum by being mixt with water, & further to Regulask himself according to the Act of General Assembly in that Case provided.

Doorn
Ex^d 12 Albany ye 26th April 1727.

Capt. Banker

VE brief van den 13. deser ontfangen waerby wy vernemen dat ghy in onnondage met d' Sachemakers hebt gesproken weegens het Timmeren op Swegee dat Sy het niet willen toestaen dat het huys daer Sall opgebouwt werden. twelk ons Seer Leet is om te hooren en Sy Excellency ongetwyfelt Sall het ter hearten neemen wy hoopen & verwachten dat op d' Comst van Lourence ghy de wilden beeter Sall kunnen verstach & onderrichten, want hy verwacht dat Sy het Timmereeren niet Sullen tegen staen maer vrywilligh ons Sullen laeten voort gaen volgens haer Consent also het voor haer Costen is, so als wy alreede in VE Instructies met Lourence

gemelt

gemelt hebben. Syn Excellency heeft het aen ons gelaeten voor Een persoon van aensien nae VE te Senden tot VE assistentie om het vry lof van de wilden Sonder murmeeren te obtineeren als Sy voor dese gedaen hebben dat alles vreedigh magh toe gaen also het Een Saach van de grootse Consequensie is tot dit Government indien het niet Sonde gelucken. So hebben wy goedt gedaght dat Een of twe p^soonen van aensien tot VE assistentie Sullen toegesonden werden onstants op VE verder Schryvens dat de wilden VE affslaen, onderluschen Sullen wy alles dat noodigh is voor So Een Toght klaer maken & geteet houden tot dien Eynde Soeche wy dat ghy d' Sachemakers by malkander houdt ~~wel een~~ om Een verdere propositie met hart te maken So Sy VE. aangelagen hebben onderluschen moet ghy de principaelste wilden om Coopen & overreeden want het werk moet gaen Laet d' Corter Syn wat het will derhalve verwachten wy VE Schryvens terpost of ghy Consent hebt van d' wilden of niet

d' metselaers & Timmerlieden moeten niet thuys Comen sonder Consent & verder Schryven van ons onderluschen Laet het volk geimploycert werden in het hacken planken Sagen Steen Reyen & putmaken & d' wilden denbrengers deses hebben wy voldoen wat het Cruyt aengaet weet ghy kunnen wy niet indoen d' datum van VE brief denken wy is abuys en ook het jaer he 6 VE gestelt 1717 naer haer telycke groteneese Eblyve

Myndert Schuyler	Philip Livingston
Rutger Bleeker	Peter van Brugh
Harmanus Wendell	Ryer Gerritse
Nicolas Bleeker	Stevanus Groesbeck

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No. 15

Albany y. 26. april 1727

May it please your Excellency

Your Excell.cys most Esteemed favours of y. 10 & 12 Instant we Rec. Inclosed Find your Ex.cys letter Sent us by order of Gov.r Dummer of y. 13th Instant whereby we Receive a Strange Retaliation for our good offices & pains not to Count y. Expences we have Been & Still are like to lay out for their Security & preservation which we think however in duty & Consience bound to do to Save y. poor Innocents on the frontiers of Boston those in that Town we Suppose think themseves Secure Enough

Inclosed your Excell.cy has a letter from Capt. Banker as also one from him to us, we are Sorry that he has made any Speech or proposalls to the Sachims at onnondage before Lourence Came to him & by what we hear from the Indians who are come hither offered but 2 a days. the Sachims Seem to have denyd him their Consent to Errect the Building at oswegee. but now while the Interpreter is with him we hope he may be able to Inform them better & Convince them of y. necessity to have this house Built for the Convenierncy of that traders & their Security, we have now Sent a letter Express to him if the Indians to persist in their denying Consent that he forthwith Send us an account of it by Express on y. arrivall thereof we Shall dispatch two men who have good Interest among y. Indians to assist him with further Presents to onnondage. and have desird him to keep y. Sachims together till Said Gentlemen Shall arrive there, mean while that y. workmen be Imployd to hew wood Saw Boards digging of the well &c. and on Rec.t of this advice

Shall

Shall not neglect to Send your Excellency an account of it

We are very glad to See by y. Minute of your Excell.cy in Councill that our Conduct in the agreem.t made with y. workmen & others we Sent up to build S.d house of which is approved off. makes us not a little ambitious we take nothing more to heart then that this Building Should be Errected in a peaceable & amicable manner being of y. greatest Consequence to this Province. and are pleased to See your Excell.cy becomes Security for the further Presents that may be Required the workmen Sett out from hence y. 13th Instant in Two Batoes & one Birch Canoe y. former are much y. best as people tell us who mett them we had much trouble to dispatch them

Here are three other Batoes finisht for the use of y. men who are to be Sent up think two more will be Required

The misfortune happend at Shohere first arised from y. Indians who had killed a hogg belonging to one of y. man who is wounded having Charged them with it, which y. Indians when they were drunk Resented it tho the pork was found in their wigwomb & Some of their number had done that mischief & y. Palatines not giveing way to their humour was in Short y. occasion of the Quarrel the Indians are amiature of y. Several Nations, we did not intend your Ex.cy Should take y. trouble to Come hither unless the Sachims acknowledged their Error of their own accord come Reconcile this

Wee begg your Ex.cy Leave to Refer that affair Relating y. Transgressors of y. late acts till our next meeting that we may have a Compleat number of members. the master of the Sloop presents to be gone having a fair wind

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No. [illegible] 710 Albany 9 may 1727

May it please your Ex.y

Your Excellencies most Esteemed favours of y.e 24.th ultimo we Rec.d and have added 4 Batoes to y.e 8 sent hither. and one more is made at Schinechtady those made at New york are Much Inferiour & Shliter made then those here we have provided all y.e necessaries that have been Requird from us. with dispatch to put forw.d the work that nothing is wanting for y.e Detachm.t to proceed to Oswegee So that we Expect to their they put out this day from Schenechtady hopeing that Every thing may Succeed according to Expectation. we Suppose y.t the work men are now beginning to provide matterialls for y.e house. Capt. Bancker haveing obtaind Consent from the Sachims of the 6 nations to Errect y.e house he has the Kanassore & other Sachims with him at Oswegee to Lay out y.e grounds for the Said building the inclosed is from him of the 29 April wherein he makes mentions y.t Sachims have Entirely left it to him build where he pleases he thinks the only thing that will be wanting is Lime Stone. the Stores were Sent forthwith to Schunechtady and what we have provided here & there at the Request of y.e Officers is Containd in the inclosed note we desird y.e m that they Should tell us what other necessaries they wanted for this Expedition and we would timely Supply that Nothing might prevent their going forward major Symes has had already fitt of Sickness w.ch has brought him So Low that we Suppose he'l not be able to undergo the featague of Such teadious voyage & Journey all persons are very well Satisfyd to furnish what they have and do what work they can on Credit on y.e Ex.y Letter

We suppose that y.e news of this depachm.t will be

738 Will be at Canada much sooner then they can be at Oswegee. tho we think the french dare not oppose this Work. while the indians are for it

We Shall agree with those that will Supply the men with further provisions Cheapest to be delivered beyound y.e Carrying place if the men want it. some palatines have already offord to do it.

There are Severall young men at Oswegee who can Interpret french make no doubt but they will do it when it may be Required. but if your Ex.y in your Next Shall direct us to agree with some person to do that Service we Shall do it.

We have write to Lourence Clause to Stay With Capt. Banker till y.e house be finisho & to Interpret as well for y.e kings officer as for Capt. Bank.r as your Ex.y has directed.

We Return your Ex.y our most herty thanks for y.e honor & Liberty given us to Consult ab.t y.e best Measures to be taken by us without waiting for y.e Ex.y orders. and Execute in without delay

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Present
Phil. Livingston
Peter van Brugh
Henry Rensselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Roger Gerritse
A. Groenbeck
Har. Wendell
N. Bleecker

At a meeting of the Cond. of the Indian affairs in Albany 4th April 1727

No. 9

This day Rec.d from his Ex.y William Burnet Esq.r Gov.r two Letter of y.e 23. & 23.d March, in answer to two Letter from this Board of the 16 & 20th dito directing us to agree with workmen here on the best Terms, can be done, to build the house at the mouth of Onnondego River near the Lake. and to send up y.e Interpreter to Capt. Banker in Case we think it necessary

In obedience to his Ex.y directions, agreed this day with Isaac Bogaert & Cornelis Waldron masons. Benja.min Bogaert & Nicolas Groenbeck Carpenters to build Said house according to the model Sent by his Ex.y. at 8/ diem each from the day they Sett out till their Return home excepting Sundays. to find themselves with Provisions. but they to be provided with Canoes or Batoes to bring up y.e materials and tools Sent hither from Newyork for y.e use of y.e house

agreed with Coenraet Becker & Christian Jans Sawyers to Saw timber & boards for use of y.e house and Such other work as they Shall be Imployed at by Capt. Banker y.e Chief builder at 5/ p.d diem on Condition as above

agreed also with Mr. Jeremy Schuyler John Beekman Jun.r & Nicolas Wyngaert to Lett their Servants work as Labourers at the s.d house at 4/ p.d diem for the days they Shall Work, on their ownd.t. and to be p.d for their Journey back, if they do not come home with their Masters.

Jts.

It is Resolved that none of the workmen shall Carry up any trading goods. that they may not be hindered to Carry up y necessaries & tools for building

Bought from Capt. Peter van Brugh two horses and one from Mr Peter Schuyler at five pound each to be sent up to the mouth of onnondaga River for drawing stone board beams &c. for building the house.

ordered y. a Letter be write & sent to Lourence Clase the Interpreter. forthwith to come hither to Receive orders to go to onnondaga to be Capt Bancker's Interpreter

Present
Ch. Livingston
Reynd. Schuyler
Henry Rensselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Hep. Groubeck
Har. Wendree

No 10

A meeting of y Comd. of y Indian affairs in albany y 4th of april 1727

The Commissioners have this day agreed & allowed unto Isaac Bogaert the sume of five pound over & above his wages of 8/ p diem to be Chief workman & director of the building to be made at y mouth of on nondaga River. yet he is to be under Command of Capt Bancker

allowed unto the workmen who are to build y house twelve gallon Rum above y allowence of y thirty gallon sent from New york allow. is to be paid by y Comd. out of their allowence of two hundred pound Sterling

Present
Ch. Livingston
Reynd Schuyler
Henry Rensselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Hp. Groubeck
Har. Wendell
Ch. Schuyler

No 11

A meeting of y Comd. of y Indian affairs in albany y 6th day of april 1727

This Board acquainted Lourence Clase that his Ex. had been pleas to approve of our sending him to Capt Bancker at onnondaga to serve as his Interpreter. to Communicate to y Sachems of y five nations that his Ex. Wm Burnet Esq. has good intention and design to build a trading house at Swego on y mouth of onnondaga River the better to Carry on a trade with the far Indians.

agreed with the said Interpreter for his service at onnondaga, and to bring up with another man (whom he is to hire on the best terms he can) three horses to the mouth of y onnondaga River, to be imployd for drawing timber & stone for y house. for the sume of £20. to be p. by the Comd., out of their allowence of £200. but he is obliged to attend any time on Capt Bancker at y building. it agreed he shall be allowed what is Reasonable above y sume

This Board have thought it proper to send Capt Bancker & Interpreter the following additional Instruction.

Haveing obtaind consent from his Ex. Your Burnet Esq. to send Lourence Clase the Interpreter to you since you are in want of an Interpreter to Inform the Indians with the Intention of this Govt

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Excellency for building a house at ochsuegee, it being a matter of great Consequence to this Government if it should be opposed by the Indians, you are therefore to use your best Endeavour to obtain their Consent for wch purpose. We Recommend you that you observe & follow such orders & directions as you have and shall Receive from his Ex^cy. as near as possible you can in Relation to your treaty with the Sachems of six Nations — Concerning his Ex^cys Intention for building a house at ochsuegee near the Cadarackqui Lake, you must tell them is for the Convenieny of the traders to secure their goods according to the leave & consent given by the Sachems to his Ex^cy in 1724. to prevent that their goods may not be taken out of their small bark houses, and that the traders may secure and store their goods for wch they can have no ready sale, and not be obliged to bring it back hither.

You are also to acq^t. ye Indians y^t the chief motive which moves this Government to build this tradeing house at ochsuegee is that his Ex^cy is informed that ye French design to make a fortification at this place, which will not only bar Indians from Coming to trade there and at Albany wth ye Inhabitants of this Province but also of five Nations themselves. by which means they would Entirely make themselves slaves to ye Indians and Surround ye Brethren on all sides. that they have had sufficient proof of ye French fortifying near them. and on ye Contrary that they have had repeated Instances of ye Civil treatment and kind behaviour of this Govern^mt towards them for their Security and welfare for many years past as this building will prevent ye French from making any attempt to fortify nearer, and as it is done as well for their Security

as for

as for promoting the Indian trade. So we Cant suppose but that they will readyly agree too and approve of this good intention. that we Cant think that they do Entertain or believe any Report or Stories that ye French of Canada may have spread among them to a Resentment that our Govr has ordered to begin ye building & finishing this house if they do our Govr who Represents ye great & good King of great Brittain their father & protector would take it as the greatest affront that can be done his said Majesty, and Leave you under our hands in Albany this 6 day of April 1727

was signed by the gentlemen above

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Mag it Please yor Excellency Albany 9 May 1727

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Albany y.e 10 June 1727

May it please your Ex.y

Your Ex.y Severall Acceptable favours we have Rec.d which we should have answerd much sooner but have been prevented y. some of us have been out of Town, others out of order with y.e distemper w.h Rages in our City & County: and that havening had of late any Matterialls news from y. westward to communicate to your Ex.y we are Afraid by the traders who are come down that y. building at Oswego goes on very well. that on y.e 4 Instant the Beams of y.e first Store was to be Lay as may Appear by the Inclosed from the head Carpenter. we are told y.t but 2 a 3 Canoes with Indians have been to trade there Since Cap.t Banker write last y.t there had been 20 odd; its Conjectured y.t the french at Jagara Stop them while the traders who pass by our trading place are partly Loaded with Brandy w.h they never have premitted to Carry up till now to cut of our trade. it is Reported y.t they think our people have found Lime Stone.

We write Some time Since to Cap.t Banker to stop the Sachems of the 6 nations to go to Canada on the Invitation of the Governour. but hear that Severall are gone thither the Chiefs from Onnondage who are Inclined in the french Interest.

We write to y.e two Justices Living a Mong y. palatines above y. falls, to Come hither to agree with us for the Delivery of provisions for the Detachment gone to Oswego.

It is long Since we had any manner of Intelligence from Canada, no Indians come from thence to trade here.

We Return your Ex.y our most hearty thanks for Sending us the news. which we take very kind & as a great favour, we hope his Majesties arms may have Such good Success. over y. Spanish & Emperor as we desire from y. bottom of Our hearts.

Its Conjectured that y. Detachment Sent to Oswego are arrived there ab.t y.e 7 Instant, they might have been there sooner had they not mett with bad weather & little water in the wood Creek.

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Albany the 12 June 1727

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May it please y.r Ex.y

Since we had y. hon.r to write to your Ex.y on y.e 10 Instant we are Informd that a frenchmen Lately come from Philadelphia but Last from N. York who we find on Examinated has been pampering with Severall Negro Slaves at this place to Run to Canada w.h is of dangerous Consequence that our Slaves Should be Inticed to Run thither, this fellow we have ordered to return from whence he came (Capt. Winne who is to take him on board) he gives out that he will Waite for the opportunity of these three frenchmen lately come from Canada & gone to Philadelphia to go with them but we humbly hope that he may be Secured that he may not go thither this way

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Albany 16 June 1727

May it please your Ex.y

We had y. hon.r to write your Ex.y of Peter Winne & Jacobse

Since w.h we had y. Inclose from Capt. Banker as is one from Capt. Nicolls y. traders Inform us y.t it should be done 3 weeks but it Seems y.t Capt. Nicolls Suppose it would be 6 weeks before it would be finisd we Cant understand y.t only two Masons Are at work while more are there who can be imploys we have sent a Second Letter for the palatines to Come hither to agree with us for y. Delivery of Provisions for y. men at Oswego who we Expect in a few days we suppose they'll not be provaid on to deliver it further that y. wood Creek, it seems y.t y. french have already finisd the barding at jagara as their traders are allowd brandy they will do no little damage. yet hope every thing may Succed according to y.r Ex.y Expectation.

This day arrivd here a few far Indians but cant speak With y.m till to morrow for want of an Interpreter, what they shall Propose will not faile to Communicate to your Ex.y y.e first Opportunity mean while take leave to that we are with Great Estem & Respect

to y.e

X No 22
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Albany y.d 14 July 1727

May it please your Ex.y

We had y.e hon.r to write to your Ex.y y.e 6th Without Since which have none of your Ex.ys favours, the inclosed is from Capt. Nicolls to Capt. Holland whereby your Ex.y has an account how it goes on with the building at Oswego, how y.e Detachm.t are provided with Provisions and what trade is Carried on there. it is supposed that Some traders will not have that Success as was Suspected and will Come back with part of their goods for want of vent, the Detachm. may want some Provisions but not so much as Mr. Nicolls Seem to mention, the men he sent with a Batoe for Provisions to the Palatines had 130 Bushel wheat meal & we sent near 500 lb Bacon as we write in our last w.r arrived Soon after he writ last, we Calculate y.e Capt. Banks will have two months Provisions for his Detachm.t Expected peace w.r we do not know how to supply now, it may be time Enough to send them further Provisions when we Shall have y.r honour to Receive your Ex.ys answer how to proceed, y.e Palatines cant Supply them till Septem.r unless with wheat meal & Indian Corn, on your Ex.ys Commands to us of y.e 12th april & 19th June relating our proceeding to y.e acts of Assembly against those who have not come in and taken the advantage of the last act made in their favour we had sundry meetings and on perusall of the act passed y.e 17th June 1726. we find y.t Every article Clause or things ~~all things~~ in the former acts are Inforced. so that we humbly conceive that what Sumonees have been Served by the Com.rs are still in force and Since no further Complaints are made to us against any persons we Can not proceed, we take leave to Subscribe our Selves y.t we are with Esteem

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Albany 15. July 1727

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Your Ex.ys favours of y.e 15th Instant we Rec. and observe y.e Contents. our last was y.e 14th Instant whereto we take leave to refer. the agreement with the palatines we could not make more favourable to send it from hence would cost much more. while its a great distance thither they think they have a hard bargain to furnish the provisions as we agreed.

We have been informd y.t an Indian was hangd for killing an English men in New Jerseys. that place is different Situated in respect to our five nations numerous are of a different temper & more then those who live in the Jerseys & on the other hand their have Indians been killd by our people who have not been Executed for it. but made their Escape after tryall & Judgement which they Always abride us with how to apprehend y.e Murderers now that killd y.e Palatine at Shohere we cant tell, we gave your Ex.y timely notice of this fact

We Cant hear that there has been in a manner any trade at Oswego from Such achromds Indians all y.t has been there this year is from our own Indians & those Living on y.e northside Cadarackiquis lake and few Liveing to y.e Eastward of it its Supposed many of our traders will be obliged to come back with their goods Clear rum was already been sold there at 3/ p.r Gallon by one trader to another,

We are at a stand what to Conjecture that y.e French are doing at Canada have had no manner of Intiligence from thence Since april,

We are of opinion with Mr. Nicols that an able Indian Interpreter will be wanting at Oswego,

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Albany the 5 aug.th 1727

May it please y.r Excellency

Wee find our Selves honoured with y.r Excell.cys favourable of y.r 31 July By the Expences and have forthwith sent a man with y.r Letters to Cap.t Banker & Cap.t Nicols and Shall send the Value of Sixty Pounds in goods) and the provision as Come op the Same comes & further observe y.r Excellencys Directions we Remain with due Respect

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albany the 8th aug.t 1727

Gentlemen

wee desire you to hire & gett three good Large wooden Canoes Ready By a tuesday morning next to Carry up Stores & provisions for his majesties Service towards the Carrying Place in order that the Same may be further transported to answer we are

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Albany 10 aug.t 1727

Cap.t Banker

In gevolge van Syn Excell.cy order so sende wy hier Heffens de goederen volgens on leggende memorandum tot pPenten Voor de Sess naties hier Heffens ock Een opstelling vant geen wy oordeele om Beneffens het geen Syn Excellency geordeneert heeft aen de Broders de Sess naties voortestellen om wat UE ordelt na de gele=genthyt van Zaaken noodigh daer By te Voegen,

Het weederom gaen van UE wat persoon na ofwego om niet de wilden te Spreken Sall UE watt Swaar Schynen hebbende alreede so veel grote En Moylycke Zaaken nyt gericht dogh terwyl het nu so verryst voort Best vant land so twyfelen Wy niet of UE sult met Een nieuw moet aarigedaen Zyn En hoope dat de heer die alles Regeert UE Sall Versteken en de Zaak Voorspoedigh maken

Wy twyfelen niet of UE sult met Lourens Clasen in alles Een goet Verstant & Vrinschap houden wy groeten UE Van harten en Verblyden met Veel Respect

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Albany the 10th aug.t 1727

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May it please your Excell.cy

We had the honour to write your Excell.cy yesterday this Comes to informe y.r Excellency that Cap.t Banker is come to this place this morning Seekly & weak and Lourence Clase came with him and Since Cap.t Banker is not able By Reason of his Seekness to go ofwego and Considering that your Excellencys good intention ought nott to stop in a matter of so great Consequence we are Resolved to send Cap.t Philip Schuyler & his brother pieter Schuyler to go up with Lourence Clasen to meet Chief indians upon the Subject and make propositions to them accor=ding to your Excellencys distructions we hope your Excell.cy may be pleased to approve of this our proceedings & as we are informd by Cap.t Banker & Lourence Clase that the indians are now to have a meeting at onnondage which as wee Conjecture may be upon the propositions made by the governour of Canada to the Sachems of onnondage Lately Returned from Canada we have humbly of openion not to delay But hasten those gentlemen to go up with all Expedition who have undertaken to go to the Service of the King & Country upon the Credit of the goverm.t true Belive they will Sett out from hence to morrow we are with due Respect

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Present
P. L.
J. S.
J. B.
Seymes.
V. B.
J. B.
P. G.
J. W.
P. B.

At a meeting of the Com.ee y.e 7 aug.t 1727

This day the Com.ee write a letter to Capt. Collins to procure Carpenters & workman to build four Large Batoes at Schenectady for Carrying up the Provisions Lately sent up by his Excel.cy for y.e Garrison at Oswego,

That Lourence Clase be sent for to come hither to Receive Instructions to go to y.e five nations to acquaint them with the decease of his late maj.ty King George & that the Prince of Wales is Proclaimd King of great Britain france & Ireland

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Albany y.e 6.th Septem.r 1727

May it please your Excellency

This comes to acquaint your Excel.cy that Captain Philip Schuyler & his Brother peter Schuyler with Lourence Returned here on the second Instant from onnondage their proceedings and good Sucess will appear to your Excel.cy By the Inclosed propositions which we dout nott but will be pleasing to your Ex.cy we have tought it nessessary according to old Custume to acquaint the Six nations of Indians with the decease of his late majesty King george of Blesed memoney and the Succession of his present majesty our Soverign Lord King george the Second on the throne in order to which wee Shall dispatch Lourence up to the Six nations and also give him directions to Endeavour to Stop the onnondage from their Resolution which they have taken by the instegation of the french to go to warr against the flatheads which wee Conceive is the polacy of the french to gett them from home and out of the way Butt we hope wee may defeat their designes they might undertake against our Building at Oswego and we have good Reason to believe such Since the Indians have taken such a prime and Loyall Resolution to our intrest as appears By the Inclosed proposition

We Shall nott Be wanting in Sending up the provisions and to observe your Excellency's orders & directions and milage by our next we Remain with due Respect

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At a Meeting of the Commrs of the Indian Affair in albany y: 2 of August 1727

Two of the Chief Indians Sachims of Onah being Synekes Sheweth unto the Comrs four Strings of wompuns whereby they say that y: same was Sent by the Senundaeys from onnesaqgront unto the six nations & to y: Governour and the Commrs to make Known that Seuce of the Senundaeys with 8 men formerly taken prisoners from the flatt heads were gone to the flatt heads to make a peace with them But nott yett Returnd.

Dly 2

Brethren I make known to you that I have been with four Nations of the farr Indians Onedewandany Nichherykoj wiesesake and Senondaeka) and have taken much trable & pains to perswade y^m into y: intrest of this goverment to which they have hearkened and are now Become our freends butt there are still more farr nations if any of y^m Should hapen to Come and give apportunity ~~if any of them~~ to us of makeing any propositions they say that they have nothing in hand to speak and Incite them to the intrest of this province therefore they Resolves to Come here to their Brethren in albany which are Rich & well Stokt with goods. & therefore desire to be Supplyd with Such goods on that purpose as being for the intrest of this Goverment.

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Brotheren we desire that wee may be Supplyed with the Smith & Stock maker Liveing at Schenectady is Called Jost Van Syen

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Lancaster Symes
Peter Van Brugh
Rutger Bleecker
Ryer Gerritson
Harmanus wendell
Nicolaes Bleecker

At a meeting of Commissioners of the Indian Affairs at Albany this 5th august 1727

Answer to y: Proposition of the two Sinnekes Sachims

Brotheren wee do in behalf of his Excellcy salute you & assure you that wee are very glad to See you here in health

Brethren it will be a great Satisfaction to his Excellcy as it is to us of ye Endeavour that you have taken so much pains in bringing the far nations of Indians into our interest which we take to be an Equal Benefit for us and our Brotheren the Six nations we Shall ~~acquai~~ Acquaint his Excellcy With your Proceedings in that Affair

Brotheren you Know that we have Built a house at Oswaka by Consent of the Brethren the six nations wee perceive that the french of Canada are much against it Pretending that they have a Right to that place brethren that house is nott only a Securety for our traders but also a Secrety for you our Brotheren the five nations were by the french will be prevented to attack our Brethren wee know very well y: french by false instigations shall Endeavour to insinuate our brethren to Resent that good work butt wee know very well that our brethren are wise and prudent and Shall never harken to the false Strogs of the french who always Endeavour to break the Covenant Chain & desire you will do your utmost Endeavour with the Rest of our Brethren to Secure the s: house When Ever the french or their Indians should attempt to dispose us of the Same as for the Smith we Shall acquaint the governour With the Same you may be Sure of being Supplyed with one

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Albany y: 5th august 1727

Major Symes

In the inclosd letter Was Delivered to us opened We have taken a Copy of the Same in order to send to his Excellcy wee desire you send us a line or two by the bearer hereof forthwith & thereby acquaint us if you have or Can procure man enough to Carry up the Stores & provisions to oswego and to Supply the garrison with men at oswego in order that we may be able to acquaint his Excellcy with the Circumstances of matters Since Capt Nicolls is Comeing to albany according his letter weither it be Best to take all Batoes for Carrying up the provisions Since Capt Nicolls is bringing down with 8 batoes or thes, whether to Proceed with wooden Canoes and two two Batoes as it was first designed we Leave to your Self ~~Capt~~ Collnl Groesbeeck & Capt Collins we are

pray Communicate this forthwith to Capt Collins & Collnl Grosbeeck

Sir
y: most humble servts

wee are of Opinion that Since Capt Nicolls is Comeing down to Send all the Stores & Provisions wt all the men at once together,

was Signd

Peter Van Brugh
Hond: van Renselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Ryer Gerritse
Harmanus Wendell

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Albany the 9th aug.st 1727.

May it Please your Excellency

We had the honour to write y.r Excellency on y.e 5th Instant since wee Receivd. your Excell.cys favour of third Ditto by Mr. Winnen and upon due Consideration of the matter wee are humbly of Opinion that the p.Sents for the Indians provision and amunetion Should be Sent up with all Expedition have therefore hired 8 man to assist the Souldiers in bringing up the Same in 3 large Wooden Canoes hired at Schenectady & two batoes being one which was Left at Schinectady and one which the Carpenters Brought down wee have gott about 1000 of biskett Bread and 20 Bushel of ~~wheat~~ peace from hence and will order to gett Some more peace and ~~from~~ & wheat Meal by the palatyns if possible there is wheat enough by the Palatyns but the Season being so very dry as is Reported it that the mill has no water to grind and the River very Shallow so that it will be hard to bring up the Loaden Canoes & Batoes butt wee must use the best means wee Can & hope for Same well whether the goods & provisions are most gone up to Schenectady and we hope y.e batoes & Canoes will Sett out from thence a friday morning Morning being the 11 Instant maj.r Sythes & Coll.t Groesbeck are going up to Schen.dy to dispatch there, may it Please your Excell.cy we have Considered that if the batoes Should go up ~~with~~ with part of the provisions and Come down again for y.e Rest ~~of~~ would take up a very Long time & Detain Capt. Nicolls to gett at oswego, & the Longer he be there we think the better in this untrue of time,

The Carpenters are arrived here on the 5 Instant in the Ensuing and Say that Capt. Banker & Capt. Nicolls Were Resolved to Sett out from oswego the next day after them it is generally Reposed that the house Erected at Oswego is a very fine & strong Building and the workmen have Laboured very hard at it,

Inclosed wee Send your Excellency Copys of the propositions of the aseeanhekook indians and of two of our Sinnos Sachems wee do all for the best and hope it may all turn to good Effect wee Remain with due Respect

Question What the french answerd on their belt to forbid them to build at Niagara.

Answer That the French Said that they could not desist from Completing y.e house at Niagara. being Sent & ordered by the Gov.r of Canada to build it, and durst not desist from working, but must proceed & finish it, having Consent from y.e six Nations for the doing of it; that Jean Cour the french Interpreter was going to Montreal and would acquaint the Governour with what they had Said. that he would bring an answer at onnondage by the latter end of Septemb.r when the Indians Convaniye and threw their belt back & Rejected it, by which they had Spoken. and Said they thought they were sent by the Gov.r of newyork, on which they Reply ~~not be~~ that they were Sent by him but by the Sachems of y.e six Nations, and did not know ~~but~~ who had given ~~them~~ the Sachems that Liberty. that they did not know it and desired they would ingage the Sachems who had given their leave. on which they did not Reply but said that when the house was finished 30 Soldiers would be posted there with Officers & a priest.

Question Whether they know of a hatchett of war given by the french against the six Nations.

Answer That they have heard that the Governour of Canada by two of his Interpreters have given a hatchet of war to the Indians Living to the Southward near a branch of Susquehanah on a branch of a River Called Ridego, which vents into the great River Missisipi, Some of their People who were out a fighting Come to their habitation who acquainted them that two french men had given a hatchet of war by order of y.e

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Governour of Canada agt. ye six Nations, which those Indians Refusd, and said they were a Joint of the said Nations and possess part of their land. and if any people made war against them. they were to assist them. but when the french saw that those Indians would not accept the hatchet of war, they desird them not to speake of it to the six Nations. for it was Concluded by the french & English to cut them off and gave a bundle of papers to be Carryd to Philadelphia from thence to New York. thence to Albany & to montreal when that arrivd there and the fort at Niagara was Built then it was the time that ye six Nations were to be cut off. but their warriours happend to gett that packet & burnt it. that now they have said the truth & answerd fully what they know. and since his Ex^y has been asking them questions they desire he will be pleased to answer them what they shall ask him.

They say that they hear a great deal of bad news from Canada that ye English & french keep a Continual Correspondance with one another and desire his Ex^y will be pleased to acq^t them with what news he has.

They say also that the traders who come in their Country do Cheat them very much in the sale of Rum instead of which they Sell them their own water wch in a day or two strikes & is noisome.

His Ex^y told them that he was sorry that the Traders have Cheated them. in Rum he Intends to send a man that shall be no Trader to prevent their being Imposd on or Cheated for ye future.

That the two Crowns in Europe are in a strict friendship & alliance together & were going to make war against Spain the Emperour & had sent a

Present
P. Livingston
Jn. Cuyler
J. Collins
R. Bleecker
R. Gerritse
N. Bleecker
P. Schuyler

X No. 12 X

Att a meeting of ye Com^rs of ye indian affairs in Albany ye 6 feb. 1725/6

Schonondo ye Indian who formerly lived at Cachnawage in Canada wch place he has deserted with his family purposes to Settle with a number of 50 Indian Squaws & Children on our frontiers desires y^t they may be Suplyd with provisions till they Can furnish y^m Selves with a Sufficient Sustenance & desires now some ~~Lead~~ powder. Lead & indian Corn.

The Com^rs told him y^t he & those who are to Come with him shall have a fitt peice of land given y^m to Settle & plant on between stone Water & Saraghtogue when they Come pork & Indian Corn shall be given y^m & now he is to receive a blanket 4 ℔ powder 20 ℔ Shot & lead a keg rum & 3 Schepple indian Corn a Coat & Shirt for Cloathing him & a Son

~~Memorie~~ Memorandum van ons Rys van it Jaar 1725/6 January Den Driede Zyn wy met Schonegnhtadie gedaen in wy Zyn den vierde en de vifde doorhet maquas Landt Gegaen waer wy Geen Wilde tuis Vonde om Me te Spreken of me op te neme, D^o den tiende in omneij Gearreveert in vonde daar alle de wilde Complet in hebben haar anstons de inhoit van onse instructions bekent gemakt,

D^o den Elfde gaven Zy haar antwoort an ons in Seyde Openlick dat Zy daar niet verder in konde acte in die dingen Vog geen van die andere naties niemant als de onnondagens die by in beslugt geordeneert ware by die Viff naties te gaen na de franse wilde volgens het Versoek van Capt. Ph: Schuyler verleide Somer in Sydan dat wy die onnondagens Soude ordenere om te Gaen da het aan genomen hebbe te Spreken tegen de franse Wilde volgens den inhoud van de Propesiece die gy tegen doet

D^o den veertiende gearreveert in ondagen in den 15de de propesiece aan haar Gedaen D^o den 22ste hebbe wy weer antwoort van haar ontfangen in Syde dat Zy moeste bekennen De vole waarheit te Zyn den inhoud van u propesiece in wy Zyn ten volle geordenert by order van de andre nations

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Natie's in hebben daer op Ontfangen van yder natie Eenbai
Se waart Om Metes Spreken tegen de franse Wilde dog wy
Sinne Verhyndert gewest door Sickte Maar niet te min wy
hebbe Seven hart Se want Gestuert Verlede herfst na de
franse Wilde in hebbe haar daar Me Late Wete als dat wy
int voor Jaer Krog Sulle komen om met haar te Spreken
by order van de 6 natie's daar om broeder gy seght dat daar
Motte anstons gesante gaen gy Segt dat het goate Soa zyn
dat uyt yder natie Een ging of Sulke begrame persone
als wy goet Sonde denken hier kan niet verder in geaat
werden van de andere viff natie's want Sy hebben het ten
Volle uyt haar hande gegeven dat by de franse wilde
Sonde gaen Spreken in die Sinnik na de verre wilde
broder wy kenne niet geloven dat de France het huys
op Oswegge durven Mullistere want Wy verlede herfst doe
daer all Snuw by gehort van die franse wilde by het
huys op Sweegge dat de goevenuur van Kaneda en prope=
=siee gedaen hadt aan Zyn wilde dat hy van vornemen gewest
was het huys op Swegge of te breken maar dat hy hem nou
bedoogt hadt dat het on geoorloft Sonde wese dat hy hem niet
well bedoight had Sulke ding te beginne ter wile het vrede
is tusse de twe Krone in Syde dat de Se Natie's op Zyn
Seggen Konde deppendere maar Syde dat dat de franse
in Syn Wilde Sullen in Expediese in het voorjaar & de vo=
=sen in Sonde de andere Sy van het Lak passere Den Self=
=de dagh doen Zy ons antwort Gaven Sonde wy twee gesante
na Kaloge in na het Sinkes lant voor Satisfase om die
Sakemakers te hale Oek Sonde wy Die Selfde tit twee
gesante na het huys op Sweege om dat de wilde Syde
dat daar Viff van de Konings Saldate dodt waare in en
Grote Sicten onder haar was om de waarheyt daar van te
onderfokken,

D. den 29 Zyn de gesante weer van Sweege gearvert
met Eenige Brieve,

February D. den derde Zyn de gesante weer van het Sinkes
Lant Gearvert

a Fort at Cadarachqui, which had been occasion of war; and were apprehensive, that after they had consented to it, they would make y Same use of this. he Replyd on that, that they need not fear any mischief from this building they Should live in peace & quietness 300 years

Question Whether there was not any thing Else passd between them and mons Longueil and his Interpreter before they parted.

Answer ~~Did~~ at ~~the~~ departure of mons Longueil he said by his Interpreter that if any quarrel Should arise between him and their Brother Corlaer on the Lake or that any blood Should be Shed there about y trade as they were Christians, they Should Sitt Still and Smoake their pipe, on w.h they gave a belt

Question What they answerd on that, ~~they say that~~ Answer mons Longueil would not Stay for their answer w.h they had ready but said as some of their Sachems were going to Montreal they might give it there

Question What answer they gave the french at Montreal

Answer ~~Did~~ when they were at Canada they Repeated what mons.r Longueil had desird them, to Sett Still & Smoake their pipe when any Blood Should be Shed on y Lake between the Christians on w.h he gave a belt, he told them it was a Lye that he had desird any Such thing ~~It was Did~~ when they Condoled y Death of mons.r D'Ramsay at Montreal, that they Demanded why they had Said that if any Blood Should be Shed on the Cadarachqui Lake they Should Sitt Still, they added that they would not Suffer any Blood to be

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to be shed nor acts of hostilities Comitted there on the land & Lake belonging to them. But that it should be a path of peace for all Christians & Indians to come & go ~~back~~ forward & backward on account of trade, that they kept firm to the alliance & Covenant made with the English & to the peace with ~~them~~ the French ~~that~~ if they Inclined to make Contention ~~dispute~~ & fight they might end their dispute at sea, and not in their Country.

Question ~~Did the French ensure~~ Further Told They ~~desired~~ the french that in Case the 6 nations Should Sett Neuter when any Rupture did arise between ~~them~~ the French & the English. that y. French ~~should also~~ ought to keep y. far Indians and also all the Indians in Canada ~~take~~ at quiet & Smoking their pipe. on which they gave a belt. which the french Rejected & returned it and Said they would make up of their Indians when they had occasion for them.

They expected that ~~they~~ promise to

Question if the onnondagas did not Repent of the giving the french leave to build at Niagara

Answer That they Repented as soon as they had done it and do still. but Prout Conquiel has prevail on them by fair speeches & promises but find that he is double hearted.

Question if they had Sent a belt of wampum with any of their people to Canada when they went to Condole from D. Ramzays death.

Answer That they Sent a belt of Wampum from y. Sinnake Castle that y. Gov.r of Canada Should make no Settlem.t at Niagara nor on the Cadarackqui Lake

+ no 29

Albany the 12 aug.st 1727

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May it please y.r Excel.cy

We have acquainted your Excel.cy by our last of the 4th Instant that Cap.t was Returned home Sick & weak by the Inclosed Copy of Cap.t Nicolls Letter & Major Lymes as Letter your Excel.cy will see that Cap.t Nicolls is Coming down with the men which makes some alteration about the matter in hand our Expresses met Cap.t Nicolls a litle on this Side the great Carying place wee believe it will take up a long Time before the men gett up with the Stores and Provisions to Oswego Cap.t Schuyler & his brother peter with Lourens we believe well Sett out this day from Schenectady Cap.t Schuyler & Lourens go a horse back to make all the hast he Can to get up to onondaga,

Present
Ph: Li:
V: Sc:
V.r Br:
V.m Bre:
Ant: Bleecker
: Gerritse
V: Bleecker

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At a meeting of the Comd. of Indian affairs in all.y y. 15 aug.st 1727

May it please y.r Excel.cy

Our Last was on y. 12 Instant whereto take leave to refer Since which Cap.t Nicolls is arrivd with y. Detachm.t under his Command at Schinectady we are Informd that 12 men there are Sick and the Rest major Leyms tells us will not go back to Oswego So that thereby your Ex.cy good intention is partly vitiated we have applyd to major Leyms for men to bring up provi=sions for the detachm.t posted at Oswego all he can Command as he tells us out of both Companies for this Service above mentiond 12 men who alone are not able to bring up y. provisions to Supply which defect we have found it nessesary tho at a great Expence to hire men out of our neighbourhood to bring up the provisions Cap.t is Chiefest article ~~of~~ they want at present

We had dispatcht 12 Soldiers & 8 Inhibitants with provisions from Schinnectady but they turnd back when they met Cap.t Nicolls near y. place who are to sett out again to morrow with 6 Inhibitants more we hope your Ex.cy will be assurd that we have done hitherto our utmost Endeavours for promoteing this work while it is of the gre=atest Consequence to this province for the future shall be at all times ready to do whatsoever is in our power

We think it would be nessesary for the Service y. six of our Inha=bitants & six trusty indians be imployd to Lay at Oswego,

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Present
Peter V. Brugh
Lancaster Symes
Rutger Bleeker
Hend.k Renselaer
Ryer Gerritse
Harm.s Wendell
Stephan.s Groesbeck
Nicolas Bleecker

At a Meeting of the Commiss.rs of y.e Indian Affairs in Albany y.e 6 August 1726

The Sachims of Ysekantekook appeard this day before this board in Orderd to bring an answer upon y.e proposition & treaty made between y.m & this board y.e first Day of March 1726

Mess.rs & Eldest Brethren

The Message we had undertaken have performed and is gone as if under y.e Ground to y.e three Castles & Came out of the Ground in the mide of Ysentekook for you tho us y.t y.e Mesage was not to be developed Out to y.e Indian Nations.

Mess.rs & Eldest Brethren

I now acquaint you y.t as you have hoped y.e way of y.e Side we Come now to make y.e path also open of our Side & y.e Same Genes out in y.e Mide of Albany and whereas we are now become friends & Shall happen to meet one another on the Same path we Shall receive and treat one another as friends So y.t our meeting for y.e future Shall be in peace & friendship.

Mr. & Eldest Brethren

You have Desired us y.t 2 of our Sachims Should Come here in Albany & y.t at y.e Same time 2 Sachims of boston Should meet our Sachims here w.th y.e Sachims of boston & of Ysentekook meet here in Albany y.re we will fully Speek with y.m We had promised you Gentlemen too be here again with all Expedition but Could not Come till now thee reason y.t we did not Come Sooner was because y.t y.e Sachims of our Castle where Called to y.e East in N. England,

Mess.rs & E. Bre.n

You have been Indeavoring for many years to open y.e path we are Come now to keep y.e path open & Clear with a firm Resolution & Conclude

Mess.rs & E. B.

You have opened y.e path & we Come now to keep it open & you See us now in person to Speak with you & we Shall always & at able time keep y.e Same good & open

Answer of the Commissioners to the Said Sachims

Brothers & friends

We are very much pleased with your Coming here according to y.e promise made to us y.e first of March 1726

B. & friends

It is also very acceptable & pleasing to us y.t you in behalf of y.e three Castles of your Nation give a surance y.t y.e path between us & you now is good & open & always & at all times Shall be kept so of w.t of our Side will now give Assurance

Brother & Friends

We are Very much Rejoyced to understand out of y.e mouth y.t your Sachims were gone to N. E. wee hope y.t a good peace between our Bro.n the of N. E & you may be Concluded w.t Shall always be very pleasing to us

B. & friends, you have undoubtedly heard y.t y.e french are a.t building y.e house at Oswego by w.t house our Gov.r has built w.t Consent of the 6 Nations

We desire y.t you do not Intermide w.t this affair & keep your Self Nature & Smook your pipe & not to hearken to y.e French if they would Stir you on to attack y.e Said house So y.t y.e path w.ch now Clears good might not there by become foul & Stopt up for that Difference is to be Decided by y.e Great King of Great Britain & france

B. & friends

here w.t we wish y.e Bro.n a happy Journey y.t you may meet your wives Children & friends in good health & acquaint y.m y.t y.e path on all Sides is good & Clear & y.t your people now Can Come here in this City to trade as Friends & goods w.t are Suitable to you are plenty here & as we Speak to you So is our hearts

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By the Commiss.rs of Indian affairs at Albany 9 September 1727

Instructions for Mr. Laurence Claese the Interpreter

You are hereby Directed to go forthwith to the Sachims of the six Nations to acquaint them at their Severall Castles of the Decease of his Late majesty King George of Glorious memory and that his Son the high & mighty Prince George of wales is now his Successor to the Imperiall Crowns of great Britain France and Ireland to whom they are to pay all Submission and Alligence.

You are to Endeavour to Stop y.e onnondages from their Resolution which (we hear) they have taken by the Instigation of the french to go to war against the flatt heads which you must tell them the french do with an intent to getty.m from home out of the way or by these means to destroy & Deminish them if possible

You are to incourage them to persist in their good resolution which they have taken to defend the house at oswegge if any french Indians might attack it,

You ~~are~~ must Enquire what ffrench Messages have lately been sent among the Six nations and ~~among~~ what the purport of y.m are, whether at the Sinnekes Country ~~are~~ any of the other Castles, & if any thing might happen whilst you are among the Indians which we cant forsee at present you are to act in it as you Judge will be most for his majesty Intrest

Given under our hands in albany the 9.th day of September 1727

Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Peter Van Brugh
Harm: Wendell
Reyer Gerritse
Rutger Bleecker

Resolved y.t 3 Indians be Sent to the lake S.t Sacrament to See whether there be any Indians by whom they may learn what news there be at Canada we not haveing had Intelligence from thence this long time, & y.t the Charges thereof be p.d by y.e Com.rs agreed with Gysb: van Brakel Jun.r to go with Laurence Claese to the 6 Nations for three pound 12 Shillings p month

28 Bread	2 p.rs Gaiters
8 Bacon	25 flints
Keg Rum	12 nails
2 Doz Knives	

Present
Ph: Livingston
M: S
D: V: B
R: B
H: G
H: W
V: B

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany y.e 13.th Day of Sep.r 1727

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D.r Kannasorie a Sachim of onnondage & ondariagen a Sachim of Cayouge & being arrivd at place say by 7 bands of Wampum—

That the Sachims from a Nation Called the Jenondagies who Live at Detroit that we Sent messengers to y.e Wagonhoes or far Nations to make peace are Safely Returnd home that they had Concluded a peace but y.e term were not yet Known—

That the nations of Waganhoes Say y.t they will firmly keep to y.e alliance they have made with this Governm.t as the brethren of the Six nations do, & will refuse the hatchett of war if y.e Gov.r of Canada offer & desire y.m to take it up against y.e English or 6 nations ~~that~~

That what y.e Sachims had promised Capt. Ph: Schuyler when he was at onnondage that One of Each nation Should be Sent with a Message to y.e Indians Liveing at & near Canada that the 6 nations have resolved to defend the house at Oswegge against them if they Should offer to molest it. but y.t y.e English & french might oppose one another. wth messengers D.r Kanasore says were ready to go thether when he Came from home

They Say they have no other news of moment to acq.t the brethren with and desire the Com.rs to acq.t y.m with what news the Com.rs acq.td y.m of y.e Decease of his late majesty King George of Glorious memory & y.t his Son prince George of Wales is proclaimd King of Great Britain & that his present Majesty is very well beloved of all his Subjects.

That Laurence Claese y.e Interpreter is Sent to the 6 Nations to acq.t y.m of y.e Decease of his S.r maj.ty and y.t he is to Endeavour to Stop y.e onnondages whoose are Informd & prepareing to go out a fighting by the influence of y.e Gov.r of Canada,

We acquainted S.r two Sachims with y.e Contents of a letter to Gov.r of Canada write to his Ex.y our Governr & his answer—

Johan Jurch Kast & Johan Joost Petri. Inform this Board y.t the Road from y.e maquse River to the wood Creek on the onnegde Carrying place is very much out of Repair & Impracticable to ride over a load provisions. or a Batoe of it be not repaird with all Speed they cant perform their agreem.t to deliver y.e Provisions at the wood Creek for y.e Detatchm.t at Oswegg.

Resolved y.t Six [illegible] be hird to repair y.e S.d road as soon as may be on acc.t of y.e publick that the provisions y.e may be transported to Oswegge & if it be not paid soon y.t the Com.rs of Indian affairs ingage for the paym.t of the Same

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Albany 13 Sept 1727

May it please your Ex.

We have been honoured with your Ex. acceptable letters of y. 22 & 24th of August the bedding & provisions were Sent up directly to Schinechtady peace wheat meal and what other necessaries y. may be wanting for the Detachm. at Oweego Shall be Supply'd & provided by us we hear y. y. Soldiers & men we hired to go up thither with the provision have had much fatigue in getting forw. Reason of y. Low water in the woods Creek we Expect to gett four bateos ready before the men can come back with y. other, its a great pleasure for us to see y. y. Ex. is So heartly to maintain & keep the Garrison at Oweego well Shall not be wanting in any thing for promoteing so good a work. y. bateos w. remain at y. house will be bettel for putting in peas & meal then water where y. Cap. Banks has gett y. Pork barrel Cleand & filled with water. its no difficult matter for y. men there to make a good port Cully to fall down upon occasion within y. door we Shall give directions about it.

Capt. Nicolls has Sent us a memorandum for Severall necessaries wanting at Oweego w. we Shall provide & send p the first bateos that Shall go up thither.

We hear no manner of Intelligence from Canada w. makes us uneasy what is hatching there the french must Certainly have a great Command & Influence over their indians y. y. Can Keep y. So Close y. not one Single one Should Come hither we have order'd three Indians from Schinechtady to Lake St. Sacrem. to see if no Canada indians are hunting there & if they find none they are to go forward to Canadea & y. other is to Come back

The road & bridges on the Carying place are so bad y. its impracticable to ride over y. provisions & bateos. we have desired y. Justices among y. palatines to hire men to go up & Repair the Same

Albany 6 October 1727. 254

May it please your Ex.

We have been very prefing to gett in the account of the Expences this year for building bateos y. house at Oweego provisions waggon hire peoples wages &c. in transporting y. provisions thither & Incidant amounting in all as may appear by y. accts as List herewith to £ we Suppose there more to Come in w. we Shall Send his Excell. as soon as may be some of y. accts of y. Country people are not Certified tho Suppose they are Just.

The detachm. gett out from Schinechtady yesterday with five four Country people who are to Stay at Oweego till april next as also 6 more are hired to help up y. Bateos at £5 Each for y. Trip the Charges runs high as. Could not be prevented for y. Security of y. house & Garrison while we think it of y. greatest Consequence to this province & Security of the 5 Nations we hope every thing may Succeed according to Expectation with Great Esteem & Respect we are

P. L. H. H. K.
Hbg. H. W. W. B.

Present
P. Livingston
Henry Holland
J. Cuyler
M. Schuyler
P. V. Brugh
L. Symes
V. Wendell
R. Gerritse
V. Bleecker

At a Meeting of the Com. of the Indian affairs in albany y. 6 October 1727

An Indian Messenger from y. aghkantekook Indians came to this City who says y. it is y. goodness of god y. we meet together in good Health

That he is Sent from the Sachims of the S. Indians who are now on their hunting with a number of their purpose about the Ens of the woods Creek & to y. Eastward of the Drowned land that what he is in behalf of & in name of y. Said all y. Indians who are now about y. S. places on their hunting. that they have sent him to See if y. path to this place is free & open for y. to Come to trade hither if it be acceptable to y. brethren y. Com.rs to give y. Liberty to Come gave a String of Wampum

Brethren

We have been here last Summer & you gave us y. Liberty to Come to trade hither but as we have a great number of ancient men among us who can heardly undergo the fatigue to

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to come down to this Place wherefore we desire y.t we may be furnisho & Supplyd with Necessaries at Saraghtoque as Cheap as there are to be had here while it is very difficult at this Season to draw & Carry down y.e Bear Skins but in the spring when we Can come down in Canoes we Shall Come hither with a great number of our people & abundance of bev & peltry and y.t our Sachims Shall also Come gave a String of Wampum,

Answer

We are very glad that it has pleased almighty god to preserve your Sachims & people in good health & y.t they have Sent y.m to Come hither to trade, we do assure you & promise y.t y.e Same Shall be kept open & free for all your nation to Come thither to trade as long as they demean themselves well & peaceable as we Sent you word last Summer by y.e messengers they Sent us at that time,

as to what you desire y.t Some persons may suppose you neither necessaries at Saraghtoque as Cheap as they are here because you all alleadge that it is Difficult for y.e Old men to bring down their Skins hither w.ch is a thing y.t we cant not promise you neither Can any person afford y.m so Cheap as they are to be had here. for y.e must Consider y.t they must be p. for bringing up the goods thither & if your young men do bring down y.e Skins belonging to y.e old men or hire Sleads to rede y.m down which will be but a little Considering how much Cheaper goods are here y.n at Saraghtoque therefore we recommend you to tell your Sachims we desire y.t they call their young men do Come hither to trade while goods are much Cheaper than ever they has been

No 87

Albany 11 octob 1727

May it Please your Ex.y

It would be very acceptable to us to hear of your Ex.y health & prosperity Inclosed your Ex.y has y.e Journall of Wm Lawrence Claese y.e Interpreter to y.e Six Nations & by his Relation it appears y.t y.e Indians are well affected to y.e British Intrest but in our opinion what has been begun to Secure y.m ought to be perind. for they begin now to see of what Consequence y.e Building at Oswego will be to y.m for they perceive y.t we Can Defend & Secure y.m ag.t y.e attempts the french of Canada which we humbly hope y.t our assembly will Conceive y.t y.e Support of y.e Six nations & Security of our trade is of y.e Greatest Consequence to this province & y.t they will raise a Sufficient Supply to discharge y.e Expence already layd out & what may be wanting to lay out for y.e Next Year

~~The Interpreter~~

The

The Interpreter Informs us y.t y.e french Smith freely trade among y.e Sinnekis which we wish Could be prevented it Seems a great hardship to us if y.e french may trade there & our people be prevented to do y.e like by a law w.ch we beg your Ex.y may be Repeald by a Clause in any bill that may pass this Sessions. w.ch will be very acceptable to us we are with great Esteem & Respect

P. L. H. H. H. V. R.
J. G. H. W. N. B.

No 87

12 octob 1727

Journall of Wm Lawrence Claese the Interpreter of his Journey to the Six Nations which being Translated into English is as follows,

In persuance of my Instructions from the Com.d of ~~Indian~~ Indian affairs at albany dated the ninth Sep.t I went to y.e Mohogas Country acquainted y.e Sachims there of the decease of his late majesty King George of Glorious Memory and of y.e accession of his present majesty King George the Second to the Imperiall Crowns of great britain France & Ireland, from thence I went to Oneyde and Tuskerores & acquainted those Sachims with the Same.

On the 25 of Sep.t I arrived at Onondage where I found 160 men ready to go out fighting by order of the Governour of Canada of w.ch 40 of y.m went out the Same day I came there whereupon I Called the Sachims & warriors to Come together I acquainted y.m also of y.e Decease of his Late majesty King George & of y.e acception of his present majesty ~~his~~ King George y.e Second to y.e Imperiall Crowns of Great Britain & and Spoak to y.m in name of his Excel.cy William Burnet Esq.r our Governour. y.t he has very much Surprized that they Suffered y.m Selves to be Commanded by the Governour of Canada who has been always their Ancestors Enemy and is So still, who by shew of friendship Seeks to deprive them of their Land & priveledges where our Governour gives Sufficient Instances of his Sincere ~~affection~~ Affection & frindship towards the well being of the Six nations w.ch he Endeavours to accomplish and Intends to preservere in it,

The King of France himself owns y.t y.e Six Nations belong only to y.e Crown of great britain therefore brethren I desire you in his Excel.cys name y.t you do not go fighting on y.e Command from

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from y. Govern.r of Canada but y. you stay at home & go hunting for y. Sustenance of your wives & Children, & not to undertake nor do any thing without advice from your Brother Corlaer & to fetch those indians back who are gone out fighting whereon I gave y.m two blankets Strouds desiring y.m to give me an answer at my return from y. Sinnekes Country.

On y. 27.th I Came at Cayouge I Acquainted y. Sachims also as before of y.e Decease of his late Majesty & of y. Accession of his present Majesty King George y. Second to the Imperiall Crowns of Great Britain &c. I found at Cayouge 140 men ready to go out fighting, to prevent which I made y. Same Speech to y.m as I had done above to y. onnondages & gave y.m a blanket Strouds they promist directly to Stay at home & go on their hunting.

On y. 29.th I arrived in y. Sinnekes Country where I found the Sachims & warrious at home, who I acquainted with y. foregoing they promist me that none of their people should go fighting in a years time because they saw y. y. French were Crafty & deceitfull whereby they think to gett Possession of y. house at Oswege they hold firm to y. Covenant which our & their fathers have made.

I found a french Smith in y. Sinneke Castle with his wife Children & Servant, who Sold goods there to y. Indians for Skins & pellitry, y. Indians Inquird of me if the Smith from here Should bring goods there to Supply their necessity. if he Did not they would be displeasd about it.

The Sachims of y. Sinnekes answerd me to what I had Told y.m in Name of Six nations y. they were very much Concernd to hear y. Malancholy news of y. decease of his Late majesty ~~King~~ but they Rejoyced again to hear y. his Son King George y. Second setts on y. throne & hoped y. his present Majesty might follow his fathers Steps for y. Welfare of the Kingdoms of Great britain y. he might be as a ~~[illegible]~~ tree which Reaches to y. Heaven, & his branches may Spread over y. whole Earth. that they might rest under y. Shadow of those leaves, which they hope may never fade or wether & y. y. Roots therof may go through y. Earth. that no Storm or Tempest may damnify the Same, & Expected in y. Spring to speak y. Governour touching this affair.

The Sinneke Sachims Informd me y.t y. french of Canada keep a Continuall Correspondance with Some people who Live on

on y. Susquakana river a little above Casaloque a french Interpreter from montreal named Mouresaux had been there last year by y. way of a Small River which vents into y. Cadaraghqus Lake above y. falls of Jagara & y. head of y. river by a Carrying place till they meet again with water Carriage & so down y. Susquehanna River to y. Settlem.t where some french live who are much disaffected to y. British Interest

That y. S. french Interpreter has used his Endeavours with y. Scharenos Indians to have y.m Removed if they Love their loves a from y. place near Jagara.

That Jean Cour y. french Interpreter had been gone from y. Sinneke Castle Called onnahee ~~to two~~ days before I Came to Canosade y. Capitall of y. Sinnekes he Informd y. indians y.t he had a Great Store of goods in y. house at Jagara & Invited y.m to trade with him there he had formerly given Strouds at 8 bever Skins a blanket but now he would Sell it at three a Choice french blanket at y. Same price a fine french gune at £7.:- Kettels & powder their w.t in bever a fine french frize Coat 6 a fine men Shirt as appears fine Ratine Stockings at 1/4 bever. 4 french potts pure brandy at 18 bever he had Sent for a Copper to make Keggs whole Expected daily.

The Sinneke Sachims who have made Lately in Canada to Condole y. Death of Mons.r V. Vieandreul where returd home who had told y. Gov.r of Canada y.t they Saw that y. English & french were very Jealous of one another about their buildings at Oswege & Jagara they desird him y. there m.t be no disturbance in y. Country nor blood Shed about it for if they Say it might Refence it but if these places Credit any Disturbance they might decide it at Sea whereon this gave a bell of Wampum

The Gov.r of Canada took up S. bell & Returnd it again Desireing y. S. Indians to tell y. Gov.r of new york to remove y.t y. house at Oswege further up y. River from y. lake w.t has been for many years past y. passage for his trade is to y. far Indians

On y. 2.d Octo. I went from y. Sinnekes Country & arrivd on onnondage on y. 4.th where gave me an answer to my former Speech & told me they were Convinced of his Excel.cy. Good Intention for their welfare y. they would all Stay at home & go hunting those who were gone fighting where fight home. but Desird to have a Smith Sent y.m as soon as may be. further I found all y. Indians of y. Six nations at home. none are gone fighting. most of y.m are on their hunting

That y. Deputed Sachims of onnondage were Sett out on y. 8.th Instant to Canada with a Message to y. Indians Liveing ther to tell y.m that they do not at any time assist y. french to attack y. house at Oswege

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Present

P. Livingston
H. Holland
J. Cuyler. M. Schuyler
E. Banker
P. V.n Brugh
J. Collins
R. Bleecker
H. Wendell
N. Bleecker

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N.o 107

Att a meeting of the Com.d of Indian Affairs in Albany y.e 27.th of Dec.r 1727.

An onneyde Sachim named Canachquanie arrived here with a message from the rest of the Sachims of that Castle that pursuant to the ancient Covenant between you and them and the other nations that when any news of moment Should Come to either of them it Should be Communicated without loss of time they have Received advice from Cadrachqus by Sinneke & a Cayouge Indians that an officer of that place had advised the Indians who were there that those who were Inclind to go to Canada Should forthwith Depart and those who intended to return to y.e Six nations Should go with all Speed before the Commander of y.e fort Should arrive from montreal. that no unhappy accident may befall them,

The Sinneke Indian who lately came from Canada affirms y.t y.e Indians of Schowinnadie Cachnawage & about y.e number of 200 made frequently their dances of war according to their ancient Custum to go to war in y.e Spring to cut off & destroy the house at Oswego this was no Secret there while y.e Children Sung these Songs of war in y.e Streets that the Indians were imployd in makeing paddles for y.e french but what number of french would go on this Expedition with y.e S.d indians y.e Sinneke doth not know. but had heard from y.e french at montreal y.t they Intended to go on this Expedition ag.t y.e house at Oswego y.e Next Spring,

The Sachims of onneyde have Injoyned to acquaint this road y.e y.e onnondage messengers who had prom.t Capt. P. Schuyler & Capt. P. S.: last Summer to go to y.e Canada indians not to molest or disturb us in y.e quiet Settlem.t of Oswego y.t if they Should Commit any acts of hortilities their y.e Six nations Should defend it ag.t y.e m & y.e English ag.t y.e french, have returnd back havering been only one days Journey & have not delivered their message according to their promise & Consent from home of the Six nations as directed by y.e m making fained Excuse y.t they were Sick

Since y.e S.d messengers have faild to perform this message the S.d onneyde Sachims propose y.t this board Should Send indians to Canada on protence of trade to prevent y.e S.d french indians to joyn with y.e french & also to discover what is hatching in Canada ag.t y.e house at Oswego that all y.e indians of y.e 6 nations be at & near home

The Com.ns answer the said Messengers that they return thanks to y.e onneyde sachims for their care in Sending him to acquint us with y.e neglect of y.e onnondage Sachims in not performing their promise & Engagem.ts made to Capt Schuyler,

To let their messengers proceed to y.e Canada indians y.t y.e 6 nations has Resolved to defend y.e house at Oswego ag.t y.e m & y.e English ag.t y.e french y.t y.e board are thankfull to him bringing this message hither & Rely on him While they are Sincerable of his former faithfull Services to this Govern.t & as a reward give him a present of a blanket a pair of Stockings a lap of Strouds a Shirt & a Looking Glass,

Resolved That Lawrence y.e Interpreter go to onnondage with a man for his Assistant in Company with the S.d onneyde Messenger to Endeavor y.e Six nations Send one of Each nation to perform y.e message to y.e Canada Indian they had formerly promised to m.r Schuyler for w.ch purpose its thought fitt to give him y.e following instructions

By y.e Comm.ns of y.e Indian affairs at albany

Instructions for Lawrence Chose y.e interpreter to y.e 6 nations

Whereas we are informd by a message received this day from y.e Onneyde Sachims y.t y.e onnon.d have not Sent messengers to y.e Canada indians as they had promised last Summer to m.rs Schuylers y.t they Should not molest us in y.e quiet Settlem.t of y.e house built at Oswego that y.e 6 Nations are resolved to defend y.e S.d building ag.t y.e m & y.t y.e English will maintain & defend y.e Same ag.t y.e french & being informd y.t y.e indians at Canada are designd to Joyn with y.e french of Canada to molest us at Oswego wch is Contrary to y.e treaties of peace that we Should be attacked on y.e Land belonging to y.e 6 nations under y.e Subjection protection of his Present majesty king George y.e Second, our Sovereign & their indulgent & king father. & whereas Such attempts to be made by the french or their indians ag.t Oswego will be a Violation of y.e peace & friendship wch Subjects between y.e 2 Crowns of great Britain & y.e of france & may be of dangerous Consequence to this his maj.ts Province in particular & to all his maj.ts Govern.ts on y.e Continent in generall the prevention whereof will be of great Servile to his maj.ty & his Loyall Subjects in these parts

Wherefore you are hereby required & Commanded to go with all Speed accompanyd w.t Ja.s Glen Jun.r to y.e 6 nations acquaint y.m y.t we have received intelligence y.t y.e messengers w.ch y.e onnondage Sachims had promised to Send to y.e Canada indians last Summer have not proceeded in their Journey by Reason of Sickness y.t it is nevertheless necessary y.t y.e message Should be accomplished & that

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that by one Deligate from Each of ye 6 Nations to tell ye indians
inhabiting dwelling or residing, or such fitt persons as they Shall
think proper, near Canada in their names only y^t they are informed
y^t ye french Excite & Stir up ye Six nations to assist y^m in disturbing their be-
-thren ye English in their quiet Sellem^t Enjoyne of ye house at
Oswege wch has been Erected by their provincials Consent & good
liking & for their own Security. wherefore you are to prevail
on ye Sachims to Send Deligates as afore y^t they are sent
to forward & ye s^d indians not to assist ye French in this law-
full undertaking but if they Shall be so Stupid & Senseless to
be prevailed on by ye french in this Expedition y^t they ye 6 nations
have resolved in their Generall meeting to defend ye s^d house agt y^e
ye s^d Indians and ye English are determ^d to do like agt ye french
that a good & amicable Correspondance between y^m ye Six nations
& ye s^d Indians Cant be maintained unless they will keep ye s^d
nuctor & not to hearken to any propositions to be made by ye french
on ye Subject nor to be assistant in this matter.

Given under our hands in alb: ye 22 Day of Decr in ye first year
of his Maj^ts Reign a^o D^o 1727.

Resolved y^t Interpreter have a Copy of ye English translations in Dutch of ye s^d instructions for his better Information.

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Present.
P: Livingston
H. Holland
E: Barker
J Cuyler
R: Bleecker
L: Seymes
H Wendell
R: Gerrise
N: Bleecker
Ph: Schuyler

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At a meeting of ye Com^rs of the Indian affairs in Albany ye 14 feb^y 1727/8

Mr Lourence Clause returned from his Journey to onondage where he was Sent by order of ye Com^rs on ye Jany Last his Journall is as follows.

Journall of Lourence Clause the interpreter to Six nations in Company with Mr Jacob Glen.

That pursuant to his instructions from this board dated y^e
I Sett out from Schenectady on ye 3^d instant & arrived on ye 4th
D^o at fort Hunter ye 5 at Canajoharry but found no Indians at hom
to treat with wergo with us to onondage

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By the Com^ds Appointed for managing the Ind^n affairs at Albany

Instructions for Lourence Claase

Whereas we have Rec^d a lett^r from His Ex^cy Governour Montgomeerie dated in New York ye 14th Augt 1720 desireing us therein to Send you to the six nations of Indians to Summon them to meet him at Albany on the first day of october next preciselly

You ars therefore hereby required & Comanded forthwith to go from Nation to Nation in the Manner usual and to thein that his Ex^cy wile be puntually here at the time Appointed you are not to fayle to make all posible Dispatch & Expedition Given in Albany this under our hands this 20th of August in the 1st year of his Majesties Reign Anno q^e Domini 1720

Signed

Henry Holland
Peter Van Brugh
Thomas Williams
Dirk Ten Broeck
Johannis Lansengh

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Albany 20th Augustus 1726

Mr Lourame Clasen

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Whereas his Exy Governour Monthgomrie has been Pleased to write aleld to us the Comissioners Directing us to Acquaint the Six nations o Indns by you to meet him thes Governour here the first Day of October next this is therefore to order you forthwith to Summon the said Nations of Indians to be punitualy here on y 1st Day of october

Albany 20th August 1720

May it Please yr Exy

We Received his Excelnsy Letter of the 14th august yesterday and in obedience there to have this day Dispatched Louvens Clason to Sumon the Six nations of indians tobe punitualy here on the 1st of Obr next aurding to the Excy Diverted have ordered him to Come down 10th an we 10th Respects May it please your Excellency

Your Excy Most humbel Servants

Albany 10th September 1720

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Colr Stodard

Sr

Last week we Received the inclosed paper Relating this Governor from Canada by two of our Sachams Indians which we now Send you by Mr Thomas Ingorsol the beaver here of you may See the Contents of the Same we are

Sr Your Verry humbelsevits

on of his Majesties Service

To the Colr Jn. Stodoard
at North Hampton

or in his absence to the next justice of the peare there

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Present
Ph: Livingston
Mynd.t Schuyler
Ev.t Bancker
Rutger Blecker
Hen: Holland
H. Groesbeck
Peter van Brugh
Har: Wendell
Jeremiah v. Rensselaer
Nicolas Bleeker
Reyer Gerritse
Ravent Sanders

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs at Albany y.e 20th Septem.r 1720

Affidavit takin before this Board Relating Lieut. Price

Albany 20th September 1720

Appeared before Rutger Bleeker Esq.r mayor of the City of Albany in presence of the Com.rs for Indian Affairs Jacob van Planck Symon Veeder William Hogen Jun.r & Sybrant van Schaick all aged who being duely Sworn on the holy Evangelists of almighty God declare that last winter whilst the Deponants were at ofweego Lieu.t John Price did not behave himself will there being Sundry times in drink when he could but gett Strong Liquor and often drink with the Soldiers there by which means he was very troublesome to Cap.t Nicolls the Comanding officer the Deponants for the Depose that the s.d Lieu.t Price in their Indgement is no fitt pers on to have the Comand of the Garrison at ofweego if he doth not behave himself better then he did at the time they were with him at ofweego and further ther deponants Say not

Sworne before me
at the Request of the
Comissioners of Indian affairs
at Albany this 20th Septem.r 1728

Rutger Bleeker Mayor

was Signd
Jacobus C. Planck
William Hogan Jun.r
Symon Veder
Sybrant van Schaick

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Whereas this Board being Informed that his Maj.ts forces Posted at the Garrison of Oswego are in great want of Provisions to Subsist y.m and y.t y.e Late Assembly having Provided a fund for provisions for s.d Garrison for the Space of 12 Months & Same Small Incidents to y.e Amount of £60. which being no Ample Provision for y.e Transporting y.e s.d Provisions & Raggage to Oswego. which is nevertheless absolutely necessary that the Same be forthwith Sent up to the s.d Garrison ~~[illegible]~~ and the Assembly having calculated that the Palatines should Transport the Provisions on the other Side of the Carrying place and there to deliver to a Detachm.t Posted at Oswego, and being Assured that Severall of the Men there are Sick and not able to Receive and Fetch the Provisions as was Expected, and therefore Necessary that Proper men of this City and County be hired to bring up Said Provisions, and being Well Assured that no Men are to be had to Carry up the said Provisions on the Publick Credit unless Some Engagem.t be made for the Paym.t of Such Transportation and Contingent Charges, It is therefore the Opinion of this board that his Ecy Gov.r Montgomerie be acquainted w.th the Inconveniencys that attend this present Service desireing that his Said Ecy will be Pleased to Signifie unto this Board to Engage for the Payment of Such Incidentall Charges which may accrue on the Present Services not Provided for by the Assembly

By His Ecie John Montgomerie Captain Gen.ll and Governour in Chiefe of the Provinces New-York, New Jersey and the Territories depending thereon &c

A Proclamation

Whereas Severall Sachems of the Five Nations are Arrived here w.th Many other Indians to Treat w.th me about Some Publick Affairs, and Experience has Shown how Prejudiciall to his Maj.ty Service and Dangerous to the Peace of the Inhabitants the giveing or Selling of Rum or other Strong Liquors to those Indians has at all Times been, These are therefore by vertue of the Powers granted to me by his Majesty's Letters Pattents under the Broad Seale of Great Brittain strictly Forbidding the Selling or giveing to the Indians any Such Liquors dureing my Residence in this place as they will Answer it at their Perill, and all Magistrates Justices of the Peace or Other Civill Officers are hereby Required and Impowered to give all due Assistance and Countenance to such as shall Dilate or Inform ag.t any Person or persons Acting Contrary to the Tenor and Intent of this Proclamation to the End that Such Delinquents may be Prosecuted and Punish'd With the utterm~~ost~~ Severity of the Law, Given under My Hand in Albany ~~this~~ 20.th day of Septem.br ~~[illegible]~~ In the ~~Second~~ year of his Majesties Reign Anoq. Dom.i 1720

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At the Meeting of the Comm^rs of the Indian affairs the 30th Septemb^r 1720

Present

Ph: Livingston
Mynd^t Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Henry Holland
H: Groesbeck
Peter van Brugh
Joh^s Cuyler
ab: Cuyler
Har. Wendell
Nich^s Bleecker
Ev: Wendell
Ph: Schuyler
Ryer Gerritse
Barret Vander
Joh^s Lansigh
Yelus D Gardinoy
Sim: Vedder
Evert Everse
Dirck D Gardinoy
Bernard Bratt
Joh^s V. D. Hyden
Barent Albertine Bratt
Robt Dunbar
Jochem Kittelum
Joh^s Wyngaert
Dow van Voughten
Evert Janzen
Adam Conde
Joachim V. D. Hyden
Joh^s V Veghten
Evert Phillipse
3 Men out of the Fort

Recd this day a Letter from his Ex^cie Govern^r Montgomerie Esqr wh: whereby his Said Ex^cy Ingages for Paym^t of the Contingent Charges for the Transportation of the Provisions to Oswego wh: Not Provided for by the Assembly wch: is very acceptable to this Board

Orderd that a Letter be Writ to the Justices at Burnetsfield to Impress men and horses to Ride Over the Carrying place the Batoes and Provisions which are Sent up now for the Supply of the Garrison at Oswego

Writt a Letter to Capt: J: Roseboom at Schinechtady to Inquire what bagge are there belonging to the Publick and to Letts us Know forthwith that they may be Provided here

Sents a Messenger to the Sachims of Schaakhoak and River Indians to Come hither on Friday next to Meet his Ex^cie Governour Montgomerie

Just now this Board Dispatched three Men to go up wth: Provisions wth: all speed for the Release of the Garrison at Oswego

This Day the Comm^rs agreed wth: the Persons in the Margent; to go up there in a Batto to bring up provisions for the Detachment at Oswego a 4/p Diem Each, on their Own Diet wth: allowance of a Gallon of Rum for Every Man, and Every Two Men to bring a Batto back From Oswego

Albany p^rmo Octob^r 1720

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Present

His Ex^cie John Montgomerie Esqr
Iran^t Harrison } Esq^rs of the Council
Ph: Livingston
The Comm^rs of Ind^n affairs

The Sachims of the Six Nations being this day arrived desired to have a Conference With his Ex^cy Jno Montgomerie Esqr wh: before His Ex^cy Made his Proposition to them who appeared at His Ex^cies Lodgings and Made the following speech

Brother Corlaer

Last fall you Sent us a Message wth: a Token to Each Nation that his late Majesty King George the first was deceased for which we was very ~~Sorry~~ Much Concerned and heartily Sorry because he Was a King of Peace a Mighty Protector ~~a Mighty Protector~~ of his Subjects and allies, but at the Same Time wee recd the good news that his Son Prince George now King George the Second Was already Ground in his Place hopeing that he may follow his fathers Steps — Give a Few Skinns

You Acquainted us at the Same time that King George was a young man Wee hope he may Follow his Fathers Steps that he may be as a Large Flourishing Tree that the branches thereof may ~~be~~ reach ~~t~~ up to Heaven that he may be Seen of all People and Nations in the World

Wee Ingraft Siants on the Same branches Which Wee hope may Thrive and that the Leaves thereof May never Fade nor Fall off but that the Same May grow and Flourish that his Majestys Subjects and his Allies May Live in Peace and Luck

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Quiet under the Shade of the Same; Gave a Few Skinns

Just Now We grafted on that Large fine Flourishing Tree, Now We Come and Cover the Roots Thereof in Case there might be any Part of them bear that the Roots may be Found and Spread themselves through the whole Earth that the Tree may Stand fast and Firm that no Storme nor Violent Tempests may be able to Move Shake or Endanger the Same, Gave a Few Skinns

We have now done wch we Intended to Say at Present

His Excell^y^ Answerd Them

I am Thankfull for your kind Speech His Maj^tie^ hav ordered me to Tell you that he Will be your kind Father and Protector, I Shall too Morrow Acquaint With the Message His Majesty hav ordered me to Deliver to you — And gave them a barrell of Beer to drink his Majestys Health

Propositions Made by his Ex^cie^ John Montgomerie Esqr Captain Generall and Gover[illegible] in Chiefe of the Provinces New York New Jersey &c to the Sachems of the Six Nations vizt Maquase, Onyders, Cayougers, Onondagers Linnekers and Tuskaroes in Albany the 2^d^ day of October in the Second year of his Maj^ties^ Reign Ann^o^ Domni 1720

Present

His Ex^cie^ John Montgomerie Esqr
Geo: Clarke
Francis Harrison
Ph: Livingston
Pet: Long
W: James
J: Lanvee
} Esq^rs^ of his Maj^ties^ Councill
The Comm^rs^ of Indian Affairs
The Mayor
Aldermen

Brothers

The Concern you Express yesterday for the Loss of his late Majesty The King of Great Brittain will Recommend you very much to the favour of his Son the Present King who hav he Succeeds to his Throne Inheritts all his Vertues and I hope the kind Message I am to deliver to you from him Will Comfort you for his Fathers Death, Give three prou a blankets

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Brethren

It is w.th great Pleasure that I meet you here and I am verry Sorry that I could not do it sooner, but you will be Convinced that it was not my Fault when I tell you that in Crossing the great Lake I met w.th So Violent storms that I was driven Quite off this Coast and it being in the Winter Season was Forced to go a great way South hard to refit the Man of War in which I Came So it was five Months after I Came from England before I arrived in New Yorke. The business of that Province w.th was Absolutely necessary to be done at my first arrival has detained me there Ever Since and retarded my delivering ~~to you~~ the kind Message I am charged with from my Master the King of Great Brittain. His Majesty has order'd me to tell you that he Loves you as a Father does his Children, and that this affection ~~in him~~ towards you is occasiond by his being certainly Informed that you are a brave and Honest People the Two Qualitys in the World that Recommend most Either particular Persons or a People to him. He has also been Informed that you Love his Subjects the English, and that you desire to Live w.th them as Brethren. He has therefore Commanded me to Renew the old Covenant Chain between you and all his Subjects in North America, and to make it brighter if Possible than ever it was before, and ~~have Treated the Indians under his Majesty's Protection, and to Make it Brighter if possible than ever it was before~~ I Expect you will give me Such A Surance, to do the like on your Parts

Give a Large Belt of Wampum

Brethren

Besides the Two Qualitys of Bravery and Honesty his Majesty is Convinced that you are a wise People and good Judges of your own Interest; How happy then must you think your Selves when the greatest and Powerfullest Monarch in Christendom Sends me here to Confirm the ancient Friendships betwixt you and his Subjects to Assure you of his Fatherly Care

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And to tell you that he thinks himself obliged to Love and Protect you as his own Children you need fear no Enemies while you are True to your Alliance w.th him, I Promise you to take Care that none of your Brethren here Shall do you Wrong and if any other Neighbouring Nation be So bold as to attempt to Disturb you, you need not fear what they Dare or Can do, Since you have the King of Great Brittain on your Side, who is a Prince Early Initiated in the Art of War, and formed by Nature for the greatest Military Atchievements; will when Ever there is Occasion ~~for it~~ Put himself at the head of the finest body of Troops in the World who are all his own Naturall born Subjects; has at Present a Fleet of Ships in So good Order and So well Commanded that they would be Masters of the great Lake altho' the Fleets of all the Kings in Europe Were Joyn'd against them. Give a Belt

Brethren

After what I have Told you I am Convinced That Sensible a People as you are will glory in behaving as becomes the Faithfull Children of So great and Powerful a King who Loves you and will Resent any Injury done you as if it was done to his Children on the other Side of the great Lake — Give a ~~Belt~~ String

Brethren

I Expect you are now Convinced that the Garrison and house erected at Oswego is not only for the Conveniency of the far Indians to Carry on their Trade w.th the Inhabitants of this Province but also for your Security and Conveniency to Trade there for Such Necessarys as you have Occasion for and at as Easy Terms as if none of the upper Nations Came to Trade thither — I make no doubt but you will at all Times willingly defend this Garrison against all Attempts which may be Made against

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It according to your Former Promises and Engagem.ts I desire you to give and Grant unto your Kind Father His Most Sacred Majesty a convenient Tract of Land to be Cleared and Manured for his Men to Raise Provisions for them and Pasturadge for their Cattle; Give a Belt I hear that you have been often apprehensive that a Trade w.th the far Nations Would be to your Prejudice, as that it would Make the Goods you Want dear But I can assure you that the Woolen Manufactory in England is able to Supply the whole ~~Christian~~ World, Therefore the greater Trade is carried on the More and greater will be the Supply and Cheaper than formerly; and I do Entreat you to be Kind to the Traders and not Molest them as they go up but to let them pass Quietly Give a String of Wampum

I am Informed that the Indians from Canada who are gone up w.th the French Army ag.st a Remote Nation of Indians have been Among you Endeavoured to Entice your Young men to go to Warr w.th them ag.st a People who never do any nor Molest you Am glad they have refused to Joyn w.th them, whereby you Show you Endeavour to Cultivate a good Understanding with those Indians Make them thereby your Friends and Encourage the good Design of Promoteing a Trade w.th us and you; I do Expect they will Persist in their good Deportment Towards those and all other Remote Nations which Will be a Means to Strenghten your Alliances and Make you a great People — Give a string of Wampum I do Inform you that His most Gracious Sovereign King George my Mast.r your Indulgent Father has ordered me to make you in his name a Handsome Present in such Goods as are most Suitable for you w.th you shall Receive as Soon as you Shall have Given me your answer — Give a String

By the Comm.rs of the Indian affairs at Albany

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Instructions for Capt.n Verplanck and William Quinthop Sund. To Oswego

Whereas the generall Assembly have thought fitt that Two Proper men be Sent to Oswego for the space of Six Months — You are hereby Required to go Forthwith in Company with the Men who go up now w.th Batoes to Carry up Provisions to Oswego. and use your utmost Endeavours that the same be Safely Delivered to the Commanding Officer of his Majesties Troops Posted at Oswego. on your arrival there you are to abide and Stay there for the Space of Six Months after your Departure from hence — and serve as Interpreters for the Officer and to advise w.th him from Time to Time what is best and most proper for his Majesties Service, and you are to go such Messuages Either to this place or to the Indians or Elsewhere as shall be Necessary for the Service and generally to do all things which shall be Proper and Necessary according to the best of your ability; You are to Demand and receive Provisions dureing your Stay there from Captain John Price or the Commanding Officer for the Time being the Assembly having Provided for

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Sr. Given under our hands in Albany this 2d Day of October in the Second year of Ais Maties Reign Anno Dni 1720

Ph: Livingston

Order of the Comm^rs

Answer made by the Sachems of the Six Nations 1720 — The Maquaes Oneydes Onondages Cayouges Sinnekes and Tuskaroras to Ais Ecy John Montgomerie Esqr The 4° day of October 1720

Present

Ais Ecy John Montgomerie Esqr &c

Geo: Clarke
Ph: Livingston } Esq^rs of the Councill

The Comm^rs of Ind^n Affairs

Brother Orlaer

We are very glad that you are arrived here in good health you Told us that your Master the King of Great Brittain had Sent you It is a very Dangerous Voyage in Coming over the great Lakes, The reason that wee are glad you are arrived in health is because of the good Message you bring us of your great Master the King of Great Brittain, Wee would have been very Sorry If any accident had happend to your Ecie in this dangerous Voyage

Brother

You acquainted us w^th: your Coming Either that you have Met w^th: an accident and been Driven from the Coast &c. and been five Monthes in Coming to ~~the~~ your Governm^t

Brother You Acquainted us that was the Reason that Detained you At your first Arrivall

Arriwall from Meeting us no Sooner

You Told us also you was ordered by the Great King your Master to Renew in his Name the old Covenant Chain w.th us, not only to Renew the same but To make it Brighter and Stronger than Ever

Brother Corlaer You have renewed the old Covenant Chain w.th the five Nations in the name of your Master now the King of Great Brittain We Renew the old Covenant Chain in the like Manner Give a Belt

Brother This silver Coven.t Chain wherein Wee are ~~Joyned~~ Linked together That wee Make stronger & Cleaner that the Same be bright, Brother Wee shall not give you any Occasion of the breach of our Covenant If you are Like Minded Then Wee and our Childrens Children Shall Live in Peace

Brother Corlaer You Acquainted us also that the Great King your Master and our Father, Bears great Kindness to us as a Father Doth to his Children; And If any Harm or Attempt shall be Made on us, That our Father ~~willed~~ Revent it as If it was done to his Children on the other side Of the great Lakes, w.ch Kind Message Wee return you our most hearty Thanks — Gave a Belt

Brother Corlaer Wee shall not repeat your Lattr Propositi:on but Only the Principalls Matters therein Contained

Brother Corlaer You Told us what was the reason why His Majesty the King our Father So affectionately Loved us for Two Qualifications of being an honest & brave People

Brother Corlaer

It is True as you Say that the Six Nations When they are Sober and not in Drink, They will not Molest or Injure any body, but there is one thing in the Way that is strong Liquors Which your Subjects bringe up to our Country — Therefore brother Wee desire you very Strongly to Prohibitt the Sending or Carrying up any strong Liquors for that ~~we~~ Will by one thing or Other Create a Quarrell between your People and our young Indians, our Ancestors have Fetched the Rum out of this City when they wanted it. Let Them who want Rum be it Man or Woman Fetch it ~~Hither~~ from hence — Therefore Wee Desire again that you do not Refuse our Request but to Grant it Effectually; If you knew it Wee have already Lost Many Men thro' Liquor ~~that~~ which has been brought us; that ~~one~~ our People kill one another, Give a String of Wampum This is now a day of Joy & gladness that wee meet together in this place of Treaty That wee May Smoke a Pipe in friendship; and its very acceptable to us to meet y.e here in good health —

Brother Corlaer You have recomended us relateing the Traders Who go up to ~~lett~~ them Pass and Repass freely without any Molestation; Wee Promise to do them all Friendly Offices in our Power, Let them Come w.th Such Goods as Powder Lead Strouds and other dry Goods V.c. They will be welcome Except w.th Rum

Brother Corlaer You desired us for a Tract of Land near The House at Oswego for the men to Plant & for raise Provisions for them and Pasturadge for their Cattle

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Brother Corlaer

It is with full Consent of the Six Nations ~~and~~ allowed you to Plant and Sow at or near Oswego and to have Pasturadge for your Cattle according to your Desire and We shall make out such a Tract of Land as shall be necessary to Raise Provisions for the men and Pasturadge for their Cattle but We should not be Pleased that after it be Marked out, You do go beyond the Limitts which We do Give ~~Give a String~~ ~~Give a Belt~~

Brother Corlaer

You Told us also that you Expected If any Attempt be Made Against the House at Oswego We should Defend it; We Acquaint you that last year when Liberty was Desired to build there it was Told us that the Same was built there on Purpose to Defend and Protect the Six Nations because It is a Frontier of our Nations Therefore We Rely on your Promises to Perform them

Brother Corlaer

You Told us also that the Six Nations Imagined that If the farr ~~Nations~~ Indians bought Goods here they would come Dear, but that the more Trade there is the more Goods ~~here~~ will be ~~brought~~ sent hither and that there is Wool Enough in England to Supply the whole World with Goods

Brother Corlaer

You acquainted us that you have Goods Enough for the whole world with: We are very glad to Hear the House at Oswego is such a Convenient Place for Trade as Can be any where It is a place where all the farr Indians must necessarily pass We desire also that goods May be Sold Some what Cheaper to us and that would be a Motive to Draw all the farr Nations to us and Joyn with us for thro' Cheapness

Of goods will become peace & make unity Give a belt of wampum

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Brother Corlaer

You Told us you had been Informed That when the french Army ~~of upwards~~ who went up last Spring against the farr Nations that Some French Indians had been amongst us to Intice some of our Young men to go to War with them, That they are a Peaceable People against whom the French now make War, That you Was glad we refused to go with them, That those Indians by these Means would become Friends to the 6 Nations

Brother Corlaer

It is True that the French have desired It from us, but we refused and Rejected their Proposall because we are Convinced that the French bear us no Friendship, and we have no very great Dependance On them, for this Army Could have Subdued the Six Nations, and Instead of going to the Iroquois Could Have mastered us While it has been Peace he has made us several Threatnings

Brother Corlaer

You have recommended unto us that we Should ~~Keep up~~ Cultivate a Good Understanding With the farr Indians and Draw them as Much as We Can It is True We have had War ag^t this or that Nations, but never been the First Aggressors, But Those who made War with us have Felt the Weight of It We Promise you to Draw as Many farr Indians to this Government as We Can — Give a Belt

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Brother Corlaer

You Acquainted us also that you had a fine Present for us Wherefore We thank you heartily you Told us that as soon as We had given our answer you would Deliver it — But as it is Late We Desire you may give the Same too Morrow

His Ex.y answer

In answer

As to what you desire in Relation that no Rum should be Sent up to your Country It is absolutely Necessary to Send Rum to Oswego for the refreshm.t of the Men there and those who Do Carry up Provisions I shall give strict Orders that none of my People do send or Carry up any strong Liquors to your People If any shall Transgress I Expect you will Inform against them; for you know how Difficult it is to Restrain them from Selling as well as Difficult for your People from bringing it

I thank you in my Master the King of Great Brittains name for the land you have Granted for the use of his Garrison at Oswego, I desire you will Express how Many 1000 Taddom in length and breadth you Will grant him, and I will Send up a fitt Person to Marke out the bounds w.th you and I promise you not to go beyond there bounds, by this you Will See that the English do not Deal w.th you as the French Do Who Take your Land without your Leave

The house at Oswego Was built for your Protection So I Expect you will Assist me ~~that~~ If it be attacked by any body whatsoever that you will Assist the English

Garrison there in Defending it. for Nothing Can be more Naturall than for you to Assist in the Defence of a Place which is Mantained for your Security

I desire you to Send Some of your People too Morrow Morning to Receive the Presents

Albany the 5.th of October 1720

A Privatt Conferrence Held w.th His Excelly John Montgomerie Esq.r Ge and Two Sachims of Each of the Six Nations

Brother Corlaer

We are Very glad that you have Renewed the Ancient Covenant and Strengthned the Same w.th us and w.th ~~our~~ we have on both Sides hitherto Kept Inviolable

We are also very glad that you our brother Corlaer Who is now Come over to us is a wise & Prudent man, We must Esteem you So because you have Spoken very Sensibly — Brother — It Seemed yesterday as If you were Dis~~satisfied~~pleased that We did not Promise to Defend the house at Oswego It has been of old Concluded between your and our Ancestors that wee should be one body and one heart, So what ~~was to be~~ is Done to one Member the whole must be Sensible of it and Defend

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Defend the Injury Done to any Part of it

Brother Corlaer — We have just now Told you that wee are one body and one Heart you Desired us that when any attempt be Made ag.t the House at Oswego that Wee should Defend it, how Can you Imagine that Wee should not do so, for Wee have no Affection for the French Who have been our Ancient Enemies, Who Wee in the Late Warr had almost Subdued & Conquerd, for Wee have Run Down and Destroyed whole Villages so that If the bones of the French and of us Were gathered together It would make Heaps as high as houses

Brother Corlaer — Yesterday when wee made our answer Wee did not Proceed in Regular order, Wee Understood from you that when any of our Neighbours might be so bold as to Disturb us Wee need not fear while our King our Common Father will Protect us who has a Large Fleet of Ships Ready to Employ on any Occasion

You Told us that our great King is very Watchfull to have so great a fleet ready on all Occasions Which is very Prudent, but that is a great Distance from hence, and Can't Defend us here, Wee hope that you Will be Pleased to Take the same Care here to have every thing in readiness in Case wee or you should be molest: by our Enemies for w.ch End it would be very Proper to have a Magazine at this Place of all things necessary for Warr on Occasion

Brother Corlaer — Wee Desire for the last Time that you may not be Negligent to have a Magazine here of all things necessary

Necessary, to be ready on all occasions, but to grant it and gett it Done, for wee may be attacked by our Enemies on a Sudden, and when a Magazine is Furnished, Wee may want for nothing, for Wee have never made any Promises on our side to former Governours but wee Performd them

Brother Corlaer — You may Possibly know more than Wee Do, and know If there be any Likelihood of War, between the Kings of Great Brittain and France Wee Desire you to Informe us w.th what you know about that Matter, If there be any Probability of It Wee begg that Wee may be Informd and well supplyed w.th Amunition, for Wee have never Waged War w.th any Nation but Wee have Subdued & Conquerd them

Brother Corlaer — This is the only Method of Security for you and us to have Amunition Enough in Readiness, In former Times Wee were sufficiently Supplied w.th it by which Wee Conquerd our Enemies, and for w.ch Wee were obliged to our Brethren who supplied us Cheap, for then Wee Could buy more for one Bear skin, than Wee Can for four or five Now

Brother Corlaer — We have spoake yesterday relateing the Rum That your People should not Carry it up to our Country for If Wee See it wee Cannot forbear to buy and Drink it Wee Desired that no Rum may be brought up, but Pray understand us right, Wee Do not Mean that no Rum should be Carryed up at all, but none brought in our Castles, Let it be brought to the Tradeing house

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at Oswego, but Pray Take Care that the Traders Do not mix it wth. Water. Let them Sell Pure Rum, and those who buy let them Pay for it

Brother Corlaer

This is what wee should have Said yesterday Wee begg again that you give Strict orders to your People not to Carry up Rum to Our Castles, where they Come and Intice us to buy it and Drink it Let them bring it to Oswego but at the Same Time give Particular Directions that they bring thither Guns and Amunition and Such things as Wee have occasion for. but not Rum only

Brothe — Wee Desire also if it be in your Power to Let us have goods Cheaper than they are Sold to us at Prevent

Brother — You Desired us yesterday how many 1000 Fadom of Land Wee have granted to his Maytie at Oswego, should Extend in Length and breadth, which is a Thing wee Can't very well Tell now. while Several Sachims are at home in our Castles wth. whom Wee Ought first to Consult as to the Quantity, Who would Otherwise be Displeased at it

Brother — The Land wch. you Desired is absolutely granted to His Majesty our Common Father, on wch. you may Depend for it is agreed by us all that he shall have it but as to the Quantity Wee must Consult first wth. the rest of the Sachims, and then shall Marke it out Wee have Said that wee should marke out ye Land for you when Wee Come home & have Consulted ye rest of ye Sachims Pray Set a fit Person go up wth. us and named Lourence Cace the Interpreter, who is one of us and understands Our Language, Wee have Done Speaking ~~now~~ and what "have Said now" "Wee should have Said yesterday in Publick" has been Neglected

Answer of His Excelly John Montgomerie Esq: Capt Captain General & Gov: in Chiefe of the Provinces New-yorke New Jersey &c ~~His Answer~~

Brethren

Now Since I have had Two or three meetings wth. you, I ~~think~~ Like you better than before, because I am better acquainted wth. you the kind Answer you have given will Confirm his Maytie in the good Opinion he has of you that the thing wch. Seemed to Displease me yesterday when you made Some Difficulty to assist the English to Defend Oswego was this, that I have orders from the King of Great Brittain our Father to assist the Six Nations in Case any of their Enemies should attack them, but that you have now Satisfied me, and as Wee are Children of one Common Father, If any Enemies Attack you I will Send you assistance, and Come my selfe to Defend you If it be Necessary; as to your Trade of Rum and other things I Shall Take Care, that you shall not be Abused and what you Demand be Granted according to your Desire As to what you Desire to know of the King of Great Brittains Alliance wth. the King of France they are at Prevent in very good Friendship together but as there has been often War between them, The King of Great Brittain will Always be ready to go to War in Case the French Attack you or us; I believe he will have Large Magazines here and in other convenient Places to Supply all his Children in Case of War

I Consent that Lawrence Cace the Interpreter go up wth. you as you Desire to Marke out the Land, and I Expect that you will give your kind Father a Large Tract

You may now when Ever you are ready receive the Presents I am to make you in name of my Master

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The King of Great Brittain, your Father, You shall have Provisions for your Journey, and Waggons to bring you to Snachnatady, the Rum shall be Delivered you above Snachnatady, for you have shown the Inconvenieny of your youngmen Getting Drunk wth it; I wish you wth all my Heart a good Journey home and all Happiness

A Sinneke Sachim stood up & Said

Brother Corlaer

It has been Customary when We Come here Towards the fall that a Smith & an Armourer has been ordered to go wth us to Worke in our Country. We begg you to Grant us now that Joseph van Sice and Hendr Wemp may be ordered to go up wth us who are fitt Persons for our Occasion

His Excelly Answered them

That he would order a Smith and an Armourer to be Sent to Worke for them but then he Expected that they would not Suffer the French Smith who is now there nor any other from Canada to Reside among them for the future

A Speech made by His Excelly John Montgomerie Esq: Captain Genll and Governour in Chiefe of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey &c

To the Schaahooks & River Indians in Albany the 5o of Octob: 1720

Present

His Excelly Jno Montgomerie Esq:

George Clarke } Esqrs of His Maties Counll
Ch: Livingston }

Captain Long }
Mr Samr: De Lanvey }
Reynd: Schuyler }
Robert Rancher } Esqrs Commrs
Rutger Bleecher }
Jeremy Renselaer }

Children

I Sent for you my Children to give you fresh assurances of the Protection of the Great King of Great Brittain My Master Our Commone Father and Sovereign and to acknowledge in this Publick manner, the Just Sense I have for your former dutifull behaviour, and Fidelity to his Royall Predecessors and your affection to your Brethren the rest of His Subjects in these Parts & in his name & by his order I renew wth you, the Ancient Covent Chain & give you a Present of Such things as are of use to you, and I expect you Continue firm to your Duty at all Times to come as you have Done in Time Past, and in Doing So you may rest Assured not only of Protection, but of all other good Offices in the Power of those that are in Authority under the King our Common Father & Protector

Gives a Belt

I am Concerned I must Tell you that I am Informed that many of your Nation have of late Misbehaved themselves who on Trivolous Pretences and Wrong Notions have Left their Native Country

Schaahooks

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Schaahook and gone to Live in Canada a place not so good and Fertile as they Deverted from; I Exhort you to use all proper Means to prwade them to Return back, & Proper Care Shall be Taken that they and you Shall have sufficient Lands and more than you and your Children Can Cultivate and plant on, That you & they may again Shelter under the branches & Leaves of that Tree of Peace which has long since been planted at Schaahook, Ile Take Care that the Same shall Flourish and grow, and when you hear any Rumours be not Too Credulous as many of you have been Lately, but Inform me of it and I will undeceive you, and Tell you the Truth — Give a Belt

The Indians made Answer

Father Corlaer — Well are very glad that you are Come to Visit your Children & Rejoyced to See that the Tree wch has been long since Planted at Schaahook, which wee thought was almost Withered & Decayed is Come to Life again and gets Nourishmt and Wee are Extreamly well pleased to Perceive that the fire wch used to burn, and was almost Extinguished is Kindled again Gave Two Beaver Skinns

Father — Well are much Comforted to hear that you have Renewed the ancient Covenant Chain wch us, Wee Do now do bring fier to wrapit up in that Chain may not rust, but Keep bright and Clean — Give Two Beavr Skinns

Father — Well are Rejoyced that your Grandfather hath Such a great value and Esteem for us in sending you (one of his sons) hither to be our Father, who Do's us the Honour to Send for us — Give Two Beaver Skinns

Father — You have recommended unto us that wee should use our Endeavours to Fetch back from Canada those who deverted from Schaahhook, Wee Promise to use all Possible means to Perswade them to Return to their Native Country, Give Two Beaver Skinns

It is somewhat Difficult for us to Increase our Number at Schaahook. It is often Recomended to us by those in Authority here to Settle there & bring those back who are gone to Canada, for Wee Can Scarcely have the Land wch is Promised us, and are Molested on that wch is our own by People who Live near us — Wee Came home Late last Spring from our Hunting and Planted Some Lands, and now this Fall our Indian Corn has been Carried away

The Fences about our Lands are old and rotten So that the Cattle Distroy much of our Croppes, Wee Came home Late last Spring and found Some of our Lands Planted on by Christians, whom Wee would have paid for their Trouble but they refused, yet wee howed the Indian Corn Twice, and now your People have agt our Will and by Violence Carried off the Corn from our fields

His Excelly: answered them

Children

I thank you for your kind speech — I shall acquaint your Grandfather wch good People you are

As to the Complaint you have made agt the Christians If you will Let me know the Peoples names who have Injured you, I shall order them to be Punished and you Satisfied

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Albany 7° October 1720

Presents

His Ex.cy John Montgomerie Esq.r

Ph. Livingston
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Cheyer Garrison
Abraham Cuyler
Ph. Schuyler
Nicolas Bleeker
Joh.r Lansigh

} Esq.rs Comm.rs

7th October 1720

His Ex.cy not having been able to deliver the Presents to the Sachems of the 6 Nations in Publick on Saturday last as he Intended, being Prevented by the Rain, the said Presents were this day Delivered them by his said Ex.cy in Name of His Ma.ty King George the Second, viz: Presents Consist of the following Particulars viz.t

66 Suzees
65 Coats
66 Hatts
0 Peices Stroods
6 D.o Duffells
6 D.o Blanketting
0 D.o Halfe Thicks
256 Course Shirts
57 Fine D.o
30 Kettles
59 Hatchetts

40 ℔ Beads
40 Tobacco boxes
54 Looking Glasses
23 doz: Clasp Knives
0 D.o Single
1500 Flints
1000 ℔ Powder
12 Carts Tobacco
1 box Pipes
1 Hhd Rum
6 barrells Porke
14 Doz: Stockings

The Rum shall be Delivered you above Snachnatdy as I already have Told you, I wish you a good Journey to your Habitations and hope to meet again as soon as may be you shall have Provisions for too Day and for your Journey and too Morrow a Bull to Hunt, I Desire you to Recommend and Prevent your young men not to Do mischiefe to the Peoples Cattle as they go up, I have oderd Two barrells of Beer to Drink his Majties Health

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The Sachims Answerd

Brother Corlaer

You acquainted us that your Master the King of Great Brittain our Common Father hav sent th. you for us This Prevent you could not Deliver it last Saturday by reason of the Rain, and that the Powder shall be Delivered us which you say is very Strong and good, for all which Wee are very thankfull

Brother Corlaer

Wee are very glad & Joyfull that wee see you have such a great Affection for us this is the Place appoint. of old to meet, Wee are very much Rejoyed our Brother Corlaer is Safely Arrived here because the Sea is so Dangerous and Tempertious to Cross, Wee have brought a small Prevent to your Ex.y for your long Journey hither to meet us to Anoint your Feet w.th

Brother

Wee wish you a happy Voyage, and shall be glad to Hear that you are Safe arrived for Death follows in Every where wee have now Done to speake

A Sachim in behalfe of the Sinnekes Said

Brother Corlaer

Wee desired you for a Smith and an armour.r but wee Do not hear further of it, you speake ab.t a French Smith who is there now, he can make no Worke if any our Brethren be there from hence for he is an old man and can Scarcely see, and Desire that Jos. van Size and Hendrick Wemp do now go up along th. us Gave a Few Shinns

Wee would Fain now have the Smith and armourer Go

Go up along up th. us that wee may be Sure of them Otherwise It may be Neglected

Sir Ex.cy Replied

That he would give Effectuall orders to y Comm.rs to get the said Smith and Armourer to go as they Desire that After they have Divided the Prevents they shall have a barrell of Beer to Drink the Kings Health

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At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 8th day of Octob.r 1720

Prevent
Ph. Livingston
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Evert Wendell
Reyer Gerritse
Abraham Cuyler

Whereas His Ecy. Jn.o Montgomerie Esq.r Captain Gen.ll and Govern.r in Chiefe of the Provinces of New yorke New Jerseyes Hath on Request of the Sachimes of the Six Nations Consented that Lourence Claese the Interpreter do go w.th them to Marke out the Land w.ch they have in their publick Propositions given and granted to his Majesty King George the Second, the Said Interpreter appearing before this Board Desires to have Instructions how to behave himselfe in this Affair which is orderd accordingly

By the Comm.rs for the Indian Affairs at Albany

Instructions for Mr. Laurence Claese the Interpreter

Whereas His Ecie Jn.o Montgomerie Esq.r Captain Gen.ll and Govern.r in Chiefe of the Provinces New Yorke New Jerseyes Hath Consented to the Sachimes of the Six Nations that you go up in Company w.th them to Marke out w.th them the Land at Oswego w.ch they have in their Publick Propositions Given and Granted

Granted to his Majesty King George the Second for the use of his Majesty's Garrison posted at Oswego, YOU are therefore hereby required & Command forthwith to go up in Company w.th the Sachims accompanyed w.th one able man, and use yr utmost Endeavour w.th y.e Sachims to get Marked out by them as Large a Tract of Land at Oswego as possible you can and be Present at the Said Marking or Laying out of the Said Land, Taking Specially Notice at what place the Said Land begins, what Course it runs into the Woods and how farr from a Creek or River naméing them and as near as you can how many yards or what Distance it runs from the place they Stop, Noteing the same down in Writeing, and Describing the Said Tract of Land as well as you are Able, and Deliver it on your Return unto us under your hand that We may Transmitt the Same unto his Said Ecie our Gov.r

Given under our hands this 8.e day of October in the Second year of Ouir Majesties Reign Anoq Dom.i 1720

Prevent
Ph. Livingston
Myn.e Schuyler
Evert Bancker
Rutger Bleecker
Henry Holland
Steph. Groesbeck
Harm. Wendell
Joh.n Cuyler
Ab. Cuyler
Jeremy van Rensselaer
Reyer Gerritse
John Lansingh

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 9.th of October 1720

Some Sachims of the Oneydes appearing before this Board Acquainted the Gentlemen that they had appointed and Deputed a fitte Person in the room of Ondaghrighta deced, who was one of their Chiefs and as a Tree of Peace, they do now Present this new Sachim before this meeting Who is now also named Ondaghrighta

Whom

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Whom they have Recommended to be firm to the English Interest, and Take Care of the Publick Affairs wth he has Promised, and Desires that he may be Accepted by this Board as a Sachim of their Nation, This they ought to have done before but has hitherto been Neglected. Give a String of Wampum

The Comrs Told them that they are very much pleased that they have appointed a fitt Person in the room of the deced Sachim Ondaqwighta and hope that this new Sachim may be faithfull and True to his Majties Interest, Take Care of the Publick Affairs of this Province in Expectation thereof do accept him as one of the Chiefs of their Nation — In Token whereof Gave him a Shirt

In Pursuance of an Order from his Excie Governr Montgomerie of the 7th Instant the Commrs have Sent for Jos. Van Size and Hendrick Wemp Smith & Armourer in order to Agree wth them to go to Worke for the Sinnekes in their Country who now appear for this Meeting, and being proposed to Said Van Size & Wemp to go thither to Worke for Said Indians for the Space of Six Months, who being asked for what Sum they would Serve, Who Demand forty Pounds for that Service, to be paid by the Gentlemen of this Board, On wth the Commrs Offerd them thirty for wch they Decline to go, and Whereas there is no Provision Made by the

Assembly for the Payment of Smiths in the Indian Country, and it being very necessary that the Indians Should be so much gratified in their request on the Promise his Excy Made unto them in Publick that the said Smith and Armourer should forthwith go up to the Sinnekes wth If neglected would make His Excys Promise to be of no Effect, and May happen Prove of Dangerous Consequence to his Majties Interest and the Welfare of this Province, Whereon It was Proposed and Agreed wth Hendrick Wemp alone (whilst Said Jos Van Size refused to go) to the Sinnekes wth another fitt Person to Worke for the Sinneke Indians for the Space of Six months to Expire ye 1mo May next, for the Sum of Twenty five Pounds to be Paid him within Six Months after his Return home by the Gentlemen now Present in Case no Provision be made by the Publick for the Payment of said money not Doubting but Effectuall Care will be Taken for the Payment thereof

By the Commrs of the Indian Affairs at Albany

Instructions for Hendk Wemp & Smith

Whereas the Sachims of the Sinnekes have Desired His Excy John Montgomerie Esqr Captain Genl and Governr in Chief of the Provinces of New Yorke, New Jersey &c to Grant them a Smith & an Armourer to Work for them for the Space of Six Months

Monthes wch his Said Excy has been pleased to Grant them. Wherefore Wee do by his Said Excys orders and Directions hereby Require and Directions hereby Require and Direct you forthwith to go wth a fitt Person to the Sinnekes Castle called Canowsodago on your Arrival there you are to Demand in the name of His d Excy our Governour from the Sinnekes Sachims or any Person or Persons whatsoever, all the Smiths Utensills and Tools from those who shall or may have them in his or their Possion wch are there belonging to the Publick as also the Smiths Shopp. Therefore all Persons Concerned are hereby strictly Charged and Commanded to deliver the same unto you, as he or they will answer to the Contrary at his or their Utmost Perrill. And as soon as you shall have the d Tools & Utencills, and Shopp in your Custody Care and possion you are to Worke as Smith for the d Indians wth the Man who is to go wth you to assist you. for Six Monthes from the Date hereof - Given under hands in Albany the 9th day of October 1720

Johannis Lansingh
Joh: Cuyler
Nicolas Bleecker
Barent Sanders

Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stevanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
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Henry Holland
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Evert Wendell

Joseph Yates

Albany the 9th of Octob: 1720

Whereas his Excy our Governr at the Desire of the Sinnekes Sachims has Consented that they shall have a Smith this next Winter as well as the Onondagers in Pursuance of his Excys order, Wee have agreed wth the bearer Hendrick Wemp to Work for the Sinnekes, Therefore you are Orderd & Commanded to deliver to Said Wemp, all the Smiths Tools & Bellows, Pick Iron Stuys, and all what doth belong thereto, & you are hereby also Orderd to Work your Time at Onandago, and hereof you are not to Faile as you will answer the Contrary at your Perill

Signed as before

Albany the 17th of Octob: 1720

May it Please your Excy

Wee shall be glad to hear of your Excys Safe Arrivall at New York, and hope this may Find your Excy in Perfect health, Wee Take Leave to Inform your Excy that on the 15th Instant about 10 a Clock at Nights, Wee recieved the Surprising News by Seven hands of Wampum; that the House at Ofswego was Cutt off, on which Wee Sent Immediately to the Maquas Country, where the Indian who brought this Intelligence Stayed, being Tired in Comeing 5 days from the Sinnekes Country, who on Examination by Laurence Claus 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 Cutt off and burnt down, but by what Nation, of Indians this mischiefe

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Harm: Wendell
Nicolas Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Barent Sanders

Albany the 9th: Novemb: 1720

May it Please your Ecy

Wee had the Honour to Write your Ecie on the 17th: ~~Instant~~ Ultimo Since th: Wee had an Information this Day of the Quantity of Provisions gone up to the Garrison of Oswego: thereby finding that the Battoes could not Carry Somachtar is wanting to Supply the Garrison all Winter Therefore Have thought highly necessary to Send up one or Two Battoes th: Provisions with all speed, in order to ch: Wee are agreed th: a Man who undertook the Same, all ch: Wee thought Wee were in duty bound to Communicate to your Ecelly and Remain th: due Respect

Your Ecellys most Able & most Obedient servants

Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Steph: Groesbeck
Joh: Cuyler
Abr. Cuyler
Joh: Roseboom
Ryer Gerritse
Nicolas Bleecker
Harmanus Wendell
Barent Sanders

Henry Holland

a Memorandum of Provisions Which are gone up to Oswego in Octob: Last

12 barrs Porke
7 D: Beefe
143 Sk. Flower
61 Sk. Peas

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Albany the 16 Novemr: 1720

May it Please your Excy

Our Last was the 9th Inst. Since wch we have not recd any of your Excys kind Favours

This Serves to acquaint your Excy that Capt. Bagly arrived here thisday, who Informed us that the Battoes belonging to the Garrison of Oswego Were Soumuch out of Order that it is Impossible to have them Mended, So that Wee think it will be highly Necessary to have at least halfe a Dozen Newones Made to support that Garrison — As concerning Provisions Wee Refers to Capt. Bagly — As also concerning Lowrence Claese the Interpreter, who Acquainted us concerning the Land at Oswego, of wch here Inclosed goes a Draught to which Wee also Refers No more at present but Take Leave to Subscribe Our Selves

Your Excys most Able & Most Obedt. Servants

Myndert Schuyler
Evert Bancker
Harm. Groesbeck
Johs. Roseboom
Abr: Cuyler
Harm. Wendell
J: V. Rensselaer
Johs. Cuyler
Nicolas Bleecker
Johs. Lansingh
Barent Sanders

Present
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
Abr. Cuyler
Peter Van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Rutger Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Nicolas Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Johs. Roseboom
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Whereas It has been represented in publick Proposition to his Excy John Montgomerie Esqr Governour of New York &c by the Sachims of the 6 Nations how Dangerous the Selling of Rum & other Strong Liquor is in their Castles; and that great mischiefs may Ensue from it, they have Straineously desired that it may be Prohibited, that no Christians may bring or Carry any Rum among them in their Country. For that will one way or other Create a Quarrell between them and our people; which request has been granted them by his said Excy. And wch the Sd Indians have now lately repeated to the Commrs of the Indian Affairs at Albany. Wherefore the said Commrs have thought fit for his Majesties Service to Notifie to All Traders and others, not to Convey Transports or Carry any Rum or Other Strong Liquor at or near the upper Castles of the Five Nations of Oswego only Excepted, on Penalty as they Shall answer the Contrary on their peril for Such Contempt in disturbing the publick peace of this Province

Present
Sch. Livingston
Henry Holland
Peter Van Brugh
J. Groesbeck
Har. Wendell
Evert Wendell
Nich: Bleecker
Bar. Sanders
Abr. Cuyler
Johs. Roseboom
Johs. Lansingh

At a meeting of the Commrs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 10th March 172 8/9

Hendrick & Marie Indians Present

That three Indians of those who now live at Skohere with some other of Sundry Nations being Sent for by Lowrence Claese; who being come Told them

Brethren

We have now Sent for you on Sundry Complaints which wee have from Time to Time heard of you; Of your ill behaviour towards your brethren the Christians at Skohere, And all wherever you have Lived you have done mischiefs; Who are apprehensive that Some great Misfortune Shall Ensue from it and Create a Misunderstanding

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Misunderstanding between you & them; which ought to be Prevented in Time, We have with our Brethren the Mohoggs who are our nearest neighbours Lived in peace & quietness together Time out of mind (two of the Sachims are here present to be witnesses to what we say) It Seems as if you have a mind to be the Promoters of mischiefs, and are bent to brake the Form Ty and Friendships with between us & the 6 Nations which has so Often been renewed between us. Last year you Murthered one of your brethren at Shohere, which has been kept Secret and is not come to Our Govern.rs Ears; in Expectation that for the Future you would behave your Selves better; and for that reason is past by, but this blood lies yet on Earth and will Cry for Revenge, Wherefore we devire you to remove your Settlements in the woods beyond any Christian Plantation, that no mischiefs may Follow from your Insolent behaviour towards your brethren of the Six Nations - So that what mischiefs be done for the Future Shall be demanded off your hands

Answer of the s.d Indians

We acknowledge that some mischiefs has been done by those who Live among us at Shohore but all that is done is generally Imputed to us, tho' wee be Innocent; And Since you are devirous that wee Should Remove, Wee Promise to go to our native Countrey Cayouge and Oneyda and not to Settle alone on the Christian Settlements as you Propose, for then Some of our People might Take revenge for Our banishment - The Murther Committed at Shoherer has been Done in drink, and which We ought to have reconciled before now; Which Shall be done by the Sachims in due time The Misdemeanours that particular Indians Commit, We think ought not to break the Covenant Chain, but Ought by the Sachims to be made up

By the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany the 14.th April 1729.

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Instructions for Lowrence Claus the Interp.r

Whereas we have received advice that the French at Canada make preparations to attack the building at Oswego this Spring with their Indians; which we think is an affair of Such Moment to this Province, If the French do Succeed in their design, That it ought to be prevented in the best manner Possible; We therefore thought fitt to Send you to acquaint the Sachims of the Six Nations with this undertakeing of the French, and that the demolishing of the said building will be Very detrimentall to them as well as to us; and Surround them on all Sides, while they have already had sufficient proofs of the French fortifying near them, and that they have on Severall Places made Fortifications without their Convent. But this building has been erected by their Convent and is a Defence & Security to them, they have Sufficient Instances of the civil Treatment and kind behaviour of this Governm.t towards them for their Security and wellfare for many years past, Wherefore Wee cannot doubt but the Sachims will performe their repeated Promises, in assisting and Defending the said building In case it Should be attacked, Wherefore you are in the name of his Excy. Governour Montgomerie to desire the Sachims of the Six Nations to send up two Sachims of Each Nation to go up to Oswego forthwith, and Lye there untill Such Time as they receive further order from his Excellency. and if in case The French Should attack the house at Oswego, That they will Tell the French that the English have built that house by their orders and upon their grounds, and that whomsoever Shoud make an attack to demolish that house that they Would Deem it an attempt on their own Lavtles

Doctor Kerr

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We received yours of the 2d March last and it gives us great Concern that the men are so much out of order & particularly that they Come so short in those Necessarys you describe to us in your Letter, you may be well assured that wee at all Times aim to do for the best, but if through Mismanagem.t they are frustrat.d Wee Cann not think of confideing in Mankind; Wee have Inclosed your Letter to the Govern.r who hav been pleased to remit us a box of medicines for you; and wee send you by the bearer 20 gallns Rum 100 ℔ Sugar 25 ℔ Rice and 2 ℔ pepper &c. Wee hope will Suffice for the prevent

By the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 18th April 1729

Instructions for Casper Ham Johannis Wyngaert Everts Janse, and Marte Van Buren Jun.r

Whereas you have Severally Engag'd your Selves before us to Carry up such provisions, as wee Shall think proper to send up for the use of the Garrison at Oswego, and that Each of you are Provided with a Batto for that purpose; NOW you are hereby required to depart from hence for your Intended Voyage as soon as Shall be most Convent.t for the afores.d Service and make such dispatch as Can be most reasonably Expect.d of you, and in generall you are required to Take Care upon your receiving the provisions from Johan Jurch Hart to deliver the Same in good order to the Commanding Officer at Oswego; with the Medicines Rum Sugar &c for Doctor Kerr — and Likewise you are to Enquire (upon your return) what Empty bagge may be at Oswego; and in Case there be Should be none at Johan Jur. Hart to you are to Leave Twenty Five of the said bagge to remain there

Albany the 8° May 1729

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A List of sundry Accounts of provisions & Other Necessarys furnished at Oswego for the use of the Troops at Oswego together w.th Carriadge of the Same viz.t

No.		£	s	d
1	To Leendert Helmer for Carriadge	2	5	—
2	To Dirck Deemont for Ditto	1	7	—
3	To Adam Van den Bergh for Ditto	—	10	6
4	To Wilhelmus Van den Bergh for Padles	—	18	—
5	To Egbert Bradt for Labour at the Battoes	1	12	6
6	To Ditto for Ditto Labour	1	6	3
7	To Johannis Lansingh for Provisions &c	3	3	4½
8	To Anthony Bogardus & his Son for Labour at the batoes	3	12	6
9	To Abraham Douw for Provisions &c	1	17	6
10	To Abraham Fuyler for necessarys &c	0	19	7½
11	To Johannis Wyngaert for his Voyage to Oswego	0	8	—
12	To Simon Veeder for Ditto	0	12	—
13	To Evert Everse for Ditto	0	12	—
14	To Douw Van Veghten for Ditto	0	16	—
15	To Barnardus Bradt for Ditto	0	12	—
16	To Joshua Perry for Ditto	9	—	—
17	To Adam Condee for Ditto	0	12	—
18	To Evert Janse for Ditto	0	12	—
19	To Dirck de Garmoy for Ditto	0	12	—
20	To Johannis Van Veghten for Ditto	0	12	—
21	To Jeller de Garmoy for Ditto	0	16	—
22	To John Foster for Ditto	0	12	—
23	To Barent Sanders for Nails	0	16	—
24	To Abraham Fruax for rideing	—	10	6
25	To Benjamin Van Vleeq for Ditto	1	7	—
26	To Dirck Lucas & Nich.s Hornick for Carriadge	—	12	—
27	To Abraham Fruax for Carridge of provisions	4	13	—
28	To Harmanus Vedder for Ditto	1	7	—
29	To Evert Van Epe for Ditto	1	7	—
30	To Jan Wemp for Ditto	2	0	—
31	To Jeller Fonda for Ditto	1	15	6
32	To Barent Vroman for Ditto	—	10	—
33	To Guysbert Van Brakell for Ditto	—	9	—
34	To Robert Dunbarr for his Voyage to Oswego	—	18	—
35	To Johannis Mynderse for Iron Work	0	16	—
36	To Joh.s D Van Der Heyden for his Voyage to Oswego	2	—	6
	Carried down	0	12	—

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No.		£	s.	d.
	Brought forward			
37	To Philip Livingston for Provisions & Incidents to Lawrence Claeverse & Indians for marking out Land at Oswego	11	8	0½
38	To Daniel Danielse for Labour at the Battoes	2	—	6
39	To Barent A Bradt for his Voyage to Oswego	8	12	—
40	To Jacob Frueax for Ditto	8	4	—
41	To Thomas Harris for Ditto	8	4	—
42	To Arent Bradt for Incidents	1	7	—
43	To Peter Quackenboss Junr. for his Voyage to Oswego	7	8	—
44	To Guysbert Roseboom for provisions	3	10	—
45	To Peter Van Alen for his Voyage to Oswego	6	16	—
46	To Evert H. Wendell for Ditto	6	16	—
47	To William Hogan Junr. for Ditto	6	16	—
48	To Jacobus Vedder for repairing a Waggon at Oswego	—	4	—
49	To Adam Staring and Frederick Kipman for Carridge	—	12	—
50	To Jacob Beekman for Iron Work for Oswego	2	8	—
51	To Thomas Schoenmaker & Godfrey Keile for Carridge	1	7	—
52	To William Peters for Carriadge	—	9	—
53	To Arent Danielse for Work at the Battoes	1	4	—
54	To Johannis Vroman for Labour at the Battoes	—	13	—
55	To Adam Taxtieder for Carriadge	1	7	—
56	To Ditto for Ditto	3	12	—
57	To Joseph Clement for Mending Battoes	—	3	—
58	To Joria Taxsteeder for Carriadge	—	18	—
59	To Ditto for Ditto	1	7	—
60	To Johannis Cloet for Carpenters Work	5	11	—
61	To Jacob Vinger Mariner for Oacum & other Incidents	1	13	9
62	To Harme Grodt for a Voyage to Oswego in 1727	6	7	6
63	To Thomas Harris for Ditto in 1727	3	6	—
64	To Ruben Van Veghten for Planks	1	—	—

Albany 5th May 1729

May It please your Excellency

We received the New-York Acct. from Capt. Holland & in obedience to your Excys. Commands have Certified the same Accordingly wch. are Inclosed; as also a List of the Albany Acct. and the Vouchers thereof, that relate to the Garrison at Oswego; which wee hope your Excy. will be pleased to Lay before the Assembly in order to have them Discharged, There are Some Fodders Arrived from Oswego but they bring no News Either in relation to that place or Canada to Comunicate to your Excy

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Present
Mr. Cuyler
Mr. Wendell
Mr. Cuyler
Myer Gerritse
Evert Wendell
Barent Vanders
Mr. Lansingh

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 7th day of May 1729

Two Mohawks Indians were Sent down by the Six Nations as Messengers and Laid down Seven hands of Wamp.m as a Token that they were Sent from the Sachims to acquaint the Govern.r of New York, and the Commissioners, That they Expect Every day to the Onondago Castle, three hundred Indians With their Family's (Known by the two Nations of Makindus and Shahowunus) who Sent them word that they will Settle themselves among the Six Nations; And therefore Acquaint the Gov.r that there will be a generall Meeting of the Six Nations at the Onondago Castle, within Seven or Eight days, and that they Expect that the Gov.r will also Send thither one or Two Persons to be at that Meeting

And further Say that they do also acquaint the Govern.r of New York that Some French Indians arrived at Onondago Castle from Sachnawagah, and Informd the Onondago Indians that the Gov.r of Canada has raised an army of Two thousand men, which army he goes himself to Comand and by this Time are Sett out upon Some Expedition but what Or what Place they design to attack they as yet keep a Secret to them

Albany the 7th May 1729

May It Please your Excellency

Since our Last of the 5th Inst. Wee have recd. the Inclosed Express of which we Send the Copy in ord.r that your Excy. May peruse the Same

Wee have thereupon this day dispatch'd Lawrence Claesen the Interpreter th. w. an Assistant to go to the Onondago Castle and be at that Meeting as the Indians request of your Excy. in order that he may there Act in your Excys. name We have also Sent a Letter by him to Capt. Price at Oswego Informing him therein of the Substance of this Intelligence that he may be the better Endbled to be upon his Guard — Wee further refer your Excy to Col.o Hyndert Schuyler by whom this goes and remain with great Submission

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Instructions for Lawrence Claesen the Interpreter

Whereas we have recd an Information from Two Mohawks Indians that they Expect three hundred Indians w.th their Family's (known by the Two Nations viz.t Mahikunduer and Shouhounuw) at the Onondago Castle to Treat w.th our Six Nations about Settling themselves and their Family's among our Nations, and upon that acco.t our Sachims have requested his Ex.cy Govern.r Montgomerie and the Comm.rs to Send one or Two Persons to be at the Onondago Castle at Said Meeting

You are therefore upon your departure from hence to go in the name of his Ex.cy Govern.r Montgomerie to the Onondago Castle to be there at the Meeting of the Said Indians and then and there to represent his Said Ex.cy and to Engage the Said Indians to Incorporate themselves among our Six Nations in the best Manner you can, and to Invite Two Sachims of Each of the afore.d two Nations to Come here and Enter into the Covent Chain, according to the Promises they made upon their last Treaty with his Ex.cy

And whereas the aforesaid Two Mohawks Indians have further advised us that the Govern.r of Canada has Sett out w.th an Army of Two thousand men Therefore if upon your Arrivall, or dureing your Stay at the Onondago Castle, you can be Informed that its the Intention of the aforesaid Army to attack the Garrison at Oswego; You are in the name of his Ex.cy Govern.r Montgomerie to request the Sachims of the Six Nations to aid and assist Capt John Price the officer now commanding there to Prevent Such an attack and whatever Charges may accrew on that acco.t We will certify the same So as you may be Reimbursed by the Province of New York, and you are Likewise to Forward the Letter Sent by you herewith to Capt. Jn.o Price at Oswego as Soon as possible

Capt.n John Price

Albany the 8th May 1729

Sir

We have received an Information from Two Mohawks Indians who Came here upon the following Errand to advise us that there has been some French Indians at Onondago Castle, who then Told our Indians there that the Governour of Canada has raised an army of Two thousand men w.th whom he goes himself to Command which Army our Said Informers believe are by this Time Sett out but upon what Design or account our Informers are as yet Strang.rs to — Therefore we have thought it highly necessary (as well on acc.t of the Safety and Preservation of the Garrison now under your Commands, w.ch is our constant care, as also the Affection & Zeale We bear for the Province in generall) to desire that you'll be very Watchfull, not only in respect of the Fear of an Enemy but Solicitous to Inform your Self and Enquire if possible into the Design and Intent of the French Governour and his army as also to Learn If you can what Course they Intend to Steer and If you can Obtain their Intentions to Write us accordingly

Present

Col: Livingston
Cn. Holland
John Cuyler
Jer.h Brugh
Dr. Cuyler
Myer Gerritse
Robert Wendell
Jacob Lansingh
Barar Sanders

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 14th May 1729

This afternoon returned from Canada the Two Indian Messengers (in Seven days) Sent thither by the Comissioners to Enquire what Intelligence and Preperations are making there for an Expedition, the said Messengers relate that when they arrived at Sachnawage (the preying Indians Castle) they Stayed there Four days, and Enquired for news but at first could hear nothing. at Last they mett one of their brethren, who asked them what their Errand was they relying on his Fidelity resolved to discover it, and Told him the same to Enquire for News; on which he answerd I thought So, and now you have Found the Man who shall Tell you the Truth The French have made great Preperations for an Expedition Fifty Battoes are ready made at Montreal and one hundred below

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Below that place, and Provision for an Army; but We know not yet where the attempt Shall be made, (it's yet a secret to us) but the Govern.r is Expected every day from Quebeck who will on his Arrivall, Inform us what place he Shall attack, but We conclude It will certainly be Either Ag.t Ofwego or Albany — The said Messengers Told the Indian the Gov.r of Canada & the French King are very proud why are they so uneasy & will Interrupt & Prohibitt the Trade So Strictly to make an attack on the English for it, why do they not Permitt the Trade all over while It's Peace, Our King is not so Uneasy and our Govern.r Lives amicably th.w us and we th.w him, he never doth hinder us to carry on our Trade where we please, why will your Govern.r Prohibitt the Trade, the Indian Answerd our Govern.r can't help it, for he is oblidged to obey the orders he receives from the King, he has Sent Messengers thrice to Ofwego to desire the English to Leave that Place but It Seems they bid defiance to the French and refuse to retire from thence the Fourth Time he will Send them no warning, but they will most certainly Take it by Violence and Force of Arms, and Force them to go from his Lands and Streams, he Claims all the Land from whence the Water Vents into the Large river, and will keep it the English have only the Lands from whence the Water Vents into their Country — The French King is much Surprised that there comes no more beaver from Canada and has Enquired into the occasion of it, he is Informed that Large Quantitys go to the English and has given Strict orders that none shall be Sent to them by the way of Ofwego or the Corlaers Lake and that the Governour of Canada has orders to Prevent It in the best Manner he Can

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May It Please your Excy

By the Enclosed Minutes your Excy May See that the two Indian Messengers of whom we Acquaint. your Excy. in our Last we Sent from hence have made a speedy return, and you have Likewise an Exact narration of their Intelligence upon their Correspondence th.w the Indian they metts, which comes very Conformable to the Precautions in his Excy. Gov.r Burnet's Letter to you, and therefore we can in all appearance Construe the Indians Information no otherwise (Since It's So agreeable th.w all the News we have heard) than that there is an Expedition Intended by the French against the English — Therefore we thought It highly necessary to Send the Enclosed th.w all Expedition to your Excy. — and we are glad Since it is So that It comes at this Seasonable Time when the Legislators are Convened, whom we doubt not but will use Such Measures, as to them Shall seem most proper for Our Preservation in Case of an Attack

To His Excellency John Montgomerie Esqr. &c.

The Memoriall of the Comm.rs of Indian affairs at Albany

Humbly Representeth

That whereas Ever Since the Erecting the house at Ofwego, the Garrison there has been Supplied in a very Troublesome and Chargeable Manner

And since Severall Persons have propos'd to Some of the Comm.rs to undertake to Supply that Garrison th.w Provisions, If it was Publickly Lett out to the Cheapest and Lowest Undertaker

Therefore It is the humble Opinion of your Memor.ts That If it was So Lett out for a Certain Time

and

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And upon such Terms as the Legislature shall think most Proper; It would not only Prove a benefitt to the Province in gen.l but even of great Ease to those who now have the Manag.t thereof

All which is humbly Submitted to your Excy. w.th the rest of the Legislators Mature consideration. this 22 May 1729

A Further List of sundry Accounts of Provisions and Other Necessarys furnished for the use of the Troops at Oswego; and other Services together w.th Carriadge thereof as may appear by the Vouchers — 22 May 1729

No. 1	To Evert Janse for his Voyage to Oswego	£ 5	15	6
2	To Casper Ham for Ditto	5	15	6
3	To Marte Van Buren for Ditto	5	15	6
4	To Johannis Wyngaert for Ditto	5	15	6
5	To Dirck Hun for Ladles	1	0	—
6	To M.r Johannis Roseboom for Incidents	1	2	6
7	To M.r Johannis Cuyler for Ditto	3	6	9
8	To William Barret for repairing Battoes	—	6	—
9	To Arent Danielse for Ditto	—	3	—
10	To Sanders Glen for rideing	—	9	—
11	To Andries Van Letten for Ditto	—	9	—
12	To Jan Bapt.s Van Eps for Provisions rideing &c	2	19	6
		£ 33	5	9

Albany the 22.d May 1729

May It Please your Excellency

Our last was the 16.th Inst.t Since w.ch we have recd.d no Intelligence from Canada — Inclosed your Excy. has a Memoriall (Setting forth as we are of Opinion) an Easier method for Supplying the Garrison at Oswego w.th Provisions than formerly which upon your Excy.s recomendation we hope will Take Effect

We also Inclosed Send your Excy. a List of Further Acco.ts with their Vouchers which we begg your Excy. will be Pleased to Say before the Assembly, in order upon their perusal to have them discharged w.th the Former having no more to add We remain

Albany the 28.d May 1729

May It Please your Excy

Since our last of yesterdays date Lawrence Claesen is returnd from his Journey to Onondago, who Informs us that upon all his Inspection among the Indians; he Can learn no more relateing the Intentions of the French that what your Excy. has already recieved from us

His acc.t of the Indians to the Southwards is that they do Only Expect Some Sachims of that Nation ab.t the midle of July in order to renew their old Coven.t w.th the Five Nations

Present

Evert Bancker
Lutg.r Bleecker
Sam.l Cuyler
Abr. Cuyler
Peter Wendell
Rec.d Bleecker
Barent Sanders
Meyer Gerritse
Evert Wendell
Th.s Lansingh

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs in Albany the 29 May 1729

A Proposition with Five of the Principall Sachims of the Castle called Onnah in the Sinekes Land Who Produced a large belt of black Wampums w.ch were given to them by this Govern.t many years past as a Token to Confirm the Coven.t Chain, which they Still Stand to, and hope that We do the Same

They desire that they may have a Gunsmith this next Winter in their Castle, and that they may be rode up to Schinectady whereupon they Lay down 3 D.r Deer Skins

They also Produce a Dollar w.ch they Say was Sent to them for a Token to acquaint them that his late Majesty King George the First is dedd, and also that his Present Majesty King George the Second is crowned in his room and Stead, for which they desire Some Other Token

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Present
Evert Bancker
Rutger Bleecker
Hen.ck Holland
Steph.n Groesbeck
Abr. Cuyler
Nicolas Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Reyer Gerritse
Joh.s Lansingh
Barent Sanders
Har Wendell

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs in Albany the 30.th of May 1729.

Answer to five of the principalls Sachims of the Castle called Onnahe in the Sinnekes Countrey viz.t

Brethren

You have yesterday Shewn a belt of Wampum unto us, w.ch was given to you by this Governm.t as a Token of the Coven.t Chain between you and us, and we are glad that you Still continue your Faithfull Promises w.ch you made at the Time when you received the Same; and we hope you may long Continue So, and you may assure your Selves that we Shall do the Same

Brethren

The Dollar, w.th the black Ribon w.ch has been given unto you, is in the First place a Token. The black Ribon that his late Majesty King George the first was deceased and the Dollar of Silver is a Token that our present Majesty was crowned King in the room of his Father

And we have given to Each Nation one for that Purpose, and therefore we desire that you may keep the Same as a remembrance of the Late King's decease and the Reign of our Present King

Brethren

You have desired of us that we shou'd Send you a Gunsmith this next winter, which according to your desire Shall be sent you, a Fitt Person who Shall Lie in the Castle called Canajedaha, where the Smiths Tools are kept

May It Please your Excellency

Albany the 2.d June 1729.

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Our last was the 23. ult.o now this Comes acquaint your Ex.cy that Arie one of our w.th Some French Indians being arrived here yesterday (who were 10 days on their Voyage) have upon Examination informed us that the Chief Governr.r of Canada Arrived at Montreal a day before they Sett out; and upon our Examining of the s.d Indians Severally one of the French ones doe Inform us, that before his departure from thence, he mett w.th the Chiefest Sachim of the Nation called Orondax, who Told him that the French had built a great many Battoes below Montreal and that he Saw them, and that the Same were light and Smooth, & that in their Conference this Orondax Sachim that a great man had Told him that the design was to Take Oswego

And upon Examining Arie our Indian (who Was 11 days on his Voyage) Says that he really believes the design is a.g.t Oswego, and therefore desired us to accept of it for Truth, and for a more satisfactory Account of this affair We refer your Ex.cy to Harmanus Wendell Esq.r one of the Comm.rs by whom this goes, and w.th due respect Subscribe Our Selves

Dated Albany as above

Mr Lawrence Claesen

The Two Indians whom we Sent last from hence in order to go to Canada, having gone no farther as Sarahtoque where they mett Arie have returnd, and it Seems have no mind to Proceed on that Journey — Therefore we desire you may as Soon as Possible go up to the First Castle at Genandroque, and Endeavour to get Two Trusty Indians w.th whom you must Come down to us, in order that we may dispatch them from hence to Canada, We doubt not but Arie will assist you, and will give you an acc.t of what news he has Learnd during his Stay at Canada, w.ch is the Needfull from

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May It Please your Excy — Albany 1°. June 1729.

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Since our last of the 2. Instant We received the Inclosed Letters from Oswego; and to satisfye our Selves the better of the behaviour of Capt. Price, the men there, & the Truth of their actions in gen.l we have Examined Some of the Inhabitants of this Town, who are yesterday night returned from thence — and as to the Complaints in the Inclosed Letters of the Provisions being so bad; Must in all appearance to us be false, for by what we can Learn from all whom we have Examined and Questioned ab.t that Matter; They do assure us that what they have Seen or Tasted of, are as good in their kind as men need to Eat

We hear that the men are very Mutinous; & the Chiefe reason of these disorders particularly ag.t the officers Proceeds from their not being relieved in due Time according to Promise, and do all affirm that they will Certainly desert from Oswego, Perhaps before any relief can be sent up. and in Case any attempt be made against the house that the men will Surrender that Garrison, w.ch we Look upon of great Consequence, and humbly hope that Such Proper measures will be Taken to Prevent it, as to your Excy in your wisdom Shall seem most Proper; and the Provisions as we are Told will not hold out Long

They Likewise Inform us that there are three men already deserted to Saderaqui — having no more to add we with great Submission Subscribe our Selves

May It Please your Excy — Albany the 8. June 1729.

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Since our last of the 4 Inst. we have recd the Inclosed from Capt. Price to w.ch we refer your Excy. and in relation to his Prevent demands, we shall as soon as Possible send him up 500 lb bacon for a Fresh Supply

We have likewise dispatched two of the most Trusty of our Indians to go to Canada, that by return of their Inspection and Intelligence, we may the better be Enabled how to act in Case of an attempt — which is all that offers at Present from

Present —
Rutger Bleecker
Johan.s Groesbeck
Jer. Ruyler
Johannis Roseboom
Jer. Wendell
Ed.d Bleecker
Myer Gerritse
Barent Sanders

At a Meeting of the Commiss.rs of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 28. June 1729.

This day appeared before us Five Sachims of the Far Nations of Indians viz.t — of Two Nations Sachawas and Ampotewa, and Filled their long Pipe & smoaked & gave all the Comm.rs to smoake out of the same Pipe as a Token to Confirme their Coven.t w.th the Governm.t and Farther say that their Forefathers have opened the Path to this Town, and that they Find the Same Clean and Clear as the Sun Shines at Noonday, not obstructed by any dark Clouds and that they are glad to Find that the Path & way to come to meet the Commissioners Stands free & Clear from any obstruction or hinderance and that at their return they will acquaint their Brethren of the Same, and of their good reception here and that they will recommend them to make use of the Same Path; And that they Come to Trade as Formerly, and do not Expect that they may not be Molested or ill used in the same as that the French have Endeavoured to hinder them to come to Trade here but that they were resolved to deale here and accordingly they come; Notwithstanding that the French told them they were like Children, and that If they came here to Trade they would meet w.th bad usage, but that if they would go to Canada they would meet w.th no Such Treatment

and

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And therefore they Say that Since they have Voluntarily come to Settle w.th us they Expect that their Skins may not be under Rated, and that they may at all occasions have our goods at reasonable Prices, and they acquaint us that they have heard no news at the Maquace Land or all along their Journey. So that they desire that if the Comm.rs have any News they may acquaint them of it

Albany 20.th June 1729

Brothers

Answer to the Five Sachims of the Far Nations of Indians viz.t

We acquaint you that we receive you very kindly that we have the honour to Smoake out of the great Pipe of Peace w.th you, and are glad to Find that you are well pleased w.th haveing the Path from you to us So Clean and Clear, for w.ch we are thankfull to your Forefathers and you, and you may be assured that we will always Indeavour to keep the Same Path clean & Clear as long as the Sun Shines, that you may not be obstructed of comeing to us; and you may assure your brethren at your return that they shall meet the Same Path always Clean and Clear for them as well as you, and that you may all Expect good usage from us on all occasions, as Likewise you may be Satisfied, that if you Trade w.th us you Shall meet w.th Free Liberty therein to go to whom you Please, and be honestly and kindly dealt with all, as to the French Endeavouring to detain you from comeing here, you may depend as we have before Said that you Shall meet w.th all Imaginable good usage from us, and we are thankfull for your resolution to come here and you may be well Informed and assured that you can buy more for 1 bever w.th us than for 3 w.th the French, and we do Tell you that the Two great Kings of England and France are in Peace and in Such an alliance that all Nations in their Dominions may have Free Liberty To Trade over the Same without Molestation of French or English

We

We have no news that is bad to acquaint you w.th at prest but if we hear of any for Time to come you may depend upon it that we will acquaint you of it and never keep it to us alone; We thank you for your Present and in return we give you a p.r Strouds, and Some Rum & Provisions for your Journey, and we Send Two Waggons to Carry you & your Provisions to Schnechtady. We wish you a good Journey home and desire you may give our kind Service to your Brethren

Albany the 2.d July 1729

May It Please your Ex.cy

This is to acquaint your Ex.cy that the Two Indian Messengers whom we Sent last Canada are returned the 28.th ult.o and gave us an acc.t as followeth that when they came at Cachnawaga castle the Indians Told them that there was great Preperations makeing for a War and that there was a great number of Battoes made at an Island belonging to Mons.r Laquille, and our Messengers haveing not as yet Seen them, therefore asked some of the Cachnawaga Indians to go out a Fishing w.th them in regard that they thought that It would be more Satisfactory to the Comm.rs that if at their return they Could Inform them that they had Seen them; and as they went to Fish and came to the aforesaid Island they desired the Cachnawaga Indians, that they might go ashore upon the Island and Smoake a Pipe w.th them w.ch they accordingly did and then Saw upon the s.d Island a considerable number of Battoes which in the best of our Messengers Judgem.t Exceeded a hundred in Number, and were Further Informed that there was a great many more made down the river and Elsewhere and Further our Messengers Inform us that the French have Prepared a house Full of bread and were Still busie to bake more and that their design is to Take Oswego, for that house is So great a Detiment to them as they Say and that they are

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So much Imposed upon by the English in regard that they gett not one Ounce of bevers or Skins but what is the refuse of the English, that if they dont Prevent it by Takeing that hous they may Labour under such hard usage for ever, So that we must Conclude by what we can Learn that there is an Expedition Intended against the English, but whether it is ag.t Oswego or Albany we cannot Tell (If the Inclosed be True we have more reason to believe that it is ag.t Albany) and if it Should be ag.t Albany The City is in no wise able to Defend themselves It being in no Manner Fortified to resist an attack

Albany the 4th July 1729

Mr Lawrens Clausen

The two young Indians that you sent us Last in order to go to Canada being returned have done their business So well that they have given the Comm.rs abundance of content in their Performance - and this board having thought Fitt to Dispatch Two Indians again to Canada, Therefore the Said Board doe Order & Direct you to go Forthwith to the Mohawks country and Provide a Couple of as Trusty Indians as you can with whom you must come down here as soon as Possible that we may dispatch them Forthwith, If you can have Two as good Indians as the last It will answer well

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Johannis Cuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Johannis Roseboom

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 21st July 1729

A Messuage from the Sachems of the Oneydes by Two Indians named Conoghquindjah and Ottsiquatkysi viz.t

Brothers

We are Sent here as Messengers From the Sachems of our Castle with a Token of Strenghs of Wampum, to acquaint you of the great Loss

Loss of our Warriors to the Number of Fifty five, So that we account our Selves no more a Nation, and we deem our Selves as a Nation utterly Perished

We and our Forefathers have kept to the Covent. Chain between us without any manner of breach therein, and we come now to acquaint you that you must not Expect to have the Same dependance on us, you have hitherto had in regard that we reckon our Selves no more a Nation

Brothers We Tell you that the Five nations Exclusive of us have always been unsteady in their behaviour, Wavering between the English and French but we for our Parts have always been Firm in our Principles, Endeavouring to do to the utmost of our power for the advantage of the English Nations

And we further acquaint you of the great Loss we have Sustained by many of the Chiefest of our Warriors being Cutt off, and we doubt not but you will be as Sensibly affected w.th our mournfull State as we have reason to be our Selves, which Time will produce to us in a clearer manner, how farr you are Concerned for this our great Loss

And we Tell you with Tears in our Eyes that you have at three Severall Times forbid and Interrupted us to Cutt off those Nations, which we then were Inclined to do, and therefore we can Lay the Charge of this great Misfortune to none but you alone and we do Solely Lay it at your door - and we Tell you that last Summer when the Governour had Summoned the Six Nations to come together, he recommended it to us in his Proposition that we Should Endeavour to make Peace with all Nations which at that or any other Time Should be at Variance w.th us, for that would be the means of Strengthning us, for the more we could draw to us the better we Should be in force And now this Summer when we were Ingaged in this

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This unfortunate Warr. ch. w. continued Two days th. w. the Virginia Indians, who were Too in number to our one hundred and upon the 2. day our Enemies Proposed to come to a peace th. w. which Immediatly Stroke into Our minds, the recommendation we had received last Summer from his Excellency the Governour, in his Proposition to us, and in Obedience to that we willingly complied to come to Peaceable Terms which we no Sooner Entered on but our Enemies Takeing that Opportunity Treacherously Massacred our brethren as we have Told you before, and therefore we have no reasons to blame any one but you

Brothers

The alliance between you and us has been always duly kept by our Forefathers and us but however our Forefathers have made Some Miss Steps in their behaviour towards the Virginia English Notwithstanding our Forefathers have always Observed and kept the directions of this Governm.t and when they Waged Warr with the Virginians they have at the request of this Governm.t Surrendered the English Prisoners up to them and that at Two Severall Times.

Brothers

We have not only Shown how Faithfull we have been to this Governm.t in delivering up the English Prisoners whom we Took at Virginia but Even a Prisoner who was Taken at New England by the French Indians; and brought to Canada who was given to us in the room of one of our men who had been killed, and whom we have at the request of this Governm.t delivered up, and therefore brothers Since we have always been So Faithfull to you and that in regard for any thing that we know to the contrary but Some of our men may now be alive and among those Virginia Indians with whom we Warred last, therefore we Pray that our Governour may forthwith write to the Governour of Virginia, that he may Endeavour to deliver up

those men of ours that are Prisoners among his Indians in the Same manner as our Forefathers have done to the English; and we Shall never be at rest untill that is performed and therefore we desire that we may th. w. all speed have an answer to this our request, for we Should not make this Demand had the Virginia Indians warred th. w. us in an an honourable Manner but on the contrary they under Colour of makeing a Peace Murdered our brethren Treacherously; and Took our men Prisoners, whom if they deliver up it will be a Means to bring us and them to a good Understanding

Brothers

We Intreate you to Loose no Time in dispatching this our request to the Governour of Virginia that we may have return of his answer in Such Time as we Shall Judge reasonable to Expect do Otherwise a delay in this affair will Prove of bad Consequence

Present

Cornd Schuyler
Roger Bleecker
Joh: Groesbeck
Frankis Cuyler
Sarah M.r Cuyler
Rich.d Bleecker
Cl.s Roseboom

Albany the 21.st July 1729

Answer To the Two Indian Messengers who were Sent from the Sachims of the Oneydes. Viz.t

Brothers

The great Misfortune you Inform us of that you had in Looseing So many Warring men, gives us abundance of Concern, and this we Shall make appear to you by Sending Some of the Gentlemen of this board to your Castle within a Short Time to Condole the death of those Warriers you have So unhappily lost

But Brothers we Stand Surprised Concerning the bad opinion you harbour of us, that you think we have had a hand in the Misfortune which has happend you, and we wonder who Should have given you Such an Erroneous Character of us, that we Should be

Instrumental

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Instrumentall in the Murdering of our brethren, in regard that you, your Selves have Just now Confessed that your Forefathers and ours have always Lived amicably together and wee on our Parts have Constantly been Fair and upright in our Deportment towards you and your brethren; and therefore wee Desire that upon arrivall at your Castle you will acquaint the Sachims from us, that the great Loss you have Sustained of haveing so many warring men Cutt off affordes us an Inexpressable Concern; and therefore wee hope that you will Wipe off all Such groundless Opinions of us and utterly Expell them from your hearts, for wee do Assure you that wee are Entirely Innocent in this your allegation against us

And as to what you desire that wee Should Write to Our Governour, Wee Promise you that ye first Opportunity wee Shall Send down your whole Proposition to him, and wee Doubt not but he will Forthwith Perform your request in writeing to the Governour of Virginia; and as Soon as wee receive his Excellencys answer, you may Depend upon it that wee Shall Forward an Express accordingly to you

Albany the 25th. July 1729

May it Pleave your Excellcy.

Inclosed your Excy. has a Proposition from the Sachims of the Oneyder, and our Answer thereto whereby your Excy. may Perceive by their unhappy as well as ungenerous Warr what a Considerable Loss they have Sustained; and in regard that they Streanuously request of your Excy. that you'll be Pleased to write to the Governour of Virginia to Order that he may with all Speed deliver up to them Such of their men as his Indians in that war has Taken Prisoners - wherefore we Shall Patiently waite for your Excellencys Answer, that we may thereby be able to Perform our Promise in our answering them and Likewise your Excy. may Perceive in our said answ.

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Answer that wee have Promised to Send up Two of the Gentlemen of this board to Condole the death of their Warriers, but on this head wee Shall waite your Excellencys Directions; which is all that at Present offers to

Albany 9mo Septr. 1729

May it Please your Excy.

Herewith your Excy. has Copy of our Last to wch. wee refer, for wants of an answer to which and your Excys directions thereto has hitherto Prevented us of Performing our Promise to the Indians in Sending up Two Proper Persons to Condole their Misfortune, Likewise to Obtain a letter from your Excy. to the Governour of Virginia, Requesting of him to deliver up to them Such of their men as they have Taken Prisoners in that Warr all which your Excy. may more Expressly Perceive, by Perusing their Proposition to us, and our answer thereto; (which went inclosed in our last.) Therefore wee are of Opinion that this is an affair of Such Importance, Especially when we So assuredly promised to Perform their requests, that it will not only be a reflection on us but for the Future Frustrate our having any dependance on that Nation

But we thinking it absolutely necessary to Send up Proper Persons to Condole their misfortune, We do therefore design to dispatch Two of the Gentlemen of this board Incompanied by Lowrence Claesen the Interpreter, to go up to their Castle Conformable to our Promise - which is the needfull at present from

Messrs. Johannes Roseboom
or
Lowrence Claesen

Ditto Date

It being the resolution of the board of Commrs. of the Indian affairs, That two proper Persons be Sent up to the Oneyder Castle to Condole the Misfortune they Sustained by their last Warr, You are therfore in the name of the said Commrs. hereby desired to come down so as to be here on Wednesday the third Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon in Order to Consult Further of this affair which is the needfull - from

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Albany the 4th September 1729

Instructions for Johannes Roseboom Nicholas Bleecker Esqrs two of the Commrs for Indian Affairs and Lawrence Claesen Interpreter for the said Indians

Whereas by Proposition made unto us the Commrs of Indian affairs by the Sachims of the Oneydes bearing date the 21st of July Last Setting forth the great Loss the said Nation have sustained by an Unhappy War wth the Virginia Indians, whereby they have Lost a Considerable number of their Warring men, insomuch that they deem themselves a Nation Utterly Perished

And Whereas We the said Board of Commrs have in our Answering the said Sachim's Proposition thought it highly necessary for the good of our Country, and for continuing that good understanding, that time out of minds has been between the Indians and Christians of this Province; promised them in the First place to Send up Two of the Gentlemen from this board to Condole their great Misfortune

And in the Second place in our said Answer have promised the said Sachims to Signifie to his Excy our Governour that he might write to the Governour of Virginia requesting of him to deliver up to the said Oneyda Indians Such of their men as his men have taken Prisoners in that Warr

For performance of which Severall promises you the said Johannes Roseboom & Nicholas Bleecker assisted by the aforesaid Lawrence Claesen are to Take your departure from hence on Saturday the 6th day of this Instant and to repair with all Convenient Speed to the Oneyda Indians Castle and at your Arrivall there in the name of the Governmt to Condole their Losses in Such deplorable Manner as if we were all present; and to Deliver unto them Such Necessaries, as we now Send wth you Signifying to the said Indians that we Send the Same by way of Wiping off that grief and Sorrow which may Perhaps now lye at their hearts, occasioned by their late unhappy War and the Loss of their Fightingmen wch were Massacred therein and that they may be assured, that its give us as much Concern as if we had been Partakers thereof

And in respect of Obtaining an Answer from the Governour of Virginia you may assure them that

We

We at the Same Time they made their Proposition to us did dispatch the Same to our Governour; and we doubt not but he wrote to the Governour of Virginia accordingly for which Answer we daily waite Expectants and wch when Come to our hands Shall be Forwarded to them wth all Expedition however in the mean time we recommend it to them to Comfort themselves and wipe off all Sorrow from their hearts

Albany the 13th September 1729

Capt. Ogelvie

We have Endeavoured to get a Person to Send to repair your Chimney and Oven but Finds it will Prove so Chargable Notwithstanding Shatisfie small Job of work & how that we Cant Expect to have the Same Paid by the Assembly, So that we desire you Endeavour to get them repaired in the best manner you can; and for the Charge accrawing thereon we Shall Take Care to discharge it and Pay whomsoever you Imploy therein Therefore desire you may gett the necessarys ready and we Shall Send you a Trowell as Soon as Possible

Signed -

Present
Philip Livingston
Robert Bancker
Henry Holland
Peter Van Brugh
Johannes Cuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Philip Schuyler
Cornelius Van Chenevelaer
Robert Wendell
Peter Gerritse
Jan Lansingh

At a Meeting of the Commrs of Indian affairs in Albany the 20th Septem. 1729

Pursuant to an Order in his Excy Governour Montgomerie's Letter of the 8th Inst directing us therein to Send Hendrick Wemps & Joseph van Size to the Sinnekes Countrey to work for them till next Spring

We have therefore Sent for the s Hendrick Wemps & Joseph van Size, who do appear here, and do Voluntarily Offer to go to work for the said Sinnekes Indians agreeable to his Excys Said Letter Untill the First of May next Inclusive and that they do not Ask or Expect any Satisfaction or Consideration for Such their Service from us the Commrs of Indian affairs or from the Governmt of this Province, Whereupon we have thought fitt to give the said Hendrick Wemps and Joseph van Size Instructions Accordingly

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Instructions for Hendrick Wemp & Joseph Van Size Smith and Armourer

In obedience to his Excys Letter of the 8th Inst. directing us the Commrs of Indian affairs to send you up to the Sinneke's Countre to work for them the said Sinneke Indians as Smith & Armourer untill next Spring — Therefore You the s. Hendrick Wemp and Joseph Van Size are hereby directed forthwith to take your depar=ture from hence and to repair to the Sinneke Castle called Canasso=dago and on your arrivall there You are in the name of his Said Excy. our Governour to demand from the said Sinneke Sachims or any Person or Persons whatsoever now there Resideing, all the Smiths Utencills and Tools from such Person or Persons who ~~now~~ Shall or May have them in his or their Possion or Power which are belonging to the Publicks, as also the Smiths Shop —

Wherefore all Persons Concerned are hereby Strictly Charged and Commanded to deliver the same and every Part there of unto you, as he or they will answer the Contrary at his or their utmost Peril, and as Soon as you Shall have the said Tools Utencills and Shop in your Custody Care and Possession You are to work as Smith and Armourer respectively for the said Sinneke Indians — untill the First day of May next Inclusive, and not to absent your Selves from the said work untill the Time affixed as aforesaid be fully Expired Given under our hands in Albany this 20th day of September 1729 —

Present —
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
Johannes Cuyler
Abr. Cuyler
Jer. van Rensselaer

At a Meeting of the Commrs of Indian affairs in Albany the 23d Septemb. 1729

Otsiquahuse the Oneyder Indian that was one of the Messengers of the great Misfortune that Nation have Sustained being returnd from Canada with Two Other Indians, We have acquainted them with the answer of our Governour in respect of the request they make from the Governour of Virginia which answer is that his Excy our Governour has wrote very Pressingly to the Governour of Virginia that their Prisoners May be Sett at Liberty & that he Expects an answer Speedily which answer they Shall have So Soon as come to our hands —

By Instructions of the Commissioners of Indian affrs Bareing date the 4 September 1729

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According to directions We did Sett out the 6th Instant with Lowrens (Laeven Interpreter) by water, with Two Other hired men to attend us to the Oneyde Castle to Condole the Loss of their waring men, which they have Lost by their unhappy Warr with the Virginia Indians — when we came at the Mohawks Land — Fourteen of the Sachims of the Two Castles went along with us to Condole the great Misfortune of the Said Oneyde and Tuscarora Indians — The 17th Inst. We came in the Oneyde Castle and were received with Joy, and they Told us that they were Verry glad to See us (their brothers) And that they had been very Much afflicted, but their Hearts were now rejoyced when they did See their brothers —

The 18th Instant we have in the name of the Government with the Sachims of the Mohawks Castle Condold the Oneyde and Tuscarora Indians with they have Lost in their Last Warr, which we did according to Custom —

We Told them that we did Plant a Tree wishing That the Same might grow bigg Again and Desired they Might Live together in one Castle with their men who are scattered —

We in the name of the Governmt did give them the Necessarys allowed us by the Comm. for that purpose —

The answer of the Said Oneyde & Tuscarora Indians — (after we had Condoled their great Misfortune) was they heartily Thanked our Governmt for every Article in the Condolation made unto them —

They Gave to our Governor Some Wampum and Some dearskins & Sayd they were very glad that we had planted a Tree to grow up Again & Sayd also they would Endeavour to come to Live in one Castle Again who are now Scattered They made 2 young Sachims in our Presence Named, Thorachquenda and Otradiecha in room of Two Sachims they Lost in the aforesd war of the Same names —

They desired If we had any news for the future to acquaint them of it — which we Promised to do —

Given under Our hands Albany 24 Septem. 1729

Signed — Johannes Roseboom
Nicolas Bleecker

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May it Please your Excy — Albany the 27th Sepbr. 1729

Your Excys. most acceptable Favours of the 8th Instant we have recewed and Should have answerd the Same Sooner but that we waited for return of the Two Gent. from our board whom we Sent to condole the Misfortune wch had befallen the Oneydes, who have brought us Such answer as Your Excy. here has Inclosed, by which your Excy. may observe that our Messuage had the good Effect Intended.

In obedience to your Excys Commands we have Consulted how to have the Oven and Chimney repaired at Oswego — and do Find that It would Prove So Expensive to Send up Workmen there (notwithstanding It's a Small Job) that we Could not Venture to Intermedle So farr but we have wrote to Captain Ogilvie desiring him to gett the Same repaired in the best Manner he can — Promising him in our Letter that we Should Endeavour to have what Charges Should Accrew thereon discharged and have Sent him a Trowell for that Purpose.

To answer your Excy. in respect of Sending up a Smith and armourer to the Annekes Land we have in our answer to a Proposition Made unt us on the 29th May last by Five of the Principall Sachims of that Nation, Sent at that present Time for the most Proper Person of a Smith and Armourer that we Could Light of (named Robert Lanvingh) and who in Presence of the Said Sachims Offerd to go upon Such Terms as no one ever as yet has gone, viz.t That he would go for Nothing; but Notwithstanding that we had Agreed wth the Said Lanvingh we have withdrawn that and obeyed your Excys Commands by Sending up Hendricus Wemp and Joost Van Size whom your Excy Named for that Purpose — We remain &c

Patrick Gordon Esqr. Lieut. Governour of the Province of Pensilvania & Countys of New Castle Kent and Sussex upon Delaware

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To My good Friends Shekallamy & Peter alias Kataryonyacha — at Shamokin

You are very Sensible of our great Care & Affection for all the good Indians our brethren that Live amongst us or near us, It's this Love that has Filled our hearts with grief for the Late loss that has befallen them, our Soules are afflicted for the Loss of our dear good Friends Carundawana and Shekallamy's Sine Son, and all our other Friends of the Five Nations. We Loved Carundawana as our Own brother, when I the Governour first heard of his Loss I Sent a Letter Immediatly to the Indians of Canestogoe to Lett them Know that If they would Send and See if he was yet Alive and Could be Redeemed, I would Pay his Ranscome — We Send a Strouvd to Cover Shekallamy's Son.

As Soon as you See and hear this Letter, We desire you Our good Friends to goe directly to the Five Nations wth the Ten Strouds herewith delivered to you, and Presenting them to their Chiefs in the name of John Penn who was born in this Country to his Father William Penn their brother when he Was last heer, and also in my name, Tell them that we Mourn in the deepest of our Hearts for their Loss, and that we Send these Strouds to Cover their dead. We grieve when they Loose any of their People, we would have their Numbers Increase, that they May be a great People, and we Mourn when they are Lessend or when they Destroy themselves by War.

We are much Troubled that they went to Fight wth Indians that were in Friendship with the English, and were Trading wth them, The English would not hurt the Five Nations If they Knew them, but they thought them Enemies, because they Came to Fight Against their Friends, all the English are one People, and all their Friends Should be one People, we grieve for this Mistake and unhappy Loss.

Tell them we Expect John Penn over here next Spring, and he will desire to Treat with them, when he Comes We Shall Send to them, We have wished to Speak with them Since Connosoora Tannewhannegah and their Company were here about three years Since when John Penn Speaks with them We Shall then all Open our breasts, Every one will then Speak his

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His Mind freely, the Chain will be brightned and our Friendship and brotherhood will be Established on a Foundation of Peace that Shall Endure for Ever

In the Mean time we desire them as our brethren that they would not hearken to the Reports or Speeches of any angry People whose hearts are not good our hearts are clean as the Purest Fountains of Water, or as the Suns beams we have Nothing in them but Love towards our brethren

These things I desire you to Say to our Friends and brethren the Chiefs of the Five Nations as Soon as you Possibly can gett thither - And Let them know that as we are kind to all their People when we See them So we desire them to be kind to our People wherever they Meet with them, whether on Sasquehannah or Potowmack or allegheny or in any other place For brethren Should in all Places be kind to Each other

I heartily wish you well and Shall waite your answer Who am

Your Very Loving Friend

Philadelphia 18th Augt 1729

James Logan

P: Gordon

Albany 13th October 1729

May It Please Your Excellency

Since our last of 27th Ult.o the Inclosed Letter from the Govern.r of Pensilvania has come thro the Country to the Oneydes Indians who Sent it to us in regard they were uneasy about it, not Knowing what it Ment - So that thinking it very Necessary, We Shall Send Lawrence Claesen the Interpreter up to them w.th the Originall Letter in Order to Expound to them in their Language, And to recommend to the Five Nations in Generall to be at Ease and not to go to Warr, but waite untill Such Time as your Excellency Shall meet them here, We Should be very glad If Means could be Found out to Keep our Indians and those of Virginia in Amity together, which If not Soon Effected May Prove of of Fatal Consequence We are with great respect &c

Albany the 21st October 1729

Instructions For Lawrence Claesen

Whereas the Oneydes Indians have received a Letter From Patrick Gordon Esq.r Lieut. Governour of the Province of Pensilvania, bearing date at Philadelphia the 18th of August Last and which Letter we have Sent after Perusing to the Said Oneydes Indians, a True Copy of which you Likewise have with you, and in regard that the Said Indians Sent the Said Patrick Gordons Letter to us, in as much that they knew not what it Meant - Therefore You must go up Forthwith to the Said Oneydes Indians, and Expound and Interpret the Said Patrick Gordons Letter to them in their Language, which when done you must in the Name of this Government Recommend to the Said Oneydes Indians and the Six Nations in generall That they for the future be at Ease and not go to warr to the Southward, For they can not but remember That his Excellency our Governour has at all Times in his Publick Meetings w.th them advised them that they Should Live in Peace and Amity - So We desire and Intreat them not to go to Warr upon any account with those Virginia Indians or any Others that are in Amity w.th the English, whereby they will Perform their Promises to Our Governour and Keeps themselves a happy People

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By His Excellency John Montgomerie Esq: Captain General & Governour in Chief of the Provinces New York New Jersey and the Territories depending thereon &c.

A Proclamation

Whereas several Sachems of the Five Nations are Arrived here with many other Indians to Treat with me about some Publick Affairs, and Experience has shewn how Prejudiciall to his Majestys Service and Dangerous to the Peace of the Inhabitants the giving or Selling of Rum or other Strong Liquors to those Indians has at all times been, I Have therefore, by Virtue of the Powers granted to me by his Majesty's Letters Patents under the Broad Seal of Great Britain, strictly forbidding the Selling or giving to the Indians any such Liquor during my Residence in this Place, as they will answer it at their Peril, and all Magistrates Justices of the Peace or other Civil Officers are hereby Required and Impowered to give all due Assistance and Countenance to such as shall Dilate or Inform against any Person or Persons Acting contrary to the Tenor and Intent of this Proclamation to the End that such Delinquents may be Prosecuted and Punished with the Utermost Severity of the Law. Given under my Hand in Albany this Thirtieth day of September in the Second Year of His Majesties Reign Annoq Dom 1728

God Save the King

John Montgomerie

Philip Livingston

Peter Livingston

Know all

Johannis Livingston

James Livingston

For My Lord
To Mr Wm Cayne

Commissioners Minutes
Begun 20th Aug 1728
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Albany the Second Day of October 1728

Present

His Excellency John Montgomerie Esq. &c.

George Clark } Councellors
Francis Harrison
Phillip Livingston

The Commissioners for Indian Affairs

The Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of Albany

Mr James DeLancey

Capt. Robert Long

And several other Gentlemen attending the Governour

His Excellency made the following Propositions to the Sachims of the Six Nations viz. Maquaes, Onyddes, Cayougos, Onondagos, Sinnekos and Tilskarorie.

Brethren

It is with great Pleasure that I meet you here, and I am very sorry that I could not do it sooner, but you will be convinced that it was not my fault, when I tell you that in crossing the Great Lake I met with so violent Storms, that I was driven quite off this Coast, and it being in the Winter Season was forced to go a great way Southward to refit the Man of War in which I came, so it was five Months after I sailed from England before I Arrived at New-York. The Business of that Province which was absolutly necessary to be done at my first Arrival has detained me there ever since, and retarded my delivering the kind Message I bring You from my Master the King of Great Britain.

His Majesty has ordered me to tell You that he Loves You as a Father does his Children, and that this Affection towards You is occasioned by his being informed that you are a Brave and Honest People, the two Qualitys in the World that recommend most either a Nation, or particular Persons to him.

He has also been informed that You Love his Subjects the English, and that you desire to Live with them as Brethren. Therefore he has Commanded me to renew the Old Covenant Chain between You and all his Subjects in North America, and to make it Brighter if Possible than ever it was before. I expect you will give me sufficient Assurances to do the like on your Part.

Gave a Large Belt of Wampum

Brethren

Besides the two Qualitys of Bravery and Honesty, His Majesty is convinced that you are a Wise People and good Judges of your own Interest, how happy then must you think your selves, when the greatest and Powerfulest Monarch in Christendom sends me here to confirm the Ancient Friendship betwixt you and his Subjects, to assure you of his Fatherly care, and to tell you that he thinks himself obliged to Love and Protect you as his own Children: You need fear no Enemies while you are true to your Alliance with him, I promise you to take care that none of your Brethren here shall do you wrong, and if any Neighbouring Nation be so bold to Attempt to disturb you, you need not fear what they dare or can do since you have the King of Great Britain on your side, who is a Prince early Initiated in the Art of War, and formed by Nature for the greatest Military Atchievements, will when ever there is occasion for it put himself at the Head of the finest Body of Troops in the World who are all his own Natural

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Born Subjects, has at present a Fleet of Ships in so good Order and so well Commanded, that they would be Masters of the Great Lakes tho' the Fleets of all the Kings in Europe were joined against them.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

Brethren

After what I have told you I am convinced that so wise a People as you are, will glory in behaving as becomes the faithful Children of so great and powerful a King, who Loves you and will resent any injury done to you, as if it was done to his Children on the other side of the Great Lake.

Gave a String of Wampum

Brethren

I expect you are now convinced that the Garrison and House erected at Oswego, is not only for the convenience of the far Indians to carry on their Trade with the Inhabitants of this Province, but also for your Security and convenience to Trade there for such necessarys as you have occasion for, and at as easie terms as if none of the upper Nations came to Trade thither: therefore I make no doubt but that you will at all times willingly defend this Garrison against all Attempts which may be made against it, according to your former Promise and Engagements. I desire you to give and grant to your kind Father his most Sacred Majesty the King of Great Britain a convenient Tract of Land near Oswego to be cleared and Manured to raise Provisions for his Men and Pasturage for their Cattle.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

Brethren

I hear that you have been often apprehensive that a Trade with the Far Nations would be to your Prejudice, and that

it would make the Goods you want dear, but I can assure you that the Woollen Manufactory in Great Britain is able to supply the whole World, so the greater Trade is carried on, the greater will be the supply and cheaper than formerly: I do entreat you to be kind to the Traders and not molest them as they go up but let them pass quietly.

Gave a String of Wampum

Brethren

I am informed that the Indians from Canada, who are gone up with the French Army against a remote Indian Nation, have been among you endeavouring to entice your Young Men to go with them to War against a People who never annoy nor Molest you: I am glad your Young Men have refused to join with them whereby you show that you endeavour to cultivate a good understanding with those Indians, to make them your Friends, and encourage the good Design of a promoting a Trade betwixt us and them. I expect you will persist in your good behaviour towards these and all other remote Indian Nations, it will be a means to strengthen your Alliances and make you a Great People.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

Brethren

His Most Gracious Majesty the King of Great Britain your indulgent Father and my Master has ordered me to make you in his Name a handsome Present of such Goods as are most Suitable for You, which you shall receive as soon as you give me your Answer.

Gave a String of Wampum

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Albany the Fourth Day of October 1720

Present

His Excellency John Montgomerie Esq.r &c
George Clark
Francis Harrison } Councellors
Phillip Livingston
The Commissioners for Indian Affairs

The Sachims of the Six Nations made the following Answer to His Excellency

Brother Corlaer

We are very glad you are Arrived here in good health, You told us that your Master the King of Great Britain had sent you. It is a very dangerous Voyage in coming over the Great Lake, the reason that we are glad you Arrived in health is because of the good Message you Bring to us from your great Master the King of Great Britain: we would have been very sorry if any Accident had happened to your Excellency in this dangerous Voyage.

You acquainted us at your coming hither that you had met with great Storms, had been driven from the Coast, and had been five Months coming to your Government and that was the reason detained you at your first Arrivals of meeting us sooner.

You told us also that you was ordered by the Great King your Master to renew in his Name the Old Covenant Chain with us, and not only to renew the same but to make it brighter and Stronger than ever.

You have renewed the Old Covenant Chain with the Six Nations in the Name of your Master the King of Great Britain we in like manner renew the Old Covenant Chain.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

This Silver Covenant Chain wherein we are linked together we make Stronger and Cleaner that it may be Bright, we shall give no occasion for the Breach of our Covenant, if we are like minded than we and our Childrens Children shall Live in Peace.

You acquainted us also that the Great King your Master and your Father bears great kindness to us as a Father does to his Children and if any Harm or Attempt be made on us he will resent it as if it was done to his Children on the other Side of the Great Lake, for which kind Message we return you our Most Hearty Thanks.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

We shall not repeat all your Excellency's Propositions but only the principal matters therein contained.

You told us what was the reason why His Majesty the King our Father so affectionately Loved us, for two Qualifications of being an Honest and Brave People. It is true as you say that the Six Nations when they are Sober and not in Drink will not molest or injure any Body, but there is one thing in the way that is Strong Liquors which your People bring up to our Country Therefore Brother we desire you very strongly to prohibit the sending or carrying up any Strong Liquors, for that will one way or other create a Quarrel betwixt your People and our Young Indians: Our Ancestors have fetched Rum out of this City when they wanted it, let them who want Rum be it Man or Woman fetch it from hence, therefore we desire again that you do not refuse our Request but grant it effectually. If you knew it we have already lost many Men through Liquor which has been brought up and Occasions our Peoples killing one another.

Gave a String of Wampum

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Brother Corlaer

This is now a Day of Joy and Gladnoss that we meet together in this Place of Treaty that we may smoak a Pipe in Friendship, and it is very acceptable to us to meet your Excellency here in good Health.

You have recommended to us the Traders who go up to let them pass and repass freely without any Molestation, we promise to do them all friendly Offices in our Power, let them come with such Goods as Powder, Lead, Shroods and other Dry Goods, they will be Acceptable except with Rum.

Brother Corlaer

You desired a Tract of Land near the House at Oswego for your Men to Plant and to raise Provisions for them, and for Pasturage for their Cattle.

It is with full consent of the Six Nations allowed you to plant and Sow at or near Oswego, and to have Pasturage for your Cattle according to your desire, and we shall mark out such a Tract of Land as shall be necessary for your Men to raise Provisions and Pasturage, but we will not be pleased if after it is marked out you do go beyond the Limits that we fix.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

You told us that if any Attempt be made against the House at Oswego we should defend it, we acquaint you that last Year when Liberty was desired to Build there, it was told us that the same was built on purpose to defend and protect the Six Nations, because it is the Frontier of our Nations, therefore we rely on your performing of these Promises.

You told us also that you heard that we were apprehensive that if the Far Indians ~~bought~~ bought any goods here they would become dear, but that the more Trade there is the more Goods

will be sent hither and that there is Wool enough in England to Supply the whole World, we are very glad to hear this, The House at Oswego is the most convenient place that can be for Trade, it is a Place where all the Far Indians must necessarily pass, we desire that Goods may be Sold some what Cheaper to us, and that would be a Motive to draw all the Far Nations to us and join with us, for through cheapness of Goods will become Peace and Unity.

Gave a String of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

You told us of your being informed that when the French Army went up last Spring against the Far Nations, some French Indians had been amongst us to entice some of our Young Men to go to War along with them against a Peaceable People; that you was glad our Young Men refused to go with them for by those means those Far Indians will become friends to the Six Nations.

Brother Corlaer

It is true that the French did desire us to go with them, but we refused and rejected their Proposals, because we are convinced that the French bears us no Friendship and we have no very great dependance on them for if this Army could they would have subdued the Six Nations, and instead of going against the Foes would have Mastered us when it was time of Peace, for they have made us several Threatnings. You have recommended to us to cultivate a good understanding with the Far Indians and draw them as much as we can to join with us, it is true we had War against this or that Nation, but never have been the first Aggressors, all who have made War with us

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have felt the Weight of it, we promise you to draw as many Far Indians to this Government as we can.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

You acquainted us that you had brought a fine Present for us from our Father the King of Great Britain, we thank You heartily but as it is late we desire you delay delivering it till to Morrow.

His Excellency Answered

Brethren

As to what you desire that no Rum should be sent up to your Country, it is absolutly necessary to send Rum to Oswego for the refreshment of the Men in Garrison there and those who carry up Provisions to them: but I shall give strict Orders that none of my People do send or carry up any Strong Liquors to yours, if any shall transgress I expect you will inform against them, for you know how difficult it is to restrain them from Selling and your People from buying it.

I thank you in my Master the King of Great Britains Name for the Land you have granted for the use of his Garrison at Oswego, I desire you will express how many Thousand Fathom in Length and Breadth you will give him, and I will send up a fit Person to mark out the Bounds with you ~~[illegible]~~ and I promise you not to go beyond the Bounds you appoint, by this you will see that the English do not deal with you as the French do who take your Land without your Leave. The House at Oswego was Built for your Protection so if it be Attacked by any Body whatsoever I expect that you will assist the English Garrison there in defending it, for nothing can be more natural than for you to assist in the defence of a Place which is maintained for your Security. I desire you to send some of your people to Morrow Morning to receive the Presents.

Albany the Fifth Day of October 1728

Two Sachims of each of the Six Nations desired a private Conference with his Excellency the Governour who received them at his Lodgings where one of the Sachims spoke as follows.

Brother Corlaer

We are very glad that you have renewed the Ancient Covenant and strengthend the same with us, which we have on both sides kept inviolable. We are also very glad that you our Brother Corlaer who is now come over to us is a wise and prudent Man, we must esteem you so because you have spoken very sensibly. Brother it seemed Yesterday as if you were displeased that we did not promise to defend the House at Oswego, it has been of old concluded between your Ancestors and Ours that we should be one Body and one Heart, so what is done to one Member the whole must be sensible of it and resent the injury done to any part of it. We have just now told you that we are one Body and one Heart, you desired that if any Attempt be made against the House at Oswego that we should defend it: how do you think that we should not do so, for we have no affection to the French who have been our Ancient Enemies, whom we in the late War had almost subdued and Conquered, for we have run down and Destroyed whole Villages, so that if the Bones of the French and of Bears were gathered together they would make heaps as high as Houses.

Brother Corlaer

Yesterday, ~~when~~ we made our Answer we did not proceed in a regular Order, we understood from you that when any of our Neighbours might be so bold as to disturb us, we need not fear while our King and Common Father will protect us, who has a large Fleet of Ships ready to employ on any Occasion:

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You told us that our Great King is very watchful to have so great a Fleet ready on all Occasions, which is very prudent, but that is a great distance from hence and cannot depend us here; we hope that you will be pleased to take the same care here to have every thing in readiness, in case we or you should be molested by our Enemies: for which end it would be very proper to have a Magazin at this place of all things necessary for War on Occasion. We desire for the last time that you may not be negligent to have a Magazin here of all things necessary to be ready on all Occasions, but to grant it and get it done, for we may be attacked by our Enemies on a sudden, and when a Magazin is furnished we can want for nothing: we have never made any Promises on our side to former Governours but we performed them

Brother Corlaer

You may possibly know more than we do, and know if there be any likelyhood of War between the Kings of Great Britain and France, we desire you to inform us what you know about that matter, if there be any probability we beg that we may be informed and well supplyd with Ammunition, for we have never waged War with any Nation but we have Subdued & Conquered them. This is the only method of Security for you and us to have Ammunition enough in readiness, in former times we were sufficiently supplyed with it, by which we Conquered our Enemies, and for which we were obliged to our Brethren who supplyed us Cheap, for then we could buy more for one Bear Skin then we can for four or five now.

We spoke yesterday relating to the Rum, that your Peoples should not carry it up to our Country, for if we see it we cannot forbear but buy and drink it, we desire that no Rum may be brought up, but pray understand us right we do not mean that no Rum should be carried up at all, but none brought

into our Castles, let it be brought to the Trading House at Oswego, and pray take care that the Traders do not mix it with water, let them Sell pure Rum and those who buy let them pay for it; This is what we should have said Yesterday, we beg again that you give strict Orders to your People not to carry up Rum to our Castles for when they come they intice us to buy and drink it, let them bring it to Oswego; at the same time give particular directions that they bring thither Guns and Ammunition and such things as we have occasion for but not Rum only. We desire also if it be in your power to let us have Goods cheaper than they are Sold to us at present.

Brother Corlaer

You desired to know yesterday how many thousand Fathoms the Land we have granted to his Majesty at Oswego would extend in length and breadth, which is a thing we cannot very well tell now while several Sachems are at home in our Castles whom we ought first to consult as to the quantity and who would otherways be displeased at it. The Land which you desired is absolutly granted to his Majesty our Common Father on which you may depend, for it is agreed by us all that he shall have it, but as to the quantity we must consult first with the rest of the Sachems and then shall mark it out when we come home and have consulted them: pray let a fit person go up with us to see the Land marked out, we know none so proper as Lawrence Clawson the Interpreter who is one of us and understands our Language. We have done speaking and what we have said now we should have said Yesterday in publick but it was neglected.

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His Excellency Answered

Brethren

I always had a great Esteem for the Six Nations and now since I have had some meetings with you my esteem is encreased because I am better acquainted with you, the kind Answer you have given will confirm his Majesty the King of Great Britain in the good opinion he has of you. The thing that seemed to displease me yesterday was that I thought you made some difficulty in providing to assist the English Garrison in the Defence of Oswego in case it was Attacked, but you have now fully satisfied me as to your good and Friendly intentions, and as we are Children of one Common Father, I have Orders from the King my Master to assist the Six Nations if any of their Enemies attack them and shall be ready to come my self to their Assistance if it be necessary.

As to your Trade of Rum and other things I shall take care that you shall not be abused, and what you demand shall be granted according to your desire.

As to what you desire to know of the King of Great Britain's Alliance with the King of France, they are at present in very good Friendship together, but as there has been often War betwix the two Nations the King of Great Britain will be always ready to make War in case he or any under his protection be Attacked and I believe he will have large Magazines here and in other convenient places to supply all his Children in case of War.

I consent that Lawrence Lawson the Interpreter go up with you as you desire to mark out the Land you are to give his Majesty at Oswego and as he is your kind Father I expect you will give him a large Tract.

You may now when ever you are ready receive the Presents I am to make you. You shall have provisions provided for your Journey and Waggons to carry you to Schenectady where some

good Rum shall be delivered to you, for you know the inconvenicency of your Young Men getting Drunk with it here. I wish you with all my Heart a good Journey home and all happiness.

A Onneko Sachem said

Brother Corlaer

It has been customary when we came here towards the Falls that a Smith and an Armourer has been ordered to go with us to work in our Country, we beg you to grant us now that Joseph Van Slyck and Hend: Wemp may be ordered to go up with us who are fit Persons for our Occasion.

His Excellency Answered

I will order a Smith and an Armourer to be sent to work for you, but then I expect that you will not suffer the French Smith who is now there nor any other from Canada to reside among you for the future.

Albany the Seventh day of October 1728

Present

His Excellency John Montgomerie Esq.r &c.

George Clarke
Francis Harrison } Councellors
Phillip Livingston
The Commissioners for Indian Affairs

His Excellency not having been able to deliver in publick the Presents to the Sachems of the Six Nations on Saturday last being prevented by the Rain, the said presents were this Day delivered to them by His Excellency in the Name of his Master the King of Great Britain, which Presents consist of the following Particulars.

6 Fuzees	30 Kettles	1500 Flints
5 Scarlet Cloths	59 Hatchets	1000 pound of Powder
6 Laced Hats	14 Dz: Stockons	2000 pound of Lead
8 pieces of Shoes	40 pound Beads	1000 pound of Tobacco
6 pieces of Duffles	48 Tobacco boxes	1 Box of Pipes
5 pieces of Blanketing	54 Looking glasses	1 Hogshead of Rum
8 pieces of Half thick	23 Dz: Clasp knives	6 Barrels of Pork
6 Shirts	8 Dz: Single D.o	
7 finer Ditto	10 Dz pr. Scissars	

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His Excellency then said

Brethren

I shall be gled to meet you here again as soon as possible: to morrow you shall have a Bull to hunt, and some Barrels of Beer to Drink the King of Great Britains health. I desire you will prevent your Young Mens doing mischief to the Country peoples Cattle upon the Road as they go home.

A Sachem Answered

Brother Corlaer

You acquainted us that your Master the King of Great Brit. our Father has sent us by you this Present, for which we are very thankful; we are gled and joyful that we see you have such a great Affection for us, this is the place appointed of old to meet, we are very much rejoyced our Brother Corlaer is safely Arrived here, because the Sea is Tempestous and Dangerous to cross: We have brought a small Present to your Excellency to annoint your Foot with after your long Journey hither to meet us. We wish you a happy Voyage to New York, and shall be glad to hear you are safe Arrived for Death follows every where.

A Sinnekes Sachem Said

Brother Corlaer

We desired a Smith and an Armourer but we do not hear further of it; you spoke about a French Smith who is with us now, he can make no works for he is an old Man and can scarce see, so we beg again that Joseph Van Sice and Hend: Wemp may go up with us, we would fain have the Smith and the Armourer go with us now that we may be sure of them otherways it may be neglected.

His Excellency Answered

Brethren

I will give effectual Orders to the Commissioners to send a Smith and Armourer with you to work in your Country. I wish you again a good ~~Voyage~~ Journey, and all happiness.

Albany the Fifth Day of October 1720

Present

His Excellency John Montgomerie Esq. &c

George Clarke
Francis Harrison } Councellours
Philip Livingston

The Commissioners for Indian Affairs

Mr James De Lancey

Capt. Robert Lord

And several other Gentlemen attending the Governour

The Schaahook and River Indians attending His Excellency the Governour he spoke to them as follows.

Children

I sent for you to give you fresh Assurances of the Protection

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of His Majesty the King of Great Britain my Master our Father and Sovereign: and to acknowledge in this publick manner the just sense I have of your former dutiful behaviour and fidelity to his Royal Predecessors, and of your Affection to your Brethren the rest of his Subjects in this Country. In his Majesty's name and by his Order I renew with you the Ancient Covenant Chain, and give you assurances of such things as will be of use to you: I expect you will continue firm to your Duty in time coming as you have done hitherto: if you do so you may rest assured not only of Protection, but of all other good Offices from those who are in Authority under the King of Great Britain our Father and Sovereign.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

Children

It is with concern I tell you that I am informed that many of your Nation have of late misbehaved themselves, and on frivolous pretences and wrong notions have left their Native Country Schaghticoke and gone to Live in Canada, a place not so good and fertile as that they have deserted: I desire you to use all proper means to persuade them to return, and care shall be taken that you and they shall have sufficient Tracts of Land for you and your Children to plant and Cultivate: that you may all again shelter under the branches and leaves of that Tree of Peace which has long since been planted at Schaghticoke: I will take care that it Flourish and Grow; if you hear any rumours to disturb you be not too credulous as many of you have been lately; but inform me of what you hear if it be false I will undeceive you and I promise to tell you always the Truth.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

The Indians Answered by their Sachim

Father Corlaer

We are very glad that you are come to visit your Children and rejoyce to see that the Tree which has long since been planted at Schaghticoke is come to Life again and gets nourishment when we thought it was almost withered and decayed. We are extreamly well pleased to perceive that the Fire which used to burn at Schaghticoke but was almost extinguished is kindled again.

Gave Two Beaver Skins

Father Corlaer

We are much comforted to hear you renew the Old Covenant Chain with us, we do now bring Furr to wrap it up in that the same may not rust but keep bright and clean.

Gave Two Beaver Skins

Father Corlaer

We are rejoyced that our Grandfather has such a great value and esteem for us as to send you one of his Sons to be our Father who does us the honour to send for us:

Gave Two Beaver Skins

Father Corlaer

You have recommended to us that we should use our endeavours to fetch back from Canada those who have deserted from Schaghticoke, we promise to use all possible means to persuade them to return to their Native Country.

Gave Two Beaver Skins

Father Corlaer

It is somewhat difficult for us to encrease our Number at Schaghticoke: it has been often recommended to us by those in

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Authority here to settle there, and bring those back who are gone to Canada: we can scarcely expect the Land that is promised, for we are molested in that which is our own by people who live near us: we come home late last Spring from our hunting and planted some Land, and now this fall our Indian Corn has been carried away. The fences about our Land are old and rotten so that the Cattle destroy much of our Crop, as we told you when we come home late last spring we found some of our Lands planted by your People, we would have paid them for their trouble but they refused, yet we hoed the Indian Corn twice, and now your people have against our will and by violence carried it off from our Fields.

His Excellency Answered

Children

I thank you for your kind Speech and I shall take care to let your Grandfather the King of Great Britain know how good a People you are. As to the complaint you have made against his Subjects your Neighbours, if you will let me know the Peoples names who have injured you, I will order them to be punished and you Satisfied.

Gave them His Majesty's Present

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Present
Philip Livingston,
Myndert Schuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Harmanus Wendell
Evert Wendell
Johannes Roseboom
Peyer Gerritse
Barent Sanders
Johannes Lansingh
Nicholas Bleecker

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs in Albany the 5th of December 1729 Viz. December 4th 1732

This day appeared before us Teawhon=waghwangcharqua an Oneyder Sachamaker who being Sent from the Oneyders makes the foll. Proposition Viz.

And in the name of that Nation gives hearty thanks to his Excy. that he had Sent a Proper Person to Expound the Letter they received from Patrick Gordon Esq. Vice. Govern. of Pensilvania — the Expounding of which was of Extraordinary Content to them And It has also been very Satisfactory to them that that Government has So heartily Condoled the Loss of their Warring men

But Brothers — my Chief Errand here is to Earnestly Enquire in the name of our Nation of our Brothers has wrote to his Excy. Our Governour that he might write to the Governour of Virginia to desire him to Surren=der what men of ours that he had Taken Prisoners in our last Warr w.th his Indians, which request we Earnestly desired our Brothers to Perform Shortly after the Misfortune happen'd us which is now Long Since, and Home Likewise to be rightly Informed whether the Fault of our not haveing an answer Lyes on our Brothers or our Governour, Or the Governour of Virginia —— Brothers

We have Waited an answer w.th a great Deal of Impatience, and have according to your request kept our Brethren and been Instrumentale in keeping the Other Five Nations in Peace and Prevented them from Going

Going out to Fight but if we Should not receive the satisfaction We required of our Brothers Speedily, we cannot Effect to keep our Nations Longer from Looking for Satisfaction another Way which Perhappe may Prove of bad Consequence

Present as on the other Side

The Answer of the Comm.rs to Tiawhonwaguwangeraqua the Oneyder Sachamaker

Brothers

We are much Concerned that you ar So Long without an answer to your Satisfaction, from the Governour of Virginia, but we do Assure you that we are not in the Least Faulty in this Affair, for we Lost not a Moments Time in Writeing to His Excy. our Governour, on that head and he Immediatly wrote to the Governour of Virginia desireing that if there was any of your men Taken Prisoners by his Indians they might be Sett at Liberty - and to Shew you how farr we are Concerned for your late unhappy Loss, Two of Our number have not Long Since waited on Our Govern.r at New York, and Talked to him of your People who did then Assure us that he had wrote a second Letter to the Governour of Virginia to which if he did not receive an answer in reasonable Time we begg'd he might write a third one but he desired us to Tell you, that you might depend on it as Soon as he received an answer from that Governm.t he would Dispatch it to us which we Promise you Shall Loose no Time in Forwarding it to you when Come to hand

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Evert Bancker
Henry Van Renselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Stephanus Groesbeck
Johannes Roseboom
Harmanus Wendell
Nicholas Bleecker
Ryer Gerritse
Philip Schuyler
Jeremiah Renselaer
Dirck Ten Broeck
Joh.n Lansingh

Att a Meeting of the Comm.rs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 29.th January 1729/30

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The Secretary of the Indian Affairs having this day Produced a Commission from his Excy John Montgomerie Esq.r Captain Generall and Governour in Chief of the Province of N: York &c Whereby Philip Livingston, Myndert Schuyler Henry Holland, Johannes Schuyler, Peter Van Brugh, Evert Bancker, Henry Van Renselaer, Rutger Bleecker, Evert Wendell, Stephanus Groesbeck, Johannes Roseboom, Abraham Cuyler, Harmanus Wendell, Nicholas Bleecker, Ryer Gerritse, Philip Schuyler, Jeremiah Van Renselaer, Dirck Ten Broeck Johannes Lansingh, and Barent Saunders, Are Appointed Commission.rs for the Indian Affairs at Albany, and those whose names are Entered in the Margent have Taken the Oaths appointed by Law and Likewise the Oath for the due Executing of their Office

Present
Ph. Livingston
Myn.d Schuyler
Peter Van Brugh
Rutger Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Ryer Gerritse
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Har. Wendell
Joh.s Roseboom
Joh.s Lansingh
Barent Saunders

Att a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs in Albany the 29.th of January 1729/30

The Speech of y.e Sachims of Cayouger

Brethren

We arrived here this day and are glad to meet you at this Place w.ch We suppose happens unexpectedly to you.

Our Journey hitherto is w.th great grief and Sorrow to acquaint you of the great Losses we have sustaind in our Castle

Brethren

Our Ancestors have always kept the Covenant Inviolable w.th this Government the

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Reason of Entering into ye Coven.t was on acco.t of our being Convinced of the Cheapness of goods afforded to us, and when any difference happend between the Five Nations and this Government, We have always been Instrumentall in the Accommodating it, and Constantly Obedient to all Commands Layed on us by this Government —

Brethren

As We have Told you before of our Stedfastness to this Government, So we do assure you that we always study to Continue so, and Shall Perpetually do the utmost in our Power for defence of this Governm.t against the French or any other Enemys that may Threaten it —

Brethren — We need not to Repeat our Fidelity to this Governm.t — but we Come to acquaint you that we have Lost Eight Sachims, who died lately out of our Castle, and we do assure and Promise you that dureing Life We Shall behave our Selves Steady to this Government — But we must acquaint you how at Severall Times we have requested of Former Governours (not of one alone) that our Young Indians might have Powder Shott and such necessarys as might be helpfull to them to Provide for their Wives and Children — And Since we have been desired by all the Governors we have Treated with to make our application to them or the Governour for the Time being when we wanted any necessarys and at the Same Time have been Strictly Charged not to Robb or Steal but to apply as aforesaid, So we hope that we may have Such Necessarys from this board as we Lye in need of or as they think Convenient to give us — For We do assure you that we are in a necessitous Condition, and thô we bring a Few Skins they are but in Token of our Constant Fidelity in Preserving this Government from all Such as may oppose it —

Presents w.th the Foregoing p.s

The Answer of the Comm.rs of Indian affairs to the Sachims of the Cayouges Albany the 29th Jan.y 1729/30

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Brethren

We Acquaint you that we are much Concern'd For the Loss of your deceased Sachims, and we are glad to hear you Continue so Stedfast and faithfull in your adherence to this Government; As to your necessitous Condition you acquaint us of — affords us Equal Concern — Wherefore we doubt not but his Excy. Our Governr. will always Retaliate and make Suitable Returns to your Nation, for your Faithfull adherence to this Government; but in the mean Time, We give you in Powder, Lead, Flints, Knives &c.t for hunting, as you have Requested —

We Take this Opportunity of Condoleing the death of your Sachims deceased, and wipe off your Tears, and bury them by these three blankets of Strouds, not doubting but you have appointed wise and Experienced men to Supply their room, who may have a good regard to the good of their Country — We are Sensible of the Constant Fidelity you bear for the Safety and Preservation of this Province, and do Acknowledge the Same with Thanks

We Cannot Omitt Telling you that we are Informed that Some French from Canada are Come among you On account of Trade, whom we desire you not Suffer to Reside among you, inasmuch that you are Sensible that those People do at all Times amuse you with false and groundless Informations, which Cannot Portend good to you or the Welfare of this Province, and give you and us Uneasiness

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Present
Dh. Livingston
Steph.n Groesbeck
Rutger Bleecker
Evert Bancker
Hend. V. Renselaer
Abraham Cuyler
Jer. V. Renselaer
Joh.s Roseboom
Nich.s Bleecker
Barent Saunders

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian affairs in Albany the 14th February 1729/30

The Comm.rs having sent a Message to the Sachims of Oneyde to send hither some of their Chiefs to whom should be Communicated the Contents of the Letter His Excy. Our Govern.r has received from the Govern.r of Virginia, Relating to the Prison.rs taken from them Last Summer, In obedience to which Message the said Sachims have sent hither Five Deligates, to whom the Comm.rs said as Follows

Brethren

Sometime Last Summer you acquaint.d Us w.th the great Loss of Severall of your Nation Fallen and Taken in a Warr w.th the Southern Indians at that Time, for w.ch we were then and yet are very much concerned, and Did directly according to your Desire, Write to Our Govern.r that he would be Pleased to acquaint the Govern.r of Virginia w.th the Circumstances of what happened, w.ch he did, and having rec.d the Govern.r of Virginia's answer thereto; is in Substance as follows Viz.t

Virginia Octob.r 29.th 1729

Sir

I was at First much Surprised to find So daring an Action charged on the Virginia Indians, who are a Poor handfull of People of divers Nations, and at Constant Variance among themselves, and who I knew Could not form So Considerable a Body, if all of them United, as that by which the Oneydes say they Were attacked: But upon Enquiry I found, as indeed I did Imagine that the Virginia Indians had no hand in it, Or any knowledge of this Defeat Complained of by the Oneydes; I am Informed that the Last Summer there happend an action between some of the Six Nations, and the Cattabaws, a Nation Four hundred miles distant from Virginia within the Limitts of South Carolina And the Cause of it was as Follows

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A Party of the Six Nations Comes to a Town of the Cattabaws while the Young men were gone a hunting; They fell upon the old Men, the Women and the Children, and Killed a Considerable Number Carrying off some Prisoners: but the alarm having Reached the other Towns, they w.th all the Force they Could muster up Pursued their Northern Enemies, Overtook & attacked them; And if they make a Faithfull Report, Killed a great many more than the Oneydes Own to your Comm.rs and brought back w.th them Divers Prisoners

I am desirous to Convince them, that tho' Our Indians are altogether Innocent of the Charge of Killing their Warriers, Yet this Governm.t looking upon the Six Nations as Friends, will not be Wanting in doing of them all the good offices in our Power: And Your Excy. will be Pleased to Let them know that I am now dispatching a Messenger to the Cattabaws to Treat about the Redemption of their Prisoners at the Publick Expence And that I Shall Endeavour to have them brought hither some Time the next Spring, with some of the Chief of the Cattabaws, and if your Indians are disposed to Enter into Terms of Accomodation w.th them, I shall be ready to do my best Endeavours for that Purpose If from your hands I receive the articles they have to Propose

In the mean Time I hope by your Interposition the Six Nations will not Seek for Reprisalis by Waylaying or Molesting the Cattabaws in their Journey hither or whilst they are under the Conduct of this Government, because Such an attempt would Render this Colony, and all the English Plantations for Ever after Suspected of Infidelity and Treachery amongst our Indian Neighbours

I am Sure I Can give them no better Proofs of The Friendship of this Governm.t than by the Measures I propose for the Recovery of their Warriers that are now Prisoners

But whatever are the Sentiments of the Six Nations I shall account my Selfvery happy, if by any Endeavours of mine, that Peace Quiet may be restored & Preserved, w.ch your Excy. has So much at heart; Especially if you will be Perswaded of the Truth & respect w.th w.ch I am &c.a

William Gooch

To His Excy. Jn.o Montgomerie Esq.r &c.a

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The Answer of the Sachims of Oneyde to the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs Albany 14th ffeb. 1729/30

Brethren

We return you thanks for Explaining the Governour of Virginias Letter to us, and we are much obliged to him for his kind Interposition in Redemption of the Prisoners, And as we are but of Two Nations, we are at Present not able to give an Answer 'till we have acquainted and Consulted the Sachims of the Six Nations in General; Then we shall Answer the Same. and we are much Rejoyced to hear that Some of our People who were Taken Prisoners are yet alive

We Desire that we may have Slays to bring us to the upper Settlements, and that we may have our hatchets Mended. and Likewise that we may have Provisions for our Journey home

Albany the 6th March 1729/30

May it Please Your Excellency

We are Favoured w.th your Excys Letter of 15th January Last - as Likewise with Copy of Governour Gooches, upon receipt of which, We (with all Speed) Dispatched a Messenger to the Oneydes, to desire them to send down Some of their Chiefs to whom Should be Communicated, the Contents of Said Letter — and they having sent hither Five Deligates We Expounded the Same to them. Who in their Answer Thank Your Excy for your Care and Diligence in their Affair, and Acknowledge themselves much obliged to the Governour of Virginia, for his Interposition in the Redemption of their Prisoners, but in as much As they were but of Two Nations they

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Are unable to give a direct Answer, 'till they have Consulted the Six Nations in generall. and they are Exceedingly rejoyced to hear that their People who were Taken Prisoners are yet alive

We Shall take Care to advise your Excy. with their Answer, as Soon as they Come down — In relation to the Oven and Chimney at Oswego; We did upon Capt. Ogilvies Complaint to Your Excy desire him to gett the Same repaired, and that we Should Pay the Charge; and Sent him a Trowell for that purpose as your Excy. may observe by our Letter of the 27th Septem.r last — however M.r Wendell assures us, that he has Caused them to be repaired at his own Cost

We Cannot Omitt Acquainting Your Excy of an unhappy accident that happend to His Majties Fort here, on Tuesday night last, about nine a Clock, being a Fire on 4 Severall places, on the Stockadoes, and which in all Probability must have been done Designedly; but by Whom (notwithstanding our Strict Examination) We Cannot Learn; however (thanks be to God) it was Quickly Extinguished by the Assistance of the Inhabitants of the City. Haveing no More to add, We are with great Esteem

Present
Ph. Livingston
Steph. Groesbeck
Rudger Bleecker
Harm.s Wendell
Abr.s Cuyler
Evert Bancker
Evert Wendell
Johannes Roseboom
Joh.s Lansingh
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck

At a Meeting of the Commission.rs for Indian Aff.s in Albany the 15th april 1730

This board on receipt of a Letter from his Excy John Montgomerie Esq.r our Governour dated the 20th of March last, with Copy there Inclosed from William Gooch Esq.r Governour of Virginia dated the 19th January last Past in relation to the Defeat of the Oneyde Indians, and the Prisoners Taken from them by the Cattabaw Indians, under the Governm.t of South Carolina a Messenger has been sent to Oneyde to desire them to send Some of their Sachims hither, to communicate unto

Them

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Them the Contents of the said Letter — The said Messenger being returnd, relates That none of the Chief Sachims were at home but gone On Hunting. Nevertheless Some of the Neighbouring Indians of Tuscarora, one Oneyde and a Few Maquaas are come hither on this Occasion. The Comm.rs considering that it would be of Fatal Consequence to Explain said Letter unto the Indians, and Certainly the Effect of a bloody War between our Six Nations and the said Cattabaw Indians — and in the Passage of Said Nations, who will Pursue their Revenge, may Probably Fall in with the Christian Settlem.ts and attack them, It is therefore maturely Considerd what Would be most Proper to do in this Critical affair to avoid the mischief which might befall the Christian Settlements — by Occasion of this War — and the barbarous butcheryes of these Savages on One another, while our Indians Imputte their late Defeat to the Christians as well as to the Southern Indians — It is therefore resolved to Tell them in Substance what Follows — viz.

That according to our promise to the Oneydes. We desired our Governour to write to the Governour of Virginia, in relation to the Prisoners Taken from them — Who Informs our Governour, That he has Sent Messengers to the Cattabaw Indians, who are not Subject to that Governm.t but Live under the Government of South Carolina Four hundred miles distant from the Frontiers of Virginia to come thither to Treat with him about the Releave of their captives, but came not according to his request. That he had received Intelligence that Ten of their Prisoners were yet alive, and that they would rather Stay where they are than Return home, We Could wish That Some of the Oneyde Sachims had Come hither on this Occasion, We Expect them here as Soon as they Come from Hunting. We are perswaded That the most Effectual Method to redeem their Prisoners, Would be for them to Send one Sachim of Each Nation with Two Christians from hence to Virginia, to Treat with the Cattabaw Indians there to releave their Prisoners and Conclude a Lasting Peace with those and other Southern Indians, We Shall by the time the Oneyde Sachims can be here Endeavour to Obtain leave from our Governour for them to go thither with a Pass, we are Perswaded that the Governour of Virginia will Imbrace all

All opportunitys of doing any Friendly office in his power to Serve the Six Nations; he affirms That none of the Indians in his Governm.t are Concernd in the war ag.st them, and do not Venture beyond their Inhabitants, Except a Nation Called the Notloways, who are in Friendship w.th the Six Nations as they very well know; there was another Nation called the Saponies Tributary to Virginia, but on a Quarrel between them and the Tuscaroras, they departed from thence into South Carolina

The aforesaid Tuscarora and other Indian Messengers Seemd so Perfectly Satisfied w.th the Foregoing relation that they made no manner of Objection thereto — but were very thankfull to his Excellency our Governour and this board for their Negotiation in the affair of the Oneydes

Albany the 18.th April 1730 Inclos.d

May it Please Your Excellency

We Received your Excellency's favours of the 20.th March last with Inclosure from Governour Gooch whereupon we dispatchd an Express to the Oneydes desiring they might Send hither Some of their Sachims, in order that we should Communicate to them the Contents of the Governour of Virginias Letter, who being this day returnd, have brought down Some Tuscarora, one Oneyde and a few Maquaas Indians, in regard the Oneydes were gone a hunting, to whom we disclosed such parts of said Letter as we are of Opinion were Consistant with the Preservation and welfare of his Majesties Subjects, whom we doubt not but might be in danger Should we have Expeaind the Full Contents of the aforesd Letter, which would have been motives to Exasperate their brutish Dispositions into some attempt that might Prove Fatal to our Christian Friends, as well as be a Means to Lessen themselves, The Inclosed is Copy of our Treaty w.th the Messengers returnd, and as this is an affair of such nice Circumstances, we have acted as cautiously therein as Possibly we Could (as will appear by our Minutes) and hope Your Ex.cy will approve thereof, Your Ex.cy will Please likewise to observe That in the aforementiond Treaty with the Indians

We

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We have advised them to Send one Sachim of Each Nation in Company wth Two Christians to go from hence to Virginia in order to Treat about the redemption of their Prisoners, which we thought was the best Step we Could take to keep them in an Amicable Temper

By our Conferrence wth these Messengers we Cannot Say that the Six Nations will Enter into those measures we have Proposed for Redemption of their Captives, but in Case they Should and the Sachims Come down for that Purpose, we Shall Still be unable to make it good, unless your Excy will Please to Consider of a Method for defraying the Expence of Such a long Voyage And hope your Excy will Favour us wth an answer in this affair that we may be Prepared for the Indians who we know not how Soon may Come down — having no more to add — We are &c

Present —
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Abr. Cuyler
Harman Wendell
Nicholas Bleecker
Jer. Van Rensselaer
Hendrick V. Rensselaer
Evert Wendell —

At a meeting of the Commissioners for Ind: affairs in Albany the 11th May 1730

Appeared at this board three Oneyde Sachims named Onnitsondie, Otwich watheere and Onovakin=tie jagee, who came down agreeable to the request of their board on their Treaty of the 15th Ult.o with the Tuskarora and other Indian Messengers — to whom we Expounded the Govern.r of Virginia's Letter and Layed before the Said Messengers such a Method as we thought would Prove Effectuall for the redemption of their Captives — and now this board having repeated the aforesaid Treaty (Verbatim) to these three Oneyde Sachims — they make Reply in the words Following viz.

Brother Corlaer

With great Concern we communicated unto you the great Loss of our Warriers at Virginia We thought that our Brethren here would have been good Mediators between us and those Indians, to reconcile that affair by redeming our brethren who are Captives, while we fear that this affair will

Otherwise

Otherwise Break a great misunderstanding, inasmuch that we are a Nation who are not as yet Subdued or brought under — For if our request be not answerd — we Shall raise what force we are able — and all our Allies who Live to the Southward of our Castles to Joyn wth us to revenge this bate action

Brethren

You Proposed to us that one of Each of our Nations and Two brethren from hence Should go to Virginia to Contrive a method to redeem our Prisoners — We in the name of the Six Nations Reject that proposall & Offer while it has not been the practice, to meet any where to Treat about Publick Affairs or any matter of Moment at any place but at the City of Albany; which has been always the Seat of Treaty — and the Governour of Virginia has in his last Treaty wth us promised to meet us here when any Affair of Moment Should be Transacted — Wherefore we Desire him to send our Prisoners hither wth Messengers; Should he now So Soon have forgotten his last promise and Treaty — while he reminded us of Some Mischief Some of our People had done in his Governm.t Some years ago — Wherefore we desire that this our proposal may be Forthwith Forwarded to the Governour of Virginia that it may not be Delayed; for as much that we have kept all our Warriers at home, who waite the result of a Favourable Issue without Loss of Time, who Otherwise will go out in a body to Take revenge On those Indians who Detain their Prisoners — Wherefore We Lay down a belt of Wampum wth we desire may be Sent to the Gov.r of Virginia, to Send Messengers hither with our Prisoners — But if he cant Procure them, We begg Said belt may be Sent back to us — and we Desire further by a String of Wampum that in Case the Said Governour cant redeem our Prisoners from the Indians So as to send them hither, We begg him to send us their Names in Writeing that we may Know who is yet alive — and then the Indians who Detain them may Expect the Issue from the Six Nations and their Allies.

Brethren

We Shall Desist saying more on this head. Our Governour is master of us all to whom this must be Sent. and if he doth not approve of what we have Said, We desire him to make his Objections.

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The Answer of the Comm.rs to the Three Oneyde Sachims

Brethren

By your Speech you Reject our proposall to Redeem your People who are Prisoners among the Indians at South Carolina, which you by mistake Take for Virginia

We Shall forthwith acquaint our Governour w.th what you have Said, and at the Same time desire him to Forward your Request to the Governour of Virginia, with your belt and Strings of Wampum. We are very well assured that he has already done, & will Continue to do all the good Offices in his Power for the redemption of your people, or any other Affair wherein he can Serve you - and we know that he has a great Esteem for the Six Nations as long as they behave themselves Peaceable towards his Majesties Subjects

We are amazd that you Seem to Impute a neglect in us to Write Concerning the redemption of your Prisoners unto Our Govern.r and the Govern.r of Virginia, whom we are fully Convinced have done all in their Power to Serve you, and that after all our Endeavours to obtain a Redemption of your Captives, it has had no Success as you desire and Expect, you Seem to Lay the blame on us, of which Our Governour the Governour of Virginia and we are clear

And we are Certain that your People are not detaind by Indians who are under the Government of Virginia, but by those who Live in South Carolina

Present

Philip Livingston
Evert Wendell
Harm.s Wendell
Stephanus Groesbeck
Hend.k Van Renselaer
Dirck Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse

At a meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian affairs in Albany the 13.th May 1730

Upon Information of Jeremiah Van Renselaer Jun.r Son of Coll.l Hendrick Van Renselaer That three of the river Indians had Disturbed the said Hendrick Van Renselaer in the Peaceable Possession that he ought to have in a Tract of Land lying near Claverack, and had Committed Severall Irregularities in driveing the said Renselaers Cattle off his Land and threatning him and his Son in a Very Insulting manner

Wherefore this board haveing Sent for the Sachims of the said river Indians and acquainted them of the Facts charged ag.t the afores.d three Indians and desired them to Send for those three Indians, that they might appear with the Sachims before this board, to Shew what Reasons they had for behaveing themselves in ~~the aforesaid~~ such an

Irregular

Irregular manner, whereupon the Sachims Sent for those three Indians, and this day the following Sachims Appeard Viz.t Ampamet, Vanenpachee, Nahacanet, Waukan=aghtanck, Mogh & Moghkeet, Cagh Wapeck, Papoendeet, Tuiwenionwand brought one of them who Says that the other Two are gone a hunting, and upon Examining this Indian what the reasons were that ~~Caused~~ moved them to behave in Such an Insult=ing manner, he acknowledges the Fact but Says he was ~~Incited~~ ~~moved~~ thereto by Instigation of an ~~old~~ Indian Squaw, who Told him that it was his Land, and do promise together with the Sachims, that they Shall never attempt to molest or Trouble the said Hendrick Van Renselaer for the Future in the Possession and Peaceable Enjoyment of his Said Land and that they will forbid the other Indians who are now at home that they Shall Likewise Desist to Trouble or Molest the Said Hendrick Van Renselaer or his Tenants in the afores.d Lands

Albany the 19.th May 1730

May It please Your Excy

Since our Last of the 10.th ult.o three Oneyde Sachims are Come hither as we did Expect; who have spoke to us in the manner Your Excy has in the Inclosed Minutes, and by which Treaty, Your Excy may Observe, that it's mistaicall to Form a Judgement what the Effect of these Savages Tempers may be in the End; - In our answer to these Sachims, we have Assured them (as we have reason to believe) That the Governour of Virgin=ia has not in the Least been Faulty in this Affair, but However We are much afraid, it's all to no Purpose, In as much That Reasoning w.th Such brutish dispositions has Seldom or never the Intended Effect - We Send your Excy the belt and String of Wampum, which Your Excy will be Pleased to Transmitt to the Governour of Virginia, agreeable to their desire, as to their other Requests from Governour Gooch we Entirely Leave that to Your Excy's Prudent Management - We Take Leave to acquain Your Excy That Mr. Harmanus Wendell having made Compl.t to this Board, that Severall Indians at the Small carrying Place, have robbed, his Battoes Laden w.th provisions for the use of the Garrison at Oswego, and Taken Porke, Rum and

other

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Other things from his People, and Likewise threatned them in such a Dangerous manner, that they decline to go again in the Service of Said Wendell, whereupon we have Examined Some Persons, who are Lately Come from thence, and do confirm the Truth of Mr. Wendells Complaint — Therefore in behalfe of Said Mr. Wendell, and for the better Care of haveing the Garrison duly Furnished w.th provisions — We Shall Send Low. Claesen to the aforesaid Indians, in order that he Enquire into the Circumstances of this Affair, and hope your Ecy. will approve of our Sodoing — who are — with due respect — &c

P.S. Your Ecy. will Pleave to Note to the Govern.r of Virginia That upon Nonperformance of the request of the Oneyde Indians, that hee Pleave to return their belt and String of Wampum, because It's a Custom they have among them to Expect their Tokens again, In Case they don't Obtain their request —

Present —
Stephanus Groesbeck
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Harmanus Wendell
Meyer Gerritse
Evert Wendell
Dirck Ten Broeck

At a meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian Affairs in Albany the 23 May 1730

This Board haveing maturely Considered the Circumstances of Mr. Harmanus Wendells Complaint Against the Irregular behaviour of Some Indians at the Small Carrying place, and Weighing the Consequences that may dayly Ensue to the Prejudice of the Said Wendell, and other his Majties Subjects, and the Prevention of haveing his Majties Garrison Furnished w.th provisions, in the manner it Ought to be —

Therefore It is ~~the generall~~ Concluded ~~of this board~~ To Send Lowrence Claeven the Interpreter to the Said Indians to Treat w.th them on this head — and do give him the Following Instructions for that Ende

Instructions for Lawrence Claeven

That Wherras there has been Complaint made to this Board by Mr. Harmanus Wendell and Others that Severall Indians at the Small Carrying place, at the falls near Oswego — have committed Severall Fellonious Actions, against S.d Wendell in Robbing and Stealeing Rum, Pork and other Provisions from Said Wendells Battoes which were on their Voyage for furnishing his Majesties Garrison at Oswego. which Complaint haveing been ~~attested~~ Confirmed by Some Witnesses who were Examined at this board on the aforesaid head — Therefore You are to go up to Onondago w.th all Convenient Speed, and Enquire from the Indians there, into the Truth of this Affair, and Know their reasons (if any they can give) for behaveing themselves in So unreasonable a manner Against the Publick Wellfare of his Majesty's Subjects — Quartered at Oswego, who undoubtedly must Perish in Case they Should be guilty of Stealeing the Soldiers Provisions, which Scandalous Complaint we hope may Prove groundless for the Future — And You must acquaint the Said Indians That We in the name of our his Ecy Governour (whom we have advised with this Affair) do heartily recommend to them to behave themselves in Such a Peaceable and amicable manner to our brethren the Christians as may at all Times Ingratiate them into the Favours of their King and Father, and all his Loveing Subjects — You must Likewise request do of our brethren at Onondago — That they will recommend it to the Severall Indians that Pass to and from Oswego, and who are not Masters of Retaining themselves in Such a Sober manner as they ought to do, that they will not Tarry there, but return as Soon as their Market is over, which we hope may Prove a Means to Prevent any Misunderstanding for the Future —

For Lowrence
2 Str.s blankets
2 gall. Rum
2 ℔ bread
1 Side bacon
1 doz. Knives
12 ℔ Tobacco

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Present
Ph: Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Jer. Van Rensselaer
Evert Wendell
Philip Schuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Beyer Gerritse
Dirck Ten Broeck

At a meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian affairs in Albany the 3.d June 1730

Capt. Peter Koeman haveing made Complaint at this board that the river Indians Inhabiting on Muffmans Island who keep horses on S.d Island without makeing any Fence or Inclosures to keep y.e in, from doing damage to the Neighbourhood but let them run at Large, so that without any Difficulty they Swim thro.g the river on said Koeman's Land & there Destroy the growth thereof whereby he receives a Considerable damage - And therefore Applies himselfe to this board to have the Afores.d Incroachm.ts & Trespasses redressd for the future in the best Manner that may Seem agreeable to this board, in order to Prevent any misunderstanding that may Likely Insue in this affair without speedily redressed.

The Sachims of the Said river Indians being Sent for Appeard before this board to whom is related the foregoing Complaint who thereupon do acknowledge the Trespass & damage done S.d Koeman by their horses - wherefore It is Told them that if they will keep horses they must for the future keep them within a Sufficient Inclosure to prevent any future damage, that if their horses come on his Land for time to come & Such Care not taken that they do.nt Damage to Said Koeman on his Said Land we have Aswird them that upon the first Complaint of the Like nature we Shall send for their horses & Detain them untill they repair Such damages as may be Committed, and Shall detain Koemans horses in the Like manner in case there be any damage done by them on their Land.

Therefore the Sachims do Promise to perform what is Layed upon them by this board on their parts

Present
Ph: Livingston
M. Schuyler
Evert Wendell
John Cuyler
Jer. V. Renselaer
Ph: Schuyler
Peter V. Brugh
Dirck Ten Broeck
Beyer Gerritse
S. Groesbeck
Robert Banker

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian affairs in Albany the 13.th June 1730

That Notwithstanding a Firm promise & Treaty the Indians Entered into before this board on the 13.th May Last That they nor none of them Should Molest or Trouble Coll.o Hendrick van Renselaer in the Peaceable Possion & Enjoyment of a Tract of land called Squampames at Claverack Yet the said Coll.o Van Renselaer has made a Second Complaint that Some of the Said river Indians have Since Entered by Force & arms on said Land & beat his horses to the ground & drove them and his People from the Land, whereupon this board have sent for Some of the Sachims who do appear to whom has been repeated the Contents of this affair, & have desired that they Shall as Soon as Possible send for those three Indians whom they blame for this Irregular action so that they may be before this board to give Satisfaction for the same which if they neglect to do must give us room to believe that they are guilty of the Misdemeanors Charg.d ag.st them and that if they dont bring them According to order that this board Shall cause them to be brought by our Sheriff; and that if he cant Take them that we have Assured them that they may Expect the Issue that will follow by Coll.o Renselaer & his Tenants if they attempt the Same again who will certainly do themselves Justice & therefore they must blame themselves for the Consequence that probably may Insue on this affair.

Whereupon the Sachims have promised to bring the three Indians before this board as Soon as possible in order to render Satisfaction to the Complainants in this affair

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Present
Joh.s Cuyler
Ab. Cuyler
St. Groesbeck
Nicholas Bleeker
Evert Wendell
John Schuyler

At a meeting of the Comm.ns of Indian Affairs in Albany the 17.th June 1730

Lourence Claesen being returnd from Onondago Pursuant to his Instructions of 23.d Ultimo - Dos acquaint this board that he has Treated w.th the Sachims there agreable to his Instructions to know their reasons for Abusing and Robbing the Batoes Laden w.th provisions for the use of his majesties Garrison at Oswego - which said sachims by a token of Seven hands of Wampum do Assure us that notwithstanding they cant Say but there has been some miss behaviour in some of their brethren - yet they do earnestly request that we may Excuse this fault in as much that nothing of the Like nature Shall Cause any missunderstanding for the future beteen them & us in regard that they will Take Care to keep their People in a Discipline for Time to Come

Albany the 18.th June 1730

May It pleave your Excellency

The Inclosed from Oswego of 9.th Instant brings the malencholly news of Death of Jacob Brower one of our Traders, who going there has been barbarously Murdered at the Falls by an Indian of Onondago Named Kindiacho, w.ch Inhuman action affords us so much Concern that we are much at a Stand how to act in the Affair. However we are of Opinion that the Indians will Come down of their own accord to apply themselves to us on this Malencholly head, which We Should much rather have than that we Should be Obliged to Send for them It is a main Article in the Covenant Constantly renewed by the Six Nations with the Governors of this Colony that whenesoever they Should commit any Mischief that then they were bound to come here to make Satisfaction for Such breaches as they had made in their Covenant

We are at a Loss how to act for the better in this Critical Affair unless we are assisted by Instructions from your Excellency, and that as Soon as it Shall Pleave your Excellency to Favour us therewith - We Enclose the Minutes of our Proceedings Since our Last of 19.th Ult.o for Your Ecy's Perusall - and are with great Esteem and Respect

Present
Ph. Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Ab. Cuyler
Evert Bleecker
Harmanus Wendell
Reyer Gerritse
Johannes Lansingh
Nicholaas Bleecker
Barent Saunders
Dirck Ten Broeck

Att a Meeting of the Comm.ns for Indian Affairs in Albany the 24.th June 1730.

That Mankan one of the sachims of the river Indians Indians being Sent Last year from this board to a farr Nations of Indians called the Yonondages to Treat w.th them according to Instructions from us the said Mankan being returnd Comes by a Token of a Few Skins and a bell of wampum from the afores.d Nation to acquaint us that the said Nation do request to renew their Covenant with us & make it firm & good as heretofore that the path between them and us is open and Clear therefore they are willing and ready to continue the same good understanding that hither to has been betw.n them and us

But he relates that there is a generall complaint among the far Indians that when any of them are Inclind to come & Trade w.th their brethren the Christians at Oswego they are disincouraged by bad Treatment that Severall of them have mett with ~~bad Treatment that severall of them have mett with~~ & which this Mes.r himselfe was an eye witness to wit that there Sie People in the Lake who make it there business to attack the Indians Passing that way & by Force take away their bever & oth. goods & Imbezle them so that they gett no farther Acc.t of them and therefore the farr Indians in Generall will decline Comeing there to Trade for the future unless there be a Stop Put to this unreasonable usage - They Likewise desire to Smoake w.th this board

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Board out of a Pipe sent from the S.d Nations to Smoake in Friendship w.th us & to Continue a Lasting Peace & good understanding between us & do thereby Signifie if they desire their young People who Travall to & fro to trade w.th the Christians may be better treated then Formerly

N.B Sold at Publick Ven Due the above Skins viz.t

14 & D.o deer Skins	a 2/10		L1.19.8
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			L2.18.11

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian Affairs in Albany the 4.th July 1730

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Evert Bancker
Rutger Bleecker
Johannes Schuyler
Hendrick V. Rensselaer
Stephanus Groesbeck
Jer Van Rensselaer
Johannes Cuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Cuyler Gerritse
Barent Vanderw
Evert Wendell
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck

Some of the Sachims of the Onondagoes and Mohawks Indians being come hither to Condole the Death of Jacob Brower who was unhappily Murdered by Kindiacho an Indian of Onondago; Do Offer themselves in the folld Submissive manner to this board, in order to Repair the Loss of their brother deceaved in the best manner that they are able

Brethren We are Come hither to make Attonement for the unhappy Loss of our brother Jacob Brower, in as ample a Manner as we are able and Desire your favourable Audience to what we have to Say Our Forefathers have Constantly kept a good Understanding w.th their brethren the Christians but there has & Does happen Casualties that Occasion a Misunderstanding between us which affords us no Small Concern

Brethren As we have Told you our Errand is to Salve this Malencholly action, and to Treat of this matter from a Long Standing, It's True there was a Murder Committed

Committed at Claverack by Two Onondago Indians, and one of the aggressors was hangd but the Other made his Escape which we Take to be Satisfaction for that Murder

Brethren We Continue to Sum up the misunderstandings that has happend between us, There was a Murder Committed here in Albany by one of your Christians upon a Mohawks Indian, who was Delivered up to our Mercy, and We were Informd that he was Condemnd to die for that Fact Thereupon we Forgave the Murderer, for that we thought if one Should Suffer for the Other, it might make a breach in our Covenant — We must Further remind you that one of your Christians Committed a Murder in the Sinnekes Country on one of the Chiefest Sachims of that Nation, upon which our Principall Fighting young men, would have Taken Revenge for that blood, but our Sachims having better Consulted together on that head, and withheld them from that attempt, they in a body of the Five Nations Tendered the Murderer up to our brethren in Albany to the Superior Powers that they might Do with him as they thought Proper, by whom he was Tryed and Condemnd to die, and then Delivered to us again — Then we Considering farther That if we Took Life for Life, it would make us appear like men out of our Naturall reason, and more Like drunken men, and Occasion a breach in our Covenant, the Issue of which might Prove a War between us, So we Surrendered the Criminall wholely up to the Christians who Pardond him

We Shall Continue to remind you that one of our brethren an Onondago Indian was rode over, by your People upon the high way between Albany and Schenectady, of which he died but there was no Notice Taken of it — We have now done to Sum up the many murders and unhappy Accidents that have happend between you and us, but Still we must remind you of the many Murders that have happend among our Selves, which have Chiefly been Occasiond by the Strong Liquor you Send to Sell us, and Since the Trading house has been Erected at Oswego, we Cant Repeat you the Innumerable Indians that have Murdered

Each

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Each other as well the farr Nations as our own that come to Trade there, Insomuch that you may find graves upon graves along the Lake; all wch Misfortunes are Occasiond by Selling Rum to our brethren; but Still we have reconcated those murders Without in the Least Looking for revenge or devouring blood for blood

Brethren We have numberd up the Severall Transgressions between us, now We Treat upon the antient Covenant between you and us, how firm it from Time to time has been Preserved and confirmd as well by us as you, nay there has not been as much as the Least Flaw or mark made therein on Either Side — We would have you to understand us by the words Flaw or Mark, We mean that there has been no Inlet for the Least Quarrel or War between us Occasion'd thereby, and Notwithstanding that Nations do Sometimes Wage Warr wth Each other; Yet they do oftimes Come to an Amicable understanding Again

Brethren Upon the first Settlement of this Countrey, our Forefathers Entered into their first alliance wth the Christians to Trade Soon after wch there arrived a Ship which our Forefathers together Layed fast at Anchor in this Harbour, and after they came to a better understanding they Entered into Covenant together that they Should be one head, one heart, one blood and one body, and whilst we are so one head & one body, there is an Ax Sticks out of all our heads upon wch we Lay down this belt of Wampum to Pull out that Ax

Brethren To our great Concern it has happend that of Late, one of our brethren has Murdered one of your People And thereupon we and the Mohawks Indians do Joyntly give another belt of Wampum as a Token of our great Concern, And to Interr the Corpse of our friend & brother Deceasd, according to a Maxim usuall among us

Brethren We Intreat you that your Governour and Legislators may make Such wholesome Laws as May

May oblidge the Subjects to behave themselves in a Circumspect and orderly manner, and not to carry themselves as Drunkards or Madmen, and Likewise that those Invested with Such Legislative Power, may Exercise their Authority accordingly, That it may Tend to Peace and Tranquility among us

Brethren We speak as well to you in authority as the Subjects under you we know that you are all aggrebated for the Late Loss of our brother, and for as much That we know there Lies a Grudge agt us on this Occasion Therefore we Lay down another belt of Wampum, to Wash off (wch Living Water) any Malice or Spleen that may Lie at your hearts in this Malencholly Affair

Brethren Just now we were under a Cloud And Sat as under darkness, and now we Desire that we may Shine forth in Light again, as clear as the Sun Shines without your harbouring any Malice at your hearts and Live together in an amicable Temper

Brethren When you first came here and anchord the first Ship here, we Took Each other as broth: and Soon after we made a Covenant wth you (That is to Say) a Strong Silver chain wch was Inviolable, and wch Linkd us hand in hand in brothership and Friendship, wch chain we now wth the Mohawks Nation Joyntly renew & Strengthen its was Likewise Assured us that in Case there Should any Flaw or breach Come in that chain, wch was then above ground that then there was another underground wch could not be Damaged by rust or any other Penetrating matter

we a belt

Brethren Our desire is that you will use your utmost Endeavours to Preserve the peace, and Let us not behave our Selves as Drunkards and Madmen to the Scandall of our Selves, and the great Satisfaction of our Neighbouring Enemies (Especially the French of

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of Canada) who rejoyce themselves in Such our weak behaviour It has been from Time to Time recommended to us to draw the farr Indians to Trade hither, wch. we have done and that would be a means that goods Should be cheaper, wherefore we desire that goods may continue cheap, for the Trade is a main article in the Covenant Chain

Brethren We have acquainted the Six Nations of our Journey hither but have not Invited them to accompany us but in our Passage the Mohawks offering their assistance we accepted thereof, and our comeing to meet you here is Entirely to condole the Loss of our brother deceased as farr as we are able, but we Shall in a body of the Principall Sachims of the Six Nations come and make a further attonement for this Loss and wth. a generall Voice condole our Friend

Present as in the foregoing Proposition

The answer of the Commrs. for Indian affairs to the Onondago and Mohawks Sachims who came to condole the death of Jacob Brower deceased

Brethren We have attentively heard what you had to Say relateing the murder committed on the body of Jacob Brower by your brother Kindiacko; and Marking your Severall Propositions on that head, we Shall now answer you in Such a manner as is Consistant wth. so barbarous an action

Brethren We observe you hint and remind us of Severall Murders committed on our Sides as well as yours wch. we note Exactly, Viz.t in the first place of one at Claverack where were killd Two men Two women and Two Children by the Onondago Indians for wch. there was one hangd, which we must Tell you was a most Inhuman action done without the Least Provocation

We acknowledge there was a Mohawks Indian named David killd here by a Soldier, and we Likewise confess that there was a chief Sachim of the Sinnekes killed in that Country by one Dirck Brad both wch. unhappy accidents were Shell are of much concern to us, and the aggressors by the Laws of God & Man Deserved death but upon the Sollicitation of our brethren the Five Nations they were acquitted and banish'd

We remark that you acquaint us of an Onondago Indian being rode to death by a Wagoner but to answer that we must Tell you, that we had Strictly Examind into that affair and found that he was accessory himself thereto, it being upon the Kings high road, where all People are to Stand clear, and therefore we Deem that no more than an accident Such a one as happend to a Daughter of Coll.o Schuyler in this City, who accidentally was rode to Death by a Slay, and which by no Laws of God or man can be accounted murder Therefore we have never made any Mention to our brethren the Six Nations of that accident happening the Onondago Indian

Brethren We come now to remind you of many unhappy Murders, wch. you have Omitted to take notice of in your Proposition, and for as much that you have hinted us of Some, we think we cannot Omitt Signifying them relateing on our Side to you Viz.t a young girl daughter of a Gentleman in this Town, who was Murderd over against the Flatts where Coll.o Philip Schuyler now Lives

Brethren You have Likewise omitted another murder committed by Some of your five Nations, on one of His Majties Inhabitants named Joseph Sapee at Skohere, who was there barbarously Murderd, and another Dangerously wounded at the same Time, but we are Informd that the Oneyder acted rightly in Executing the Murderers

Brethren We can't forbear to acquaint you that there is also a Squaw of the Schaakhooks Indians a Sachims Wife

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Wife murdered without any reason by an Onondago Indian as Likewise a Mohawk called Kanayhguirachi, So that in gen.l to Our Sorrow We find that the Onondago Indians are most guilty of murder of any of the other five Nations, but we Expect that the Sachims will recommend the Onondago Indians are most guilty of Murder of any of the other Five Nations but we Expect that the Sachims will recommend the Onondago Indians to behave themselves better for the Future

Brethren You have Informd us That there have been severall murders Committed among your Selves and the farr Nations as you Say Occasiond by the Rum — Rum is a Comodity that has been Time out of mind made use of between your People and ours, but we acknowledge that Sometimes you have requested that it Should not be Sold you, and at Other Times again that it Should be Sold you and when it was So Prohibited you went to New York and Other Places for it, but however we must Tell you that among the Christians, if one Kills another in his drink he must by the Law Suffer for Such a Fact So that the fault Cannot Lie in the Rum

Brethren — You request that for the future we may walk together in Light w.ch we are very Devirous should be So; and Shall not be wanting on our Side, but Brethren we Cannot Omitt Telling you what a generall Complaint there is from our Traders at Oswego of the ill usage they receive there from your Onondago Indians who plunder our People daily of their goods and Rum; for which reason we Vent Lowrence Slave to Treat w.th your Nation on that head who brought us a very agreeable report from you, and before he returnd we heard the Surprizeing news of the Inhuman Murder of our Dear brother Jacob Brower, and it afforded us the more Surprize that it was committed without any Provocation, and in Cold blood

And after the Said Murderer had killed Jacob Brower then he Endeavourd to murder John Roseboom Jun.r by Takeing Two guns, one after the other to Shoot the S.d Roseboom w.ch he in his own Defence wrested out of the Indians hands and threw them in the river by which he preserved his own Life, and after all this he Took up a Stone and Told Roseboom you must Dee Die, all w.ch was done in Presence of three Onondago Indians, who moved not in the Least to prevent this barbarous Murderer in his bloody Designs, whereupon Roseboom was obligd to make the best of his way w.th the Corpse of Brower in the Canoe and repair to Oswego

Brethren — You have desired us to regulate our People in their behaviour and required that our Legislative Powers might make Laws for that End as a Means to Preserve the Peace and Quietness of the Country which we have hitherto Done, and Shall Continue to do for the good of the Publick and Peace and Tranquility of the People, and we Earnestly recommend the Same may be done by you and your People

Brethren — You have renewd your Covent and we Do the Same on our Side, w.ch we Shall preserve Inviolable, and while you have acquainted us that you had Informd the Six Nations of your Comeing hither on this Malencholly Errand, and further that you Design w.th the Sachims of the Six Nations to Come to make another Condolation on this head, which we receive very Agreeable Therefore we Shall Lay this whole affair before his Excellency our Governour, when he Comes here to Treat w.th you — Whereupon we give a belt of Wampum

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Albany the 7th July 1730

May it Please Your Excellency

Since our Last of the 18th ult° Some Sachims of Onondago assisted by some Mohawks came Down according to our Expectation with whom we Treated on the Tragicall affair of the murder of Jacob Brower in as Cautious a manner as we thought was consistant with preserving a good understanding between such Savages on so Bloody an action, Especially when we were not assisted by Instructions from your Excy. on this head, for which we have Since our Last waited daily Expectant - We can offer no more on this head but refer your Excy. to the Enclosed Minutes for a Fuller View in this malencholly affair — The Sinnekes having usually been gratified in having a Smith and Armourer Sent up to work for them and Robert Lansingh with Claes Van Petten Junr. having Voluntarly offerd their Service for this year, Therefore we have Consented that they Proceed in that Service and thought it our Duty to acquaint your Excy. thereof Whoremain — &c

Albany the 24th July 1730

May it Please Your Excellency

We Take leave to Inform Your Excy. that last year Coll° Renselaer recoverd (by due course of Law) in the Supream Court, a Certain Tract of Land called Squampamet near Claverack in this County from one Gysbert Scherpe, and was in Pursuance thereof Put into Legall Possession, yet notwithstanding that Judgement Scherpe has built a house without the Fence on Said Land —

That Some of the river Indians do Molest Said Renselaer in Possession of his Said Land after

Severall

375 Severall Promises to the Contrary as your Excy. may observe by our Minutes Transmitted to you, and particularly the Sachims have Since made a Solemn promise that Said Renselaer and his Tenants Should reap his Corn and other Crop on his Said Lands undisturbed, and as to their Claim to Said Lands they would be Satisfied and abide by the Determination of your Excy. at your Comeing here whether the Said Land was bought and Paid by Said Renselaer or his ancestors — That now the S^d Indians in breach and Violation of all their promises have Employed four of their People to reap S^d Renselaers Corn which they have done & Shell Proceed after a Fourth promise that he Should Lodge his Crop in his barn — We therefore Entreat your Excy. to Consider of this unreasonable usage; and hope your Excy. will be pleasd to relieve Coll° Renselaer therein as Shall Seem most agreable to your Excy. Who are &c

Albany the 20th August 1730

May It Please Your Excellency

We are honoured with your Excellency's Favours of the 4th Inst. whereby Perceive you have been Pleas'd to Lay before His Majesties Councill, our Minutes Relateing the Murder Committed on Jacob Brower, by Kindiacho an Onondago Indian, and observe Your Excys Displeasure on the answer of the Sachims on that Subject; We assure Your Excellency that in their delivering their Said Answer, it was by no means acceptable.

We were at a Loss how to act in Such a critical an affair without Your Excellencys Previous directions, Knowing that we had to do with a Subtile barbarous People, who at the best Find out Veils to Cover their black and Villanous actions, and we were Sensible that our Demanding the Murderer would have proved Ineffectuall - It will Certainly have more weight and

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Impression on them if done by Your Ex.y in person at your Meeting the Six Nations here, w.th we hoped would have been this Season, but Since Your Ex.cy. has been Prevented by other Publick Affairs, We hope we may have the honour to See Your Ex.y here the Ensuing Spring, to Treat w.th them — And in regard that the Indians did Expect Your Ex.y meeting them here this Fall, and are uneasy about it. Therefore we can think of no better method to Settle their minds and keep them Easy, than that Your Ex.y be pleased to Direct that Lawrence Claese be Sent as Soon as May be to acquaint them that Your Ex.y will certainly meet them Early in the Spring — having no more to Communicate we remain w.th great Esteem and respect &c.

Present —
Ph. Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Evert Bancker
Evert Wendell
Stephanus Groesbeck
Joh.s Cuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Harmanus Wendell
Nicholas Bleecker
Philip Schuyler
Johannes Lansingh
Reyer Gerritse
Barent Sanders
Hend.k V. Rensselaer
Sch.k V. Rensselaer

At a meeting of the Comm.rs for Ind.n affairs in albany the 25.th Aug.t 1730

It is fully Concluded and ordered by this Board, That as the Sinneke Indians have heretofore usually been gratified in having a Smith and armourer and the Sold.rs persons having by themselves & others x offerd their Services to go to the Sinnekes Country gratis to Work for them — Order'd Therefore that Claes Ven Petten Jun.r Elias Dorl, abraham Wendell, abraham Schuyler, Cornelius Ten Broeck, Gerardus Bancker, Evert Harmanus Wendell, Sybrant Van Schaick, and Hendrick Myndertse Roseboom Do — Proceed on their Voyage for that Service for which they are to have Instructions accordingly

Present
Evert Bancker
S. Groesbeck
Joh.s Cuyler
ab. Cuyler
Evert Wendell
Nicholas Bleecker
Harmanus Wendell
Dirck Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
Johannes Lansingh
Barent Sanders

At a meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian affairs at albany the 22.d Aug.t 1730

Whereas Claes Van Petten Jun.r and Elias Dorl, Smiths appointed by our order of the 20.th Instant (and Robert Lansingh by our Letter to his Ex.y of the 7.th July Last) to join company w.th others in said order named to work this Ensuing winter for the Sinneke Indians, have Declined going upon that Service — Therefore Barnardus Hartsen having offerd himself to go as Smith & Armourer for the Said Sinneke Indians, to be accompanied by Joh.s Van Veghten Jun.r Johannes Hendrickse Ten Eyck and William Fisher, together w.th all the persons named in our aforesaid order of 20.th Instant Except the said Claes Van Petten Jun.r, Elias Dorl and Robert Lansingh

It is therefore agreed w.th the Said Barnardus Hartsen That he Shall go as Smith and Armourer for the Said Indians this winter, for w.ch Service this Board have agreed to give the Said Barnardus Hartsen a proper Certificate at his return from Said Service to be paid the Sum of £15:-:- by the Government for w.ch purpose they Shall have Instructions agreeable to this Resolution

Instructions for abraham Wendell, Barnardus Hartsen, abraham Schuyler, Cornelius Ten Broeck, Gerardus Bancker, Evert Harmanuse Wendell, Sybrant V. Schaick Hendrick Myndertse Roseboom, Johannes Van Veghten Jun.r Johannes H. Ten Eyck And William Fisher

Whereas The Sinneke Indians are usually gratified to have a Smith and Armourer Sent up to work for them every winter and We Considering, That it

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It's Consistant w.th the Interest of this Government to humour that Nation in the aforesaid Small request, and as ye have Voluntarily Offerd your Service (Except the Smith who goes for £15:-- upon Credit of the Province) and Looking upon you the Persons abovementioned to be fitt and Qualified to act in this Service

Therefore We do order and Direct That you go in Company and that Abraham Wendell Act as Interpreter in this Service, Barnardus Harlven as Smith and Armourer and the other Persons abovenamed to act in Conjunction w.th the Said Abraham Wendell and Barnardus Harlven according to the best of their Ability for the good of the Publick, and generally that you Act and proceed in such Unanimity and Friendship, as Shall Tend to the Interest of this Government, and to the Content and Satisfaction of the Indians — Wherefore upon your arrivall at the Sinneker Castle Called Canoodago, You and Each of you are in the name of His Ex.y John Montgomerie Esq.r our Governour to Demand from the Said Sinneke Sachims, or Such person or Persons as you Shall find there resideing, all the Smiths Utencills and Tools together w.th the Shop, from Such Person or Persons who Shall or may have Such Utencills and Tools belonging to the publick in his or their Custody Possession, or power, and all Persons Concerned are hereby Strictly Charged and Commanded to Deliver the aforesaid Utencills Tools and Shop and Every part thereof unto you, as he or they Shall answer the Contrary at their Peril, and as Soon as you Shall have the Said Tools, Utencills & Shop in your Custody & Care, You the abovenamed Persons or the Major Part of you Are to Act according to the best of your knowledg=e for the good of the publick & the satisfaction of the s.d Sinneke Indians, and you and Each of you are to remain & abide in the aforesd Service untill the End of this next Ensuing winter, and from time to Time to remitt unto us an account of what Shall or may happen dureing your Residence there GIVEN under our Hands in Albany this 24.th of August 1730

Att a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs of the city of Albany this 24.th Day of Sep.t 1730

Present
Abraham Cuyler
Reyer Gerritse
Evert Banker
Johannis Lansingh
Stephanus Groesbeck
Rutger Bleecker
Nicholaes Bleecker
Dirck Fr. Broeck
Johannis Schuyler
Evert Wendell

This day came before this board three Sachims of the maquas Indians called Taraghiores Totquaries and Onoghquaghhoghqua and Spoake in the behalf of the two Castells of Maquas Indians viz.t

Brethren

Some time past this Sumer we were resolved to go to New York in order to Speak to his Excellency but when we came here in Albany this board informed us that the Governor was not att Newyork and thereupon we returned back again — and Deferd our message till his Excellency Should come up to albany but now finding that his Excellency doth not come up this Summer we resolved to deliver our Message to this board with desire That you'l Communicate our proposition to his Excellency

Brethren

as we live under a Strong cove=nant Chain being one heart one body & one head we must acquaint you that the most part of our Lands on the maquas river is sold to the Christians & our hearts grieves us when we Consider what small parcell of Lands is remaining to us and finding by the Interement of Christians that our young men give ear to Dispose yett more of that Small remainder and Then we will be utterly Distroyd & Scattered among the french & other and by means thereof the Covenant Chain will be

broken

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Broken, we therefore humbly Intreat his Excellency and this board that for the future all Christians may be strictly forbid to intice any of our Indians to purchase any of our Lands & that his Excellency will be pleased to prevent all manner of persons to purchase any more of our lands that remains yet unsold —

In order that we & our Children & postainaly May live there quiet and peaceable as brethren as we have done hitherto & keep the Covenant chain firm whereupon they lay down five beaver Skins

Albany the 21th Septemb. 1730

May it please your Ex.cy

This inclosed is a preposition of three maquas Sachims we are humbly of opinion that your Ex.cy approveing of their request will certainly Send for the ~~the good of the~~ publick good & Tranquitty which is the medfull at prsent from

your Ex.cy

most humble & most obedient Servants

Albany y.e 3 October 1730

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Instructions for Lowrence Claese Pursuant to his Ex.cys Letter of the 26th Septemb. 1730

You are hereby Required to go forthwith to Onnondage & to acquaint the Sachims of the six Nations that his Excell.cy was Intended to meet them here this fall but by reason of the Generall assembly's Sitting so late in the year was hindred of his Intent,

You are therefore to acquaint them that his Ex.cy Intends to meet them early Next Summer at albany, & that his Ex.cy will before that time send them timely notice of the day of his meeting them

Evert Banker
Rutger Bleecker
Johannis Cuyler
ab. Cuyler
Nicholaes Bleecker
Peter Gerritse
Dirck Ten Broeck

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Present
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Johannis Cuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Nicholaes Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Evert Wendell

Att a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian affairs the 24th. October 1730.

In pursuance of his Excel.cy directions by a letter dated 6.th instant we acquainted one of the sachims of Kanojohery that he should acquaint the sachims of both Castles at the mohaws Country that we had acquainted his Ex.cy our Governour w.th their request in Respect of not Suffering their lands to be sold to which he answerd that he complyd with there request & that none of their lands shall be sold but that he would further treat w.th them on that head at his meeting them here next Summer.

Present
Joh.s Cuyler
Ab. Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
St. Groesbeck
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Evert Wendell.

Att a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian affairs at Albany the 2.d November 1730.

Lourence Claesen the interpreter being Returnd from Onondage dos inform the Comm.rs that he had been there agreable to his instructions of the 3. October last and had acquainted the Six Nations w.th the Ocasion of his Excellencys not meeting them this year; & at the same time, did tell them that his Excellency did intend to meet them early next Summer to w.ch they replyd that they have hitherto expected his Ex.cys Comeing as usuall or that his Ex.cy would send them notice of his not comeing but forasmuch as he is interrupted by other publick business they are Satisfyed to his Excellencys pleasure.

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Dirck Ten Broeck

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for Indian affairs in Albany the 23.d November 1730.

That in Lowrence Claeses return from Onondago he dos further Inform this board that he mett with an Indian of the six Nations, who told him that one Jean Leure a French Officer and Interpreter was in the Sinnekes Country & had Some French Soldiers with him, which said Jean Leure told the said Sinneke Indians that he having disobligd his Governour was Ducho whipd & banish'd as a Malefactor & sayd that as he had been a prisoner among that Nation & that then his life was in their hands, & as they have Saved his life, he therefore deem'd himself to be a coherent brother to that Nation, and therefore prayd that they might Grant him toleration to build a trading house at a place called Tiderondequatt at the Side of the Kaderachqua lake about Ten Leagues from the Sinnekes country, & is about midle way of wego and Yagero, which place the foreign Indians Especially must & repass to & from Oswego, & frequently the Foreign Indians Stop there ego by land to the Sinnekes to furnish themselves with provisions, & the Sinnekes very often repass that way from their beaver hunting - And that he the said Jean Leure entreating & beggd the Sinnekes that they would grant him liberty to build the aforesaid Trading house at that place, in order that he might gett his livelihood by tradeing there & that he might keep some Soldiers to work for him there whom he promis'd should not molest, or use any hostility to his brethren the Sinnekes - which aforesaid Treaty of Jean Leure is Confirmd by a report we have from one of the Gentlemen of this board that he was informd the same by another Indian of the aforesaid Nations - & we have Received a Letter from Abraham Wendell, Barnardus Hartsen and Company from the Sinnekes Country dated the 12.th October last, whereby we are advis'd the Nation of Indians Called the Foxes had sent Two red Stone Axes to the warring young men of the Sinnekes, who gave them to the Sachims, & they gave them to the Governour of Canada because he was at war with them. Moreover there was no request therein as they Sayd, but we are assured by the aforesaid Letter that those axes.

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Axes were Sent upon Some request – all wch Mons.r Jean Cure Confirm by Telling our Company there, that the Sinnekes Indians had given them two stone axes which the Foxes had Sent to them – requesting that they might live and Settle among them – but Jean Cure said that he had sent them to his Governour, And that he had told the indians that if in Case they should admitt the foxes to Settle among them, that then the french and english together would Come & Cutt off their Castles while they were now United in one body. and further told our people that he designd to stay there this Enseuing winter in the small Castle upon the Subject of the two axes Whereupon it is resolved to write the following Letter to Abra=ham Wendell, Barnardus Hartsen & Company now posted in the Sinnekes Country.

Albany 23.d November 1730.

Gentlemen

We received your Letter of the 12.th October last and we are glad that you are all in good health but we understand there=by that Mons.r Jean Cure has been Tampering with the Sinnekes in a very odd Manner in order to Shelter himselfe among those Indians we likewise perceive by your Letter that the foxes had sent two red Stone axes to the warring young men of the Sinnekes who gave them to the sachims, and they to the Governour of Canada because there was no request thereby as they said but Jean Cure told you that there was a request by the two axes, & that he had sent them to the Governour of Canada. That the Foxes had desird that they might come & Live among them, & that Jean Cure Told them that in case they should admitt the foxes to settle among them, that then the French & English would come & cutt their Castles off, upon Considering of wch your Letter & this affair,

We

We desire that you tell them that we do not think it strang that those indians have been endeavouring to gett liberty to Settle & shelter themselves among the Sinnekes, and we are much more Surprizd that they have not Encouragd those indians to Come to live among them, while they are a wise people, and have taken much pains to go to war to take prisoners to strengthen themselves. & Should they now refuse a whole nation of Indians to Come and live in the Sinnekes country – and we think it very Strange that they have delivered the two red axes to Jean Cure in order to be sent to the Governour of Canada while we expected that they should have sent the same to our Governour in wch you may tell them that they have been much wanting in their duty. you may also tell the Sinnekes that as to what Jean Cure told them that in Case they should come & settle among them the French and English would Come & cutt them off – you must tell the indians as to that, what was the reason that the french did not assist the English when the Anogongaars Indians warrd with them, while the English & french were in Friendship but instead thereof suppli=ed the said indians with powder & lead &c. – against the english – and therefore tell them that we desire that they will by all means invite the nation of the foxes to Come & settle among them it being what Constantly has been recommended to them by all Governours to invite & encourage as many Indians to settle among them as possibly they Could for that is a means to Strengthen them, and tha we wonder since the french have so often Deceived them with false stories that they Cannot apprehend that the meaning of the French is to hinder the said Nation to Come to Settle among them, and by means thereof to keep the five nations low – and we Cannot think that while they are sensible that we always have been one head, one heart and one body that they should suspect that we should joyn with any nation to do them harm for on the Contrary the cove=nant Chain between the six Nations & us is that we shall help each other when theres any necessity for it, & hereupon you must lay down a blanket stroud to renew the Covenant – And since Mr.

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Mr. Jean Leure has told the Indians that he was banishd out of Canada &c. & that he pretended to be a Native of the Sinnekes Country. & thereupon desired Liberty to build a trading house there at a place called Tiederondequatt in order that he may keep some Soldiers there w.th him to work for him. We therefore in his Ex.cy our Governours name desire that you'l heartily request it of the Indians not to grant him any Land or Suffer him to build. for that they cannot be Sensible that a man who has bein banishd out of his Country, Cannot have so much Command as to have Soldiers under him but on the Contrary his design is under pretence of building a trading house, he will encroach so farr on their Land till he builds a fort as the French have done at Kadaraghque & Jagara: where they first build trading houses & then turnd them into Forts by w.ch means they endeavour to keep the six Nations under. We desire that you'l take good notice what Jean Leure do's this winter in the Sinnekes Country and let us hear from Time to Time of his Management there

Albany the 26th November 1730

May it Please your Excellency

By the Enclosed Minutes your Ex.cy will Perceive what Information we lately received from the Sinnekes Countrey, That the French Intended to make a Settlement at Tiederondequat only 50 or 60 Miles from our Garrison at Oswego in the Passage of the Sinnekes from their hunting and of the farr of Indians from their Country to us, w.ch attempt is as we Conceive a Manifest breach of the Treaty of Peace and Commerce between our Crown and that of France. And if we must calmly submitt to this Incroachment to have our Trade cutt off at one blow, we are a ruind People. We are also Informd that the French are to build a Fort at the Crown point. at the South side of Corlaers Lake, but 120 miles from this Place Perhaps on Pretence to Intercept and Prevent the Trade of the Indians hither and to Canada

Which is also against said Treaty, and w.ch is not the only Detrement and Mischief we apprehend from it. but in case of a Rupture between the Two Crowns it will be a very Convenient Rendevoouz and Magazine for their Indians to make easy Assaults on this County and New England; and where they May at their Leizure Convey Provisions &c. over the Lake and Surprize this City. Wherefore we humbly hope and desire that your Ex.cy will be pleasd to represent this affair to the Court of Great Britain, in order that this approaching Evil may be Prevented; for if the French do proceed to make those Settlements our City and County is apparently ruind. We hope that we shall not be Left thus naked and open to the Fury of Malicious Vigilant Enemye. We being Informd that the Govern.r of Canada has Sent Severall French Indians a hunting towards Kadaraghque who used to hunt at the Carrying place on our Frontier and that we Daily hear such precarious accounts of the Continuall Incroachments of the French on our Indian Trade, and Captain Blood having received a Pacquet wrote in french by way of Kaderachque from an Indian w.ch he could not read And he (to our great Surprize) Inclosed the Same in another Cover to Captain Holland for your Ex.cy which at this Juncture of Affairs we Conclude may be of so Pernicious Consequence to this Province, and as Your Ex.cy has been Pleasd to Intrust us w.th the affairs here has moved us (on the Inclosd affidavit of Robert Dunbarr that there was such a Pacquet) to Incroach on your Ex.cys goodness to know the Purport of the said Pacquet directed to Captain Blood w.ch we hope your Ex.cy will be pleasd to Pardon. Who are w.th great Esteem &c

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The affidavit of Robert Dunbarr

Robert Dunbarr of Full age being Sworne on the holy Evangelists of almighty God Declares That about the 18th of this Instant November there came an Onondago Indian from Kaderachque to Oswego who had a Pacquet w.ch he Delivered unto Captain Blood, and Told him it was for the Commanding Officer at Oswego; which this Depon.t Says Captain Blood afterwards told this Depon.t he had opend but could not understand it because it was wrote in french, but this Depon.t Sayth he saw said pacquet open w.th some Ribbons to it: and to the best of this Deponents knowledge Said Pacquet Consisted of about Two or three Sheets of Paper, and that Blood Sayd he would Send it to his Ex.cy our Governour - and further Say'th not

Signd Rob.t Dunbarr

Sworn coram me apud Albany Novemb.r the 26th 1730

Dirck Ten Broeck Just

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Ind.n affairs at Albany February the 8th 173[illegible]

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Ratger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Evert Wendell
Harmanus Wendell
Nicholas Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Dirck Ten Broeck

This Board having received a Letter from his Excellency our Governour of the 25 Ult.o With Some Papers Enclosed from Governour Gooch upon which this Board have agreed to Write the following Letter in Answer to our Governours viz.t

Ditto date

May it please Your Excell.y

Your Ex.cy most acceptable favours of the 25th Ult.o we received w.th Copy of a Letter from the Govern.r of Virginia, and Transcript of the Treaty of W.m Eaton - with

With the Cattabaws, We Shall for the future observe to Send Your Ex.cy no Dutch papers, but we thought it Most proper, to send Your Ex.cy the Originall Letters - however we Shall Take Care to Translate any Papers that May Come to us in Dutch before we Communicate them to Your Excellency - We perceive that your Ex.cy do's not approve that Christians Should drive the French out of the the Sinnekes Country, yet we are humbly of opinion that it is absolutely necessary to have Some of our people Constantly Posted there, Especially a Smith and armourer, for if they Quitt Staying there, then we give opperhunity to the French to Keep Possession and So Constantly Stir up the Indians beside it is their own Request that they should have a Smith and armourer, but then Your Ex.cy will please to observe That the Smiths will not Stay there without being reasonably rewarded, because they have no Trade dureing the Summer Season - We agree w.th Your Ex.cy to Employ proper persons to undeceive the savs Indians of the false reports of the Plague and Small pox being at New York &c: And we conceive That the only method for that End is, That Your Ex.cy would be pleased to Send Some blank passes for Traders to go to Najagera or higher up to Contradict the false reports of the French - We Shall also Send Lawrence Claese as Your Ex.cy directs as Soon as the Season of the year permits to acquaint the Six Nations of Your Ex.cy Intending to meet them in May next - We think ourselves very much Oblidged to Govern.r Gooch for the Trouble he has taken in the affair of the Oneyder tho not to that Success that our Indians Expected, w.th Your Ex.cy will be better Informd at your Meeting them here, Four of the ten prisoners that were with the Cattabaws are Deserted from thence & returnd home - there are Sev.l of the Six Nations gone a fighting to revenge their quarrel & a Comp.a of ours are returnd home from fight.g who have brought three Prison.rs & three Scalps. Who are

Albany the 11th ffebruary 173⅞

May it Pleave Your Ex.y

Since our last p this opportunity arrived here three french from Canada w.th packets for Your Ex.y and the Court of France as they have a pass from Mons.r Beuharnoir, and we having no directions how to act in such occurrences, wherefore we must Leave them to their pleasure, whereas when any persons go thither with Your Ex.ys pass no regard is paid thereto but directly sent back hither, without being admitted to come to any of their Habitations to Provide themselves w.th provisions, a.gt all Humanity and Hospitality, and as we conceive a.gt the Treaties Subsisting between the Two Crowns. Wherefore We humbly begg Leave to desire Your Ex.y will be pleasd to Intimate to the Governour of Canada to have for the future more regard to your Ex.ys passes and Admitt those persons who habe them to reside some Convenient Time in his Government Especially those who might be sent on an affair of the publick or to Collect their Just debts, the French at Canada being Considerably Indebted to the Inhabitants of this province, while we Conceive they Endeavour now to avoid by Prohibiting our People to Come in their Country to Collect them

We had last fall a report by some french Deserters that John Lydius was Sent by the Governour of Canada to France for Some pretended Misdeameanour and on Enquiry what is Become of him or where he is These French Deny to know or to have heard anything about him, his Mother is very Impatient to know about her Son and we hope Your Ex.y will be pleasd to write to Mr. Beuharnoir to Inform your Ex.y where he is

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
A.b. Cuyler
Harmanus Wendell
Evert Wendell
Nicholas Bleecker
Geyer Gerritse
Dirck Ten Broeck
John.s Lansingh
Barent Saunders

Att a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian affairs at Albany the 20.th ffebruary 173⅞

This Board thinking it Consistent w.th the Good of this Province have Sent that part of the act of Assembly that Relates to the Regulating the trade at Oswego to Captain Edmund Blood Commanding there w.th a Letter of direction on that head as follows

Ditto Date

Captain Blood

Sir

Enclosed we Send You an act of assembly Entitled an act to defray the Charge of Victualling his Majesties Troops posted at Oswego and for other the purposes therin mentioned by w.ch You'll observe the Wholesome Law therein provided for Continuing the Indian Trade there in a peaceable Manner w.ch very must depends upon the Trusty Inspection of the officer Commanding there assisted by a Justice of the Peace and as you are Commissionated and Sworne a Justice therefore this board hopes and Expects that you'll Circumspectly discharge your Selfe in this affair w.ch Tends Somuch to the publick good and Tranquility of this Province and to the keeping of the Indians in a good understanding w.th us but for your Clearer and plainer direction in your duty We Referr You to the Inclosed act of assembly

Sign'd p order of the Comm.ts

James Stenhouse

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Present

Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Steph. Groesbeck
Evert Bancker
Ab. Cuyler
Philip Schuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Jer. V. Rensselaer
Dirck T. Broeck
Hend. V. Rensselaer
Geyer Gerritse
Joh.s Lansingh

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian Affairs at Albany the 3.d of April 1731

This Board have resolved to Send Lawrence Claesen to the Sinnekes country to acquaint & Summon the Six Nations to meet his Ex.cy Our Governour here on Wednesday the 12.th day of May next agreable to his Excell.cys directions in his Letter of the 23.d Jan.y last and therefore we Order the sd Letter to be Wrote to Said Lawrence

D.o Date

Mr. Lawrence Claesen

By directions from His Ex.cy John Montgomerie Esq.r &c.a Our Govern.r You are hereby Required to go w.th all Convenient Speed to the Sinnekes Country and in your going up acquaint the Sachims of the Six Nations in Generall That it is his Ex.cys pleasure that they do meet him here at Albany on Wednesday the 12.th day of May next precisely w.th whom you are to Come down in order to Waite his Ex.cys pleasure to Treat w.th them as usuall. and you are to hire two of the most Trusty proper Indians that you can procure to go from the Sinnekes country to Najagera out of the name of our Governour to Inform the foreign Indians, that Such Reports as have or might have been Spread among them of the Plague or small pox being in New York or Elsewhere in this Province are altogether false and Scandelous, and is Reported only by those who are Enemies to His Ex.cy our Governour and our brethren the Six Nations; and with a View to Stopp up that Path between Our Brethren and us which hitherto has been open and Clear; And you may Likewise acquaint them, That His Ex.cy our Governour

With

With the Legislative power out of a tender regard to their peace and Tranquility have Established Such Wholesome Laws to be put in force at Oswego, as Shall for the future give them all the Content & Satisfaction they can Desire in their Trade, with the Christians there or Elsewhere. for which Service you are to agree to give Each of the aforesaid two Indians Two Strood blankets and a Shirt, and you are desired to make all the Narrow Inspection you can dureing your Stay in the Sinnekes Country, how and in what manner Jean Leur and his Company behave themselves and report the Same to us. Who are &c.a

Albany April 13.th 1731

May it please your Ex.cy:

Conformable to your Ex.cys directions in your Letter of the 23.d Jan.y Last We have Sent Lawrence Claesen to Invite the Sachims of the Six Nations to meet your Ex.cy here on the 12.th day of May next precisely. and have Ordered Lawrence to remain w.th the Indians in order to accompany them down. We have Likewise given Lawrence directions to Employ two Trusty Indians to go from the Sinnekes Country to Nyagera to undeceive the foreign Indians in the false report of the plague or small pox being in our Lower Settlements.

Abraham Wendell Smith and Company are come down from the Sinnekes Country who Tell us That Jean Leur and Company w.th two Smiths of his own Stamp do Continue to reside there; but they tell us they have not heard any thing relateing Oswego during their Stay there. We have nothing Materiall to communicate to your Ex.cy untill we have the honour to do it to your Ex.cy in Person. We heartily wish your Ex.cy a good Voyage and Safe Arrivall here. Who are &c.a

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Abraham Cuyler
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Harmanus Wendell
Reyer Gerritse
Dirck Ten Broeck
Barent Saunders

At a Meeting of the Com.rs for Indian affairs Albany the 26th April 1735 —

Abraham Wendell Barnardus Hartsen and Company, being returnd from the Sinnekes Country, have appeard before this Board, and produced a Copy of a Letter from Patrick Gordon Esq.r Governour of the Province of Pensilvania Dated at Philadelphia Aug.t the 26th 1730 and directed to the Sachims of our five Nations —

The afores.d Company agreable to Our Instructions to them Did on the 2d day of March Last go to a place called Onnaia, and took with them Two of the principal Deputy Sachims who were in our Interest, and on the 7th of March fold Our Indians upon Explaining our Instructions and Letter to them in a full body, gave the fold Answer to Mess.rs Ab: Wendell and Company Concerning Jean Cuer and his Convorts —

Hetquandequeghte as Speaker Answerd and Sayd. Brethren

We have perfectly understood the Contents of the Letter from our Governour & Comm.rs as you Explaind it to us, and Brethren we are Unanimously Resolved not to give the Least Encouragement to Jean Cuer. We Conceive that our Governour Writes that Perhaps Jean Cuer Designs to purchase, Rent, borrow or by some means or other obtain Land from us, but Brethren We answer as to that if Jean Cuer Shoud offer never So Large Presents to us, and Shoud Tell us Brethren or Fathers I would willingly borrow Rent or buy a Peice of Land from you, We Shall flatly Decline Entering into his Propossalls — This Said Jean Cuer has been a brother among us, but now in your presence We totally Shake him off, neither do we approve of his Actions having Found him very Deceitfull; So that if he Comes to request

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Any Favour of us we Shall plainly deny him, whereupon We Present Our Brethren with Two Skins, but we desire by a String of Wampum that Jean Cuer and his Company May not be molested by the Christians, in regard that he formerly has been a brother among us.

Mess.rs Abraham Wendell Barnardus Hartsen & Co. Delivered in an account of their disbursements to the Indians dureing their Residence in the Sinnekes Country Am.t to £7-19 — whereupon it is the Resolution of this Board to Take the Said Accounts into Consideration as Soon as the Other Accounts Payable by the Commissioners Shall Come in —

Patrick Gordon Esq.r Gov.r of the province of Pensilvania and to the Chiefs of the Five Nations and all their People who may See or hear this Writeing —

My Friends & Brethren

The bearer hereof Mr Smith Informing me that he designs to Come amongst Some of your People to Trade, I take this opportunity to acquaint you That as there is a Firm League of Friendship and a Strong Chain between that great good man William Penn, now at rest in his grave and all our People on the one part, and your Chiefs and People on the other part which is kept bright and pure between us, I am very well pleased that our Traders Can furnish you with any goods or Necessaries you want in Exchange for yours, and as I now put you in mind of that League I hope you will take Care on your Parts as our true Friends and brethren to Treat all our People Civilly and Courteously wherever you See them that So when we meet Our Hearts and actions may appear Clear as the Sun without Clouds & without Spott or blemish for such is my Heart to you Who am Your true friend & brother

Philadelphia Aug.t 26. 1730 — P. Gordon

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Present
Ph. Livingston
Mynd.t Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Harl Wendell
Philip Schuyler
John Schuyler
Henry V. Renselaer
Reyer Gerritse
Direck Ten Broeck

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian affairs at Albany the 17th May 1731

His Ex.cy having Layed before this board a Draught of a Proposition he Intends to make to the Sachims of the Six Nations for this board to Peruse, They after makeing some Amendments thereunto have returnd the Same to his Ex.cy

By His Excellency John Montgomerie Esq.r Captain Generall and Governour in Chief of the Provinces of New York New Jersey and the Territories thereon depending &c.a

A Proclomation

Whereas Severall Sachims of the five Nations are arrived here with many other Indians to Treat w.th me about Some publick affairs, and Experience has Shown how prejudiciall to his Majestys Service and Dangerous to the peace of the Inhabitants, the giveing or Selling of Rum or other Strong Liquors to those Indians has at all Times been These are therefore by virtue of the powers granted me by his Majestys Letters Patents under the broad Seal of Great Britain Strictly forbidding the Selling or giveing to the Indians any Such Liquors Dureing my Residence in this place as they will answer at their Perill, and all Magistrates Justices of the Peace or other Civil officers are hereby required and Impowerd to give all due assistance and Countenance to Such as Shall Dilate or Inform ag.t any person or persons

Acting Contrary to the Tenor and Intents of this proclomation to the End that Such Delinquents may be Prosecuted and Punished w.th the Utmoost Severity of the Law Given under my hand in Albany this Sixteenth Day of May in the fourth year of his Majestys Reign Anno Dom.i 1731

God Save the King

Sign.d J Montgomerie

Present
His Ex.cy John Montgomerie Esq.r &c
Francis Harrison
Philip Livingston
James DLancey
Esq.rs of the Councill
The Commissioners of Indian affairs
The Mayor, Recorder & Aldermen
and Several Gentlemen attending the Governor

Albany May the 18th 1731

His Excellency made the foll.g Proposition to the Sachims of the five Nations viz.t The Maquaas Cayougas, Onondagas, Sinnekes and Tuskaroras, the Oneydes not yet arrived.

Brethren

I Meet you here with great Satisfaction To Renew the old Covenant Chain, and in the name of my Master and your father George the Second King of Great Britain &c.a I do Renew the Covenant Chain between the Six Indian Nations, and all his Majesties subjects in North America; I hope this Silver Covenant Chain Wherein We are Linked will Every day grow Clearer brighter and Stronger Gave a belt

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Brethren I Do not think that the barbarous Murder committed by one of your People last year on Jacob Brower, doe put any rust on the Chain, Or Violate or Weaken the ancient alliance, which has so long Subsisted between the King of Great Britain's Subjects and your Nations; by the Law of God and the Laws of all Nations a Murderer ought to Suffer death, which deterrs Villains, and Secures the Lives of good men: If you Punish with Death those who are guilty of Murder, You will soon find the good Effects of it, and it will Tend greatly to the Advantage and peace of your Country. Therefore I do Expect that you will Execute that Murderer who so Treacherously Slew Jacob Brower; and I assure you if any person in my Governmt. Murders an Indian he shall be Tryed by the Law, and if Found guilty punished as if he had Murdered one of the King of Great Britains Subjects — Gave a Belt

Brethren Since I have given you this Solemn assurance I Expect that you will give me the Like and promise on your Parts, that you will punish w.th death any of your People, who Murders a Subject of the King of Great Britains — Gave Strings of Wampum

Brethren I am very well pleasd w.th the accounts I have had of your behaviour last Winter, from those of his Majestys Subjects, who Resided lately among you. The Expressions of your Obedience and Fidelity to the King of Great Britain, your Indulgent father and protector will not be forgot; and I Shall not fail by the first Opportunity to Communicate them to the King of Great Britain — Gave Strings of Wampum

Brethren You acted honestly and wisely when you denied Jean Peur to make any Settlement or building on your Land, I Expect and do not Doubt but you will persevere in this good behaviour, and Permit no persons of what Nation Soever to Reside and dwell among you, Expect they be Subjects of the King of Great Britains, and since you have put your Lands under the protection of the King of Great Britain, I do in a particular Manner Require in my Masters name; That you will not suffer the French to build any Fort or Trading house on the Side of the Lake or any other part of your Lands for if at any Time hereafter there Should happen to be a Warr between us and the French, Such places will be Very dangerous, and they may make use of them to Enslave and Destroy you — Gave a Belt

Brethren The King of Great Britain to Shew his affection to you, has Ordered me to make you in his Name a handsome present of Such Goods as are most Suitable for you which you Shall receive as Soon as you give me your Answer

Att a Councill held in Albany May the 20.th 1731

Present
His Ex.cy John Montgomerie Esq.r &c.
Francis Harrison
Philip Livingston
James DLancey
} Esq.rs of the Councill

His Excellency Communicated to this Board, that he was privately Informd, that the Sachems of the Six Nations in their Answer will Consent and promise to Execute the Murderer who Slew Jacob Brower, but after that they Intend to begg a reprieve for him — His Ex.cy desires the opinion of this Board Whether

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Whether he Should grant it, Who Desire that His Ex.cy will be pleas'd to ask the Opinion of the Comm.rs of the Indian affairs on that Subject.

His Excellency Ordered the said Comm.rs to attend at his Lodgings to whom the Same was Communicated

Present
Myndt Schuyler
Joh.s Schuyler
Evert Bancker
Henry V. Rensselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Harmanus Wendell
Nicholas Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Philip Schuyler
Jeremiah V. Rensselaer
Dirck Ten Broeck
Johannes Lansingh

The Commission.rs for Indian affairs according to Order, appeared Immediately; to whom His Ex.cy Communicated, as he had done above to the Gentlemen of the Councill, Whereupon His Ex.cy Desired the said Comm.rs to give their Opinion.

Who are unanimously of Opinion that for Quieting the minds of the Indians, and keeping them firm to His Majesty's Interest; That His Ex.cy doth promise to Grant a Reprieve for the Indian who Slew Jacob Brower, in Case the Sachims desire it

Answer of the Sachims of the Six Nations to His Ex.cy John Montgomerie Esq.r &c.a in Albany May the 20th: 1731 Anno

Present
His Ex.cy John Montgomerie Esq.r &c.a
Francis Harrison, Philip Livingston, James DLancey } Esq.rs of the Council
The Comm.rs of Indian affairs

Brother Corlaer You Told us two days ago That you was very glad to meet us here at Albany To

To Renew the ancient Covenant Chain between us and all His Majesty's Subjects, That you renewed the Same in the name of his Majesty King George the Second, our Indulgent father and Protector

Brother Corlaer You not only Sayd that you renewed the Covenant Chain but made the Same Clearer and brighter and that the Same may be Stronger, and that no rust Should be upon it.

Brother Corlaer You have assured us that our father King George the Second has the Same affection for us as a father for his Children, and we do now Renew the Covenant Chain between all his Majesties Subjects in North America That the Same may be Clear and bright and Shall for Ever be kept Inviolable, and no Nation or People Shall be able to Influence us to break or Weaken that Chain — Gave a Belt

Brother Corlaer You Told us also that the barbarous Murder Committed by one of our people on Jacob Brower who was So Preacherously Murdered, Should be no Violation of the Covenant to weaken the Chain or bring any rust on it; We are very glad for your Ex.cy kind Expressions about that Fact that it Should not Weaken the Chain, for which we return you thanks; — We had Expected it otherwise from you, and Do now — Gave a Belt

Brother Corlaer You Told us that in Case any of his Majesty's Subjects Should Murder any of our people that he Should be punish'd by the Law, and We do Promise on our parts to Punish any of our people With

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With Death, that may Murder any of his Majesty's Subjects —

Brother Corlaer

You Told us also that Countreys are Governd by the Laws of God and man, and that a Murderer is to be Punishd w.th death, that the Murderer who Slew Jacob Brower Should be put to Death, and We do Promise all who are here present and do Consent that he Shall be Executed for it — Gave a Belt

Brother Corlaer

We Told you Just now that the Murderer Who Slew Jacob Brower ought to be Punishd w.th death but we know that you have So much affection and Compassion, Therefore We desire as he is a Man, and hath been good for the Interest of the English, and has Committed it when he was Etoxicated in drink; We fall the Six Nations/begg in his behalf that this fact may be forgiven and forgotten in oblivion, as a Drop of Water in a Swift Stream, and begg your favourable Answer, that we may go Quietly home — Gave a String of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

You Thanked us also for our dutifull behaviour, which has been acquainted you by your People, We are glad that the Same is pleasing to you And as you know our Inclinations, We promise on Our part that your people Shall be always received among us as Brethren, and Civilly Treated, That the Amity and Friendship may grow and Increase greater than formerly. We Should not forget to tell you one thing that your People do from which all

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The Evil Proceeds, that is that Rum is Carried up among us, Therefore we desire you that no Rum may be brought to our habitations, but other goods as much as they will, for it creates great mischief when Strong Liquor is brought among us, for Liquor is Mast. of us, when We can't gett it We abstain from it, Men Women and Children it Destroys, Every thing is Neglected: Who can mind his business that is out of his Senses and Drunk, Wherefore We begg to prohibit that no Liquor may be brought to our Castles, formerly when We fetch'd Rum from Albany it was but by small Parcells Carried up, and then We only Drunk as long as it Lasted, for then We could gett no more, till it was fetch'd by our people, but when it is always among us We will have it, Wherefore we begg that Rum may only be Sold at Albany, Kaats, and at Oswego where those who want it may fetch it — Gave a String of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

You Told us also that you was very Glad that we Denied Jean Fevr to make any Settlem.t at Tiederondequat — Yea we know well that he has Desired us from Time to Time to Let him Settle there and at Sodos — The one belonging to the Sinnekes and the other to the Cayouges. You Sayd also that we Should not hearken to any people to make any Tradeing houses or Settlements among us Except Subjects of the King of Great Britain, We are fully Resolved not to Suffer any other Settlements to be Made at the Side of the Lake; there Stands a Tradeing house at Najagera, which the French has Treacherously built there, but the house at Oswego has been built by all Our Convent, the more buildings

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are Made near us, the more Liquor is brought unto us, which is the Occasion of all Mischief therefore We do not Incline any more Should be made – Gave a Belt

Brother Corlaer

I hope you will Excuse us for this Small Trifle we Lay down Its Small but the friendship and affection is the greater, formerly we Could Do it much better It is the fault of your people who Come among us Who Trade from us what we have, and what is left We bring to Oswego, So that We have but Little to Lay before you – We thank you that you Told us you would make us a handsome present in the name of the King your Master, our father We thank him and you for it

His Ex.y Answered

Brethren

I Am very well pleased with what you have Sayed. Since you have So Solemnly Renewed the Ancient Covenant Chain, between all His Majestys Subjects in North America and your Six Nations; I Expect and Desire you will not go to Warr ag.t any Indians who Live under the Protection of the King of Great Britain

Brethren

As for the person who Murdered Jacob Brower Since all the Six Nations Earnestly desire that he may be forgiven, and represent him as a person well Affected to the Interest of His Majestys Subjects, and that he Committed that Murder in a passion, without any Premeditated Design; I Consent that he shall not be Executed: and I make no Doubt but that the King of Great Britain my Master will approve of what I have

Done

Done; I hope the Mercy Shown him will occasion his good behaviour for the future

Brethren As to the bringing Rum to your castles Ever Since I was last here I have given Strict orders that none Should be carried to your Countrey (Except to Oswego) and if you will Inform me who are the persons that have carried Any they Shall be Punished; I will repeat my orders and If I can find out any more Effectuall method to put a Stop to it, it Shall be Strictly put in Execution

Brethren

I Thank you for the present you made me, I am very much pleased with it, Since you make it with So much affection and sincerity, I hope you will Take the present I now make you as a Mark of your father the King of Great Britains kindness to you

I have ordered a fatt Ox for you, Salt provisions for your Journey home & Some barrels of beer to drink the Kings health

A Sachim Answered

Brother We return you our most hearty thanks for the kind Present you now made us in the name of the King of Great Britain our father, We promise to be obedient to all his Commands

Present
His Ex.y John Montgomerie Esq.r Capt.n
Francis Harrison } Esq.rs of
Ph. Livingston } the Council
James DLancey
The Commission.rs of Indian Affairs
And Sev.l Gentlemen attending the Governour

The Schaakhook and River Indians Attending His Ex.y the Governour at Albany the 25.th May 1731 he Spoke to them as Follows

Children

I Sent for you to revive the assurances I have heretofore given you of the protection of the Great King of Great Britain my Master, our

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Common Father and Soveraign, and to Recommend to you in this publick manner to persevere in your dutefull behaviour and Fidelity to those under Authority from him, And as much as in you Lies to grow in your affection to your brethren, the rest of his Subjects in these parts, And in his name and by his order I renew w.th you, the Ancient Covenant Chain, and give you a present of Such things as are of use to you, and I also Expect you will continue firm in your duty at all Times to Come and in So doing You may rest assured not only of my protection but of all other good Offices in the power of those that are in authority under the King our Common father and Protector — Gave a Bell of Wampum

Children I Am very much Surprized to hear of your Insolent behaviour to the Christians your brethren, by claiming Lands w.ch your Ancestors have Sold, and keep Possession there of by Force and Violence Contrary to your repeated promises to the Commissioners particularly that Land called Squampamick, which Land Coll.o Renselaer has recovered by due Course of Law, who is now ready to Show that Said Lands have been Legally bought from your Ancestors, which I Expect will Satisfie you that you may for the future be Quiet and peaceable; And if at any Time hereafter there Arise a Difference between the Christians, and any of your people, I Expect you will not be your Own Judges, nor dispossess any of them of their Lands by Force but Leave the decision thereof unto me, or those I Shall appoint for that purpose to prevent unhappy Accidents that may Insue thereon — Gave a String of Wampum

I Expected you would have Endeavoured to Increase your number by Inviteing those of your people Who on fridolous pretences have left their native Country, And are gone to Canada, to return to Schaakhook to Live under the Shade of the Tree of peace and Wellfare which has So long Since been planted there, that would have been a Means to have kept your fire Continually kindled and burning there for your own Security and Prosperity; which I Shall Endeavour to promote for your Encouragement and Safety

The Answer of the River Indians in Albany the 22.d May 1731

Father — You Told us yesterday that you was glad to See us here, to meet together by the Kings Order our Father, and We do in obedience there of Appear before you — You Told us also that we Should be obedient to Our father the King, and our brethren his Subjects, which are in authority under him, which We promise to do

We do now renew the Ancient Covenant Chain, and to keep it bright and Clean, give three Bever Skins, to Wrap it in, and rub the Same w.th bear greave

We are very glad that our father takes So much notice of us, and has been pleased to declare That we are under the King of Fathers protection, & are Linked So firm unto the Ancient Covenant &c. &c. as the five Nations, which we are very glad to perceive And Do now Tye the Chain faster than Ever, and hope it may always Continue So, not only under Your Ex.cy administration, but when you Shall happen to be removed — Gave a Belt

Father Corlaer We are few in Number, We Should be more Numerous, if the Christians did not Hurt us So much We are glad that you Take So much notice of us and

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Open your heart so freely, and Shew Such great Affection for us — Gave a String of Wampum

We are poor because your people follow us Where-ever we go hunting, w.th Rum and make us bare and Naked, by Enticeing us to drink all we gett, So that we are Ashamed to come to Town and are thereby disabled to Pay our Debts. We desire that no Rum may be Sold but in Albany only that we may be Quiet on our hunting

His Ex.cy Told them

Children I am very glad for your dutifull behaviour & Answer, and do assure you of the protection of the Great King of Great Britain your Common Father. And I Expect that you do not Molest or oppress any of his Majesties Subjects in the peaceable possession of their Lands. If you are wronged by any of them I Shall take Care that you Shall have your Just Right —

The Indians Answered

Father Corlaer The Land of Claverack has been Sold to Coll.o Renselaer, and Squampamick but we know not the peice of Land called has been Sold which we have given to Johannis Lansingh, because he is very Civil to us, and been at great Charge & Expences in Providing us w.th Victualls when we come to this place

His Ex.cy Answered —

Children I Shall appoint Impartiall Judges to Examine into the Deeds of Col.o Renselaer, what Land is Sold by the Ancestors, and to hear your Allegations and then make their report to me I Shall See you justice Done —

I give you in your Grandfather the King of Great Britains name, a handsome present of Such things as are of use to you, as a Mark of his Affection to you —

To which they thanked his Ex.cy —

Albany the 9.th July 1731 —

May it please your Hon.r

It afforded us much Concern to hear of His Ex.cy our Late Governours Sudden departure from this Life, and again it gave us much Satisfaction To find that we are placed under the administration of So worthy and Steady a Gentleman as Your Hon.r whom We heartily Congratulate; and wish you a Continuance of good health to discharge your Selfe therein, which we hope and Doubt not but will Tend to the Tranquility and Satisfaction of this Government —

Sir The Enclosed is Copy of a Letter from his Said Ex.cy wherein (at M.r Wendells request relateing the Sending up a Person to act as Commissary & Interpreter at Oswego) he desires our Advice in respect of Joseph Clement, whom M.r Wendell recommends as a Person very Fitt for that Service, and one who is a Carpenter and may be very Serviceable there, in as much that the house is very much out of repair —

Sir As we are Informd Joseph Clement is a Man well Qualified for that Service, but we rely on —

Your

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Your Hon.rs Pleasure in that affair

Our Sinneke Indians Requested of us That a Smith and Armourer might be Sent up to work for them the Ensuing Winter; and that they might Have Barnardus Hartven who worked for them last year, who is a man well qualified for that Purpose and behaved himself to the Content of the Indians. and one Myndert T. Van Yveren who is Likewise fitt for that Service being Inclineable to go w.th the said Hartven therefore we Desire Your Hon.rs Consideration thereon, and that they may have the Shop and Tools to work with as heretofore usuall — which is all that at Present offers to —

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Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Steph. Groesbeck
Evert Wendell
Nicholas Bleecker
Philip Schuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck

At a Meeting of the Com.rs for Ind.n affairs Albany July 12.th 1731 —

This Board haveing Concluded to Send Lowrence Claesen the Interpreter to acquaint the Six Nations of the death of His Late Ex.cy Governour Montgomerie, with Some other Materiall affairs, Do therefore give him the Following Instructions Viz.t —

Instructions for Lowrence Claesen

You are to Repair to the Indian Countrey as Soon as may be and acquaint the Sachims of the Six Nations at Onondago that His Ex.cy Govern.r John Montgomerie Lately departed this life and that the Hon.ble Rip Van Dam one of his Ma.ties Councill is President of the Colony of New York by which he has Taken upon him the administration of the affairs of this Colony untill his Majesty Shall Pleave to Send a Governour

You are Likewise to Tell them that we are Informd that there has Lately a Messuage been Sent to Some Sachims of the Mohawks by a Token of Seven hands of Wampum, Setting forth that there is to be a generall Meeting at Onondago where the French are to come and Treat about Some Secret business, which we are apprehensive is to obtain Liberty from the Six Nations to Settle on Some of their Lands, which if that is their design we hope and Expect that they will Recollect the Firm Promises they made in their Treaty with our Governour, That they would not upon any Terms Suffer any of the French to Settle among them, and you are to use your best Endeavours to Prevent their Suffering the french Settling

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Settling among them, and if their meeting be upon any other account that may prove Detrimentall to their Government you must Doe as much as in you Lyes to Prevent the Same Taking Effect.

At a meeting of the Comm:rs for Ind. affairs albany the 20th July 1735

Present

Myndt Schuyler
Jn.o Schuyler
Steph.n Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Nich.s Bleecker
Beyer Gerritse
Dirck J. Broeck
Joh.s Roseboom
Joh.s Lansingh

Some Sachims of Oneyde having appeard at this Meeting; Do with much Concern come to Repeat the great misfortune and Loss they have heretofore had of their men being Taken Prisoners and Some killed by the Cattabaw Indians which they have been very Easy in, and Left themselves to the Care and assistance of their Father our Late Gov.r and their brethren the Comm:rs to do the best they Pleaud and Could therein for them, and Since they have been at so much Trouble in this affair and that without Effect, So they are resolved not to Trouble us therein; while they cannot Trust them, inasmuch that they have heard, if they Should Come there again, they would Serve them in the like kind, and having Sent a Token to the Indians, they therefore demand the Same again

They Say farther that a Considerable Time ago they Sent Laurence Claesen a belt of Wampum by order of Coll.o Peter Schuyler to Stopp their men

From

From going to Warr w.th the Virginia Indians which Said Indians are Turnd over to the Cattabaws to assist them, and it was their desire and request that the said belt Shoud be returnd again, which Laurence Claesen Promised to do. They Say likewise that they are Surprized how the Indians whom they Intended to Warr ag.st are from Time to Time previously Warned and acquainted of their Intentions, and therefore they think there must be Some underhand Intelligence given them, that they know their Number So well. — Gave a Strong of Wampum. that the Comm:rs may Enquire who the Persons are that Discover them

They Say also that all their young men who have been out a Fighting are returnd home in good health, and they begg that their brethren the Comm:rs may give them Some powder to Enable them to go out a hunting that they may the better Mantain their wives and Children — Gave 9 lb beaver

The Commissioners Answerid

Brethren — We fully answer you as to the Loss of your Men and the Trouble you have had therein that we are Equally Concernd w.th you, That you have had no better Success, and we assure you that there has been no Care wanting Either in his Ex.cy our Late Governour, the Governour of Virginia or us, to obtain you Satisfaction, as you'l be better acquainted by Laurence Claesen by whom we have Lately sent you a Packett Contisting of a belt of beades, a Calumet of peace and Two Small Twists of Tobacco, which has been Sent you by the Cattabaws in return of your belt of Wampum

Brethren — We are much Surprized that you Say you have been Misguided in Forewarning or giveing Intelligence to

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To your Enemies of your Intentions while we have Constantly done you all the Friendship in our Power, and advised you to Live in peace, neither woud we have you to apprehend that we are any way Concernd in Such your Complaint, and if you want Further Satisfaction you must find out the Authors of your mischeiuage your Selves, neither have you Ever acquainted us of your number that went out a Fighting

Brethren You Tell us that you are Poor and want Some Powder for your youngmen to go a hunting; wherefore Considering your necessity we give you a Cask of Powder w.ch farr Exceeds the Value of your present and Wish that for Time to come you may Live in more Amity with your Neighbours which will prevent Trouble to you and us

Att a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian affairs Albany 26th July 1731

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
St. Groesbeck
Everit Bancker
John Cuyler
John Schuyler
Evert Wendell
Philip Schuyler
Henry V. Rensselaer
Nich.s Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Jeremy V. Rensselaer
Dirck Ten Broeck

Lourence Claesen being this day returnd from Onondago agreeable to his Instructions of the 12th Instant for that purpose - Says That he has acquainted the Sachims of the Six Nations w.th the Malencholly death of his Late Ex.cy our Gov.r And that he Told them that the Honble Rip Van Dam Esq.r Prevident of the Councill for the Colony of New York Succeeded his Said Ex.cy in the administration of the affairs of this Province at w.ch first News they were heartily Concernd and again were glad that the Government was Settled in the Management of So worthy a Gentleman

He further Informs us that the Occasion

Occasion of the Meeting at Onondago was upon account of Some Indians going to Canada to Condole the death of a Frenchman named Morasaw Who was Interpreter to the Indians

Lowrence likewise agreeable to his Instruction delivered to the Oneydes the belt of beads a Calumet of Peace and Two Tibiste of Tobacco Sent them by the Governour of Virginia by way of our Late Governour from the Cattabaws in return of their belt

We have the following account from a french Sachim named Schonondo, who Says that the Governour of Canada had Intelligence by an Indian from hence that our Governour should have Expressed himselfe in a Publick propovition to our Six Nations that if in Case Jean Leur should build a house at Tiederondegaatt (w.ch is a place between the Garrison of Oswego and Niagera ab.t Ten Leaguers from the Sinnekes Country at the South Side of the Skaderachque Lake) that he woud Directly Demolish the Same, and put those to the Sword who Shoud attempt Such a peice of Incroachment and that he heard the Governour of Canada Say now I tell you that the Land at Tiederondequatt is my Land and that I am as great as the Governour of New York, and now I am resolved to Send Jean Leur to Settle there in Despite of the Governour of New York or the Sinneke Indians, and he that is the best man Shall keep it, and at that Time our Informer heard that Jean Leur Designed to Proceed on his Journey thither within Thirty Days where of Twelve Days are now Expired

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Albany July the 27th: 1731

May it please Your Hon.

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We received your Hon.rs favours of the 23. Instant p Capt. Dick and Send you Copys of our Severall Conferences and Transact:ions with our Indians Since our Late Gov.rs Publick Treaty with them for your perusall and Referr our Selves Entirely thereto farther than that we Expect your Hon.rs answer therein, wch you May be assured shall be our due care as well as our Duty to Follow, and to act therein for the best of this our naked Government, and as we hope & allways do for the best of the Publick peace and Tranquility, So we need not to repeat things of this nature to your Hon.r while you are perfectly well acquainted wth the Constitution of our Gov.t and we doubt not well disposed to do your Utmost for our Preservation

We must Likewise Intimate to your Hon.r as you will Observe by the Enclosed Minutes that in Case the French obtain their Design in Settling or building at Tiederondequat that in Short that as well as too many other Incroachments and Priviledges they have had from us will at Last be a means to Draw the Indians from the British Interest, We Send you herewth a Representation to Your Hon.r in Councill & hope the Same may have the favourable Acceptance of that board, and we Desire you'l please to Dispatch the bearers as Soon as Possible wch is the Needfull at Present from

To Rip Van Dam Esq.r &c.a

Albany the 29th. July 1731

May it Please Your Hon.r

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The Perplexity and Consternation the Inhabitants of this City and County are in, on the Sudden and unexpected account of an approaching Warr between our Crown and that of France, and the barbarity of the Savages by their Incursions of Shulking Parties on the poor people of this County Last Warrs, moves us to know Intelligence from Canada what account the French may have about the Warr and what preparations they are makeing, Now John D Leyster Dirck Ten Broeck Jeremiah Van Rensselaer Esq.rs and Mr. John Glen haveing offerd to Take a Journey to Montreall about their Lawfull Affairs therefore we Desire that your Hon.r will be pleased to grant them a Pass on this occasion with their attendants

We are &c.

Present
John Schuyler
Hendrick V. Rensselaer
Evert Bancker
Dirck Ten Broeck
Abraham Cuyler
Johannis Roseboom
Rutger Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Nicholas Bleecker
Barent Saunders.

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Ind.n affairs at Albany the 1st Septem.r 1731

We having received a Letter from Rip Van Dam Esq.r our President Dated the 30. of Aug.t Last wherein he writes that he has Commissioned Abraham Wendell Captain and Sybrant Van Schaick Lieutenant under him to go to Connosadogo in the Sinnekes Country to Lie there this Ensuing winter together wth Barnardus Harwen Myndert J. Van Yveren and Hendrick Beekman to go thither as Smiths and that Johannis Bleecker Abraham Cuyler Jun.r Johannis Ten Eyck and Rob.t Wendell are to go under the Charge of the aforesaid Officers

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Officers. Therefore this board do resolve to give them the following Instructions — Viz.t

Instructions for Abraham Wendell Captain Sybrant Van Schaick Lieuten.t Barnardus Hartven & Hendrick Beekman Blacksmiths — Johannis Bleecker Abraham Cuyler Jun.r Johannis Ten Eyck and Rob.t Wendell Gen.l Assistants

Whereas The Hon.ble Cap.t Van Dam Esq.r President of his Majesty's Councill for the province of New York has thought fitt to commission you the said Abraham Wendell Captain and Sybrant Van Schaick Lieuten.t as likewise to Nominate you the Said Barnardus Hartven and Hendrick Beekman Blacksmiths w.th Johannis Bleecker Abraham Cuyler Jun.r Johannis Ten Eyck & Rob.t Wendell Gen.l Assistants to go in Company to Conosodago in the Sinnekes Country to Lye there this next Ensuing winter. Therefore by vertue of his Hon.r directions to us on that head in his Letter of the 30.th of August last

We do order and direct that you the Said Smiths w.th your Assistants be at all Times dureing your Residence there Subject and Obedient to the orders of your officers beforementioned, That you and all of you may act to the utmost of your powers for his Majesty's Service the Content of the Indians resorting thither and the Peace and Tranquility of the publick according to the True Meaning of his Said Hon.r Commissions and Directions and this our Instruction for that End. And upon your Arrivall at the Sinnekes Castle called Skanasodago You and all of you are in his Majesty's name to Demand from the

The Said Sinike Sachems or from Such Person or Persons as you Shall Find there Resideing, The Smiths Shop with all the Tools and Utensills thereof belonging to the Publick or from Such Person or Persons who Shall or may have the Same in his or their Custody possession or power, and all persons concerned are hereby Strictly Charged and Commanded to Deliver the aforesd Shop Tools and Utensills and Every Part thereof unto you as he or they Shall answer the Contrary at their Peril, and as Soon as you Shall have the Same in your Custody and power, You the abovenamed Persons are (under the Command of your Officers) to act Transact and Do According to the best of your Ability and Judgement for the good of the publick his Majesty's Service and the Content and Satisfaction of the Said Indians and you and Each of you are to remain and abide there unto the End of this next Ensuing winter unless you See occasion to Suffer Some of your Company to Come down to Albany, and from Time to Time to remit unto us an account of what Shall or may happen dureing your residence there — and Further you are at your Departure from thence to bring down unto us an Exact Inventory in writeing of what Tools and Utensills you Shall then Leave behind you in the Said Shop Including what is now Furnished you. Given under our hands at Albany the Second Day of September 1731

Sign.d

Johannis Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Ab: Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck
Barent Saunders

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Present
Johannis Schuyler
Hendrick Van Rensselaer
Dirck Ten Broeck
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Barent Saunders

Albany 2d: Septem.r 1731
at a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Ind.n Aff.rs

It is Concluded by this board that Abraham Wendell and Company shall have the fold Utencills for his Majesty's Service to be furnish'd them at their departure from hence on the Province's Credit. Viz.t 1 C.wt Iron 30 Steel 1 Vice 1 doz. Smithes Files and a grinding Stone and to Pay the Indian for Carriadge thereof — 100 Tobacco 1 gross Pipes and 5 gall. Rum to be Furnished them upon the Comm.rs account

And It is further resolved That the Said Abraham Wendell and Company may (if occasion requires it) Expend and Lay out for his Majesty's Service in presents or other Incidentalls to the Said Indians a Sum not Exceeding Eight Pounds w.ch Shall be Paid them by the Commissioners

Present
Johannis Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Nicholas Bleecker
Joh.s Lansingh
Peyer Gerritse
Barent Saunders

At a meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 7th Septem.r 1731

This Board having Sent for Joseph Clement, he now appears here, and we have Communicated to him that part of a Letter from His Hon.r our President Dated the 30th Aug.t last w.ch relates to Oswego, and have Likewise read to him that part of the act of Assembly relating thereto — Whereupon the s.d Joseph Clement has Undertaken to go to Oswego to act as Commissary and Interpreter, as Likewise as Carpenter & Mason in Mending and repairing the house upon the Governments Credit, w.ch Last Service he Engages to Perform on Expectation of being Paid by the Province for his Said Labour, w.th the Incidentall Charges Accrewing thereon to be brought in by Account

Instructions for Mr. Joseph Clement

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In Pursuance of a Letter to us directed from the Hon.ble Cap.t Van Dam Esq.r President of his Majties Councill for the province of New York Dated the 30th of Aug.t Last — You may Repair your Self to his Majesty's Garrison at Oswego, and act as Commissary and Interpreter there and Likewise as Mason and Carpenter in makeing Such repairs on the Said house as you Shall See requisite for his Majties Service —

Therefore all Persons (who Shall or may have any of the Carpenters or Masons Tools belonging to the publick) are hereby directed to deliver the Same to you upon Demand for the Service aforesaid Dated Albany Septemb.r the 7th 1731

Albany Septem.r the 7th 1731

May it please Your Hon.r

We received your Favours of the 30th Aug.t Last and Conformable to your Order we have given Instructions to the Gentlemen you named therein to go to the Sinnekes Countrey, Some of which are already gone — Having Sent for Joseph Clement he undertakes to go to Oswego to act there as Commissary and Interpreter upon Credit of the Government, and the Force of his Late Ex.cy and your Hon.rs Letters on that head, he Likewise Undertakes to repair Said house and Furnish Materials and other necessarys thereto on Expectation to be paid apart by the Governm.t for that his daily Labour and Expences upon Delivery of a Just account — We are &c.a

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Albany Septem.r the 8th 1731

May it please Your Hon.r

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Since our Last of yesterdays date whereby Your Hon.r may perceive that we have given Joseph Clement Such Instructions as we thought was in our power towards his going to Oswego the Said Clement Son in Law to Jacobus Leek has Surprizeingly and unexpected to him and is been arrested at the Kings Suit, on acc.t of his being a Justice of the peace and Concerning the County Goal, and Since the S.d Clement is willing to Proceed on his Journey and a Person not in a Capacity to withstand a Suit at Law, he Earnestly request us to Sollicite Your Hon.r That you would be Pleased to Move in his behalf w.th the Kings Attorney to Come to Some Sort of agreem.t or friendly Composition w.th him that he may be able to Proceed on his Journey for his Majesty's Service, w.ch you may more Expressly perceive by the S.d Clements Letter Inclosed

Who are &c

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany Septem.r 23.d 1731

Present

Evert Bancker
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Johannis Cuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Dirck Ten Broeck
Johannis Lansingh

Mess.rs Johannis Evertse Wendell and Isaac Skip being yesterday returned from Canada this board have Desired to Speak w.th them, who Say that in their going up thither they found the French Employed in Erecting a Fort at the Crown point on the South End of Corlaers Lake near the Carrying place above Narantogue in which work there was upwards of Eighty men Employed w.ch at their return they Found Compleated and Inclosed w.th Stockadoes, and they have likewise finished a house of Forty foot, and were busy to Erect Two more who are Designed to strengthen the Same by Inclosing it with a Stone Wall next Spring as the afores.d Gent Were

Were credibly Informed in Canada: They Likewise Say that they have heard that the French Positively design to go up next Spring with Two hundred men to Frederon-dequat on the South Side of Kaderachque Lake above Oswego near the Sinnekes Countrey in order to Stopp the English Trade at Oswego: They Say also (as they are Informd) that Jean Leur was gone out to bring over to the French Interest a new Sutlement of Indians above Najagera, who were in Correspondence w.th the Inhabitants of the Province of Pensilvania

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian affairs at Albany 28.th October 1731

Present

Philip Livingston
Johannis Cuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Rutger Bleecker
Nicholas Bleecker
Meyer Gerritse
Johannis Roseboom

Hartman Windecker Conrract Contreman and Hendrick Schremling appeared before this Board, and do Complain that the Indians at Kanajohere have w.th great Insolence Killed several of their Cattle and Swine, Some where of were fitt for their winter Provisions w.ch have Practiced the Said Indians do daily Committ among them and other the Neighbouring Christians residing there the Number Killed of the afores.d Persons Cattle & Swine are as follows.

Hartman Windecker –	1 Heffer of two year old 1 Sheep 4 Hoggs of 2½ year old 4 Piggs	Conenrract Contreman 3 Hoggs of 2½ years old 1 Milk Cow
Hend.k Schremling..	7 Hoggs of 2 & 3 year old 9 Piggs and 1 Calf	

The Number of their Neighbours Cattle as follows

Joh.n Schreemer...	3 large Hoggs & 1 Calf	Hendrick Fry – 1 Large Hogg Johannis Helmer 4 Large hoggs and 3 Piggs
Jacob Brouman..	3 large Hoggs	
Peter Deygaart..	4 large D.o	
Gr.m Wordwood..	2 Ditto	
Jacob Coltman —	1 Sheep	
Peter Wegenaar.	1 large hogg	

It is therefore resolved that Lowrence Claeysen be sent for in order to receive Instructions from this board to go up to the Said Indians

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Present
Evert Bancker
Rutger Bleecker
Steph.n Groesbeck
Joh.s Cuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Joh.s Schuyler
Hend. Van Rensselaer
Philip Schuyler
Barent Sanders

349 At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 30. October 1731

Upon further Consideration this board Have resolved to Send Col.o John Schuyler to Onanagohery upon the aforesd affair who is to be assisted by Lawrence Claesen the Interpreter and therefore Conclude to give him the following Instructions

Instructions for Col.o John Schuyler

Whereas Complaint has been made unto us by Coenraet Contreman Hendrick Schremling and Hartman Windecker Inhabitants at Canajohere in behalf of themselves and their Neighbours, That the Indians there have lately killed and Destroyed Severall of their Cattle and Swine to the great Damage of the Said Complainants

You are therefore to See the Said Indians in the name of the Comm.rs that we are Surprized to hear that their Brethren have been guilty of So much Irregularity Contrary to their frequent Promises to his Late Ex.cy and former Governours and ch. when it comes to his Hon.r our Presidents Ears, will undoubtedly very much Displease him, and therefore you must tell them That it is but reasonable they Should make Restitution to the poor People who are Sufferers in this affair, and that we do Expect they will for the Future desist Committing any thing of the Like Nature by ch. they will Shew themselves Like Amicable Brethren — Given under our hands at Albany the Thirtieth day of October A.o 1731

City of Albany ss. Robert Dunbarr full aged Came this day before
350 Me and made Oath on the holy Evangelists That at This Deponents arrivall at Oswego about the Twenty Third of October Last he was Informd by Joseph Clement That Sometime before while Said Clement was gone a Walking at his return he observed all the Soldiers at the Water Side by Some Some French Canoos that were arrived there, whereupon the Said Clement went up to the house and found the French in all the Rooms and Cap.t Smith w.th them viewing the Same Except one Frenchman who Stood at the water Side to Take Care of the Canoos, then Said Clement asked Cap.t Smith why he Suffered the French to come into the house, whereupon he Desired Said Clement to Order the Corporall to Command the Soldiers up to their Garrison. and further Saith not

Signd
Rob.t Dunbar

Sworn before me the 5.th day of November 1731 — Signd
Ph. Livingston

Albany November the 5.th 1731

May it Please Your Hon.r

Our Last was the 2.d Septem.r Since ch. have received the Enclosed Letters from Jos. Clement ch. send for your Perusall, as Likewise the Enclosed Affidavit of Robert Dunbarr, and farther Refer our selves thereto, by which your Hon.r may observe Cap.t Smiths behaviour and Conduct at the Garrison of Oswego by admitting the French into the house when his men were out of it, who might have Made themselves Masters thereof, and ch. would have been of very ill Consequence to this province — We could humbly wish that a Prudent Commander was Posted there for the better Safety of that front. while we Suppose that Some thousand pounds when once in the Possession of the French would not reduce it to the obedience and Subjection of the British Empire — Who are &c.

You observe that said Clement will have Occasion for 60 £ or 70 £ Said early in the Spring to repair the house ch. hope you Please to order

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Colo. Johannis Schuyler agreable to his Instructions of the 3d October Last arrived at the First Indian Castle at Tienondroque at the house of Wm. Printhop on Thursday the 4th Instant where in the presence of Joseph Clementse wife the Indians denied they had killed any of Said Clementse Cattle, and Sayed when any Cattle Trespassed on their Landes they put them in pound upon wch. I proceeded on my Journey and at my return the Same Indians Treated wth. me again and Told me that they wonderd why ye. Clementse wife Complaind against them for killing her Cow, while to their certain Knowledge the Said Cow accidentally broke her Legg and Clementse wife killed and Salted the Same and afterwardes Sold thereof to Several of their brethren upon wch. they Layed Down a Dear Skin

When I arrived at Kanajohere at the 2d. Castle on the Saturday following I devired the Severall Palatines in the annexed List to come together that I might Treat wth. the Indians of the sd. Castle Pursuant to my Instructions wch. they accordingly did on Monday Following at wch. Time the sd. Indians devired me to come to them wth. the Palatines wch. I Likewise did and Layed down a Token of a blanket of Strowds and Devired they might make Satisfaction to the Severall persons whose Cattle & Swine they had Destroyed whereupon they returnd me the blanket – Then I asked them if they were not brethren that they returnd the blanket, upon which I Tenderd them the Same again and asked them if they did not remember the Promises they had made to our Late Governr. Then they Told me that the People who Live there are People who Live on our Landes, and are but Strangers for when they Came over First they gave them Skohery –

Then I Told them that was not Talking to the Purpose for his Hon.r Our President woud be much Displeased to hear of the ill usage they had given to the Inhabitants at Kanajohere – Then I

I Tenderd the blanket again, upon wch. they Sayed Must we be accountable for what the Wahring & French Indians do who Come to you and the five Nations. Then I Told them my business was with them alone – whereupon they answered they would Consult Farther of the Matter and give me an answer the next day – wch. they accordingly did and Layed down a Token of a String of Wampum and Devired I might acquaint the President and the Comm.rs that by that Token they obliged themselves Never to be guilty of the Like Crime again –

Albany 24th Novemb.r 1731

Johannis Schuyler

List of the Cattle and Swine wch. the Indians at Kanajohere have killed belonging to the Christians residing there, and wch. Colo. John Schuyler has brought in to the Comm.rs Viz.t

Johan.s Keyser	2 Large hogs	Hendrick Schremling	9 Hogs & 1 heffer
	4 Smaller D.o	Jacob Bouman	6 hogs
Hend.k Fry	2 Hogs	Hend.k Walraet	1 hogg killed the 6 wk.
Joh.s Kredmer	2 D.o & 1 heffer Calf	Jno.s Karraghkontie	1 Indian
Peter Feygaert	9 Hogs	Jacob Collman	1 Sheep
Henraet Contreman	3 Hogs & 1 Cow	Karell Eerhart	2 Large hogs
Wm. Wormwood	5 Hogs	Peter Wagenaer	1 Large hogg
Martman Windecker	4 D.o 1 Sheep & 1 heffer		1 Sheep 2 beasts 1 Cow &

Present

Ph. Livingston
Dyrdert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Joseph Groesbeck
Joh.s Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck
Meyer Gerritse
Barent Sanders

At a Meeting of the Comd.rs of the Ind. affairs at Albany the 24th Nov.r 1731

We have this day recd. a Letter from Rip Van Dam Esq. our President dated the 16th Inst. in Answer to ours of the 7th wherein his Hon.r devises us to Encourage Mr. Clement to Send us Information from time to time how matters are carried on at Oswego in order to Transmitt the Same to him as Likewise he directs us not to Suffer the Said Garrison to want Provisions, and that if we Send any to Let him know that Care may be Taken for the

The Payment in as much That his Hon.d Suppose that Mr. Wendell will provide no more than his Contract obliges him to, but withall that the Garrison must not be Suffered to Want Provisions

Now This board are of Opinion that the Providing any additionall Supplies for s.d Garrison (other than what Mr. Wendell has Contracted to furnish) is an Affair Entirely out of their Power and the Season of the year being so farr advanced, It is Impracticable to have any Provisions Transported thither

Unless we had Effects in our hands to Imploy Indians to kill Deer and Carry the Venison to them, which would prove very Expencive

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Johannis Lansingh

At a meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian Affairs at Albany the 24th Decem.r 1735

It is resolved by this board to give Lourence Claesen the Interpreter the foll.g Instructions in order to go to Onondagoe, and that Sander Van Eps Shall ride the Said Lourence to Kanagohere for which we have Agreed to Pay him thirty Shillings

Instructions for Lour: Claesen

Haveing Lately recev.d Information that Some Sachims of the Six Nations have been at Canada Last Fall when the Governour there Shewed them a Large belt and Told them that by the Same they designd to Cutt off the Indians at Tuskarahrondie and then Enjoynd them to go home and Tell the Sachims to Send him Delegates of Each of the Nations, within Two months to Treat.th.w. him, which if they Neglected he would Send an Army to Cutt off. and have now recev.d Intelligence that at Onondago there is to be a gener.l Meeting within few Days, and that the Onondagoes

Have

Have Sent Seven hands of Wampum to the Mohawks Desireing them to Send Some of their Sachims to attend at Said Meeting in order to go to Canada at that Governours request, and which we Conceive that the French Threatnings and Invention of this Deceit is only to gett a Number of the Sachims of Each Nation at Canada, and then to gett their Convent to build next Spring at the South Side of Caderachque Lake above Oswego or in Lave of Resiz all to Stir up the Tuchsachrandy Indians ag.st the Five Nations, that So Either by Perswasion or threats, gett a building at the place aforev.d w.ch we apprehend will Certainly not only be the ruin of the Furr Trade, but the Entire Loss of the Said Nations, wherefore its resolved by this board to Endeavour to Prevent the French Incroachments on Said Indians and to keep them Firm to their Fidelity to his Majesty - by Sending Some good faithfull Indians to Onondagoe to attend at Said meeting to dissuade the Sachims from going to Canada on any Pretence whatever, and by no means Suffer the French to Erect any building on their Land and to Tell the Onondagoes of their breach of Trust in not acquainting this board of Said Intended meeting Contrary to their repeated Promises - and after your Treaty as aforev.d you are Desired to acquaint Capt. Abraham Wendell and Company at the Sinnekes Countrey not to Suffer any of the French to Incroach on their Land, on any acc.t or amusem.t whatever Given under our hands at Albany the 24th Decem.r 1735

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Present
Ph: Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
St: Groesbeck
Ab.m Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Philip Schuyler
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer
Barent Saunders

Att a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 11th February 173½

Some of the principall Sachims of the Mohawks Indians having desired to Treat w.th the Comm.rs Do now come to remind us that on the 21st Septem.r 1730 Three Sachims of the Nation Viz.t Taragiores Totquarisse and Onohquahoghqua did then Acquaint us That the most of their Lands on the Mohawks River were already Sold to the Christians w.ch grieves Them to their hearts - and That thro the Enticem.ts of the Christians to which their young men are too ready to give Ear) the remaining Small parcells of Their Lands are Likely to be sold in Like manner by which means they woud be utterly destroyed and Scattered among the French and others and So Make a breach in the Covenant chain. Wherefore They then prayed His Late Ex.cy Govern.r Montgomerie That the Christians might be strictly forbidden to Entice their Indians to Sell them any of their Lands and that his Ex.cy woud be pleased to prevent all Persons whatsoever from Purchasing any of Their Lands (yet unsold) for the Future that they and their Posterity might Live peaceably and Quietly as Brethren

Wherefore The said Sachims do now Say That Contrary to their Said request a Lycence has Since been granted to One Jannetie Cuegher to Purchase Some of their Lands w.ch Lycence they have Taken from her and have produced to this board, and Since they finds there is So Little notice Taken of their repeated requests not to Suffer any of the Christians to purchase the remainder of their Lands yet unsold they do Design to See what they can do in this Affair by going themselves to New York, and Address themselves to the Superior

Powers in order to be Redressed in this grievance and mean while desire that the Comm.rs may Send This their request to the Prevident not to Grant for the future Lycences to purchase any of their Lands upon w.ch This Board have promised to Comply with Their request. The Comm.rs being Informed that Some Indians who were out a Fighting to the South have Taken up four Negro men and a Molotto Slave Three of which are among the Mohawks, whom They alleadge were run away from their masters Whereupon This Board demanded Said Slaves from the Sachims, desireing them to deliver them up in order that they may be Sent to their Masters as Soon as it Shall be known to Whom they belong Who Say as Soon as they Receive any account from the said Slaves Masters they will further Consider what to do therein

May it please Your Hon.r Albany Febuary 20th 173½

Your favours of the 21st Instant & the Post we have read and observe the Contents (that we have been Remiss in our Duty. to Recommend a proper Person to your Hon.r (pursuant to the Last act Passed for the Support of the Troops at Oswego) to be Commissary there, to Perform Such duties as by Said Act is directed, we Desire that you will be perswaded That it is no willfull neglect in any of us, while We have hitherto Shown and given proof of our Readiness for his Majesty's Service and Interest Having promoted the Same and Exerted our Selves To the Utmost of our abilities; Having proposed to David Ab. Schuyler to go to Oswego to act as Commissary, whom we think a person Qualified, and is Willing to go On that Service, and therefore refer our Selves to your Hon.r approbation therein

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What Relates that Your Hon^r is pleased to be Informd from us, to what Indians the Crown Point belongs or who claims it, We Conceive, that the Lands at the Crown Point and places adjacent belongd to the Mohawks who undoubtedly have Conveyed their right to the Crown while Dr Delius has had a Patent for the Same as farr as Rogies a Rock in Corlaers Lake at Least Thirty miles to the North of the Crown Point which Patent is Resumed to the Crown, what Claim the Governm^t of the Massachusetts or New Hampshire have to the Lands we know not

P S You are pleased to Say that the nails Must be Sent, and in your former Letter that you would Send them by the first Sloop, which we hope Your Hon^r will please to Do

Albany March 3^d 173½

May it please Your Hon^r

Since our Last of the 20th Ultimo We have Recd the Enclosed from Joseph Clement at Oswego by wch you will observe the bad State the Garrison is in, thro' Mismanagement, and no remedy to be had untill the Winter break up. We have acquainted Mr Wendell Executor wth this affair, who Say That the Garrison have recieved their Complement of Provisions to the first day of May next, and as Soon as the river is open they will Take Care to Send up a fresh Supply

In the Interim we hope Your Hon^r will Take into Consideration the sickly naked Condition the Men are in (as you will Observe more at Large by Clements Letter to which we Refer) and order Such necessarys for them as you Shall Think fitt

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By The Honble Rip Van Dam Esq: President of His Majesties Councill for the Province of New yorck

To David Abraham Schuyler Esq: Greeting

Whereas The Commissioners for the Indian Affairs at Albany by virtue of an act of the Generall Assembly of this Province made in the fifth year of His Majesties Reign, Entitled an act to Support the Troops at Oswego and to Regulate the Indian Trade there, by their Letter Unto me, of the Twenty Eighth day of February now Last past Have Signified unto me, That they had agreed wth you to go to Oswego and to Reside there as Commissary for the Time in the said act mentioned, Desireing my approbation thereof

So Origiall

Have Therefore thought fitt Hereby to Constitute and appoint you the Said David Abraham Schuyler to be the Commissioner at Oswego aforesaid with full Power and Authority to Execute all the Severalls and respective Powers by the Said Act Ordained to be by the Commissioner Executed, dureing the Time in the Said Act Limitted and appointed; according to the Trust hereby reposed in you for which this Shall be Your Sufficient Warrant Given Under my hand and Seal at Arms, This twenty fourth Day of March in the Fifth year of the Reigh of our Soverign Lord George the Second by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a Anno Dom 1731

Signd

Rip Van Dam

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Copy

By The Hon:ble Rip Van Dam Esq:r
President of His Majesty's Council for
the Province of New York

Instructions for David Ab: Schuyler Esq:r Commissary and Justice of the Peace at Oswego and the District thereof in the County of Albany

Herewith You will receive my Warrant to be Commissary at Oswego during the Time Limitted by an act of Generall Assembly of this Province made in the Fifth year of his Majesty's Reign Entituled an act to Support the Troops at Oswego, and to Regulate the Indian Trade; as also a Commission to be a Justice of the Peace at Oswego and the District thereof

Lodwigs

You are Therefore to Qualifie your Self for the Office of a Justice of the Peace by Taking Such Oaths and making Such Subscriptions and Declarations as the Law requires, and which Philip Livingston and Hans Hanson Esq:rs or Either of Them are authorized to administer unto you

Then you are forthwith to repair to Oswego aforesaid to Execute both the Said Offices according to the Directions of the Said Act — You are to Take Especiall Care of the Provisions for the Troops Posted there; that they be in Such Condition as to quality and quantity as Mr: Harmanus Wendell or his assigns by Contract are obliged to Furnish, and that those Sent may be Secured and Preserved and duly Issued Every week according to the allowance in former acts mentioned of which The Comm:rs of the Indian Affairs at Albany will Inform you

You are Likewise to Take Especiall Care That the Indian Trade be managed at that Place Strictly according to the Directions of the Said Act; And to

Administer

Administer Justice and hear and Determine any Disputes as may arise between the Traders and the Indians according to the directions of the aforesd: Act

You are not to Trade for your Self nor for any Other Person during your Stay there, nor Suffer any Officer Drummer nor Private Soldier posted there on the Penalties by the Said Act Prescribed

You are from Time to time to acquaint the Comm:rs of the Indian Affairs at Albany of the Condition of the Said house and the Trade there and of what Else may be for his Majesty's Service to the End the Same may be Transmitted to me or to the Governour of this Province for the Time being

You are to Shew these Instructions to the Said Commissioners at Albany, who may Take a Copy thereof if they so Think fitt, and for your Trouble and Paine herein You are at the Expiration of the Time you are to Stay there, by virtue of the Said act to receive the Sum of Fifty Pounds Curr:t money of New York

And Whereas Lieu:t Smith the Commanding Officer there has Likewise a Commission for a Justice of the Peace, you are diligently to Enquire into his behaviour, and Send a particular Acc:t thereof to the Comm:rs at Albany aforesd: to be Transmitted to me or the Gov:r of this Province for the Time being

If The Comm:rs at Albany aforesd: Should Think Fitt from time to time to add to these Instructions; You are Likewise to observe the Same, if they be not Contrary to these Presents or Contrary to the aforesd: act of Assembly

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms in New York this 24th day of March in the Fifth year of His Majesty's Reign Anno Dom: 1731

Signd Rip Van Dam

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Present

Rutger Bleecker
Evert Bancker
Hendrick V Renselaer
Stephanus Groesbeck
Johannis Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Jeremiah V. Renselaer
Evert Wendell
Reyer Gevritse
Dirck Ten Broeck
Johannis Lansingh

At a meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian Affairs at Albany 24th. April 1732

Eight of the Chiefs of the Mohawks Indians of Kanajohere Castle having desired to Treat w.th this Board; Say That the Governour for The Time being is Commissioned a Superiour Over them and us — but notwithstanding They have always been accustomd to Treat of and offer whatever they had to Say before This Board who are bound to keep the old Covenant Chain from being Violated by any Mismanagement or misunderstanding but Preserve the Same Clean and Unspotted — And in The first place we are come to ask a Question of you w.ch we desire you'l answer us, without Concealing any thing from us; That is that David Schuyler Sitts now in Goal and We desire to know what his Crime is, whether it is for murder Felony or any other Heinous Crime, if he is guilty of any Such, then we have nothing more to Say, but we Suppose it is Some Great man here has done it & thereupon we Demand a Direct answer. Then this Board Told Them go on w.th your whole Speech, and we Shall Answer you at once, who replyed they would not proceed 'till they were Satisfied in their First Question

Whereupon The Comm.rs answerd David Schuyler is Put in Goal and this is a Law and custom among the Christians, That if one man is Indebted to another, he Must first Pay the money or go to Goal, and that we nor no Man can prevent, unless we or they Pay Such Debt

Brethren In Goal he cannot Hunt Do but Enlarge him and then he will be able to Pay his debts, for we are come with a full Resolution of our Castle to have him out of Gode forasmuch that he is Incorporated among us as one of our Children We have given

Him

Him a Tract of Land and he is one of us — We desire you to Let him Lose, whereupon they Layed down three Strings Wampum to Open the Goal door

Brethren When Queeter was alive we never mett with Such usage, and what is the meaning That we are now Somuch oppressd

Brethren A Child is dear to his father, and if this Token is not Sufficient to open the door of the Goal; we will Lay down a better, and if you don't Let him out this day, we Will forthwith Send one of our People to our Castle to Inform them thereof — Then the Comm.rs answerd and Told them upon what acc.t David Schuyler is Lodged in Goal, viz.t That he was committed there at the Suit of John Moore and Philip Livingston, according to the Laws of England, but M.r Livingston having withdrawn his Suit he only now rests in Goal at the Suit of the aforesd. Moore, whereupon we returnd the Wampum and Told them, that it was out of our power to Enlarge him unless we Paid his debt

The Indians answerd

Brethren We have given a Tract of Land to David Schuyler, in presence of his Late Ex.ty John Montgomerie Philip Livingston and Lowrence Claesen, and at the Same Time we promised to Sell to Said Livingston a Tract of Land Lying along the river to the Eastwards of David Schuylers Land; and now we must Tell you that We are Informd that M.r Livingston has obtaind a Pattent that Takes in all our Land that Lyes to the North and West along the Mohawks river, as farr as to a certain Fall upon the Said river — if this is True then M.r Livingston has Murdered us asleep, for our Land is our Life, whereupon we Earnestly desire you to Send for a Copy of the Said Pattent, that you may Inform

Us

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Us how much Land he has Taken up in that Patterns That our Children may not Come into dispute after our Decease, for we have Sold no Land to Mr. Livingston and are now fully resolved never to Sell him a foot of Land — We know that Said Livingston has given Severall private Gifts to Some of our Young men, but he may account that as thrown in Recka

Brethren We have Likewise given a Small Tract of Land to our father the Dutch Minister, which we desire that he as well as David Schuyler may keep Each his Tract and we will that they Shall have the Same for Ever

Whereupon the Comm.rs Answerd

Brethren We Shall Lay your whole Proposition before His Hon.r The President in Councill, and if they Think fitt to Send a Copy of the Said Patterns We Shall Inform you Thereof and Shew you the Same — Whereupon they returnd thanks and Said now we are So farr Satisfied, but we Shall never be Easy untill we know the whole Truth of this affair

Albany the 24th April 1732

May it please Your Hon.r

The Enclosed is Copy of a Proposition from the Chiefs of the Mohawks Indians at Ikanajohere, which they have very Earnestly offerd We refer the whole to your Hon.r in Councill, and wait your Answer thereupon

Capt. Abraham Wendell Sybrant Van Schaick &c. the Blacksmiths and Company being returnd from the Sinnekes Country Inform us that during their Stay there this Last winter they have found the Two Castles of Sinneke Indians to agree better then Ever heretofore, and in a firm alliance to the Crown of Great Britain & by all we can Learn the Said Smiths have given the Indians more Content then Ever has been done by

Any thing that hitherto have been Sent Further — We are w.th great respect &c.a

Present
Govert Bancker
Rutger Bleecker
Johannis Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Govert Wendell
Dirck Ten Broeck
Johannis Roseboom
Meyer Gerritse

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian Affairs at Albany the 28th April 1732

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We have this day recd a Letter from Joseph Clement at Oswego giveing an account of the Death of Lieutenant Thomas Smith and the Serjeant as Likewise that the Corporall and Others of the men are very sick, which this Board resolve to Transmitt to His Hon.r the President for his Perusall, and while the Said Clement requests that the Indian who brought The Said Letter might be Sufficiently Satisfied for his Trouble, as well for this as for a Letter he carried to Oswego from the Presidents, otherwise it will for the future prove Difficult to obtain a Messenger to Come from thence when Occasion Shall require — and this Board being at a Loss how to Satisfie the bearer; Mr. Abraham Cuyler has undertaken to Pay him upon Credit of the Government

Albany the 28th April 1732

May it please Your Hon.r

Since our Last of the 24th Instant We have recd the Enclosed from Joseph Clement at Oswego which brings the Surprizeing Account of the death of Lieut.t Smith, and his Serjeant, as Likewise that Sever all of those who remain alive are in a very Sickly and weak Condition.

The Indian who brought the Enclosed having Likewise carried one from Your Hon.r Thither — therefore Mr. Abraham Cuyler has Undertaken to Pay the Said Indian for his Trouble upon Credit of the Government

We have nothing more to add but referr the whole to Your Hon.r — Who are with respect — &c.a

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Albany the 28th April 1732

May it Please Your Hon:

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The Enclosed from Doctor Charles Sherr we send for your Perusall, while we are in a Consternation how to act otherwise in any thing that relates to that Garrison.

The Latter part of Mr. Sherrs Letter Seems to be wrote very Splenatick, and we are of opinion that this Gent and Joseph Clement have not so good an understanding as they ought to have, while the former's own words seem to Indicate the same — and Your Hon.r is Sensible that Clement could not make any repairs on the Garrison in such a hard Winter, and there never is any Trade to be had there during that Season —

We are &c.a

Instructions for Lowrence Claesen

Whereas we have yesterday rec.d a Letter from Capt. Walter Butler Intimating that the Onondago Indians have by a Belt of Seven hands of Wampum acquainted y.e Sachims of the Mohawks Indians, that there is to be a generall meeting of the Five Nations in a few days, & have desired we may Send you with them — Now while we are Strangers upon what acc.t the Said Indians are going or whither their Journey is Intended — You are Therefore with all Convenient Speed to repair to Onondago and at your Arrivall there to Inspect narrowly into the Intentions of Said Indians, upon what design they are going, and what their business is, and in Case you find the Same Disagreeable to the Interest of this Governm.t and that it may prove Prejudiciall to His Majesty & the peace & Tranquility of his Subjects Then You are according as you find their Intentions to Treat.th them for the publick Interest & Dissuade them from undertaking any thing that may Hurt the Same and bring us their answer thereupon Given under our Hands at Albany the Ninth day of May 1732

Present
Ph. Livingston
Rutger Bleecker
Joseph. Groesbeck
Nicholas Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Ph. Schuyler
Hen. V Rensselaer
Dirck Ten Broeck
Jeremiah V Rensselaer
Peyer Gerritse
Johannis Lansingh

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian Affairs at Albany the 9th May 1732

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This Board having given Instructions to Lowrence Claesen the Interpreter to go to Onondago and be Present at that Meeting They farther resolve to give him the following Goods to make Presents to the Indians in his Treaty w.th them, which he is to receive at Johan Jost Staats upon the Comm.rs Acc.t Viz.t 3 Strowd Blankets Some Rum Bread and Bacon; and that Mr. Dirck Ten Broeck Shall Let the Said Lowrence have in Toys or Trinkets to give the Said Indians to the Value of Three pounds and no more

Albany the 13th May 1732

Captain Butler

Sir

The bearer Mr. John Wall Haveing three Slaves run away from him Last aug.t in Company w.th three other Slaves belonging to his Neighbours which he is apprehensive may have Sheltered themselves among our Indians at or near Fort Hunter, and His Hon.r our President haveing granted him a Warrant Directed to us for the apprehending and Detecting the Said Slaves, and desires we may Aid and assist him therein, as much as in us Lyes which Warrant Mr. Wall will Shew you — We Therefore desire you will be pleased to assist this Gentleman as much as possible to apprehend Said Slaves at his own proper Cost and Charges if they May be found among our Indians, that you'll advise them to Deliver them up to him for it may prove of ill Consequence in Case they refuse it, while Slaves you know are the proper Chattles belonging to the Owners and as we think it would be a needless Charge and Delay to the bearer to have the Indians Come hither to this place

Wherefore

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Wherefore we begg and desire you to use all pressing arguments w.th the Indians to deliver up s.d Slaves, while if they refuse it will Seem and be Look.d upon as if they Design.d to make a breach in the Covenant, which hitherto hath been kept Inviolable Therefore hope the bearer May have the Desired Success to Prevent any misunderstanding that may Ensue on this affair

We are &c.a

Instructions for Mr. Johannis E. Wendell

Whereas Mr. John Wall is Earnestly recommended unto us by his Hon.r our President for our aid & assistance to recover Some Slaves that are among our Indians belonging to the Said John Wall and the Said Wall haveing found that there is one Negro and an Indian Slave at Shohere and another of Said Slaves at the Mohawks Countrey which Last Slave the Mohawks Indians promised Said Wall to bring down to us but they not haveing Performd that Promise and Seem rather to Slight this affair than to Take notice of the Presidents Warrant and our further order thereupon whereby we requested them to deliver up Said Slaves. You are Therefore to go First to the Mohawks Countrey and Demand S.d Slave Named Tom from the Indians Telling them withall that we are much Surprizd that they decline to Comply w.th our desire in Delivering up Said Slave, while they know that all Slaves are the proper Chattles of their masters and if they were in Possession of Christians the Lawes of the Land would procure the proper owner his Slaves

Therefore we hope they'l give us no farther Trouble in this affair but deliver him up unto you, and then you are to repair from thence to Shohere & Demand from the Indians there a Negro man named Tom Petro

and an Indian Slave named Jack both belonging to Said Walls, which we hope and request they'l deliver you without more ado, to Prevent farther Trouble to us or our President herein — and that the Pretended Indian Owners of said Slaves, or those who have them in Custody may Come down with them, and that reasonable Satisfaction Shall be made them — of which all Justices of the Peace High and Petty Constables or other Civill Officers are to Take Notice and be aiding and assisting herein GIVEN under Our Hands at Albany the Twenty Second Day of May in the Fifth year of His Majesties Reign Anno Dom.i 1732

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Present —

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Evert Banker
Johannes Cuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Dirck Ten Broeck

Att a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian Aff.rs at Albany the 6.th of August 1732 —

The Comm.rs having this day recd a Letter from the Honble Rip Van Dam Esq.r &c.a wherein he Directs us to Furnish Lieut.t Charles Congrve and the Detachment Comm.g th.m with Provisions for their Journey to Oswego — We therefore do Decline to Comply w.th that part of His Hon.r Letter while it is an affair apart from our Commission and have no Effects belonging to the Government in our hands to Equip s.d Men, nor is there any Provision Made whereupon we can Undertake such a thing, and Do accordingly resolve to write to the President to that Effect —

Albany the 3.d Aug.t 1732 —

May it please Your Hon.r

We received your favours of the 29.th Ult.o and are Sorry we cant comply w.th the Commands you are pleas'd to Lay upon us to Dispatch and Furnish Lieu.t Congreve and his Detachment with Provisions for their Voyage to Oswego; You may be assured we now Should and always are ready and willing to promote and Forward Every thing that has any Tendency to the Good of the Government, but while there is no Provision Made for Payment of any Such Disbursements nor have We any Effects belonging to the Publick in our hands and besides as your Hon.r is Sensible it is an affair apart from our Commission, Therefore we begg we may be Excused from Undertaking it and hope your Hon.r will allow that we are not remiss in our Duty Who are &c.a

Albany the 7.th August 1732 —

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May it please Your Ex.cy

It is with great Pleasure we have an opportunity to Congratulate Your Ex.cy's happy and safe Arrivall in this Your Government, Considering the many Casualties that may happen in Such Long Voyages

We hope your Excellency's arrivall is attended with good health, and we heartily wish you a Continuance of it, That you may meet with all Tranquility and unanimity in your Government, which we hope may be attended with a Long and Prosperous Continuance are the Sincere Wishes of who are — With great Esteem and respect —

We Do hereby Certify That David ab. Schuyler upon receipt of a Warrant and Instructions Directed to him Signd by the Hon.ble Rip Van Dam Esq.r President of His Majesties Councill for the Province of New York dated the 24.th day of March Last, he the Said David ab. Schuyler was ready to go to Oswego to act as Commissary there dureing the Time mentioned in Said Instructions and an act of Genll Assembly for that purpose, and that he the Said David ab. Schuyler did repair thither as soon as the Weather would Permitt him, and returnd from thence the 27.th day of July Last Past dureing which Time of his Stay there he acted as Commissary and Discharged his duty therein (by all that we can Learn) as became Such an Officer to the Content of the Traders and Indians Tradeing there and to the Utmost of his Power for his Majesties Service and that y.e s.d David ab. Schuyler Undertook Said Service before us for the Sum of Fifty pounds as reserved in Said Act of Assembly and the Force of his Hon.r

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The Presidents Warrant and Instructions qualifying him for that office Given under our hands at Albany this Seventh day of August Anno Domini 1732

To His Ex.cy William Cosby Esq.r Capt. Gen.ll and Governour in Chief of the Provinces of New York New Jersey and the Territories thereon depending in America and Vice Admiralt of the Same And Colonel in his Majesties Army

In Council

The Humble Representation of the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany and the Commr.s of Indian affairs

Humbly Representeth

That we have Long Since and yet do Labour under great and apparent Dangers in Case of a Rupture between the Crown of Great Britain and that of France, which not without great reason Puts an unspeakable dread Especially on the Inhabitants of this City and County who Still Feel the barbarous Cruelty of our dangerous Enemy the French of Canada Committed in the Last Warr by their Destroying and Skulking Parties and Notwithstanding we have made Severall applications to the Legislative Power Entreating their assistance therein yet the Same has not as yet had the Desired Effect which Obliges us to Lay the Defenceless State and Condition of this City and County before Your Ex.cy

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All His Majesties Forts in this County Especially that at this City being in no posture of defence in Case of a Rupture the great Guns Lying dismounted the Carriages rotten and the Barracks and Blockadoes in a Ruinous Condition

We must Say that we have Just reason to dread any attacks that may be made upon us by the French of Canada who have Last year built Fortifications at a place Called the Crown Point about one hundred miles from Saratogue which they have built for a place of Rendizvous and upon no other View or Design then to make a more Speedy attack upon our People the Inhabitants of this County who Live More adjacent to them, and So unawares make themselves Masters of us when opportunity Serves, Therefore we hope it will be thought absolutely necessary for his Majesties Service and the defence of the Inhabitants of this City and County that a Stone Fort be built at Albany, a Wooden Fortification at Saratogue and a Garrison kept there for the Retreat of Outskouts and Such other uses as will undoubtedly Tend to the Preservation of our now naked Country People, as well as be a means to Draw and keep the Indians Firm to the British Interest and Encourage them to Settle there and thereabouts under Shelter of the Said fortifications

As We Flatter our Selves of your Ex.cy readiness to Promote Every thing that Tends to the Interest and preservation of this Government and his Majesties Loyall Subjects therein We Therefore Humbly Entreat Your Ex.cy to represent this our naked Condition to the now Generall Assembly of this Province, and that our Frontiers may be Put in Such a posture of defence as we have before Expressed, and that Your Ex.cy will be Pleased to recommend it to them in the most Pressing Manner to raise a Fund on the whole Province to Defray the Charges of Such Fortifications, which would abundantly Redound to the glory of the British Empire and the Tranquility & Security of this His Majesties Northern Continent of America

All which is humbly represented this 25 day of Aug.t A.o D.i 1732 by &c.

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Albany the 25th Augt 1732

May it Please Your Ex.y

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We think it our duty to acquaint your Ex.y of a Surprizing accident that happend in his Majesties Fort here on Tuesday y. 22. Instant between the hours of Eight and nine of the Clock at night that by a Train of Powder or Some other villanous means Some of the Numbr and a great many of the Granadoes in the Store were Set fire to which went off in Such a Sudden and Surprizing manner that put this City in a great Consternation for that Time but upon Immediate Enquiry into this affair by the Mayor Recorder and aldermen of this City it appeard that a Negro man belonging to Capt. Henry Holland was Found Lying Close to the Powder house when this Accident happend Very much burnt in his face and Other Parts of his body and who is Strongly Supposed to have Committ. the aforesd. Villany, They have Strictly Examind into this affair but there is as yet no Positive Proof against the Negro; the Little Fitt Called the Magazine was Consumed with what Powder was in it by this Villainous Action

We Must allow that Capt. Holland has been an Officer Sufficiently qualified to Command this Garrison till within these few Last years he by the providence of Almighty God is rendered Incapable to Command this Garrison and it is wth. much Concern for the Publick good as well as for him that we are obliged to Express it

We Take Leave to acquaint Your Ex.y that while it has been a Constant Maxim wth. Amer. Govs. upon their Arrivall in this Province to acquaint the Six Nations of Indians therewith, and it is what they Constantly Expect, we thought it our duty to make mention of it to you and Shall waite Your Ex.ys directions therein

Who are &c

At a meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 4 Septemb.r 1732

Present

Rutger Bleecker
H. Groesbeck
Joh.s Cuyler
Ab. Cuyler
Meyer Gerritse
Joh.s Lansingh
Barent Vanderen

This board having rec.d a Letter from his Ex.y dated the 25th Ult.o desireing us to Send Lawrence Claesen the Interpreter to the Six Nations of Indians to Acquaint them wth. his Ex.ys Arrivall It is therefore Resolved to Send Said Lawrence Pursuant to his Ex.ys Letter and to give him the foll.g Instructions thereon

By the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs

Instructions for Lawrence Claesen

Pursuant to a Letter from his Ex.y Wm Cosby Esq.r our Gov.r dated at New York the 25th August Last and to us directed You are to repair to Onondago wth. all Convenient Speed and on your Journey thither Acquaint the Severall Nations of Indians of the Safe arrivall of his Said Ex.y That the Pressing business of the Province Prevents his meeting them this year but that next Spring his Said Ex.y intends to be wth. them here, of which they shall have Timely notice

When you come to Onondago you are to dispatch a Trusty Indian to the Cayougas and Sinnekes Country to Acquaint those Nations with the aforesd Message

Given under our hands at Albany 4 Septem.r 1732

Signd as above

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Abraham
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York —
Quashy —
Adam —
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Frank & Cooper
Cupary —

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Att a Meeting of the Comissioners of the Indian affairs in Albany the 28th May 1732

Ends 23 April 1733

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Mr Johannis C: Wendell having in pursuance of an Instruction from this board dated the 22d Instant, been at Fort Hunter and Shohere to Demand from the Indians there who have in their possession the Run away Negroes and Slaves belonging unto Mr John Wall of Virginia Reports that the pretended Indian owners would bring them to this place in order to Deliver them to their Master, and the Indian one of the pretended owners who had heretofore Promist to deliver one of said Slaves, Insisted to be paid for the keeping and Cloaths given to said Slave, the Comissioners Consented that he should be paid, Six blantrets Strowds, a blanket a Shirt, & a pair Stockings, and that said Mr Wendell go forthwith again to Fort Hunter to Bring hither said slave, all at the Charge of the said Mr Wall

Present
Ph: Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Everd Bantret
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Ryer Gerritse
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer
Rutgert Bleecker
Hend.k V. Rensselaer
Joh.s Lansingh

At a Meeting of the Comissioners
the Indian affairs at Albany the
30th May 1732

In Pursuance of an Instruction from the
board unto Mr Joh.s E. Wendell dated the 22d Inst.
the Indians Resideing at Shohere arrived here la
night, and brought thither two of the Slaves belo
-ing to Mr John Wall of Virginia Run from him i
August Last. —

II 2. The Comrs. told the Indians that they are pleased
see they are come hither according to their order s
them up to Joh.s E. Wendell and that they have b
down the two Run away slaves, but are Surprise
that they do not produce them to this board, and
desire them to deliver them up, which with much
difficulty they have done, for whom Mr John Wall
their master has paid them a P.s Strowds.

The Comrs. have told the said Indians that in Case th
meet with any Indian Slaves, or Negroes for the
future on any of the English Settlements that th
must Either pass them by or Else bring them to the
nept Christian Settlements in order to be delive
to their Proper Master or Masters for if Ever th
detain any other mans Slaves again, they shall
not have on penny Reward, and we Shall oblig
them to Deliver such up unto us. —

Albany the 11th June 1732

Sir

Your favours of the 12th past we Rec.d and
Agreeable to your Commands, given all the dispatch
to the two Lieut.s Butler and Banks to Repair
to their respective Posts, they went from hence on
the 28d We Supplied Butler (upon Credit of the
Governt.) with such Provisions men and Batto
bring
to him up to Oswego as was necessary for his Voyage

The Enclosed Letters are from Mr David
Schuyler wherein he informs us that the Provisions
have been Deliver.d, that the bread and meal will
hold out to the time Mr Wendell was agreed to
II 3. Furnish which is to 9mo Aug.t next, (but the Pork
only to the 28th July which time draws near,
wherefore we hope that a timely supply may be
Sent for that Garrison, before Mr Wendell Contract
be Expired, said Wendall's Son Promises to Send
of the first opportunity the Eighty Six and half
Pounds of Pork, which fell Short in the Weight
Mr Schuyler mentions also that the Onondago
Indians have sent him seven hands Wampum that
they have only Lett the ground at Oswego to our
Governour, that our People may freely trade there
this year but not next year whereby may be seen how wavering
and Insolent our Indians grow from time to time
with our Respects Remain Sir
Your very Humble Servants

P. S. We have given Mr Wall
all the assistance in our
Power, to gett his Negros
out of the hands of the
Indians

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Present

Myndert Schuyler
Rut: Bleecker
Ev: Bancker
A: Groesbeck
I. Schuyler
Ab: Cuyler
Nic: Bleecker
J. V. Rensselaer
R. Gerritse
D. Van Brouck
Ph: Schuyler
B. Sanders

Att a Meeting of the Comrs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 26th June 1732

Torighjories and some other Indians from Canajohie made the following Speech to the Comissioners.

I shall begin with our ancestors who were Entered in Covenant together to go hand in hand Joyn'd and Link'd in a Silver Chain, before we were Born, with Promise that the same should be kept Inviolable.

II 5.

Brethren Such a good understanding as our ancestors had, we hope is at present, and we are affraid that there may be a breach made in that ancient Covenant which has so long Subsisted between us, this is the house of Peace, and our nations depending on this Goverment, and that we have now Embraced the Christian Faith, with hopes to proceed in it,

While we have said that their has been always a good understanding between us, and now we have accepted the Christian Faith, we are Closer united together, Since we believe in one Lord, & Saviour Jesus Christ.

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Brethren It was my intention to mention what our Ancestors have done, but now I come to the Point, I am Come for having an apprehension that there will soon be a difference between us which will occasion a dispute and dispersion ~~between us~~, of the Six nations, some to Canada others to Sughsaghrondie, some East, some West, But hope that Justice may be done on all side and we may Live in peace

Brethren I Cant help it and believe very much in it & think the Brethren will abandon us, the Land that God has given our ancestors, and us for an Inheritance, I have heard it by words, and yet believe in it, that you'll have the Land

II 6. which we possess:

We the Sachims are Come to acquaint you with an upright heart, that we are for the truth & Justice, I can say for our Young people the Soldiers who are angry in their minds for the talk which is Spread, our ancestors, and other did not know of buying or Selling Lands, but Corlaer who is drowned in the Lake Desired for Land at Schinechtady which we granted him

It seems at that time we understood one another Innocently & out of Love, those we at Schinechtady bought from the Iroq to Peter Mebees, after that to arent Vedders, and it was only the grass but we do not Question the Land now.

I am here almost Every day to Speak with you, by Reason of our Land, which we Cant Sell, but must Keep for ours, and that a Certain Peice they Reserved for them and posterity and at the same time told his Ex.y Governor Montgomerie, and Philip Livingston that they had then given a peice of Land to David Schuyler for him durring his Life, and then to belong to us again, and that said Livingston should have a peice from them, which he was to buy and Pay for.

In the mean time we have heard from Sundry Persons that the Land which we Reserve for our Selves and Posterity is already granted.

II 7. We Complained to the Late Governour that we are defraud'd out of our Land, which is patented to Coll.o John Schuyler Harmanus Wendell and Comp.y part whereof belongs yet to us, we sold only from the bounds of Capt.n Van Slyck to Fiordoque where the french Cutt off our Castle, and what is to the Westward we think belongs yet to us, we gave a Large Belt on this to his Late Excellency in presence of Philip Livingston and Lowrence Claesse, but he is now dead what is become of said belt we know not, it is Customary to have an answer on any proposall, and if no notice is taken of it to Return y.e said Belt, but y.e Bell is gone, and We Rec.d no answer

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Brethren I Grow more angry and my mind is full if it be true what is said and Reported, and if any Person comes to Settle on Lands which is not bought, but what is Settled and paid for we have nothing to say to, and if any come to Survey on Land not purchased, we shall break the Compass, and Chaine, and if any Settlements be made we Shall distroy it, and their Cattle

Breth.r I am but Servant and messenger, what I say I do not out of my self, those who have Sent me Men and Women are all very uneasy, we Say as before that we acquainted the Late Governour

II 8. that we Should sell Philip Livingston a Peice of Land and he promised not to take any without payment, but now we have Considered our Selves he Shall not have a foot of Land, because it is told us that he has already a patent for the Land from below — to the Little Fall of the Palants if it be not so as is Reported of you, you have been a good Child, but that you have taken up all our Lands, we desire you to putt off the Evil Spirit and Continue a good Child as heretofore

I say as I did before and make my Complaints to you, but I get no Redress, if I can get no Justice from you, I shall not come again but make my Complaint to Boston or Pensilvania Governments

Governments, and hope to gett Justice from Either of them

Breth.n I have brought my preface hetherto, and do Speak by a Certain token with this belt, that Philip Livingston has put David Schuyler in Goal, we could also find an action against Some persons among you, who we could put in goal but we do not Execute our authority, we think that if we did, we have also that knowledge to make a disturbance, while David Schuyler is of a your own flesh and Blood that he may be Released out of Prison and that then he can pay his debts, we will not believe that he is put in goal for debt

II 9. but Concerning the Land, therefore, Child meaning Philip Livingston desire him to let him out of goal, while he is one of them and that would do us a great peice of Service and no detriment to himself

An Indian Girl over whom David Schuyler is godfather, Sends a String Wampum, desireing the Comissioners to intercede with Philip Livingston to let him out of Goal

Breth.n I forgott some thing and desire to be excused what I desired Last saturday for Justice, I desire the Patent of Philip Livinston to be layd on the Table, we know there are two, one at New York, & the other in possession of him,

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I Cant Read nor write, and I Leave it to you to tell me how it is.

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Answer

We Shall always on our parts keep the Ancient Covenant Inviolable, as our ancestors have done. —

What Relates your Complaint against Philip Livingston having taken up your Land, and your desire that the Patent may be Shown unto him, we have wrote for a Copy of that Patent on your first desire, to the President, but he has not yet been pleased to send it us, so that we are Ignorant what is the Contents there of, the Governour will not Consent that any person shall have or possess any Lands from you, unless you are fully satisfyed for the purchase

II 10.

That David Schuyler is in Goal for debt, as we told you before (and not for Land as you Imagine) and according to Law & Custom among Christians, that if one is Indebted to another he must first pay the money or be Committed to Goal, and that we nor no man Can prevent unless they pay Such Debt

The Indians

The Indians say that they have the Enlargement of David Schuyler very much at heart, do freely give him for paying his Debts a tract of Land Containing about 48 Acres of Low Land called Sioquiraowee Bounding to the west to a Small Rivolet, to the East of the Creek onnawagogie, and if he be not set at Liberty in 30 days then this their gift to be void

II 11.

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Albany Aug.t the 3.d 1732

May it Please your Hon.r

We Received your Favours of the 29.th Ult.o and are Sorry we Cant Comply with the commands you are pleased to Lay upon us, to dispatch and Furnish Lieu.t Congreve and his detachment with provisions for their Voyage to Oswego.

You may be assured we now Should and allways are ready and willing to Promote and Forward every thing that has any Tendency to the Good of the Government, but while there is
II 13. no provision made for Payment of Such Disbursements, nor have we any Effects belonging to the publick in our hands, and Besides as your Hon.r is Sensible it is an Affair apart from our Commission, we therefore must decline to undertake it, and hope your Hon.r will Allow that we are not remiss in our duty. Who are With great Respect

Your Hon.rs Ob.t Humble Servants

Evert Bancker
Stevanus Groesbeek
Joh.s Cuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck

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Present
Abraham Cuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Direck Ten Broeck
Nicholas Bleecker
Johs. Lansingh

Att a Meeting of the Comissioners of Indian affairs att Albany this 18th September 1732

Sadekanachty an onnondage Sachim Informs this board, that the Govr. of Pensiloania had desired last Spring a Conference with the Sachims of the Six nations in his Governmt, but the Sinnekes went there, without their knowledge, otherwise the other Sachims of the 5 nations would have accompanyed them, not that they are unwilling to Joyn in any negoti=ation with any of the Brethren on the Continent, the said Sadekanachty desires that the Governour may be acquainted with what he now says.

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At a meeting of the Comrs
the 7th October 1732—

It is agreed by this Board, with Johannis Seeger, their Messenger, that he shall have for his Salary, nine pounds ℔ Annum, for Warning the Comissioners and attending on them

II 16.

At a Meeting of the Commrs of Indian affairs at Albany the 7th October 1732—

Present

Johs Cuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Evert Bantree
Evert Wendell
Beyer Gerritse
Dirck Ten Broeck

Lowrence Claesen the Interpreter being Returned from Kanajoheere Agreeable to his Instructions of the 2d Instant Appears at this board, with Two Indians belonging to said Castle the one called Solquariesa and the other Adiegenodagh who are sent by the Sachims of that Castle, The Commrs Spoke to them as followeth

II 17.

Brethren We have sent for you at the request and Complaint of the high Sheriff of this City and County, who tells us that David Schuyler his Prisoner has run from him out of Prison, and tells us farther that he is is now amoung you, in your Castle under pretence of Being Sheltered by you, We therefore Sent for you to acquaint you how Tenders the Laws of England are in Such Cases, that whenever a prisoner has run out of prison from the Sheriff then the Sheriff may take him again wherever he Can find him, and none of his Majesties Subjects can hinder him, from so doing, and that is the nature of the happiness we Enjoy by the Laws of Great Britain under which we Live

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs, in Albany the 9th October 1732.

Present
Joh.s Cuyler
H. Groesbeeck
Rutger Bleecker
Hend.k Rensselaer
Ab. Cuyler
Evert Wendell
Dirk Ten Broeck
Joh.s Lansingh

His Excellency William Cosby our Gov.r having been pleased to write a Letter to this board, dated the 18th ultimo, with an Extract of a Letter from the Gov.r of North Carolina, to the Lds of trade dated the 11th September, 1731. that he is
II 18. Apprehensive of a warr between the Indians of South Carolina, and those of North Carolina, who are to be assisted by the five nations, whereby his Ex.cy directs this board to send forthwith to the five Nations acquainting them that his Ex.cy expects they should become mediators between those Indian of South and north Carolina, to use their utmost Endeavours to Reconcile their present misunder-standing, and to sette a firm and Lasting peace Between them, as a thing which will be very pleas-ing to his Majesty, and honorable to themselves in obedience to his Ex.cys Letter, this Board have Resolved to send Lawrence Claese the Interpreter with the following Instructions.

By the Comissioners of the Indian affairs in Albany

Instructions for Lowrence Claese to the five Nations.

In Pursuance to a Letter from his Ex.cy Will.m Cosby Esq.r our Gov.r dated the 18th Sept.r Last, wherein his Ex.cy is pleased to mention that the Gov.r of North Carolina is apprehensive of a warr between the Indians of South Carolina & those of North Carolina who are to be assisted by the five nations, you
II 19. are to acquaint them, that his Ex.cy expects they should become mediators, between those Indians of South & North Carolina, and use their utmost Endeavour to Reconcile their present misunder-standing and to Sette a firm & Lasting peace Between them as a thing which will be pleasing to their father his Majesty and honorable to them you are to tell them, that his Ex.cy shall meet them at Albany in the Spring, as soon as the Season will Admitt of it, at which time his Ex.cy hopes to Receive from them a good account of their negotiations.

You are to use your best Endeavours to persuade the five Nations, Especially the young men, that they do not go out a fighting against any Indians to the Southward, till his Ex.cy has metd the Sachims here next Spring

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Gr. Present

Joh: Myd. Schuyler
St. G. E. Banker
Rulge Step. Groesbeck
Hendk Ruther Bleecker
Ab. Cu
Everd E. Wendell
Dirk
Joh:

At a Meeting of the Comissioners of the Indian affairs in Albany the 28d October 1732

Laurence Cloese the Interpreter Returned from the six nations, who informs this board that he has pursuant to his Instructions dated 9th Instant, acquainted the Sachems with the Contents thereof.

II 20 That the Sachems told him that they are not guilty, nor accessary in assisting the Indians of North Carolina against those of South Carolina, nor any others who live near, or amoung any of his Majes Subjects, and do decline to become mediators, while they are free from all guilt that can be Layd to their Charge, and if any government shou accuse them, of any hostile act or misdeamanor, a desired to come to the City of Albany, where the are willing to vindicate themselves, of any thing that can be Layd to their Charge, before his Ex.cy our Gov.r which is the place appointed by our ancestors to transact, decide, differences & Conclude Treaties.

Albany 28d Octob.r 1732

May it please your Ex.cy

Your Ex.cys favours of the 18th September we Rec.d in obedience thereto we have dispatched Laurence Cloese the Interpreter to the Six nations

II 21. as appears by the Inclosed Instructions, and their answer, which are here Inclosed, whereto we take Leave to Refer.

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At a Meeting of the Comrs of the Indian affairs this 15th day of December 1732 —

Present

Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Hepr Groesbeck
Philip Schuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Johs Lansingh
John D Peyster
Ryer Gerritse

A Commission from his Ex.cy William Cosby Esq.r dated at Fort George in New York the 18th day of Novemb.r 1732, nominating and appointing the Commissioners who shall be managers of the Indian affairs, whose names are mentioned in Said Commission, as by said Commission may more at Large appear was Read, and those that were Present accepted of the Same —

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Present

Myndert Schuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Dirk Ten Broeck
Ryer Gerritse
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer
Joh.s Lansingh Jun.r
John D. Peyster

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs in Albany the 22d day of december 1732

A messenger from the Sinnekas Country with a Letter from Mr. Abraham Wendell & Comp.y dated the 11th Instant in Answer thereto writ the following Letter

Albany 22d December 1732

Mess.rs Abraham Wendell & Comp.y

We Rec.d yours of the 11th Instant and observe the Contents, which we shall Communicate to his Excellency our Gov.r we are very much Concerned for the Loss of the many Sachims and Indians, who lately dyed, at the Sinnekas Country, we suppose this Ex.cy will give proper Directions about sending up Laurens Claes with 2 a 3 maquas Sachims to Condole the death of the Deceased Sachims, we are pleased to the Information you give us about, Jean Cours Son & 4 french Soldiers, being at Onnahie, we desire that you will observe their motions, and if any thing be Contrived by them about his majesties Interest that you will oppose it to the uttmost of your power, and acquaint us with it.

I 24.

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Present

Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Hend.k Van Rensselaer
Stephanus Groesbeck
Ryer Gerritse
Rulger Bleecker
Nicholas Bleecker
Philip Schuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer
Abraham Cuyler
Joh.s Lansingh Jun.r
John D. Peyster

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs in Albany this 26th day of December 1732

The Commission from his Ex.cy William Cosby Esq.r dated at Fort George in New York the 15th day of November 1732 nominating and appointing the Commissioners who shall be managers of the Indian affairs whose names are mentioned in said Com.n as by said Commission may more at Large appear was Read, and those that were Present accepted of the Same

Whereas the Commissioners of the Indian affairs are by act of Generall assembly Impowered to agree by and with the approbation of his Ex.cy the Gov.r with a fitt and Discreet Person, proper to be a Commissary at Oswego, during the tradeing Season there, not Less then four Months between the Months of April and August, Conformable to said Act, they have appointed, Oliver Schuyler to be Commissary at Oswego, for the year Ensueing Provided it be with his Excellencys Approbation

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Joh:

At a Meeting of the Comrs. of the Indian Affairs in Albany this 3d day of January 173 2/3

Present

Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Steps. Groesbeek
Philip Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Nicholas Bleecker
Joh: Lansingh Junr.
John D. Peyster

This day, this Letter was sent to his Ex.cy

Albany 3d Jan.y 173 2/3

May it Please your Ex.cy

On the other Side

You have a Copy of our Last proceedings, in which your Ex.cy may see, that we have, according to act of Assembly nominated, and agreed with Mr. Oliver Schuyler to be Commissary at Oswego

II 26 We have Recd. a Letter from Messrs. Wendell & Com. from the Sinnehas Country who informs us, the are some Sachims & Indians lately dyed, as your Ex.cy may see by the Inclosed Letter from them and the french have already Condoled their Loss, We are sensible Cas it is a Custom among the Indians that it is highly necessary that Laurence Claese the Interpreter together with Some of the Mohaks Sachims should go, to the Sinnehas Country, & other 5 five Nations, to Condole, their great Loss, the Deaths of the Sachims & other Indians, & if your Ex.cy thinks

thinks it necessary & approve of the Same we are humbly of opinion that it will Demand a Present in goods, at Least to the Value of £40.- which we hope your Excellency

II 27. will be pleased to see us furnished with Early in the Spring

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Present

Jer.h V Renselaer
Abraham Cuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Myndert Schuyler
John D Pelyster

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs at Albany the 21.st March 1732/8

The Commissioners received a Letter from the Kanajohere Indians signed by three of the Sachims of Each Tribe dated
II 29. the 12.th Instant, which this board think Proper to Refer Consulting untill next meeting of a fuller board

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At a meeting of the Commissioners at Albany the 16th April 1733

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Rulger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Johs. J. Lansingh Junr.
Dirk Ten Broeck
Philip Schuyler

The Commissioners Recd. a Letter from his Excy. the Govr. dated the 9th Instant, and they being not a Compleat board enough do Refer taheing the Same into Consideration till Friday next the 20th Instant at which time it is Resolved to answer the Same

II 31.

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Present

Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Philip Schuyler
Peter Gerritse
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirk Ten Broeck
Joh.s Lansingh Junr.

At a Meeting of the Comissioners of the Indian affairs at Albany the 20th April 1733

This day, the following Letter was Sent to his Ex.cy the Gov.r

Albany 20th April 1733

May it Please your Ex.cy

We have rec.d your Ex.cys most acceptable favours of the 9th Instant, & note its Contents, in Answer to which we must Inform your Ex.cy that we have not Rec.d any Conformation of the news we Informed your Ex.cy of in our Last but ordered Mess.rs Abraham Wendell & Company at the Senekas Country that they observe the motions of the French, and if any thing be Contrived by them against his Majesties Interest that they do oppose it to the ultimost of their Power & acquaint us with it, to which we have not yet rec.d any answer, but Expect them home daily, by whom we Expect to hear more fully, besides we humbly Conceive it our duty to inform your Ex.cy that nothing Relating Publick

II 33.

Business

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Business can be done with the Indians in their Country, before the deaths of the Sachims be Condoled, ~~with~~ which can be performed with a Small present, is all that offers from—

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At a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian affairs at Albany the 23.d April 1723

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Stephanus Groesbeek
Abraham Cuyler
Johannis Schuyler
Nicholas Bleeker
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer
Dirck Ten Broeck
John De Peyster

Mr. Abraham Wendell being Returned from the Sinnekes Country Informs us, that he Rec.d our Letter of the 26.th December Last which he would have answer'd but had no opportunity for the Severeness of the Winter he says that several of the Mohawk Indians were Intended to go out a fighting to the Southward of Carolina; upon which he invited them to a Meeting and used his uttmost Endeavours with the Sachims to Prevent their young Indians from going out upon Such Attempts, which he Recommended them pressingly to Decline as well that for it was his Ex.cy our Gov.r earnest Request and our Instructions thereupon to Desist from such attempts till they Should meet his Ex.cy here, when said Wendell Told them he did not doubt but his Ex.cy would at his Meeting them make use of all possible methods to Salve any Differences that are or may arise

I 35.

Between

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Between the Five nations, and any of their
Enemyes which Treaty seemed to please them
much, he says Likewise that the Governour
of Canada had wrote Severall Letters to
Jean Courison desiring him he might forbid
the French at Jagera to Sell any Powder, or
Lead, to any Indians at or abbve Jagera,
Unless they should Leave pledges always to
Trade with them, for all others goods, or
Otherwise they may Expect that they will endea-
-vour to Cutt them off, Said Wendell Says
D36. that he ask'd the Sinnekas in the Governour
name whether they with the rest of the Six
Nations intended to Attact the nation Called
Foxes that would Join the French, as we
were informed they did, whereupon they
Answered they did not design such an
Attempt, which gives us Room to think that
they desisted the Same because that said
Wendell told them, that he was Credibly informd
his Ex.cy would meet them he in May next
When he would bring a handsome Present for
them

Albany the 23d April 1733

May it Please your Ex.cy

Since our Last of the 20th Instant
as we Expected Mr. Abraham Wendell and Comp.y
arrived from the Sinnekas Country who brings
noother news from our Indians there in
Respect of their proceedings then what your
Ex.cy may peruse in the Enclosed Minute to
I 37. which we Refer our Selves, We have narrowly
Enquired into the designs of the French relating
the Excursion we heard, they designed to make
but can have no Satisfactory account thereon
Since our Last, which is all that at present
offers to Y.e

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Coll^o Corlaer's Speech to the Six Nations of Indians the 5th Day of Septem^r 1733

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The Honourable

By his Excellency William Cosby Esq.r Capt. Generall and Governour in Chief of the Provinces of New York New Jersey and the Territories depending thereon in America and Vice admirall of the Same and Colonel in his Majesties Army &c.

A Proclamation

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40. Whereas severall Sachims of the Five nations are arrivd here with many Other Indians to treat wth me about Some Publick Affairs and experience has Shown how Prejudicial to his Majesties Service and Dangerous to the Peace of the Inhabitants the giving or Selling of Rum or other strong liquors to those Indians has at all times been These are therefore by Vertue of the Powers granted me by his majesties Letters Pattents under the broad Seal of Great Britain Strictly to forbid all Persons whatsoever to Sell or give to the Indians any such Liquors dureing my residence in this Place as they will answer it at their Peril. and all Magistrates Justices of the Peace and other civil officers are hereby Required to see that this Proclamation be Strictly put in execution and all Offenders Presented and Punish'd wth the uttermost severety of the Law. Given under my hand in Albany this Seventh day of September in the Sixth year of his Majesties Reign Annoq Domini 1733

God Save the King

40 A

Seven Sachims of the Maquas. Oneyds Tuskaroras, Onnondagas, Cayougas. & Sinnekes waited on his Excel.ty Wm. Cosby Esq.r at his Lodgeing the 7th. September 1733 who Said

Brother Corlaer

We come to acquaint your Excel.ty that Last Summer one of the Cayouge Sachims was killed by by one of the Soldiers at Oswego, and perhaps you will mentio it to Morrow in your Proposition to us but we desire that you do not Speak of it, we know that by your Laws a Murderer must dye but it has been Concluded by the antient covenan between Our ancestors that if any such accident happeridth it Should be reconciled and forgiven & that it may be thrown in a great Pitt wch is the Earth whereto is a great Stong do whereon is a large Rock which cant be moved, wherein all such things are burry'd in Oblivion therefore we desire that the Soldier may be Releaf'd after your Excel.cy has Spoken to

II 40A

Present

His Excellcy Wm Coby Esq.r
George Clarke
Francis Harrison } Esq.rs of his
Philip Livingston } Maj.ty Council
Maj.r Coby
Mr. Freeman
The Comr.s of the Indian affairs

Proposition made by his Excellcy William Cosby Esq.r Capt. Genl. and Governour in Chief of the Province of New york New Jersey and territories depending thereon in america vice admirall of the same, and Collonel in his Maj.ts armys &c. — to the Sachems of the six nations Call'd Maquas Onneydes Tuskaroes Onnondagas Cayougas & Sinnekes this 8th day of September 1733

Brethren

I Understand with Concern that you have had a great mortality among you by the Small Pox and Lost many of your People and hear that you are greatly grieved therefore I wipe of the tears from your eyes open your understandings — wash of your blood and Condole the death of all the People you have Lost, that we may behold one another with Joy, gave three Strings of wampum and a belt.

Brethren

It is with great Pleasure that I meet — you here & I am very sorry that I could not do it Sooner but you will be Convinced that it was not my fault when I tell you that at my first arrivall at New York the business of that Province was absolutely necessary to be done, and that of the neighbouring Province New Jersey this Last Spring has detained me ever Since and — Retarded my comeing to deliver the kind messages I bring you from my Master the King of Great Britain.

II 41

His Majesty has Ordered me to tell you yt he Loves you as a father does Children, and that his Affection towards you is occasioned by his being informed that you are a brave & honest People, the two qualitys in the World that recommend most either a Nation or Particular person to him, he has been — informed that you Love his Subjects the English and that you desire to Live wth them as Brethren therefore he has Commanded me to renew the Old covenant Chain between you and all his Subjects in North America & to make it brighter if posible then ever it was before, I Expect you will give Sufficient assurances to do the like on your Part. Gave a Belt.

Brethren, Besides the two Qualitys of Bravery and honesty his Majesty is Concinced that you are a wise People and good Judges of your own Interest how happy then must you think your selves when the Greatest & most Powerfull Monarch in Christendom sends me here to Confirm the antient friendship betwixt you and all his Subjects to Assure you of his fatherly care & to tell you that he thinks himself obliged to

Love

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Love and Protect you as his own Children, you need fear no one while you are true to your alliances w.th him, I Promise you to take care that none of your Brethren here Shall do you any wrong and if the neighbouring Nation be so bold to disturb you, you need not fear what they dare or can do. Since you have the King of Great Britain on your side who is a Prince early Initiated in the Art of war and formed by nature for the greatest Millitary achievements, who will whenever there is Occasion for it, put himself at the head of the finest body of troops in the World, who are all his Own Naturall born Subjects, who has at present a fleet of Ships in so good Order & so well Commanded that they Could be Masters of the great Lake, tho' the fleets of all the Kings in the World were Joyned ag.st them. After what I have told you I am Convinced that so wise a People as you are will glory in behaveing as becomes faithfull Children of so great and Powerfull a King who Loves you and will resent any injury done to you as if it was done to his Children on the Other side the great Lake. Gave a belt.

II 41A

Brethren; I Expect you are now Convinced that the Garrison house at Oswego is not Only for the Conveniency of the far Indians to carry on your trade w.th the Inhabitants of this Province but also for your security and Convenieney to trade there for necessarys as you have Occasion for & at as easie terms as if some of the upper nations came to trade thither, therefore I make no doubt that you will at all times willingly defend this Garrison ag.st all attempts which may be against it according to your former promisses and Engagements. Gave a Bell.

Brethren; I hear that you have been often apprehensive that a trade w.th the far Nations would be to your prejudice & that it would make the goods you want dear, But I can assure you that the British Manufactory of Great Britain is able to Supply the whole world so the greater the trade is Carryed on, the greater will be the Supply and Cheaper then formerly. I desire you to be kind to the traders and not molest as they go up but let them pass Quietly.

Brethren; How unable the French are to Supply you w.th goods, when the King of Great Britain & the French King are at war, you know very well & that the French themselves in Canada could not have subsisted had they not been Supplyd from Albany keep Steady then in your Friendships & alliance with us who can & will always supply you w.th what you want & hearken not to the french Priests

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Who Labour to draw you from your Real interest & best friends. Gave a Belt.

Brethren; I am informd that your young men go to War ag.st remote Indians who never Annoy nor molest you. I do Command them to forbear such Hostilities whereby you will Show me that you endeavour to Cultivate a good understanding w.th those Indians to make them your friends, & encourage the good design of promoting a trade between us and them. I expect you will for the future persist in your good behaviour towards those & all other Remote Indians it will be a means to Strengthen your Alliances & make you a great People. Gave a String.

Brethren; I Expect you will not permitt any Persons of what Nation Soever to reside & dwell among you, except they be the Subjects of the King of Great Britain & Since you have Put your Lands under the Protection of the King of Great Britain, I do in a particular manner Require you in my Masters name, that you will not suffer the French to build any Fort or trading house on the Side of the Lake or any other part of your Lands for if at any time hereafter there should happen to be war between us & the French they will make use of them to destroy you, which otherwise they cant Effect, you have formerly had frequent Instances of their enmity to you in their Severall attempts they made ag.st you it was their Interest to weaken you, ours to encourage & strengthen you. Gave a Belt.

II 42

Brethren; I am informd that some of Our traders at Oswego have Cheated the remote Indians by selling them water instead of Rum, I will take Care that no Such thing be done for the future and that neither you nor any Other Indians Who go thither to trade may be again abused in that manner I Shall Endeavor to find out the Offenders & I will give Orders to the Officer of that Garrison & I desire you will apply to him who will taste & try the kegs of Rum as soon as you receive them from the traders & if he finds that they have Cheated you he will Oblidge them to take it back & give you good Rum instead of it, & those who are guilty of the abuse Shall be punished. Gave a String.

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13. I am Informd that some Negroes, who have run away from their Masters, do shelter themselves amongst you therefore desire you Will deliver them up that the owners may have them again, I am also informd that your young men have killed Cattle belonging to the poor Inhabitants who live near you I do expect you will prevent such practices for the future, that Satisfaction be made for the damages done. [Give a string of wampum]

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His most Gracious Majesty the King of Great Britain Your Indulgent father and my Master has order'd me to give you in his name Considerable presents of Such Goods that are most suitable for you which You shall receive as soon as you give me your Answer

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On the 7th of Sept. 1763

Present
His Excellency Wm Cosby Esq Capt Gen. & Gov. of New York, Upon his proclamation forbidding the Selling Rum or Strong Liquors to Indians in General & on the 8th Made a Speech to the Five Nations Nearly in the same words as that delivered by Gen. Monckton in the 22d of Oct. 1760 Entered in this Book Page 123

On the 10th the Chiefs of the 5 Nations ~~returned an answer~~ after Condoling the Death of Gen. Monckton Returned an Answer as Follows equal to that given to him on the above Speech Upon the following Articles

I

Present
His Excel.cy Wm Cosby
Mr Clarke
Mr Harrison
Mr Livingston
Coll. Cosby
Mr Freman
The Commissioners of Indian Affairs

Answer made by the Sachems of the Six Nations to his Excellcy Wm Cosby Q. 11th of Sep. 1763

Brother Corlaer

You Spoake to us a few days ago & s. that you was sorry we lost somany of our People by a decease. you have also wipd off the tears from our Eyes. that we might see one another w.th Joyfull eyes. & opend our Sorrowfull hearts, & what Blood might be yet remaining you have wipd up. wherefore we Return his Excel.cy thanks. We do in like manner condole the deaths of all Y.r People who died Since our last Conference you have also had a decease among you as well as we, & do wipe of the tears from your eyes that we may see one anether with gladness. Gave a string of wampum.

II
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Brother Corlaer

You have also condol'd the Deaths of all those we Lost of the Maquase, Sukorores, oneydes, Onnondages, Cayougas & Sinnekes for w.ch We Return your Excel.cy thanks

Brother Corlaer

We do also in like Manner condole the Deaths of all his maj.ty Subjects who are dead as your Excell.cy has done on your Part in condoleing the Deaths of our People. gave a belt

Brother Corlaer

It has been made us to understand from the Com.rs that his late Excel.ns Gov.r Montgomerie was dead who was sent by his Majesty to be Govern.r of New york, to take care of the Kings affairs in this Govern.t with these skins we do bury him. gave a small bundle of fl

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Brother Corlaer

We give these Skins as a token that this is the Place where Our ancestors have mett together on w.ch Place we lay a match w.ch will never be extinguished. when there be Occasion for it. that a consultation may be held by the fire. and all may be Concluded between your Excel.cy and us what may be for our mutual benefit and Advantage.

Brother Corlaer

You have told us lately that you was Sent by King George you great Master, & that you could not meet us Last year because you were Oblig'd to take care of the affairs of the goverm.t and that you was Sorry that it was now so late in the Summer but that you Could not helps it, because you was Oblig'd to take care of the Kings affairs in the Jerseys, w.ch Required your Excel.cy Presence there. you told also that you was Come to Strenghten and renew the old Covenant Chain with us

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Brother Corlaer

You told us that you renew'd the Antient Covenant chain yea Strenghtend the Same, Stronger than it has been heretofore, you said Also that if there was any rust that you made the same clean and bright again, you also said that you expected we Should do the Same on Our Parts, we promise you Brother & we do in like manner renew the same and mak Stronger than it has been before and Promise also to maintain Our former engagements.

Brother Corlaer

We do Renew our comon Peace and wellfare which subsists between us and Promise also that we Shall Keep the Covenant chain inviolable, we shall not be the Occasion that any rust may Come to it. there shall be no persons so powerfull who Shall be able to excite us against you. gave a belt

Brother Corlaer

You have also acquainted us that the great King loves us as his own Children. you said also that the two Qualitys of Bravery and honesty are belonging to good People you said also that the great King knows that we are a People of great under: standing.

Brother Corlaer

You acquainted us also & said that we need fear no enemys. while we have so good a father & such a mighty king who is able when any enemy Attack us. to assist us for w.ch we return you most hearty thanks. for we shall likewise depend on it. Gave a Belt

Brother Corlaer

You cannot expect that we shall repeat your Proposition from Article to Article. because we approve of the same as good and have nothing ag.st any Article of it.

II 44

Brother Corlaer

You acquainted us also that the great King of great Britain is a great warriour and early Initiated in the arts of war & that he has a fleet of Ships ready in the great lake and when there be occasion. that he has them ready for his service and that he is Such a powerfull Monarch, that if all the Kings in the World stood up ag.st him that he need not fear them w.ch we are very glad to hear, and Return your Excel.cy thanks that he has Communicated the same to us, Gave a Belt.

Brother Corlaer

You also told that we Should not permit any fort or building on the side of the Lake and suffer nobody to live Among us except they be subjects of the King of great Britain you told us also that it would be very Prejudicial for y.e Six nations

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Nations in time of war; we Promise that we shall not Suffer forts or Buildings to be made on the side of the Lake, nor let any Persons reside among us except Subjects of the King of Great Britain. we know very well when it is war between the Crowns of England and France, but we are a peaceable people who will live in peace with every body. gave a Belt

Brother Corlaer

We forgott something in the last Article we have submitted our Selves under the Protection of the King of Great Britain. & you told us that he would protect us ag.st any enemy. & we Promise on Our Parts. to assist and Protect all his Majestys Subjects ag.st any enemy whatsoever.

Brother Corlaer

II 44A

You told us also that we Should not let our young Indians the warriours go to war any more ag.st the Indians to the Southward or far Indians and that those Indians have submited themselves Subjects of the great King of great Britain that we should find out A means to cultivate a Peace w.th them, there is no Dependance on the words of said far Indians, they are felonous & traitrous People of w.ch the Oneydes can give the best evidence, when the Oneydes & Far Indians Concluded a Peace in their own Castle did Eat & Drink w.th one Another like Brethren, who took the advanta of it and kill'd the Oneydes, wherein the Oneydes lost their Best men but Brother Nevertheless we shall do our endeavour as much as in our Power to perswade our Warriours to Stay at home as your Excel.cy has directed. Brother we are a People who Live at a distance one from another, very often Our warriours go out by night when they perceive we Endea to Prevent it yea often When we think they are on hunting then we hear afterwards they are gone a fighting. gave a String of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

You told us also of our young People who kill'd Cattle belonging to the Poor inhabitants up the River & have Commanded us to pay the Damages to those People. we promise that those who have committed the facts Shall pay for it. you Orderd us that we should not molest the People who gote trade at Oswego. we Promise that we shall let them pass freely we Shall meet them as Bretheen, and Part as Such.

Brother Corlaer

You acquainted us also that some traders at Oswego sold water instead of Rum & told us that you would make narrow inquiry & when you had Discovered the persons who have Committed those facts to Punish them for it, & that you have

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Appointed the Officer who is there to do Justice between the traders & the Indians. & when a trader gives water instead of Rum or mixt then the trader shall be Obliged to take back the water & give pure Rum instead of it, we Return your Ex.cy thanks for your good care, we must acquaint our Bro. Corlaer that the trade at Oswego is very uncertain at times dear & at times cheap, we desire Br. Corlaer that goods at Oswego may be sold cheap for the Cheaper the goods are there the more far Indians will Come to trade there.

Brother Corlaer

Just as we said that goods may be sold Cheap at Oswego, the Cheaper Goods are at Oswego the more pelthy you may expect it has been a time at Oswego that goods were very Dear that the far Indians had no Inclination to come there & also of the dessuasion of the French. Bro. it is told us from time to time, that we should do our endeavour to draw the far Indians to trade at Oswego. Bro. we acquaint you we have Sinnekes on the falls at Iagara who perswade the far Indians to trade at Oswego.

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Brother Corlaer

You have told us that there are no
ros among us according to the Six Nations, we call the Interpreter
for witness who travells through our country who may tell if
he has found any among us. Gave a belt. We forgott Something
in this article we desire that there may be powder & lead brou
ht to Oswego to Supply us as for other goods there is Enough
We do Desire that there be a Smith and armourer at
Oswego who can make & mead our hatchets guns Stocks &
Locks, & that there be a man at Oswego who can Speak Indian
that the Officer may understand us.

Brother Corlaer

We the Sinnekes desire to have
a Smith & that we may take him along w.th us. & it is told us
II 45A that when we liked a Smith it Should be in our choose to keep
him if we liked him. here is a Smith who has Done well by us
who has been among us named Barnardus Hartfen who can
make gun Stocks locks. & hatchets & desire a man to Assist him.

Brother Corlaer

You are sent from Over the Sea from
The King your Master, for y.e Governm.t of New York, where of you
are by way Similitude Like a great tree of Peace we hill on this
tree, that its branches may Spread & the roots may Run down
in the Earth that no Storm may hurt it, & wish your Excel.cy a good
voyage home

His Excel.cy according to their man.r lay down two blanke
ts Shirts to condole & bury the Indian that was killd at Oswego last
Summer, I Shall send a Smith who is also an Interpreter to Oswego

Brother Corlaer

We Promise to forgive the fact Com
mitted at Oswego by killing one of Our Sachims last Summe
by one of your People & never to Remember it any more there
is a large pitt in the Earth under w.ch runs a great Currant of
Water wherein we bury this fact in Oblivion

Present
His Excel.cy W.m Cosby Esq.r &c
M.r Clarke
M.r Harrison
The Com.n

Albany 12. Sep 1733

The Schaahkook & River Indians Attending
His Exc.cy W.m Cosby Esq.r &c he Speake to them
as follows

Children

I sent for you to give you fresh assu
rances of the Protection of his Majesty the King of great
Britain my Master our comon father & Sovraign & to acknow
ledge in this Publick manner the just sence I have of your
Former Dutifull behaviour & fidelity to his Royall Predecessors
& of your Affection to your Brethren the Rest of his Subjects
in this Country. In his Majesty's name & by his order, I renew
w.th you the antient Covenant chain, & give you a p.sent of such
Things as will be of use to you, I expect you will Continue
firm to your Duty in time to Com. as you have hitherto done
if you do so you may Rest assurd not only of Protection, but
II 46 of all good Offices from those who are in authority under the
King of great Britain our father and Sovereign. Gave a belt

Children

It is w.th Concern I tell you that I am
informd that many of your Nation have of Late misbehavd
themselves and on frivelous Pretences & wrong notions have
Left their Native Country Schaahkook & gone to live
at Canada a Place not so good & fertile as that they have
Deserted. I desire you to use all proper means to pswade
them to Return that they again Shelter under the branc
hes and Leaves of that tree of peace w.ch has long since
been Planted at Schaahkook. I will take care that it
Floriish & grow, if you hear of any Rumours to Disturb you be
Not too Credulous as many of you have been, but Inform me
of what you hear if it be false I will undeceive you & you
may be Assurd you can nor never Shall hear any Other
then truth from me

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Answer from the Schaahkook & River Indians

Father

We are Glad to hear what you have said, we Never have been Otherwise than good Subjects of the King of Great Britain go we hand & hand w.th our father & remain dutifull Children & Subjects, with the Assistance of God we Shall Ever Dutifull children. God is the only one we can Rely on. as long as we keep him before our Eyes we Shall Remain firm w.th this Belt we Renew y.e Antient Covenant Chain & wrap the same belt ~~we Renew y~~ ab.t it that it may remain Clear & Strong

Father

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We are English men in Our hearts & if any evil Should happen we Shall knock at the Door & acq.t you gave a String of Wampum

Father

We Condole the Death of his Late Excel.t Gov.r Montgomerie now we See the Sun again while we see your Ex.t our father is Come to supply his place & no Over mourning for him is Over we are but an Ignorant People & poor because Rum is So plenty w.th the traders bring to us. we Cant hill a deer while we are Obliged to Sell Our powder & lead

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Of Indian Affairs

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Comrs. Names on the same Order as in their Comsn. from Coll. Cosby

Dated ye 13th Day of July 1734 —

Philip Livingston, William Dick, Abraham Ten Eyck, John Schuyler, Abraham Van Vrankin, Barent Bleecker, Abraham Groesbeck, Philip Schuyler, Jeremy Rensselaer, Edward Holland, Nicholas Bleecker, Tiger George, Dirck Fonda, Johannes Lansing Junr, John Depeyster, Isaac Glen, Cornelis Cuyler, John Schuyler Junr & Edward Collins

N.B. Abraham Cuyler not inserted in ye Comsn. but acts by Name of a previous Ler. from ye Coll. Cosby

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Albany 4 Mar 173¾

May it Please Your Ex.cy

We Judge it a Duty Incumbent on us to Communicate to your Ex.cy the first opportunity that offers what Intelligence we have lately recd from Some Trading young men of this Place who are among the Sinnekes; They Inform us that a french Interpreter w.th three other Frenchmen one of them a Smith, arrived there Last fall from Canada, with Considerable Presents to give to the Indians, that the Said French have built a Large house in the Sinnekes Country between the Two Sinneke Castles named Thannasadago & Onnahey On the bank of a Large Stream or Creek, another Frenchman w.th two Indians also arrived there, this winter from Najagera, who w.th the said Interpreter use all means by Bribes Presents and what arguments they are Capable of to Draw off those Indians from their Dependence & fidelity to His Majesty and bring them over to the French Interest, which already has had such Effect that the greater Number of the Sinnekes are very wavering and Seem by their behaviour and Conduct to be much Inclined to the French, to such a degree, that the Doctor who was at the Conference w.th your Ex.cy their Speaker who has been allways much Inclined to the British Interest Told Some of our Young men now in the Sinnekes Country that many of the Indians were actually gone over to the French Interest which they believe to be True, for they Convers w.th the Indians day and night, give them presents and are at their Feasts and Frolicks

II 50. Our Trading young men are gone to the Sinnekes Only on acc.t of Trade, We are Concerned they have no goods to be given to the Indians as private Presents, as We Conceive is at all Times necessary — We humbly begg Your Ex.cy will be Pleased to Pardon the Liberty we take at this Critical Juncture of the approach of a War between the Crown of Great Britain and the French King — By the behaviour of the French among the Sinnekes and their Settlements there we may reasonably Conclude they apprehend that a War will Soon be Proclaimed and while we are Convinced of what Dangerous and pernicious Consequence it would be not only to this City and County of Albany but to all the British Plantations in America, to leave the Sinnekes who are as numerous as the other five Nations, and Tamely to Suffer the French to reside among them in order to Draw them off from their Fidelity Contrary to the Treaty

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We perceive that the Grand Jurors for the City and County of Newyorck have addressed Your Ex.cy Concerning the Speedy Fortifying of that City; Your Ex.cys answer thereto is very Pleasing to the Inhabitants of this City and County being the Metropolis and Key of this Province in Case of an attack by Sea, but as this City and County is no Small part of the Province, which with the Settlements on the Hudsons river Contribute a great part towards the Returns which are made to Great Britain and the West Indies, and as Your Ex.cy is well Informed of the Ruinous Condition of His Majesties Forts here at Schinectady and at Fort Hunter that they are in no Manner of defence in case of a Rupture between the Two Crowns of Great Britain and France, which by the publick Prints Seem to be unavoidable, Wherefore in Such an Emergency We do in the most humble manner beseech Your Ex.cy to Pardon our Presumption to give our thoughts at this unhappy Juncture, which we hope Your Ex.cy will be Pleased to Impute only to the affection we have to his Present Majesty and Government, and True Zeal for the Security of these Defenceless Frontiers

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We humbly Begg your Ex.cy will be pleased to Direct as soon as Possible that proper Persons be Sent to the Sinnekes Country Taking in their way two or three Sachims of Every Nation as they go through the Castles of the other five Nations to Join the Sinnekes to Demolish the houses the French have built there, and Dislodge them from among the Six Nations for Effecting of which Private Presents to be given to the Indians we Judge will be very necessary, but in case the Indians Decline to Demolish Said houses the persons who are to be Sent by your Ex.cy to be Instructed to do it without them We humbly Suppose it will be absolutely necessary for the Security of the Six Nations to keep them firm to the British Interest that a Number of proper Persons with Smiths to work for the Indians be Posted at the Sinnekes Country to be Continually there, without which we humbly Conceive that they will be Drawn over to the French Interest

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The Consequence whereof will be very prejudiciall and Fatall to the British Plantations in America, for it is well known to us how Easy the French of Canada may in Time of Warr if they Should have the Six Nations or only the Sinnekes on their Side Joyned with the upper or Farr Indians in the French Interest Annoy and Disturb the peaceable and quiet Enjoyment of most of the Out Settlements on the Continent of America Only by Skulking Parties, That many fine Improvements will be Deserted; which we humbly Conceive would not only be the Utter ruin of many Flourishing Families, a Decrease in the Consumption and Exportation of the woollen Manufactures from Great Britain to America but a Diminishing his Majesties Revenue and the Entire Loss of that valuable branch of the Furr Trade we now Enjoy and are Possessed of — Wherefore we do humbly hope Your Ex.cy will be Pleased maturely to Consider what we in the most humble manner have offered in order to keep the Indians firm to his Majesties Interest We want words to Express the Dangerous Consequences in Case the French Should Prevail on them to go over to their Interest

We also most humbly Hope Your Ex.cy will be Pleased to give orders for Inclosing this City in the best manner it can be done and for Rebuilding the Forts here, at Schinectady and at Fort Hunter that they may be in a Posture of defence in Case an attack Should be made Agt any of them

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As it is the Duty of a Prudent People to Put themselves in a posture of defence in all Emergencies Especially at a Time when all Europe seem to be in a Combustion, we are humbly of opinion that we Should have a Watchfull Eye on our So Powerfull Enemies altho' at the Same Time we Assuredly depend on our most gracious and Powerfull Monarch who Can and will Defend us agt the attempts of all the Other Powers in Europe and will in Time by Your Ex.cy give us Such warning and necessary assistance to baffle all the Endeavours of his Enemies — That Long Peaceable & Prosperous may be his Reign over us Shall Ever be the Prayers of us his Most Dutifull Subjects — We are &c. the utmost regard Sir

Ph: Livingston
Abraham Cuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Philip Schuyler
Hend.k van Rensselaer
Jed van Rensselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Nicholas Bleecker
Sr: Groesbeck
John De Peyster
Dirck Ten Broeck
Joh.s Lansingh Jun.r

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Present
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Nicholas Bleecker
John D Peyster
Johannis Lansingh Jun
Dirck Ten Broeck

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of the Indian affairs at Albany the 30th Mar 1754

Mr. David Ab: Schuyler being appointed a Commissary at Oswego Produced his Ex.cy Commission to this board for that Truck, and the Season drawing near that he is to repair thither he has waited upon the Comm.rs to acquaint them he Intends to Depart next Thursday

Whereupon this board have thought it highly proper for his Majesties Service to Order the Said David Ab. Schuyler to transmit from time to time to us as often as opportunity Serves Every thing of Importance that Occurrs to him among the Indians during his acting as Commissary there, In order that we may Lay the Same before his Ex.cy our Governour

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The Comm.rs have thought it also Proper to give the Said Mr. Schuyler the following goods to make Presents thereof (in his Majesties Name) to the Five Nations and farr Indians Viz.t

10 gall Rum
28 lb Tobacco
1 gr Pipes
2 doz. Jack knives
1/2 doz. Single worsted Caps
100 Flints

Am.t in all £1:5

Present
Th: Livingston
William Dick
Myndert Schuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Dirck Ten Broeck
John De Peyster

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian affairs at Albany the 18. April 1754

The Examination of Jacobus Myndertse Taken by the Comm.rs the 18. April 1754

Who Says That he went Last Fall to the Sinnekes Country that on the 6th November Last there arrived four Frenchmen from Canada who were Sent there by the Governour with a Considerable quantity of Goods to give as Presents to the Indians among wch loaf 30 kegs brandy besides 10 or 12 kegs of Rum they bought at Oswego, all which the French Interpreter Distributes to the Indians, he has given them several Entertainments, and made frequent Feasts for them and the Indians have Invited the French Several Times on their Frolicks but none of the young men from Albany have been Invited, That Several of the young Indians as the Doctor who is Commonly their Speaker told him are Drawn over to the French Interest That the French have built a house with two fire places, on which they wave the French Colours Flying Near the Castle called Cannoghradago on the bank of a brook in the road from Najagera and Onahee That the French arrived too Last Fall to make fortifications round Said house, but designed to surround it this Spring with Palasadoes, That the French are to abide in the Sinnekes Country for the space of two years That Last winter Said Interpreter receed a Letter from the Governour of Canada by way of Najagera delivered him by his Brother and two Cachnawage Indians, which Letter Contained that he Desired the Indians to Communicate unto him the Contents of the Proposition our Govern.r Made unto the Sachims of the Six Nations Last Summer, to which Purpose he desired the Sachims to Meet as also the Warriors & Squaws and then repeated the Said Proposition as it was Contained in Said Letter, then asked if Sachims

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If it was not as he had Related, They replyed the would not Tell, he Told them who was the Person that had revealed and Communicated Said Proposition to the Governour of Canada, The french Interpreter said it was Told the Governour by one Shonondo, who was present at Albany when Said Proposition was made, on which the Sachims said it was all true Except that the Govern had not desired the Indians to drive the French away tho Force in Case they had made any Settlements in the Indian Country — That the Sachims of the Small castle called Onnahee Consisting of about 160 families Sent for Two Sachims of Canajadagow whom they acquainted that they Daughed to remove and go and settle on a Large Tract of Land Lying on the Bank of a River which Vents it self into the Lake of Caderachque between Niagara and Tiederondequa which Trac of Land is about 25 Leagues distant from Niagara and about 25 Leagues from the Sinnekes Country

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The Doctor Told Said Mynderse that he thought that Said Indians of Onnahee were not Left the English and gone over to the French, on which he asked how the Indians of Canajadagow were affected, he said he thought one half of the Indian were gone over to the French Interest — Said French Interpreter has been Last winter at Onondago and at Oneyde and has given Entertainments to them And Sent the Indians to Fetch Rum from our upper Settlements —

Signed
Jacobus Mynderse

Present
Reyer Gerritse
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
John De Peyster

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian affairs at Albany the 21. May 1734

The Comm.rs this day recd a Letter from the Sachims of Canajohere, out of their and the Names of the rest of the five Nations, whereby They Sett forth the Dangerous apprehensions they have of being attacked by the French and their Indians

Therefore for the Many reasons they give and this board thinking it very necessary have resolved to Communicate Said Letter to his Excellency our Governour, which they Inclose in the foll Letter

Albany the 21.st May 1734

May it please Your Ex.y

We this day received the Enclosed Letter from the Sachims of Canajohere which we thought Proper to transmitt to your Ex.y for your perusall

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We have had no Intelligence from Canada this Considerable time past, nor from Oswego these fourteen days past —

Having no more to add —

We are

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At a Meeting of the Commrs. of Indian Affairs at Albany the 3. June 1734

Present

Hendrick Van Rensselaer
Johannis Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Stephanus Groenbeck
Dirck Ten Broeck
John De Peyster

Esqrs. Commrs. of Indian Affairs

Instructions for Mr. Lowrence Claeven the Interpreter

You are hereby required and Commanded with all Convenient Speed to repair to the Onnondagos and make known to them that our Brethren the Mohawks have acquainted us by a Message Delivered with seven hands of Wampum, That they the Onondagos are to have a generall Meeting with all the Six Nations of Indians, and that they have not acquainted us their Brethren therewith, which Surprizes us very much because it is repugnant to our Mutuall Engagemts. to one another whereby we are obliged to acquaint Each other with whatever Affairs Concerns our comon Interest, and Desire to know the reason why they have not acquainted us wth. the Same

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At your arrivall there you are likewise required to Take all Diligent care and Inspection what the Said Six Nations Shall discourse off Transact or revolve upon at their meeting and in case any thing Should be Proposed in their meetings or Elsewhere Prejudiciall to the Interest of the Crown of Great Britain, You are to use your utmost Endeavour to Prevent the Same from Taking Effect and in all respects Endeavour the Interest of the Crown of the Crown of Great Britain; & at your returning give an acct. to us of whatever you hear or act herein. Given under our hands this third day of June 1734

Albany 3.d June 1734

May it please Your Ex.cy

Sir

We Take Leave to acquaint your Ex.cy that we received a Message from the Mohaloh Indians that there is to be Speedily a generall Meeting of the Sachims of the Six Nations at the Onondago Castle and have thought it necessary for his Majesties service to send the Interpreter thither to know what they shall Propose or resolve at said Meeting, in order thereto have given him his Instructions to go th.w. all Convenient Speed, which we hope your Ex.cy will be Pleased to approve of

We Hope Some proper persons shall be Sent up to the Sinnekes Country to Prevent the French from Drawing those Indians off from their fidelity to His Majesty, while they Seem to be weavering and that Some fitt men and a Smith be Posted to reside among them which we think (with Submission) would be very Conducive to his Majesties Interest and a Means of Securing those Indians

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Present
Ph: Livingston
Hend.k van Rensselaer
Ab: Cuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Nich.s Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Steph.n Groesbeck
Joh.s Lansingh
John De Peyster
Philip Schuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 7.th June 1734

Coll.o Philip Schuyler Produced to this board His Ex.cy William Cosby Esq.r &c.a his Instructions dated the 27.th past to go to the Sinnekes Country to Treat th.w. the Sachims of that Nation, as by the Same may appear

The Comm.rs are of Opinion that as it has been usuall that two Sachims of Each Nation on Such Occasion be Desired to go th.w. him and be Present at the meeting with the Sinneke Sachims That nothing may be done without the knowledge of the other Nations to acquint him that the Sinnekes may Convent what he is to desire in behalf of this Government

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We rec.d Information from Coll.o John Stoddard of Northampton in New England that an Onondago Indian murdered two Indians last Winter on Hunting who is now in Custody, We desire that you Prevail th.w. the Sachims of Onondago to send Two of their People to New England, with directions from their Sachims what they will have done th.w. the Malefactor

Present

Stephanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck
John De Peyster
Joh.ᵗ Lansingh Junᵒ

At a Meeting of the Commᵒʳˢ of the Indian Affairs at Albany 18.ᵗʰ June 1754

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Lawrence Claesen being this day returned from Onondago Pursuant to his Instructions, reports to this Board, That the Six Nations had no Meeting during his Stay there, for they were Determined to have a Meeting in the Sinnekes Country which was occasioned by some Philadelphia Indians who caused them to meet there, Who came thither on purpose to Condole the Death of the Sachems of the Six Nations, and to Pay Tribute to them.

Whereupon the Onondagoes Intreated the Sinnekes to go w.ᵗʰ them to Canada to Condole the death of a great man there, which the Sinnekes refused, and upon that the Onondagoes asked me to

II 56 Inform them how the War between the Crown of Great Britain and France was Like to go; To which I answered that I was an Entire Stranger to it, or what the Event thereof would be; but I assured them (in the Governour's name) that whenever such a War happened to break out, it Should forthwith be Communicated to them.

They also Told me they had Intelligence that Coll.ᵒ Philip Schuyler or Some one Else from his Ex.ᶜʸ our Governour, would come up to them, who should Inform them of the Truth of the report of a War

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Present

Philip Livingston
Myndt Schuyler
John Schuyler
Steph.n Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Ryer Gerritse
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck
Jeremy Van Rensselaer

At a Meeting of the Commr.s of Indian Affairs at Albany the 15. July 1734

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Sever all Sachems of the Maquaes acquainted this board that five Messengers sent by the Sachems of Adgiehantehook in Canada were arrived here to have a Conference with them, at which said Maquaes Sachems desired that the Commr.s should be Present who now appeared before this Board. And Sayed by their Speaker that they are glad to find that the Gentlemen here are in good health and offered their Service to them and also to their Fathers the Sachems of the Maquaes now mett here that they their Innocent Children may Speak to them being now Ear to Ear — Layd Down a String Wampum

Fathers We Come to Condole.th w.th you the death of your Sachems Warriors and young Folks whom you have Lost and do.th w.th a belt of Wampum bury them Cover their bones and wipe of your Tears

Fathers Who has begott us, our Hearts are Sincere and good, and all those who Lives in the Country from whence we came are so, and we all Submitt ourselves as Obed.t Children to you from our Cradle which we hope shall never be forgott by you — Gave a Belt

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At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 7.th of Octob.r 1734

Present
Philip Livingston
Capt. Wm Dick
Nicholas Bleecker
Joh.s I Lansingh
Edward Holland
John Schuyler
Reyer Gerritse

Brother

We very well remember when Gov.r Burnett built the Trading house at Oswego how Chearfully all the Indian Nations Consented thereto and have Ever Since Continued to be a Sprinting to the Traders

Brother That misfortune that happened, wherein one of the Sachims of your Nation was killed was of great grief to us all and the Murderer was to Suffer death for the Crime, if all the Six Nations then Convened in Albany had not Intercedded and begged his Life of the Governour

As you was pleased to say at your Meeting here w.th the Governour, that all this was passed Like a drop of water in a great river never more to be remembred this your Message and So sudden and peremptory a demand, is what we Cannot Immediately give an answer to, but w.th all Convenient Speed we will Come to a Resolution to give what Satisfaction Lies in our Power to your Nation, Who have allways been So good Friends to us, and whom we So much Esteem for their Fidelity to the Great King of Great Britain Who is your Master and ours

Brother Coll.o Schuyler was Sent by our Governour to dislodge the French from having any Settlement in the Sinnekes Country, and to See the Sinnekes Perform their Promises to the Governour in not Suffering them to Reside among them, from whence he was Immediatly to return So that he had not time to call at your Castle, altho he and we all have the utmost regard for your Fidelity and Friendship

Brother We heartily Condole w.th you the death of those three Sachims of your Castle by a Sickness amongst

You

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you which we hope is now ceased, and We do confess that this Government sustains a great Loss by the Death of such faithfull subjects of the great King and for the Loss that you have sustained we will Endeavour to wipe off your Tears with three blank. Strouds and three Shirts

Brother By you we understand that the Relations of the deceased Sachims are returned from their Hunting We desire to see them here to Condole w.th them the Loss of their Friends and ours and the sooner the better

Gave a String of Wampum

Brother As to what you say Concerning your Self, We do assure you that we have a Particular Esteem for your person, and that there shall be nothing wanting to accomodate you w.th whatever necessarys you want in your Journey home, and we desire you to assure your brother Sachims of our Friendship to your Nation and Castles, and that nothing shall be wanting on our part to give Satisfaction for any grievances they have to Complain of to the utmost of our power

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At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of the Indian affairs at Albany the 13.th Nov.r 1734

Present
Rutger Bleecker
Jos.h Schuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Edward Holland
Cornelius Cuyler
John Schuyler jun.r

The Comm.rs this day received a Letter from His Ex.cy Wm Cosby Esq.r &c.a our Governour &c.a in as followed. viz.t

the 1.st November 1734

Gentlemen

Mr. Abraham Cuyler in the last Commission I sent to you, having by mistake been Omitted, and as I Intend to appoint him one of the Comm.rs — I desire that on receipt of this You'll forth.w.th with Permitt him to act as such in Conjunction w.th you — I am &c.a

Signed
Wm Cosby

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Upon receipt whereof this board accordingly sent for said Mr. Cuyler, who after hearing said Letter read accepted of being a Commissioner Pursuant to His Excellency's order

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Albany 6th March 1734/5

May it please Your Ex.cy

We take Leave to acquaint your Ex.cy That the Time approaches that the Traders are going up to Trade at Oswego, and by act of Assembly it is Provided that a fit and Discreet person proper to be Commissary there during the Trading Season be Commissionated by your Ex.cy to reside there to Regullate the Trade and Traders

Coll.o Schuyler & Coll.o Renselaer Informs us that Your Ex.cy on their Recommendation has been pleased to Nominate Mr. Henry Cooter of this place, Who we think is a fit and proper Person to be Commissary there

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Wherefore we humbly hope your Ex.cy will be Pleased to Send him proper Instructions for that purpose. We are with Respect

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 31. Mar 1735

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Present

Ph: Livingston
Wm Dick
John Schuyler
St: Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Philip Schuyler
Jeremy V. Renselaer
Edw: Holland
John Schuyler Jun.r
John Lansing Junr
Cornelius Cuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck

Mr. Henry Cooter Produced a Commission from His Ex.cy Wm Cosby Esq.r for being Comissary at Oswego dated the 11th day of this instant to Regulate the Trade and Traders there according to the Directions of the Severall acts of Assembly of the Province of New York in that Case made and Provided

Resolved that the Said Mr. Cooter be allowed the value of in Merchandize to be given by him in behalf of the Government as presents to the Sachems of the Six Nations as he shall see Convenient

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At a Meeting of the Commrs. of the Indian affairs at Albany 28th Apr. 1735

Present
Philip Livingston
Capt. Wm Dick
Myndert Schuyler
Hendk. van Rensselaer
Johs. Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Jeremy Van Rensselaer
Nicholas Bleecker
Johs. J. Lansingh
Edward Collins
John Schuyler Junr.
Cornelius Cuyler
Philip Schuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck

Resolved by this board that we write to his Exy. to acquaint him of the French Erecting a Fort at the Crown Point and of Some other Matters of Moment as follows

Ordered that Ph. Livingston Esq. Secretary for the Indian Affairs do sign the Letter to His Exy. by order of the Commrs.

Albany 28th April 1735

May it please Your Exy.

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It is with no Small Concern that We acquaint your Exy. that the Governour of Canada having Lately Sent an Indian hither to Inform himself of News, We Learn from him that the French are busy to build a very Strong Stone Fort at the Crown Point where the wooden Fort Stood at which they are Daily Employed

We are also Informed by Some of our People who are Come from the Sinnekes Country, That the Sinnekes Indians continue Stedfast in their Engagements to Colo. Philip Schuyler

We are

at a meeting of ye. Comrs. ye. 8th April 1735

Present
P. L.
J. Schuyler
A. Groesbeck
Ab. Cuyler
N. Bleecker
R. Gerritse
D. T. Broeck
J. J. Lansingh
C. Cuyler

Hendrick one of ye. Sachims of ye. Mohawks informs this Board ye. aron one of the Indians of ye. Castle who has been taken prisoner by ye. flatt heads (where he was gone with a number of Indians fighting) which Indians did treat him very barbourously, Especially when he was first brought in, but a great Sachim among ye. Indians who had fine Cloths did Release him out of their hands, or Else he would leave ye. on which they left of and did dress up his wounds wch they had given him, ye. Sachim said it was a shame ye. People who live & are subject under one Crown Should be at war with each oth. ye. it would be proper to Conclude a pease wth. ye. five Nations: wch. said Indian aron has Communicated to his nation who are very much Inclined to [redacted] pease and have sent a belt of Wampum to acq. ye. Rest of ye. five nations. [redacted] this Report to Bury ye. hachet but ye. one ye. have stopt ye. belt because Some was too small The mohawks Sachims desire ye. Comrs. may send a large belt, on wch. ye. Comrs. told ye. ye. they are convinced ye. this Governer has always been inclined that they should have pease with all ye. forreign nations and are glad ye. this opportunity has offered & ye. they Should send to ye. forreign Nations to conclude a lasting pease that they have no belt but give 1 blankets Stroods to buy a good belt of wampum and when all ye. Six Nations have Consented to conclude a lasting peace with ye. Indians, and when ye. is done to acquaint this board of it

given hend. a Blanket for his Message

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At a meeting of y.e Com.rs of the Indian affairs at Albany the 28.th May 1735

Present
Philip Livingston
Cap.t W.m Dick
Myndert Schuyler
Hend.k V. Rensselaer
Freyer Gerritse
Nicholas Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Edward Holland
Cor.s Cuyler

The Chief of Cagnawaqua Castle, with four other Indians, informed this board that the Gov.r of New England had sent them a Belt of Wampon, in order to invite them to Come to New England to treat on some important affairs, which was made known to the Gov.r of Montrial whereupon he wrote to the Gov.r Gen.ll of Canada and informd him of it, upon w.h he wrote for answer that he should the Indians not to go to New England but Stay till arrival at Montrial & that then he would satisfye them & give his reasons for objecting ag.t their going, & desired that this Chief might in particular be hindred from going but he pretending to be a great friend of the English, would not staty for his arrival but is come here to inform thus must upon w.h he was afraid that he should incurr the Gov.r of Canadas greatest displeasure This board indeavoured to perswade them to go, and at the same time renued the covenant with them, that incase a warr should break out between the Crown of Great Brittain & France they might remain Neuter upon which Gave a belt of wampon, & desired that they might inform their Nation & other Indians with our desire, which they faithfully promisd to perform. Gave the Chief a Silver laced Hatt a Blanket shirt & p.r of Stockins, and gave a Cagg of Rum amongst them

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At a meeting of the Com.rs of Indians affairs at Albany w.h June 1735

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Nicholas Bleecker
Edward Holland
Jhn Depeyster
John Schuyler Jun.r

of this Day a Cayouge Warrior called Tegreat derew anne appeared before this Board and desireing to speak w.h the Com.rs said as follows

Brothers I arrived h.r this morning & desired you Com.rs to meet together and I am glad that we are here well together for I am to acquaint that We meaning himself and some more of their Nations have been a hunting the last Winter at the Waganhaas, and we had a Consultation w.h five Different Nations of these Waganhaas;

Brothers We were a hunting the last Winter over the great Lake of Cadarachqua and in the spring when our hunting was over I and another Cayouge Sachim came to one of Castlers the place where the Waganhaas lived who told they were very glad to see us there and desired us to tarry till their Chiefs came home for they had something of importance to speak to us, accordingly we stayed

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And after their Sachims were Compleat they told us they were very glad to renew the old friendship that had been on blessing with their or for if others and, Tho.h the old Sachims who contracted that friendship were Dead Yet We their Children very glad have had this opperhunity to Conform the Same upon w.h they gave us 5 Beaver Skins

Brothers. We speak out of a Sincere & pure heart and we hope that you shall have the same and we Continue Stedfast to the old Alliance that always hath Insisted between our forefathers and that we shall keep Involable and hope the Same of you, and that there shall remain no Malue nakied or Jealoucy on your Part for a s.nce you there is none on Ours, Gave us 5 Beavers

Brethren These 5 far Nations farther said that the old Alliance w.h was between our fore fathers was as follows that if there should be any Treachery or any Dissentions raised amongst them on either Side we should make it known to one another,

For

For you know that our father the Gov.r of Canada is very ready to raise Diversions amongst Us but we assure you that we shall not listen to him if he endeavours any such thing, and will always let you know of it and hope you will do the same, to us Gave 5 Beavers —

Moreover Brethren We assure you that if at any time any persons should Endeavour to raise any Dissentions amongst us we shall not listen to them but that our Covenant & friendship shall remain Inviolable forever —

Brethren, It was agreed by our forefathers That our father, meaning the Gov.r of Canada, and our Brothers meaning the Governm.t of New York w.h whom A Strict Alliance was made, and and that we were to observe the Conduct of both, We have tryed our father, meaning the Gov.r of Canada, and we like him not, We have tryed our Brothers, meaning the Governm.t of New York and find they use us well and are designd to Continue w.h them and trade with them for every thing We wear or use, and we design to build a Castle to live in so that we may come and trade at Oswego w.h out touching Cadarachqua We desire that if your Nations have any affairs to transact w.h us, you may come directly to us, at this our New Castle and not by the way Cadarachqua, Gave five Beaver Skins —

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Brethren. I have now done telling what the Wagahuas Spoke to us, and we do now according to our Coven.t for I am sent here by our Sachims to acquaint the Com.rs what the Waganhaas said to us. For it is agreed between us that we shall from time to time inform one another what happens amongst us. Your Brother the Governour, Informed us in his propositions to use our Interest w.h the far Nations of Indians to draw them to the Interest of this Governm.t w.h we do accordingly

Brothers We show now our friendly Inclination for the Waganhaas have Spoke to us w.h 20 Beavers the ½ of w.h we left w.h our Sachims to answer the Waganhaas and the other ½ we brought here w.h we desire you will answer by sending of them such goods as you know they like —

The Com.rs Answer

Brother We heartily thank your Nations for their goo Inclinations to this Governm.t and for your Services in drawing the Waganhuas to our Interest, and hope you will Continue to use your best Endeavours to draw the others far Nations to trade at Oswego and in taken of our friendship Give you 7 Blankets of Strowds and a Kegg of Rum to drink the Kings health w.h your Sachims Cayouge

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Johannis Schuyler
Edward Holland
Ph: Schuyler
Rich.d Bleecker
Steph.n Groesbeck
Johan.s Lansingh
Cornelis Cuyler
Jer Van. Rensselaer

At a meeting of the Com.rs of Ind.n Affairs at Al Albany the 24th Day of June 1735

Whereas a Sum of £100:— was allowed by the Gen.l Assembly of this Province for a Smith and 3 Men to lye in the Sennecka Country from the 4th Jully 1734 to 4th July 1735 and Abraham Wendell, Barnardus Harsen Jacob Bleecker & Bar.t Scale undertook s.d Service for s.d Sume of £100:— and that there was at Same time allowed the Sum of £30:— for another Year Service by the same Gen.l Assembly, and the Com.rs of Ind.n affairs thought proper to make an offer to the Same persons who lay their last year to Continue another Year w.h they would not accept off. wherefore the Com.rs thought proper to add £22:- to it out of the Money allowed them w.h they accepted off as appears by their Letter of the 27 May 1735

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Resolved by this Board to give to Barnardus Harsen for the use of we Ind.n of the Sennecke Nation 1 H weight of Iron — 25 c.a of Steal and 100 files

At a meeting of ye Comrs of ye Indian affairs in albany ye 16th July 1735

Present
P. Livingston
Wm Dick
R. Bleeker
Ab. Cuyler
G. Groesbeck
Nicolas Bleeker
Joh: Schuyler

Arie of ye Sachims of ye Mohoggs Informs this board yt yesterday an onneyde Messenger came in ye upper Castle of ye Mohoggs Call'd Canajohere, who brought a message to ye Sachims there; wch was brought at onneyde by a Cayouge messenger who came thither without touching at onnoday, but onneyde messenger came away in such heaste yt he did not know ye purpost of ye Cayouge messenger only yt there was to be a meeting of the Sachims but when and at what place he did not know nor on what subject, tho he supposed yt there was some unhappy misunderstanding between some of our Indians & messenger deferd yt messenger might be sent away to be present at ye meeting to hear what ye Resolt may be ye more because to pass ye Road from onnondage to onnede was said to be now dangerous ye mohoggs messenger was already gone

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It is Resolved by this board to send Lowrence Closse ye interpertor forthwith to onyde to be present at ye intended meeting to hear what may be proposed and to give him ye following Instructions Recd a letter from his Exy dated ye 7th Instant in ye words following viz.

By the Commissioners of ye Indian affairs at Albany

Instructions for Lawrence Close

Whereas we have an Information that there is to be A meeting of ye Sachims at or near oneyde, where the Sachims have desired that we should send a proper person to be present to hear what may be the Resolt of ye meeting, wherefore you are hereby directed to go forthwith to oneyde or where the ye meeting is to be, and incase you find it to be an affair of small moment you are to accomidate the matter in the best manner you can, and if it should happen to be an affair of any Consequence you are to come back hither with all possible speed and acquaint us with ye affair, in Case you hear that there is to be no meeting or yt ye message is not Real but an idle Story you are to come back from Canajohere, Given under our hands this 16th July 1735

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July 7th 1735

Gentlemen

Being informed that the Troops at onneyde are in want of Bedding and as it is highly nesesary as well for his Maties Interest as the service of the Province in Generall and the security of the ffurr trade that those Troops may not suffer for want of nesesary provisions I therefore desire you forthwith supply them out of the money allowed you by act of assembly with a doz blankets and a dozen of Ruggs and transmill to me your account of the Charge thereof which I shall lay before the assembly at their next sitting and recomend it to them to make provisions for reimbursing you your charge which I doubt not they will readily comply with

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At a meeting of the Com^rs of ye Indian affairs ye 29. July 1735

Present
Ph: Livingston
Wm Dick
Sch^r Schuyler
H. V. Renselaer
A. Cuyler
H. Groesbeck
R. Gerritse
Ed. Holland
S. Blecker
John D. Peyster
Cor. Cuyler
Ed. Collins
} Esqr Com^rs

It Resolved by this Board to answer his Ex^y Letter of ye 7th Instant Rec^d on ye 16th in Relation to furnish ye Troops at Oswego with a doz. Blankets & a doz. Ruggs out of ye money allowed ye Com^rs by act of assembly.

Albany 29th July 1735

May it Please your Excell^y

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your Excell^ys favours of the 7th Instant we Received the 16th when the purport of the same was Referd to this day in hopes to have the members of the assembly for this City & County present none of them appearing and some of them have a pard that the Charge of the doz. blankets and a doz. Ruggs your Excell^y desires us to supply out of our allowence for the Troops at Oswego will not be allowed by them wh they conceive that that Charge will fall on the traders, and the allowen to defray the Contingiences we conceive will fall short of our disbursemen

here has lately been a french man from montreal with a pass from the Govr of Canada who informs us that a large Stone Fort is buil ing on the west side of the lake at crown point opposite to their wooden Fort which we conceive will be of dangerous Consequence to his Maj^s Frontiers in Case of a war; with much Esteem & Respect we are ~

At a meeting of ye Commissioners ye 30 July 173

Present
P. Livingston
W. Dick
S. Blecker
R. Gerritse
John D. Peysler
Dirk T. Broeck
T. Schuyler
Cor. Cuyler

Rec^d a Letter from his Ex^y of ye 24th Instant directing us to send Lawrence ye Interperter to Sachims of ye 6 Nations to meet his Ex^y here on ye 8th Sepr next Resolved that ye s^d Interpreter be sen for nither to Receive his.

at a meeting of ye Com^rs for ye Indian affairs in Albany ye 31st July 1735.

Present
Ph: Livingston
W: Dick
M. Schuyler
T. Schuyler
Ab: Cuyler
H. Groesbeck
Rutger Bleeker
A. V. Renselaer
D. T. Broeck
Ph: Schuyler
S. Blecker
John D. Peyster
Ed: Holland
Sch^r Lansingh

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Sund^y Sachims of Cachnawage in Canada being arrived here last night appeared before this Board, who my Com^rs in name of his Ex^y our Govr made y^m welcome by telling y^m they were glad y^t safely arrived here, and y^t Care would be taken to provide y^m with provisions dureing their Stay here y^t hands of wampum was forwarded yesterday to ye maquase ~ The s^d Sachims Return ye Com^rs thanks for their kind Reception and telling y^m y^t they will be provided with victualls dureing their Stay its ye goodness of God who has preserved us y^t we Enjoy ye blessings to see Joyfully ow & no dr Continuences. & give their Respects to his Ex^y & ye gentlemen, the purport if their message is to Rectify what our ancestors have formerly Concluded with this Governm^t.

We Com^rs Replyd y^t they are glad to hear they are come on such a good message ~

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at a meeting of the Com:s of y:e Indian affairs in Albany y:e 1:mo Aug:t 1735

Present

Ph: Livingston
Wm Dick
Mynd Schuyler
John Schuyler
Hend Renselaer
H. Groesbeck
Ab: Cuyler
Ph: Schuyler
Dirk T. Broeck
Rutger Bleeker
Peter Gerritse
Nicolas Bleeker
John D. Peyster
John Schuyler Jun:r
Johs Lansingh
Cor: Cuyler

The Sachims of Cachnawage by their Speaker Sconondo Stood up & said Brethren it is the come maxim among them that when messengers be sent to treat of peace first to smoake a pipe together which they hope will be granted them & where by they will be convinced of the Commissioners sincerity, as well as of their good intention in what they are to say w:ch y:e Com:s Consented to do; whereon a Calamet of peace was offerd to all y:e gentlemen who tooke each a Whiff out of s:d Calamet & told y:m that as this was their maxim to smoake together to shew their sincerity to each other; among the Christians is to drink a glass of wine & each other good health w:ch was done

Brethren, then adarayechta Stood up and Said

It is gods goodness that we have y:e happyness to see each other to day, yesterday we told you to Speake to you this day, w:hat we shall say will be in name and behalf of the Gov: of Canada Cachnawage Kieghsowanne & Canesodago, our ancestors have had and made Treaties together which has been handed down to us to Renew & Rectify which we are now come

Brethren We desire that you be attentive to what we come to say, we shall now Repeat y:e message w:ch has lately been sent to y:e Canachnawages & y:e five nations, you sent s:d message to us by an Indian who was here to trade whom you supposd would deliver it faithfully, you told us how our ancestors have kept y:e Road from hence to Canada Clean & fair that you on your side where Inclind to keep s:d Road for y:e future in like manner for s:d three nations, and y:t if it should so happen y:t any difference or dispute might happen with any whom ever it might be that notwithstanding such difference s:d Road should be kept Clean & be free for all house it peaceably to & form our Respective Castles & habitations; The belt you sent us, we Rec:d God has indued us with knowledge & wisdom y:e one more & y:e other less, we found some fault when we Rec:d your belt in y:e message you sent, y:e belt was in y:e own name but not in y:e name of your selves & s:d six nations, we have Consaed in Relation to y:e Contents of s:d belt, and perceive thereby that you was Inclind to Conclude & keep a Lasting peace with y:e s:d Indians we do in y:e name of these before mentiond approve of same & thank

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y:e Gentlemen

y:e Gentlemen heartily for this good message on w:ch they gave a belt

Then adarakhoe Stood up and said

Brethren It is by the goodness of God y:t we are now assembld together it is very well known to every one y:t our Brethren Corlaer & y:e Six nations are firmly united together, wherefore we now Speake out of one mouth y:e Gov:r of Canada & s:d three nations to their Brethren Corlaer & y:e Six nations that what you do Promise that you will faithfully perform it, not to Speake only with y:e mouth but from y:e bottom of y:e hearts, gave a belt of wampum

Brethren We Speake in behalf of those above mentioned, that while there is a war with y:e Indians to y:e Southward and some of our young warriours who go out to war ag:st s:d Indians as well as those of y:e Six nations and if perad venture any of y:m may happen by mistake to kill one of y:r y:t that may not be a breach of y:e treaty & Covenant we now make but y:t such breach made be made up with y:e Sachims of Respective places, gave a belt of wampum

Brethren We are all very well Convinced y:t what is Evil has Generally y:e greatest Impression on y:e minds of men, and if any of you; we mean you & y:e Brethren of y:e Six nations have any Evil in y:e hearts to purge y:e selves y:t you may speake to us with a pure heart as we do to you gave a belt of wampum

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Brethren It is well known to every one y:t y:e five nations have long Since waged war ag:st y:e Indians at y:e Southward and in y:e mean while our Indians are also in war with s:d Indians our Request is y:t in case y:t it may happen y:t any of our Indians may happen to be sick wounded or Scattered in their Return home, we desire y:t y:e Six nations if they meet with y:m do Assist Succour & Relief y:m & bring y:m to their habitations w:ch y:e Gov: of Canada & our Nations would be very thankfull for such kind hospitalities give a belt of wampum

Brethren We are Come along y:e Road which our ancestors have made but its so much out of Repair y:t we could hardly pass it hither we had a very Cloudy Sky y:t we could hardly find y:e way, but now we hope that all our hearts may be Clear & open without any dissimilation as in a fair Sun Shiny day without any Clouds from morning till night, gave a belt

Brethren We have done with what we had to say now we have some what to propose in behalf of our warriours, that when any difference may happen between our nations & y:e Six nations this Calamet pipe of peace may be logd at onnodage & that all differences may be made up & Reconcilled there between us & s:d nations;

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At a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian affairs in Albany y.e 2. aug.st 1735

Present
Ph: Livingston
Wm Dick
Mynd.t Schuyler
John Schuyler
Hend Renselaer
H.r Groesbeck
Abr Cuyler
Ph. Schuyler
Rutger Bleeker
Dirk T. Broeck
Nicolas Bleeker
John D. Peyster
Edw.d Holland
John Schuyler Jun.r
Johs Lansingh
Cor. Cuyler

Answer made by the Com.rs to the Sachims & Indians come from Canada to their speech made by them yesterday.

Brethren. We Rejoyce with you that it hath pleased the almighty to give it in your hearts to come on such a good Errand, and has granted you a Safe Journey to this place that we may see one another with Chearfull Countenances to confirm our former treaties which have ban Concluded between our ancestors, which we hope may be kept Inviolable by you and by those who have deligated y.m to treat with us;

Brethren, you told us yesterday that you Spoake & treated in behalf of y. Gov.r of Canada, the Indians of Cachnawage Kieghsowanne & Canowdage that you was deligated by y.m to Renew with us y. former treaties made between our ancestors in behalf of our Gov.r which we do Ratify & Confirm with you & all y. Indians Living in Canada which treaty we like to be y. you and all Indiens Reside ing in Canada Thold live with all y. Subjects of y. Great King of Great Brittain in a perfect friendship and neutrality, in case there should happen to be a war between y. king of Great Brittanin & y. king of France, and in Case you do keep Strictly to that agreement & treaty; we should then forever live in good unity together and have free Recourse to & from your habitations at all times as well on acc.t of trade as otherwise and be treated & Received by us as friends & fellow Subjects to y. best of kings and y. you on y. Side & in behalf of y.e Nations whom you Represent Shall not molest nor any of y. English Subjects give a belt

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Brethren We have been very attentive to what you said in Repeating y. message we sent you by onda.sagey, one of y. Sachims of Cachnawage w.ch we find he has faithfully delivered you, we are pleased to hear that you and those whom you sent are Inclind as well as we to keep y. Road open & clear from hence to Canada & y. Severall habitations in the like manner as our ancestors have done and that nothing will prevent or interupt y. amicable understanding w.ch now Subsists between your severall nations & us w.ch friendship you may be assured shall be kept inviolable on our side & expect the same from you w.ch we Expect you will Ratify & Conform in y. most Solomn manner according to y. maxim, give a belt

We

We are convinced y. it hath pleased god to indue you with knowledge & wisdom the one more y.n the oth.r the fault you find in us when you Rec.d y. belt we sent, that it was in our own name, and not in y. name of us & y. Six nations; we had such a good opperhunity by the p.son who we trusted with y. message that we could have no time to acquaint our Bret.hren y. Six nations with it we are so well assured of the gen.l Inclination & disposition of y.m y. we dare take on ourselves, what we conclude with you that they will in y. most publick manner confirm & Ratify at our desire; we shall take an opperhunity at y. first meeting of y. Sachims to acquaint them with the Renewing of y. Covenant Chain & y. former treaties with you which have Subsisted between us and as we find your gen.l good disposition and inclination as also those Indians whom you Represent to Conclude a Lasting peace & friendship with us, as well as you find we have to do the Like with you from y. bottom of our hearts, give a belt.

Brethren We have considerd what you have said in behalf of those by whom you are deligated in Relation to the war you and y. Six nations have with the Indians liveing to the southward we do promise in behalf of our Brethren y. Six nations in Presence of y. few Sachims of the maquase & a Sachim of Cayouge that if for the future any of you or they may fear adventure kill one another through mistake that that shall be no breach of y. treaty & Covenant now made but that such unhappy accidents shall be amicably Reconcilld & made up by them;

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we are as well as you Convinced y. what is Evil has generall y. Strongest Impression on y. minds of men, but we do assure you that no Evil Can harbour in our hearts ag.st you but they are pure & Clean which you may be persuaded will always be so as long as you keep this treaty & covenant on y. parts inviolable and the Road shall y.e be allways kept clean & open to this place and be joyfully Rec.d with great friendship without disimulation as in a fair Sun Shiny day gave a belt

We have long since been acquainted y. y. Six nations have had war ag.st y. Indians to y. southward and y. the Indians Resideing in y. habitations have assisted y.m; we have often Recomended to y. Six nations to Reconcile & make peace with y. Indians to y. southward while they are in peace & friendship with his maj.ty subjects in those parts and hope you will joyn with y.m to make such Reconciliation while those Indians as we hear are a peace able people who never do Molest nor any of y.e people in the behalf of y. Six nations promise y. in Case any of y.e people be found by them y. they shall be used with all y. kindness & humanity w.ch brethren ought to each ot.r in assisting Releaving & bringing you to y. habitations, give strings of wampum

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Brethren

We shall at ye Request of your warriours Send your Calamet pipe to onnondage, where all the differances between you and the Six nations are to be made up & Reconciled,

We desire that you may give up your names as well Sachims as warriours who are now present at this treaty for Confirmation of what you have Promis on your side, that it may be seen by your posterity who has been present Consented & Concluded it

they gave their names who are as follows

D. Catichogo	onachjawachte
agaricprehtha	Sonondoo
Tseegochies	Osahsedageerat
Canondagaje	Toneejdsee
adonetaricho	Karuchariego
Tehassa	Tojechjago
Sagdraneax	
Thorondiesaghton	

after Some Consultation one of the Sachims Stood up & said

Brethren

We Return you thanks for what you have Said in Repeating our Speech, and the Reply you have made which is to our generall Satisfaction and Solemnly promise to perform ye Engagements we now made

By vertue of a Letter from his Ex^ly William Cosby Esqr. &c. dated ye 22. July the Com^rs gave the following Instructions to Lonrence Claese ye Interpreter

By the Com^rs of the Indian affairs at Albany
To Lonrence Claese ye Interpreter

Whereas his Excell^y William Cosby Esqr Capt. Genl. & Govr in Chief of the Provinces of Newyork New Jersay &c. hath directed us by his Letter dated ye 22. July to send you to the Sachims of Six nations to Invite y^m to meet his Ex^ly. at albany on ye 8th day of September next to Renew ye Covenant Chain with them, you are therefore hereby Requird to go forthwith to ye said Sachims and acq^t them that his Ex^ly our Govr will meet them here on ye day and desire them then to be here on that day precisely hereof fail not, given under our hands the 2^d aug^t 1728

Signd by the Com^rs

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Albany ye 14.th august 1725

May it please your Excell^cy

In persuance to your Ex^cies directions we dispatche Lourence Claase ye Interpreter to invite ye Sachims of the six nations to meet y^r Ex^cy here on ye 8.th Septem^r next

Inclosed your Ex^cy has copy of a treaty we made with Deputies of Indians Living in Canada who have given us a sure-rances to be neuter in case of a Rupture between ye French, as they are Indians who are Removd from hence we hope your Ex^cy will be pleased to approve of what we have done in this affair wch we presume was necessary for ye safety of ye poor Inhabitants in this County

on a message we sent to animate ye six nations to make peace with ye Indians living to ye Southward they sent us now a string of wampum whereby they seem very much inclind to conclude a peace with s^d Indians, of wch your Ex^cy will have an opportunity to treat with y^m at y^r arrivall with much Esteem we are

May it please your Excell^cy
Your Excellencys most humble
& obedient Servants.

Philip. Livingston
William Dick
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stevanis Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Henry Rensselaer
Ed. Holland
Nicolas Bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck
Johannis Lansingh Junr.
John D'Peyster

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Present
Capt. William Dick
Rulger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeeck
Edward Holland
Jeremy Renselaer
Dirk Ten Broeck
Philip Schuyler
Kryndert Schuyler
John De Peyster
Nicolas Bleecker
Cornelis Cuyler
John Schuyler Junr

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs at Albany the 22d day August 1735

Capt. William Dick one of the members of this Board Laid before us two Letters which he received from Mr. Thomas Butler of this Days Date by three Indians called Ezras Junr. Abel, Joseph, who say they Represant the three tribes of the Nohawk Castles and with them bring a belt of Wampum which they say was Rent from Canastogie to the oneydes and from the Oneydes to Sachims of the Nohawks Certifying that the Flatts heads about Eight Days ago on this side Canastoge was seen comeing in a Body to Distroy their Castles Whereupon they Laid before us One string of Wampum and by that Desired we might Supply them with Ammunition to Defend themselves and their Castles from their Enemys

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This Board thinking their Request Reasonable have thought fitt to Supply them with 50 wt. powder 100 wt. Lead and 200 flints Delivered by Dirk Ten Broeck to Defend themselves and their Castles but with no design, Gave the Belt of Wampum

50 wt. powder	£4:5:–
100 wt. Lead	2:–:–
200 flints	–:6:–
	£6:11:–

Sr

Capt. Dick Laid before us your Letters of this Days date We take this Opportunity to thank you for the Trouble you have taken in acquainting Us with the Request of Sachims which we hope is Compliied with to their Satisfaction for furnishing them With 50 wt. powder 100 wt. Lead and 200 flints to act Upon the Defensive part, In name and att the Desire of the Commissioners

Albany 22 August 1735

Present

His Ex.cy Wm Cosby Esq.r &c.a
Philip Livingston
Archibald Kennedy
Philip Courtland
} Esq.rs of His Maj.ties Council

Albany the 18.th September 1735

The Commissioners of the Indian Affairs
The Mayor Recorder & aldermen
And Severall other Gentlemen
Attending the Governour

His Excellency made the following Propositions to the Sachims ~~of the~~ Six Nations Viz.t the Maquase Onneydes Cayouges Onnandage Sinnekes And Tuskaroras

Brethren I am grieved for the Loss of your People who are Deceased since our Last Meeting Therefore I wipe off the Tears from your Eyes, open your Understandings, Wash off your blood, and Condole the Death of all the People you have Lost, that we may behold one another w.th Joy & Chearfull Countenances — Gave a Belt

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Brethren I meet you with great Satisfaction to Renew the old Covenant Chain, and in the name of my Master and your father George the Second King of Great Britain &c.a I do Renew the Covenant Chain between the Six Indian Nations and all His Majesties Subjects in North America, I hope this Silver Covenant Chain wherein we are Linked, will Every Day grow Clearer brighter and Stronger — Gave a Belt

Brethren I am glad to find that you are now Convinced that the Garrison and House at Oswego, is not only for the Conveniency of the far Indians to Carry on a Trade w.th the Inhabitants of this Province, but also for your Security and benefit to Trade there for Such Necessarys as you have Occasion for, and at as Easy Rates, as if none of the upper Nations, Came to Trade thither, Therefore I make no Doubt, but you will at all times willingly Defend this Garrison, ag.st all attempts w.ch may be ~~made~~ against it And that you Permitt no Persons of what Nation

Nation Never to Reside among you, Except they be subject of the King of Great Britain, Since you have Put ye Lands under his Protection. Gave a String Wampum

I do in a particular Manner Require you in my Masters Name, your Indulgent Father, that you will not Suffer the french to build any Fort or Trading house on the Side of the Lake or on any other parts of your Lands, for if at any time (as I told you last) hereafter there should happen to War between us and the French, They will make use of them to Destroy you, which Otherwise they cant Effect; You have formerly had frequent instances of their Enmity to you, in their Severall Attempts they made ag^t you; It was their Interest to weaken you but ours to Encourage you and Strengthen you. Gave a string Wampum

I shall give order to my Officer at Oswego not to Suffer any Fort to be built there, for if you and I Respect you will not be over Run any more

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Brethren I am pleased to hear that Your People have been kind and Civill to the Traders who Supply you and the far Indians with goods at Oswego. I Expect you will persevere in that brotherly behaviour which will Strengthen our friendship and Promote Each others Interest, I think you are Convinced how unable the French are to Supply you with Goods When the King of Great Brittain your father and Protector is at War wth the french King. You very well know that the French themselves in Canada Could not have Subsisted, had they not been Supplyd from Albany. Keep Steady then to your friendship and Alliance with us, be Obedient and dutifull Children to the best of Kings your Indulgent father and Protector who can Defend and will Allways Supply you with what you want, and Hearken not to the French Priests nor any of their Missionaries who Labour to Draw you from your Steady Interest and best friends. Gave a Belt

Brethren

I am Rejoyced to find that you are Inclind to Conclude and Make Peace with the far Indians Nations against whom you have waged War, these Many years past, which you have Testified by Sending a Message to the Commissioners here that that you received Overtures of Peace from the said Farr Nations by Otron one of your People, who has been Taken by them And Set at Liberty; That you are Inclind to Treat of Peace with said Indian Nations. I hope you are Still in that good

Disposition

Disposition, whereof I Expect you will give me Sufficient Assurances, and to Appoint a Time when you are Inclind to meet here Deligates from said Nations, I promise to use my good Offices to Assist in such a good Undertaking And to Acquaint the Governours to the Southward where they Live with your Intention and Proposalls on this Subject, I Expect you will give me an agreeable Answer That this War may be Layd Aside in an Amicable Manner thereby you will Shew me that you Endeavour to Cultivate a good Understanding with those Indians to make them your friends, that will Encourage the good Design of promoteing a Trade between us and them, I am Sorry to find that are so Credulous to believe Every Idle Story that is brought among you of which you now Lately had an Instance, that the flatt heads were Comeing to Destroy you, which Alarmd you, but you must know how Impracticable it is for those Indians to Molest you, when they must first Pass Severall Indians Settlements who are your friends and their Enemies before than have Passage to your Castles, I Expect you will Persist in your good behaviour, towards those and all other remote Indians, wch will be a means to Strengthen your Alliances and make you a great People Gave a String Wampum

II 72 I take this Opportunity to tell you that the Indians Living at Cachnewage, Kiesowanne and Canesodago have been here to Confirm their Ancient Friendship & Peace wth this Government & ye Nation some of you were Present at s^d Treaty; said Indians have Left here a Colomet Pipe wch I deliver you to be Lodgd at Onondago, where they desire all Differances between them and ye Nation May be reconciled.

Brethren

Notwithstanding you have been often told yet at this time it is highly necessary that I should put you in mind that the Great King my Master and Your Indulgent Father whose power is so Great that He is Emperour of all the great Lakes and Commands them; & all the Kings Joyned against him Dare not Cope with him, he now all this time makes use of that power and has sent many Fleets on the Great Lake to Command and Order all the Other Kings the other Side the Great Lake who are at war with Each oth

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to make Peace if they shoulo not Obey His Command and thereby a War shoulo Ensue between him and France you shall have timely notice from me and at the same time the Protection & assistance of the Great KING my Master and your Indulgent Father —
Give a belt —

Brethren —

His most Gracious Majesty the King of Great Brith Your Indulgent Father & my Master has Ordered me to give you in his name Considerable Presents of Such goods that are most suitable for you, which you shall receive so soon as you give me Your Answer —

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Present
His Ex.cy William Osby Esq.r
Philips Livingston
Arch.d Kenedy } Esq.rs of his
Ph. Cortland } Maj.ty Council
The Com.rs for y. Indians Affairs
The Mayor Recorder & Aldermen —

Answer made to his Ex.cy Wm Osby Esq.r &c.
by the Sachems of the Six Nations of Indians viz.t the Maquase Oneydes Tuscarories Onnondages Cayouges and Linnekes in Albany the 20 day of September 1765

Brother Corlaer —

It is two days ago that you Speake to us being come here on y.r order in y. preface of y.r Propostion you did wipe of the tears from our Eyes, Secondly did open our minds and understandings that we might Speake to Each oth.r with a free heart & Cheary Countenances and did wipe of the Blood if any of it be Spilt on the Ground, and Condole the Death of our people who are deceased since you was here Last, and we do in like manner do it on our parts —
Give a belt —

Brother Corlaer —

It is needless to Repeat your Ex.cy Propositions we Shall only here & there touch on it you have Renewed & Strengthened the old Covenant which our ancestors have made and hetherto has been kept Inviolible you have Likewise Claind the Silver Chain wherein we are Linkd and projusd on y. side to keep y. same Inviolable we do promise on our Side to do the same and perform it, and if any Rust might come to that Chain that the Same may be made brighter & Stronger — Give a string of wampum —

Brother Corlaer —

You told us Relateing y. Garrision at Oswego that it was not only a benifitt for the far Indians but also a Convenieney for the six nations, y. they might be Supplyd with Any Indian Goods w.ch they want, & also as Cheap as they can have them any where Else; its true that as long as there is a large number of traders we have y. goods Cheap, but as soon as there is but a trader or two y. Indians are Cheated not only we of the Six Nations but also the far Indians who happen to come then, for we are Comanded from time to time to draw y. far Indians hither y. they might have goods as Cheap as others can find them any where and we who have Invited y.m must pass for Lyers for instead that we shoulo Receive pure Rum as is promised us, we Receive half water —

Brother

II 73

you told us that you woud not Suffer any french to go up the River at Oswego we Suppose you are in a mistake in y. affair for the trade & y. peace we take to be one thing, for here have lately been Indians from Canada to Renew their old friendships, therefore no passages ought to be Stopd where messengers come through to make peace, for Example there may be far Indians come to Albany to treat of peace and Sharps to any of the Six nations

His Ex.cy Answer —

Brethren you do not apprehend what Shld you to hinder y. french from going among you via Oswego It was not to Prevent all Indians in generall who may have a mind to Come among you but the French alone its for y. Sake and in y. name of my Master & y. Indulgent Father that I recommend you to Prevent the French from comeing among you to Infuze false Stories & to make you uneasy.

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the Speaker proceeded & said

Brother Corlaer

you have Commanded us y^t we should not suffer the french priest or any o^r french to live among us or on this side of the Lake: its true Br: Corlaer we take narrow notice its as if you on one side & ye french on ye o^r side will press us out of our Lands, we are like deaum people not knowing what ails us, but we Promise that we shall not Consent any french to live among us nor to settle on this side of the Lake, the house at Sagara is built but it was agt. our Consent, you need not tell us the artfulness of the french and their deceit; we Compare y^m to a sun shiny day & a Cloudy, being vanable, one time they will take of Peace & at the same Instant deceive, Gave a string of wampum

Brother Corlaer

The Smith & people from hence who are there now we desird and those of our Brethren from hence will be welcome to trade among us at all times.

Brother Corlaer

You told us you were glad that we Rec: the traders who go to Oswego with friendship & brotherly Love its our duty to do so, no body Ever hated his body we are one head & one body we promise to preserve in it when ever it shall be in our power, we shall not use many words for it should take up too much time only touch here & thereon ye Ex^ty. Proposition, Gave a string a wampum

Brother Corlaer

You told us y^t you wailed to hear y^t we were Inclind to make peace with the Indians to the Southward they have shown their Inclination for peace by sending one of our Brethren home who has been taken prisoner among them its true that he is Returnd home he is come home from thence but Run away from a Comp^y. of Indians the Platts heads are a people who have no Reason nither can they be trusted, but nevertheless by ye good offices we are Inclind by the Medation to Consent to treat with ye Indians and as ye desird us to appoint a time when we should meet deligates of said Indians here wch we leave Entirely to ye Ex^ty to fix such time as you suppose ye Indians may be here, gave a belt

Brother Corlaer

You acq^t us that the Great King George of Great Brittain has sent a Great fleet of Ships to a place where they are at War, and if they will not hearken to his mediation and that it happens that you will send us word as soon as you Receive such News for do^o we thank your Ex^ty Gave a string a wampum

His Ex^ty Answerd

That they Complain that the traders do Sell y^m Water instead of Rum if you will name ye Pson who have been Guilty of that Abuse, I shall gett y^m punished and for the future the Commissary shall have directions to taste all Rum y^t is brought to Oswego and what is not good shall be thrown away. I have heard y^t one of our friends has Lately been Murderd, I want to know from you how y^t happend & who was ye murderer we are one people ~~& one~~ therefore if any Murder be Committed for the future the Blood will be Ingaired from your hands

The Conferance had between the Commissioners & ye Indians of Cuchnawage & they shall Communicate to you, and they shall also Consult with you what will be ye most proper time that you meet here deligates from ye Indians who Live to the Southward to Conclude a peace with them

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At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs at Albany the 20th September 1735

Present

Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Philip Schuyler
Reyer Gerritse
Johannis Schuyler Junr
Cornelis Cuyler

John D Peyster
Dirk ten Broeck
Hendrick Van Rensselaer
Edward Holland
Nicolas Bleecker
Johannis Lansingh

This Day the Commissioners Communicated unto the Sachims of the Six Nations the treaty which was Concluded in behalf of this Government and the Indians of Cachnawage Nieghsowanne an Canessadage on the first and second August Last which they unanimusly Confirmes and Contentes to, and thanke the Commissioners for their trouble and Good Conduct in that Affair

The Commissioners told the said Sachims that they are directed by his Excellency to Consult with them what would be the most Convenient time to be fixed on, that they should meet here Deligates from the far Indians to Conclude a peace, Said Sachims Left it wholly to this Board who told them that some time next Summer would be most Proper mean while his Excellency has been pleased to offer to Acquaint the Governour of Carollina to send such Deligates to advise his Excellency at what time they will come that he may Acquaint the Six Nations of it to meet them to Conclude a Lasting Peace with Said Indians who promise to come hither on the first Schee

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs at Albany the 21st September 1735

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Present

Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Stephanis Groesbeck
Philip Schuyler
John D Peyster
Dirk ten Broeck
Abraham Cuyler
Nicolas Bleecker
Johannis Schuyler Junr

The Sachims of the Six Nations Confirm what they Promised Yesterday in relation to the Peace to be Concluded Between them and the Indians to the southward

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Present
Ph. Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Hend.k Renselaer
Stephanus Groesbeck
Lutgen Bleecker
Coll.r Schuyler
Reger Gerritse
Dirk Ten Broeck
Nicolas Bleecker
Jeremy Van Renselaer
Cornelis Cuyler
Edw.d Collins
Jacob Glen

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At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs in Albany the 7mo. January 1735/6

The Commissioners having perused the following accounts and allowed of payment of them. viz.

Of Coll.o John Schuyler an acc.t for Sundrys delivered by him	£ 10:01:—
Of Sander Lansing 1 D.o for service	16:—
Of John Knickerbacker 10 for D.o	1:5—
Of Harmen Vedder 1 D.o for	1:10—
	£ 28:16

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Present
Ph. Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Jond. Van Rensselaer
Abraham Cuyler
Nicolas Bleecker
Cryn. Gertse
John D. Coster
John Lansingh
Cornelis Cuyler

At a meeting of the Comrs. of the India Affairs in Albany the 30th Jan.y 1735

This day the board Received a letter from Abraham Wendell & Company dated in the Sinnes Country y.e 20th Instant, wherein they mention that Jean Caire the French Interpreter is there with two french Soldiers, has brought there a Large quantity of Powder & lead and many tricket, that the said Jean Caire has wrote to Montreal for a smith which they say is done without their Consent

Resolved to write a letter in answer to the S.d Wendell & Company.

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Albany 2d feb.y 1735/6

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May it please y.r Ex.cy

We hope your Ex.cy has been mindful to write to the Gov.r of South Carolina that y.e five nations are inclind to Conclude a peace with the Indians to y.e Southward but Suppose they will Expect to hear from them whether any deligates will be sent hither next Spring or Summer to treat with y.m on y.t Subject w.ch if Should be neglected, we Conceive y.e five nations will go out again against y.e Indians, and we Cant think y.t any method will prove Effectual to stop them from going to war to y.e Southward than to have a Conference here of y.e Nations which we hope may have y.e desired Effect, the neglect whereof may be of greater Consequence y.n we now Imagine

We are informd y.t M.r Henry Cuyler is appointed Commissary to Reside at Oswego for y.e ensueing year. we desire that he may have his Commission & proper direction in due time to go up with y.e first traders in y.e Spring to prevent Irregularities in y.e trade with y.e Indians Wishing y.e Ex.cy happyness & Prosperity, we Remain with due Esteem

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Present

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs the third Day of March 1756

The Board rcd this Day a Letter from David Schuyler Informing them that the Oneydes & Onondage Indns were gone out a fighting agt the Flath heads & that the Canoyse & Tenenderoge Sachems desire that no Interpreter might be sent up to stop the Men from going out

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Present
Capt William Dick
John Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Isaac Bleecker
John Depeyster
Cowan Holland
} Esqrs Comrs

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indn Affairs the 6th Day of March 1756

The Comrs wrote a Letter to Lawrence Claese the Interpreter to go to Fort Hunter and stop the Indns who are going out a fighting

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At a meeting of ye Comrs of Indian Affairs the 12 day of March 1756

Present

Philip Livingston
Capt William Dick
Abraham Groesbeck
Johannis Schuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Schuyler
John Depeyster
Cornelis Cuyler
Philip Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Johannis Lansingh

Esqrs Comrs

This board received a Letter from Abraham Wendell & Jacob Bleecker with Copy of a Letter inclosed from

in Name of a Nation of Indians Called the

to and

and other great Men of the Six Nations requiring their Assistance to go out a fighting against a Nation of Indians Called the

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At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs the Day of 1756

Present
Capt William Dick
Abram Cuyler
Abraham Groesbeck
Colo Phil Schuyler
Colo John Schuyler
John Schuyler Junr
John Depeyster

The Comrs Wrote the following Letter to the president of the Council of New York

May it please ye Honr

II 79

We are sorry for the Melancholy News of the Death of our Govr which we had by particular Letters with Capt Bullerington, We as Comrs for the Indian Affairs think it our Duty to present to your Honr the Necessity that there is for sending up the Comrs and Instructions for the Commissaries that is to go to Oswego, that he may be early there before the trade begins, We formerly wrote to his Excellency recomending Mr Henry Roseboom the Commissary for that place who Discharged his Duty with Credence and Fidelity to the Satisfaction of all the Traders, and as in the Confusion that perhaps may happen upon such an Emergency as his Excellys Death the Letter may be miscarried We again repeat the same request to your Honour that his Comrs & Instructions may come with the first Opportunity, We wish you all Success in your Administration and are with great Respect &c

Present
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Groesbeck
John Schuyler Junr
John Depeyster
Johannis Lansingh
Cornelis Cuyler

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 20th Day of April 1736

Hendrick Lanier Gentleman having produced to this Board his Commission & Instructions to go Company to Chicago for this Year

The Comrs have thought fit to allow him four pounds to be laid out in presents to be Distributed amongst the five Nations of Indians at his Arrival there for the publick service ——

II 79 A

Present
Coll John Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Jeremy Ronselaer
Dirck Ten Broeck
Nicholas Bleecker
John Schuyler Junr
John De Peyster
Cornelis Cuyler

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at the City of Albany the 7 Day of May 1736 ——

Abram Wendell acquainted this Board that he is going to the Onneiker Country to morrow and desires to know if the Comrs have any Commands further ——

II 80

Whereupon it is resolved that he shall acquit the Sachems of the Onnekes in Name of the Comrs of the Govrs Death, and that one of the Counsellors has the Government till a new Govr come from England ——

It is resolved that Mr Wendell shall give to the Sachems a Blanket of Black Strouds to acquit them of the Govrs Death

Mr Wendell at the Desire of the Sachems of the Onnekes acquaints the Comrs that they the Onnekes expected a Parcel Nation of Indians to come & speak with them & desires that the Comrs will advert them wt something to enable them to treat wt those Indians

The Comrs orders Mr Wendell to give to the Onnekes a Blanket of Strouds to speak wt every Nation of Indians that comes to treat wt them ——

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Present
Myndert Schuyler
Abram Cuyler
Jeremy Ten Eyck
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Groesbeck
Dirck Ten Broeck
John Schuyler Junr
Nicholas Bleecker
John Depeyster
Edward Collins

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs the 12th Day of May 1756

The Comrs ordered a Letter to be written & sent to Lawrence Claese the Interpreter

Sir
We hereby Order you to come in & wait upon the next Monday with pleasure to take Notice of

II 80 A

Present
Coll. Chas Schuyler
Jeremy Ten Eyck
Coll. Peter Groesbeck
Rutger Bleecker
John Schuyler Junr
John Depeyster

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at the City of Albany the 15th Day of May 1756

Coll. Chas Schuyler acquaints this Board that the President & Council desired him to acquaint the Comrs that if they should think it necessary to send a Sachem and some Men to reside in the Onneydes Country that the Comrs would write their Opinion thereof to the President and Council

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Philip Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Groesbeck
Abram Cuyler
John Schuyler Junr
John Livingston Junr
Edward Holland
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck
John Depeyster
Jeremy Ten Eyck
Rutger Gerritse
Cornelis Cuyler
Edward Collins

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at the City of Albany the 20th Day of May 1756

The Comrs wrote the following Letter

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May it please your Honour

Capt Collins communicated to this Board your Letter to him of the 11th Instant whereby we perceive that you desire our Opinion concerning a Tract of Land M. Wade and Wm Vanorsigh Junr have purchased his Majesty for and whether any of that Land be already granted to others, whether the Mohawks be entitled to any part of it and whether the Mohawk Flats be included in it or not

We acquaint you that there is one Course left out, but are Certain that a great part of the Land which we take to be purchased for is already granted to others and some Surveys made in the Usual Way tho' not granted by Patent, and that some of the Mohawk Indians live upon part of it — But do not think that the Mohawk Flats are included therein, but are humbly of Opinion that

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That that Way of granting Land before purchasing of the Natives may be of ill Consequence and Alienate the Minds of the Indians from his Maj.ty's Interest, and occasion great Disorders among the People of this Province — We most earnestly Desire that your Honour & Council will be pleased in the strongest Manner to recommend to the Lords of Trade to Discountenance any such Practice

May it please your Honour

I 81 A

We rec.d your Let.r of the 7th Instant wherein you acquaint us that you wrote to the Gov.r of North Carolina acquainting him that the Cher.e Nations agreed to the proposal made to them by Mason on his return from the Carolina Indians concerning the Peace to be Concluded between them & those Indians, We likewise observe your Desire for us to send the Interpreter to acquaint them w.th

We beg leave to inform your Hon.r what we have done therein, On the 25th of Sept.r we told them that his Excell.y had Directed us to Consult w.th them what would be the most Convenient time to meet & Deputate of the Lower Indians with Pen & Pipe entirely to Treat and we then told them, Sometime this Summer would be most Convenient, with the next Day they agreed to

In March last we had Information that Ye.t of the Young Ind.s were going out a fighting upon w.ch

We

We sent Messengers to them to desire them to keep at home till such time as we had rec.d an Account from Carolina what time their Delegates would meet them here, And we have not heard that any of them are gone out a fighting since that time and here they will not go before the time be elapsed that we concluded upon w.th them, We believe that your Honour has not been acquainted w.th our former proceedings in this Affair, And are therefore humbly of Opinion that it would be of no Force to send the Interpreter at this time However as there is yet time Enough if you think it necessary we shall send him upon as we receive your Answer to this

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May it please your Honour

Whereas the time is now elapsed that the Smith and Men were ordered to reside in a Plantation Country We think it highly necessary for his Maj.ty's Interest and the Welfare of this Province that a Smith and three Men should be Continually kept there to keep the Ind.s well affected to the British Interest and prevent the French Influencing them, We therefore desire your Honour would send us proper Directions that we may send such persons to reside there for a year & Burning, And hope you will be pleased to lay the Same before the Assembly at their next meeting We are of Opinion that it would require £100:— for their Salary & proper presents to be given to the Ind.s during their Residence there

At a Meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at the City of Albany the 30th Day of May 1736

Present
Dirck Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
John Depeyster
Cornelis Cuyler
Edward Collins

Shanondo a Cachnawaga Sachim came here before this Board and acquainted them of the Death of his Wife Whereupon this Board ordered him a Blanket of Black & Red. He then presented his Petition to the Comrs by Tendering a Beaver Skin signifying the Loss of his Mother, and that he was mindfull of his being a Child of this Government. And should from time to time be faithfull to the same by Acquainting them of whatever Occurrences should happen at Canada relating to this Province, Whereupon this Board ordered a pair of Blankets & a Belt to be sent him by his father, Ordered that Mr Dirck Ten Broeck do give the above mentioned goods

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At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany the first Day of June 1736

Present
Philip Livingston
Wynant Vedder
Rutger Bleecker
Abram Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
Edward Holland
Jacob Glen
Edward Collins

Esqrs Comrs

The following Letter in Response to Ours of the 28th Instant was Read before this Board

New York May 29th 1736

Gentlemen

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I have Communicated to the Council what you wrote to me Concerning your Sending a Number of Men to reside a Year in the Mohaks Country if you send them will you present as you think necessary & will as you desire recomend it to the Assembly to make Provision for the Payment of the Expence wch you say will not exceed an hundred pounds. I am Gentlemen Your most humble Servt Geo Clarke

Upon wch this Board resolves to send two Interpreters and four Men to reside in the Mohawks Country for this Year Comencing the day of and Ending the for the sum of £100 upon the Credit of the Governmt and £20.— to be Distributed in Presents wch this Board will recomend to the Assembly at their next meeting The persons appointed

Appointed are as follows Viz Michael Rapelje
Hendrick Lott Junr for Amsterdam, Barent
Mann Junr Nicholas Cowles & Jacobus Bloecker
and the Commitee this Day to write to Peter
Schuyler Esqr & Recorder Alexander to know of
Either of them will go and reside for their Chief
and that they shall make up what the Corr=
=poration of the City of New York shall
fall short of £200 for his Wage

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Mayor Peter Schuyler Esqr & Recorder Alexander

The Commitee of Indian Affairs thinking it Highly
necessary for the Interest of the Government
to send two or three Men to reside on
the Frontiers Country for the service of the
Government for this Year have appointed
Michael Rapelje & Barent Hendrick Lott Junr for
Amsterdam, Barent Mann Junr Nicholas Cowles
and Jacobus Bloecker for three of the Men
and pitch on to your Choice of Either of you
will go for their Chief for which you are to have
£15:0:0 on the Cost of the Government and
the Commitee will make up to £200 out of their
Wages, You are Desired to send your Answer
by the first Opportunity

Gerrit Fisher
John Schuyler
Wynder Schuyler
Stephen Goelet
Rutger Bleecker
Abram Cuyler
Derick Ten Broeck
Jeremy Hemelker
Daniel Collins

At a meeting of the Commrs of Indian Affairs at the City of Albany the 12th Day of June 1736

Several Sachems of the Schaaghkook Indians appeared before this Board and spoke by Mabquatt their Speaker as follows Viz

The first Words that came here planted our Fathers at Schaaghkook that they & their posterity should live there

II 84

Father Our great Father lives over the great Lake and there are five families come from the Mohawks Country to live with us but they have no Land to live on

Father We have Land at Schaaghkook but the Christians have taken it away from their Fences so that we have none left to plant on, the Christians tell us that they have got it from some Indians, but we know of none that have given it them

Present
Wendell Schuyler
Abram Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Rutger Bleecker
Dirck Fonda
Johan Lansing
Barent Cuyler

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian affairs the 19th Day of June 1736

Sigd Comrs

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Yesterday one of the Sachems of the Mohawk Indians appeared before the Board & told them that Olwatsano an Onejde Sachem that came on his Journey from Onejde to the Mohawks told him that the Sachems of Onejde had private News that from France had given a belt of Wampum to the Onnekes for the five Nations for to know their Sentiments & Knowledge, and that he made it known to them by a belt of Wampum what the French were intended to do at Swego, and that they were resolved to take it, but desired them not to be surprised if they heard any Noise for it was a Matter of no great Moment to them It was not as if bad Indians had a Difference about their Hunting Place, but they would see who were the best men, but that as for the Indians they had not Indeed neither is meddle with it but there was private News The Comrs desired him to call a meeting of the Mohawk Indians when he told and Consulted the Matter of this News and if they thought it of any Moment to send down a Messenger to acquaint this Board therewith

The Comrs answer to Tanyoeanoe when he came to Schenectady

Present
William Dick
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Jeremiah Wendelaer
Cyer Gerritse
Dirck T Breeck
Edward Holland
John D Peyster
Cornelis Cuyler

At a meeting of the Commiss.rs of the Indian affairs the 19th July 1736

The Commissioners gave Instructions to John Visger & Company,

The Commissioners allowed said Comp.y fifty Gallons wine

The Commissioners wrote the following Letter to the Commissary at Oswego

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Mr Henry Cuyler

Whereas we are Informed that the French particularly Jean Cauz des Carry on a trade in purchasing Rum from the traders at Oswego & from thence Conveys it among the Onnekes which is not only detrimental to the trade of that Province but also Contributes to the Alienating the Affections of the Indians from his Majesties Subjects it is our Opinion that you use all your Endeavours as Commissary to prevent such a pernurious practice during your Residence there, since it was not only the Request of the Indians themselves but the Particular Commendation of the Governours of the Province to prevent such Practice wherefore we hope during your Residence you prevent the same & likewise recomend to the Officer Commanding his Majesties forces for the preservation of the trade at Oswego during your absence or in the winter to take particular notice of the same and also that you will look into what Quantities of Rum at your Leaving the place is Designed by the Residenters there for the said trade ~~[illegible]~~ untill such time as in a Regular form that pernicious trade be prohibited

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Present
Mr Schuyler
Jno Schuyler
Ch. Schuyler
J. V. Rensselaer
Ed. Holland
N. Bleecker
R. Gentle
J. D. Cuyler.

Mt a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian affairs at Albany the 30. July 1736

This board Read a letter this day from Capt. Lutwy at Oswego in words following.

Oswego 18th July 17

Gentlemen

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On the 12th Instant arrived here two Canoes with Ottawaw Indians, amongst whom was a great Sachim of that nation who brings us an Account that the French have been amongst several of the Shore Nations with a belt wampum, to Notifie to them that the french designe to Cutt off Oswego and to kill all those who went thither, they have also forced three nations of the fur Indians who Intended to trade at Oswego to go to Canada, they have also sent for the Mississagues another Nation of fur Indians who used to trade at Oswego to come to Canada in order to treat with their Governour so that few of that nation has been here to trade this Summer here have been four Canoes with Miamiges Indians who Complain that the french at Niagara had taken from them part of their Goods as they were Comeing here in order to trade with us

On the 15th Instant arrived here young Jean Caur from the Sinnekes Country with three Canoes in which were 50 Packs he had also with him three great Sachims, and severall Indians of the Sinnekes Country, owners of the Land at Thierondequat, to go to Canada to treat with the Governour there about makeing a purchase of that Land, in order to Build a house there, and settle a smith amongst them, and that with all the Speed imaginable

Now in order to obstruct his Design, I sent for two of the Chief Sachims of the Sinnekes that were both him here Dissuaded them with Presents from going & prevaild with them to return to their own Castle, which Discouraged & vexed Jean Caur so much that

that he Cutt two of their Canoes to peices to Smite them a present of another Canoe to Return to their own Country; three Days after Jean Caur left us he mett a Canoe with Onnondage Indians in the Lake that Came from Cadarachqua and by them sent seven hands of Wampum to Onnondage to acquaint their Sachims that two of the Sachims of the Sinnekes Country which returned back from Oswego to their own Country; Jean Caur desired them by that Wampum to go with all Speed to the Sinnekes Country that they might send other Sachims in their Room; that he would wait 12 Days at Cadarachqua for them for he Could not go home without Sachims that the Governour much wanted to have them there

Likewise some of the Sachims of the Sinnekes Country have Informed me that Jean Caur told them that he designed to be back at the Sinnekes Country in thirty or forty Days time and that he
II 86 designed to touch at Oswego in order to buy 100 kegg's of Rum to Carry with him to their Castle, so it is their Earnest Desire that the traders at Oswego may sell him no Rum for if Rum be brought amongst them, it will be the Ruin of their Castle and an Impoverishing of them, and taking all their wampum from them and Carrying it to Canada so that they Desire that Care may be taken to prevent it

the Sachims of the Sinnekes Country have also Informed me that the french have been amongst them with the Great Belt of wampum to Desire them not to go to Oswego for they would Destroy that place, so believe they have a bad Design

In Relation to the trade, we have had a great Trade this Year, there has been 100 Canoes of the fur Nations besides what Came from the five Nations, but few from the Eastward

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Instructions

for Mr. John Singer, Peter Livingston, Michael Rosevelt, Abramanus Wendell junr., Nicholas Cuyler, & Jacobus Bleeker, by the Commissioners appointed for the Management of the Indian Affairs to the Province of Newyork

Whereas it is highly Necessary for his Majesties service and Welfare of the Colony of Newyork that a smith & other proper persons should Reside among the Sinnekes for one year that is from the 20 Day of this Instant July, to the 20 Day of July next Ensueing to keep them firm to their Allegiance & Subjection to his Majesty

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You are to observe the motions of the French which now or or may happen to come among them; during your stay there, your also to acquaint the Commander in Chief for the time being or the Commissioners of the Indian affairs at Albany from time to time with all such Intelligence which you think Relates or concerns his Majesty or the Lessening his Interest by the French among that Nation, and all other news of Moment

You are Likewise to follow and observe such Instructions and Directions as you shall from time to time Receive from the Commander in Chief for the time being or the Commissioners of Indian affairs and Diligently Discharge the Truth thereby Reposed in you, some of you are hereby Given Liberty to Come down to Albany as often as your affairs Require provided three of your Number always Remain there, one of which three Remaining to be a Smith, Given under our hands in Albany this 7 of July in the Tenth year of his Majesties Reign Annoq Dni 1736

Albany 30 July 1736

May it please your Honour

Inclosed is the Translation of a Dutch Letter wch we this Day Recd from the Commissary at Oswego, we thought it Incumbent on us to let you know how affairs are Carried on in the Indian Country; We had for our parts wrote to the Comissary on the 19th Instant that we were Informed by way of the Sinnekes Country of the Design that Jean Caur had of buying that Quantity of Rum at Oswego, and that it was very Detrimentall to the Trade of the Province and also Contributed to alienate the Affections of the Indians from his Majesties Interest, and at that time Desired him to Use his Interest with the traders not to sell him any Rum & likewise to Communicate the same to the Commanding Officer at Oswego to use his Endeavour with the traders after he Comes from thence

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We doubt not but your honour will upon peruzeing the Inclosed Letter Judge that if that trade with the french, Buying of Rum and Transporting it to the Sinnekes, or any of the six Nations be not stopd it will in the End prove of very Ill Consequence we therefore Earnestly desire that you will be pleased to write to the Commissary & Officer Commanding at Oswego to use their utmost Endeavour to prevent the traders at Oswego from selling any Rum to the french for that purpose; for you are very sensible that our Traders are prohibited by act of Assembly to Carry any Rum amongst them; You will Certainly Judge it it very hard the subjects of a foreign Nation should have a Previledge which our own people are Excluded from

The Smith who resided the last year in the Sinnekes Country, Informed us that Jean Caur told him, he did in a short time Intend to purchase the Land at Thierondequart in order to make a settlement there for the French which we hope all means you think proper will be made use of to prevent

We have upon the Credit of the Governmt which your honour promised to Recomend to the Assembly at their next meeting had the good fortune to gett two Smiths and four Men to reside

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In the Minutes for this year for a £100:- we gave them Instruction for their Government as Annexed Copy whereof you have here Inclosed Receive

May it please your honour
Your hon.s most humble Servants

Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Edward Holland
Peter Gerritse
Dirk Van Broeck
John De Peyster

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Present
John Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Stevanus Groesbeck
Philip Schuyler
Edward Holland
Nicholas Bleecker
Reuer Teerstee
Derick Ten Broeck
Johannes Lansingh Junr
Cornelis Cuyler
Edward Collins

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At a meeting of the Comrs of Indn Affairs at Albany the 21st Day of Septemr 1736 —

The Board gave to Konondo four blankets of Flower and a shirt to well one blanket and a shirt for himself and the other three blankets for three of their principal Sachems for their good services ~~to this~~ Government

Present
Philip Livingston
John Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Stevanus Groesbeck
Philip Schuyler
Jeremy Renselaer
Edward Holland
Nicholas Bleecker
Reuer Teerstee
Johannes Lansingh Junr
Cornelis Cuyler

At a meeting of the Comrs of the Indian Affairs at Albany the 24th Day of Septemr 1736 —

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Several of the Schaakkook Sachems and Young Indians appeared before the Board and by Mahquat their Speaker said

Father When we first came you did us Welcome for which we thank you and lay down a Beaver Skin —

Father We lay down another Beaver Skin to open your Ears that you may give Attention to what your Children say

Father The tree which you planted at Schaakkook is growing Up and waxeth greater & greater

Father We hear that the tree which is at Albany is a very large tree and that the Smoak thereof Spreadeth Up and is not shown off the Land to the one side or the other, and that you are an honest People gave a Beaver Skin —

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Father — Your Children Come here to speak wth you, We Cannot go to New York, he Your Father lives at New York, but told us that he left Some Bread, and that whatever we Take here he would know of So if there Come any Here from any Other We desire you may acquaint his wife & have a Bever Skins

Father — We Condole the Death of one Your his Children are very poorly, and therefore give three Beaver Skins to Wash the Tears from your Eyes and then you will See at a great Distance

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Father — Here you see all your Children that lives at Shackkook, are we Cover the Grave with Silk that the Earth may not penetrate into it, and that we may not See the Bones Give 6 Beaver Skins

Father — When your Canoe first came hither you had a Anchor belonged Shackkook great Fish, and we made it fast with very large and very Cable, and we shall take Care that no Man shall Draw it away Give a Beaver Skin

Father — We have heard by two of our Brethren lately come from New Britain that the Prince had ordered the Indians to be instructed in the Christian Religion

Father — We desire that the Traders may not suffer any Rum to be Sold at Shackkook

The Comd^rs message

Children — Our Fathers you Welcome was wth Sincerity and from the bottom of our Hearts

We is opening of our Ears to give Attention We Thank you that we have done it wth Clearness

Children — We are very glad to hear that the Tree planted at Shackkook grows up, Shall not want any Encouragement we can give

We are very glad that the Tree which Your Father so well Kindness to you and all the Indians, We shall take Care to have it Taken wth a Clear Stock

You may depend upon it, that whenever any News of Consequence happens we shall acquaint you with it

We thank you for particularing with us our Sincere probable Grief for the Death of our Your Father

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We thank you for being mindful to keep our great Canoe fast wth the long Cable yesterday Shackkook Hall, And hope you will encourage your Endeavour to Learn as many Indians to live at Shackkook as you Can

Gave to an Ind^n
½ pd Shot — 4:5:0
½ pd Powder — 4:5:0
6 Shirts
4 gallons Rum wth 2 Kegs — 0:15:0
1 barrel Beer — 0:15:0
24 Lawer Beer — 0:8:0

The Beaver received amounted to 28¾

Present
Philip Livingston Esq.
Capt William Dick
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Nicholas Bleecker
Roger Gerritse
John Depeyster
John Schuyler Junr.

At a Meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs the 20th Day of Decemr 1736 —

The Comrs wrote the following Letter to

Mr Johannis Visscher & Company

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Gentlemen

We received your Letter of the 7th Instant and are heartily sorry for the Melancholy News you send us of Coser Lawyer's Death Hence the may find the Hand of the Comrs in good Health, he observed Your Orders & recorded his Force, We are glad to hear that the Sachems will give him no Land at Tee ande quat, and that the principal Facinus are off him & keep no Correspondence with him, We advise you may give the Sachems three gallons of Rum and return them thanks in our Name for their Constancy & Fidelity to the King, & Secret and hope they may continue so, we have doubt not but you will encourage them to be so, be careful not to Deal according to your Agreement with him & shall be glad to hear from time to time when any Rum or Blankets appears We are Gentlemen

The Inclosed, 1 Silk Shawl, 1 plett Coat, 1 pr Stockings, 2 shirts, 1 Cutlass, 1 looking glass, 3 bars lead, 1 box ~~paint~~ Paint

Present
Philip Livingston
Capt William Dick
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Hendrick Ronsvaar
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Abram Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Edward Holland
Roger Gerritse
Derick Ten Broeck
Johannis Lansingh Junr
John Depeyster
Cornelis Cuyler
John Schuyler Junr

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At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs the 29th Day of December 1736

Corsican to an Act of General Assembly of the Colony of New York The Comrs have this Day recommended Coser Schuyler to be Commissary to receive Inspect & Regulate the Trade at Oswego for the year Ensuing and the following Letter was wrote to his Honour the Lieut Governr to present & Confirm him accordingly —

May it please your Honour

We take Leave to acquaint your Honour that pursuant to an Act of General Assembly of the Province of New York We have this Day met and Considered that Coser Schuyler is a fit person to be Commissary to receive Inspect & Regulate the Trade at Oswego for the year Ensuing and by your Honour will be pleased to appoint and Confirm him, wch you are pleased to do Hence you may send up his Comm & Instructions in Due time Inclosed send your Honr a Request from several Traders that Mr Schuyler may be recommended by us We are

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From oak timber
Yours Servant
~~Richard Collins~~

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Present

Alexander Schuyler
John Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Nicholas Bleecker
Roger Gerritse
Edward Holland
Edward Collins

Esqrs Comrs of Indian Affairs

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian affairs the 2d Day of February 1759

The following Letter was read and sent to the Lieut. Governor

May it please your Honour

We are favoured w.th your of the 14th Instant by the post and are very much obliged to your Honour for approving of Mr Peter Schuyler to be Comissary at Oswego for the year Ensuing who we think a person fitly Qualified for that Service, and doubt not he will duly execute the Trust reposed in him. We are very well Satisfied that the Valuable Trade carried on at Oswego may be enlarged much further, and presume he will use his utmost Endeavours by his Vigilance and Care to promote the same

We Desire that your Honour will be pleased to send us the Comissn w.th the first Convenienty that he may be ready to go up w.th the first Canoes, and that if you do not think it inconsistent with the Act of Assembly made in the year 1755 it may be inserted in his Comissn or Instructions that none of the Traders make use of any Indians or Squaws for Brokers, as they may not of any Subjects of the French King. We find it Ordered by an Act of Assembly for the Comissary to be a Justice of the Peace by District Commissn for Oswego

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Nor the Forrtrisses thereon Depending we hope your Honour will send up Soldiers wth the Commissioners as Escort. We also desire that it may be Insisted Upon as Conditions, or Instructions that no Trader shall have more than one Factor House

Upon perusal of the Copy of the Speech Belts we observe that he has given wth the Catawbaws one of the Barriers of Boundry he mentions in his Letter to send their Deputies to Albanny, & consult the Governor of Virginia & seems to expect the Five Nations and Tuscaroras will send their Chiefs to meet them there to treat of a Peace —

We are of the same Sentiments wth your Honour that the Six Nations will not Consent to any other Place of treating Peace or Treaty, For our Honour is Engaged that the Govr. of Virginia Maryland & Connecticut have not and Further wth the Indns. at Albany we have always been treated the place of meeting wth our Brethren and they are still expecting to hear when the Southern Govrs will meet them there; We are apprehensive that the sending the Interpreter to acquaint them wth the Resolution of the Govr. of Virginia would exasperate them and make them prosecute the War wth more Vigour than Ever, For in the last Treaty wth his Late Excellcy here he promised them to write to the Govrs to the Southward that they might send Delegates of their Indns. to treat wth the Six Nations here, wch they have Expected all the last Summer and now for him to send them a Message that the Govr. of Virginia would have them come there to treat of a peace they would think no ill of it wth them, and they are a People that will not be trifled with but how we submit to your Honour

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to the Throw it is so Deep now that it is Impossible for the Interpreter to travel but if your Honour Continues of that Opinion he shall wait your further Orders, and upon receiving of them shall send them —

This Letter was then read to the Comrs. not present & signed by the greater part of them

Two Mohawk Sachems came & recommended the Comrs. that Cachnawaroge the Chief Sachem of Onoyde was Dead for wch they greatly grieved and hoped their Brethren would Condole wth them for the Loss of so great a Man & Friend to the English Interest as has been the Custom from ancient Times amongst these Indians

The Comrs. answered they were heartily sorry for the Loss of so great a Sachem & Constant Friend to the English Interest and to show their great Concern for that Loss would give them two Blankets of Strouds and a Keeg of Rum to wipe away their Tears, and also a Keeg of Rum to them to Drink by the Way

The Sachems answered as they were only Messengers they would return to their Castle and acquaint their People wth what the Comrs. had said and bring back an Answer

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Present
Sheldon Lansingh
Wm Ten Broeck
Jonathan Lansingh
Casper Wiecker
Abraham Cuyler
Francis Groesbeck
Philip Schuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Nicholas Bleecker
Casper Wendell
Dirck Ten Broeck
Cornelius Cuyler
Johannes Schuyler Esqrs

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian affairs at Albany the 15th Day of February 1756

Exp.d Comrs of Ind.n affairs

Whereupon and the Mohawks came before this board & Given Hands of Hampsum & acquainted the Comrs that Cachnagwanieg a great Sachem of the Cuoyder was Dead for which their Nation greatly grieved

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The Comrs answered they were heartily sorry for the Death of Cachnagwanieg who they knew to be a great Sachem and Constant friend to the English Interest, and that they would condole his Death, They also gave them and Each Man each a Blanket of Strouds & a Shirt to greese their feet, being they were weary with Travel, and that they would likewise remember him and Market

The Wampums were given to Coll.o Philip Schuyler he having formerly lent to the Comrs

Present
Capt William Dirck
Myndert Schuyler
Johannis Schuyler
Cornelius Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Lukas Bleecker
Casper Bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck
John Deneyster
Cornelius Cuyler
John Schuyler Esqrs

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian affairs at Albany the 17th Day of February 1756

Exp.d Comrs of Ind.n Affairs

This Day the Comrs sent Lawrence Claase the Interpreter to Cuoyde to condole the Death of Cachnagwanieg for which they have given him two Blankets Wampum and two Blankets & Strouds. Gall him and given a Challenge on parting. Also order to expend a Sum not exceeding Thirty Shillings to hire a Man from the great falls to go along w.th him to Cuoyde

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At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs the Second Day of March 1756

Present
Capt William Dirck
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Casper Bleecker
Francis Groesbeck
Philip Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Lukas Bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck
John Lansingh Junr
John Schuyler Junr
Casper Wendell
Jacob Glen

The Comrs wrote the following Letter to Sir Thomas the Lieut Governor

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Present
Capt William Dick
Alexander Schuyler
John Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Philip Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Derick Tenbroeck
John Lansingh Junr
Peter Gerritse
John Schuyler Junr
Jacob Ten Eyck

A Meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 2d Day of March 1756

Capt Comrs of the Affairs

The Board wrote the following Letter to the Lieut Governor

May it please your Honour

We are honoured w.th yours of the 10th Ult.o last and should be glad the Company's Comissr.s came up before the first Troops of army Government should offer, for we Dread the Troops will come too late this Season, and generally the most Disorder happens when the Traders first go up the Lake the particulars we wrote of, and been Recited in the Company's Comiss.n or Instructions but since your Honour is of Opinion it can not be Done, We wish it may be recommended to the Assembly at their first sitting to remunerate it

Lowrence the interpreter is abroad, but we Expect him home in a few Days and shall send him up according to your Honours Order. We are w.th great Respect —

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Present
Peter Schuyler
John Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Nicholas Bleecker
Peter Gerritse
Derick Tenbroeck
Cornelis Cuyler
John Schuyler Junr

A meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 9th Day of March 1756

Lowrence Claese the Interpreter returned from Onejde and gave an Account to this Board that he had Condoled the Death of Cachnaquanige according to ~~Book~~ our Directions and says that the Sachems of Onejde heartily thanks the Comrs for the Respect they had shown to their Father in Condoling the Death of so great a Sachem, and in token of Gratitude gave half a belt of Wampum a Fisher a Raccon and a Dr: Deer Skin —

The following Instruction was given to Lowrence Claese the Interpreter to go to Onondage

You are to go with all Expedition to Onondage and acquaint the Six Nations that Mr Gouch the Gov.r of Virginia is Desirous to negotiate a Peace between them and the Cheriquees and Catawbaws their Enemies and has prevailed with the Catawbaws to send their Deputies to Williamsburgh about the beginning of April next and would be glad

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Chief of the five Nations and Tuscaroroes — would at the same time send some of their Chiefs to Conclude the Treaty; upon we further to acquaint the Indians that our Governour so leaves their Commissioners any Hostilities in the mean time

The Comrs agreed to pay the Charges and Lawrence was proceed 1 pound of Beef 100 Throwes 6 lb Tobacco and a Keg Rum

Present
Cheeks Livingston
William Peck
Hendrick Schuyler
John Schuyler
Abram Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Jacob Bleecker
Peter Bleecker
Peter Gerritse
John Lansingh Junr
Cornelis Cuyler
John Schuyler Junr
Edward Collins

II 100 A

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 29th Day of March 1757

The following Letter was writt to the Lieut Govern —

May it please your Honour

Sir

We have your Honours favour of the 16th Instant to the Commissarys Comrs for Prisoners who arrived from Hartemorow —

We hope your Honr will be pleased to send us a Letter Commission for him which we apprehend is absolutely necessary for a Pretence to swear him wch must be to some Person residing at Chenage being he will be gone from hence We think Mr Nicholas Schuyler John Cuyler Junr Lodowick Cuyler & William Coeter or any one of them would be proper persons according to your Honrs Order we sent Lawrence Claese to the five Nations the 6th of this Instant to acquaint them wth what Mr Hook proposed Agreed that the Commissary be allowed £4 — to lay out in Presents to bestow on some of the principal Sachems The Comrs gave him a Flag to give to a great Sachem of the far Indians —

Present
Cheeks Livingston
William Peck
John Schuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Hendrick Hoorbeck
John Depeyster
Cornelis Cuyler
Peter Fonda

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 6th Day of April 1757

Lawrence Claese the Interpreter returned from Onejde and acquainted the Board that pursuant to his Instructions he met the six Nations, and told them that the Governor of Virginia desired to negotiate a Peace between them, and the Cherokees & Catawbas their Enemies, and that he had prevail'd with the Latter to send their Deputies to Williamsburgh about the beginning of April, and Desired to know if they would send some of their Chiefs to Conclude a Treaty with them

To which they answered

II 101

Brother meaning the Governor of Virginia

We are greatly surprized that you should send to this Message and not to the Governor of New York and the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany, and, that you have not cleared our Governor with two or three of the Comrs of Indian Affairs to go along with him, seeing we are but one Body, one Blood and one Head

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We are afraid that if we should come to Virginia, you would take part with the Cherequees and Catawbaws, and lay heavy burthens upon us for we can neither read nor write

The Reason we have to think so is That Governour Spotswood when he treated with the Indians Desired them to come into his Government, neither to cross Potomack River, nor to pass over the high Mountains which cover Virginia, And if we should come within those Boundaries he would treat us as Enemies unless we had a pass from the Governour of New York

II 101A. Further his Excellency Govr. Coddy promised to go with us to the Govr. of Virginia. Also that he expected the Govr. of Virginia would write back to Albany, and appoint the time when the Cherequees and Catawbaws would come and meet us there; Then Govr. Coddy would send for us and we should come to Albany and treat there, where the Peace that was kindled by our forefathers and shall burn for Ever

There is no other place to treat with us but at Albany, We always say in our publick Propositions that whoever will treat with us must call us to Albany where the tree of Peace was planted, one reacher unto Heaven, under whose

branches we have sheltered ourselves whose roots spread of self North and West throughout this Island that no Storm can hurt us

Brother Governor of Virginia

Also be you intend to make Peace between the Cherequees and Catawbaws and lay the request that you may come either in your own Person to Albany or by your Deputies with some of the Warriors and Captains of the Warriors of those Indian Nations and

II 102. we will hear you speak. Let us know by the first Opportunity after this comes to hand what you will do or not do.

Brother Governor of New York

You Desire us to Cease any Hostilities on the Southern Indians but we Desire you too late, There is at this time about three or four hundred parties of the Up Nations out in Red parties on the frontiers of the Cherequees and Catawbaw Indians some of whom may be supposed already to have fallen upon them, and others will fall upon them before they can hear from us, Those who are not yet gone out we shall use our Endeavour to keep at home

We desire to return our thanks to the Govr of New York & the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany

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The following Letter was sent to his Honour the Lieut Governor

Albany 5th April 1757

May it please your Honour

Yesterday I received your Honour's Letter by Lawrence Claase the Interpreter has returned from the Indian Country & brought the Enclosed answer to Your Honours Requests concerning the Treaty wch he Desired between them and the Cherequeers & Catawbaws to which we refer your Honour

Lawrence acquaints us that there is to be a general Meeting of the Six Nations at Onondage about the beginning of May next to Consult about a Request made to them by the French Interpreter who intends to settle at Tecondequat and they are then & there to answer what they shall Concludeupon that Affair We Choose to your Honour whether it would be proper to send a person of Distinction with the Interpreter to be at Onondage at that time to oppose the Measures of the French We are wt great respect

Lawrence Claase the Interpreter brought us an Acct amounting to three pounds Six Shillings wch he expended in sending Messengers to the Six Nations to call them together to Onondage in order to speak w^t them wch the Com^rs ordered Cornelis Cuyler to pay

Present
Capt William Dick
Abraham Cuyler
Casper Wiecker
Hendrick Gerritse
Johannis Lansingh Junr
Hendrick Wiecker
Evert Bancker
Isaac Lansing
John Douglass Junr
John De Peyster
Daniel Collins — Esq^rs

At a meeting of the Com^rs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 12th Day of April 1757

Esq^rs Comrs

This Day the Comrs received a Letter from the Lieut Governor which was in the words following Viz

Albany April the 16th 1757

Some of the Onondagas & the Indians Answer to Your Honors Requests I have laid before the Council, they are of that part of your Letter wherein you inform me that the French were endeavouring to get Liberty to settle at Tecondequat, and that at the beginning of May the Indians were to have a Genl Meeting in Order to consult what they should Conclude on that Affair, I must Desire that you will use all possible Diligence & all the meanes in your power, to prevent the French from obtaining their ends, and from having any Settlement or the least footing among any of our Indians Indeed Thereto you are further to send some person of Distinction, whom you shall think proper, wth the Interpreter to, the Six Nations, with Instructions to persuade them, That I Desire they will not suffer the French to have any settlement among them, That being not only contrary to their own Resolutions and solemn Declarations that they would not

not suffer the French any quiet Thing but to the
very Treaties concluded on that head, and which
would be a Strongest Vigilance of the Est Chain
That they must ever carefully observe in Westfal
Designs of the French, whose have always been
Copying to weave them, and that the Instructions
we send may prove the more effectual & Infrein
Gives Desire you now selves will look over the
sd Treaties, that the Ind.s may be the more fully
reminded of them, You are further to give
Instructions to act the Ind.s that I shall send the
Answer to the Gov.r of Virgin.a by the first Opor-
tunity and shall meet them as Early as
possible can this Summer, And in the mean time
Desire they will not suffer any Hostilities to be
Committed on the Cherequees or Chickaws nor to
have any Conference or Dealings whatsoever wth
the French, or any person or persons whatsoever
sent from them or in their behalf, And more
especially to Endeavour to prevent wt the Opp
posions that They will not have any Confe-
rences or meetings wt the French Interpreter
or any persons whatsoever sent from the Gov.r
of Canada or any other persons sent in their
behalf till I have spoke wt them at Albany
I am Gentlemen Your most humble Servt

Geo Clarke

Ord Day the Com.rs sent for Lawrence Claese
the Interpreter to come in on Munday
or Tuesday next

Ord. Bill allowed John Visscher and Compa
£5:1:- for presents they made to the Indians
in opening the French's getting Liberty to
Trade at Tieronogueti

At a meeting of the Com.rs
of Indian Affairs at Albany
the 26th Day of April 1737

Present
Capt Williams Dock
Abraham Cuyler
Robert Bleecker
Peter Gerritse
Johan Lansingh Junr
Nicholas Bleecker
Edward Holland
Stevanus Groesbeck
Cornelis Cuyler
Derick Fonhoeck
John Schuyler Junr
John Depeyster
Edward Collins

II 104 This Day the Com.rs agreed wt
Mr Jeremy Schuyler to go wt Lawrence
Claese the interpreter to Onondage
or the Sinneker Country to speak with
the Six Nations for which service they
are to pay him Eighteen pounds of the goods
to Onondage, Twenty four pounds if he
be obliged to proceed to the Sinnekes
Country a Laced Hatt, a pair of Scarlet Stockings,
two small Kegs Rum, and five pounds
for Presents to the Indians

The Agreement is that he goes on Credit
of the Government, but if the Government
Does not pay him, the Com.rs are to pay him
out of their Money allowed to them

Lawrence Claese is allowed a Loope for the
Journey, Edward Holland is to give the laced hatt for two Pistoles, and
he is to furnish the two Kegs Rum

Present
Coll William Dick
Abramm Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Deware Rollans
Dirck Ten Broeck
Nicholas Bleecker
Roger George
Johannis Lansingh Junr
John Schuyler Junr

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian affairs at Albany the 29th Day of April 1737

This board gave their Instructions to Jeremy Schuyler wch were in the Words following Viz

Instructions for Mr Jeremy Schuyler

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You are to go to Onondage and take with you Lawrence Claase the Interpreter When you come there and find the Sachems of the Six Nations met, Then tell them

Brethren The Governour of New York and the Comrs of Indian affairs having had private Information that there was to be a Great Meeting of the Six Nations at this place, have therefore thought fit to send me wth the Interpreter to know the true Occasion of your meeting here

It is true they have had some Flying Reports that you were to meet to Consult about granting Liberty to the French Interpreter or some of the Subjects of the French King to build a Trading House as they Endeavour to make you believe at Frenondequat

Brethren The Governor and Comrs of Indian Affairs cannot in the least believe or give any Credit to this report, When they look over the many Covenants and Treaties that have been made between your Forefathers and theirs, as well as between you and them, whereby you always engaged never to suffer any of the Subjects of the French King to make any Settlements on this side of the Lake, or any part of your Land Nay I must tell you, And you may all easily remember it, That the last time you met the last Govr at Albany, You promised in a solemn Manner to perform the same

II 105

The Govr and Comrs of Indian Affairs are not Ignorant how the French served you on their first Settling at Niagara and Cadarackqua, You have often told them the Same your Selves How Deceitfully and Craftily they Settled those places, and by that means cast them their Dominions

Brethren The Govr and Comrs are very unwilling to believe that, you who have been so often deceived by the French will suffer your selves to be Cheated again.

They know you to be Men of Sense & cannot think Brevet will be any Inducement to you to Enslave your Selves, For they are very Sensible that if you should once give the French or any Subjects of the French King Liberty to build that Trading House at Frenondequat, It will be your utter ruin & the Extirpation of all your Nations For they do not Doubt but the French will soon turn it into a Fortification as they did those of Niagara and Cadarackqua

Brethren The Govr and Com^rs of Indian Affairs Expect
105 A that you will not so much as have a Conference
or any Dealings whatsoever w^t the French in Canada
or any Prospects of the French King on that
Head or any other but that you will keep
your selves Loyal & True, as your forefathers
and you have hitherto done to your Gracious
father the great King of great Britain, who
will again repeat his favours to you his Sum
by sending his Govr to Albany w^t a handsome
Present to treat w^t you and brighten the Covent
Chain; of which you shall have timely Notice,

Brethren The Com^rs of Indian Affairs have rec^d Letters
from the Govr of Virgin^a Proposals, wch I forwarded
to the Govr of New York, and he has sent
II A 105 to the Govr of Virgin^a whose Answer may
be soon Expected

The Govr of New York Desires & Requires of
you, That you use no Hostilities against the
Onneyuts or Cataraques, but keep your fighting
from at Home

Brethren I shall be glad to carry back an Answer from you
wch will be acceptable to the great King your
Gracious Father, the Govr and the Com^rs of Ind^n
Affairs; if your answer should not be agreeable
to what they expect from you, what must
they think of all the Promises & Protestations
from time to time made by you & your fore-
fathers as by the red Treaties Extant in
their Books are to be seen, You know
very well Brethren that they do not trust
to their Memories, but write every thing
in

In their Books, Then you are to give a Belt
of Wampum

If the Six Nations should not have their
intended Meeting at Onondage, you are to
proceed to the Onnekes Country & take w^t you
some of the Chiefs of Onondage & Cayuga
and speak thus w^t them altogether

The following Letter was sent w^t a Copy of
the above Instructions to the Lieu^t Governor

May it please your Honour Albany 29th April 1737

Sir We have according to your Honour's
Orders to us, to send a person of Distinction to the
Six Nations sent Mr Jeremy Schuyler Brother
to Coll^o Philip Schuyler, who was pleased to accept
of our Offer, in order to find out the Designs of
II 106. the Intended Meeting and find out as possible
the Designs of the French, We gave him his
Instructions Copy whereof is here Inclosed

We have allowed him Fourteen pounds of Beef
but he Onondage, Tho if he be Obliged to go to
the Onnekes Country he is to have £24: five
pounds for presents & £3: for Contingencies

We have also given him an Order on the Compa
that lyes in the Onnekes Country, for what he goes
there to get Goods to the Value of £6: in Case
he should have Occasion for them on the
Country's Service, We gave him this Order by
reason he goes by Land for Expedition's Sake
& Could not Carry them w^t him, We hope Your Honour
will be pleased to lay the same before w^t Humility
and recommend it to them for their Allowance
We are w^t very great Respect

Present
Cap.t William Dick
Abraham Cuyler
Francis Roosebeck
John De Cantre
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
} Esq.rs Com.rs of the Peace

At a meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs for the City and County of Albany on the 4th Day of May 1737

The following Letter was wrote to the Lieut. Governor Viz

May it please Your Honour

We have rec.d the inclosed Letter from the Comp.y at Oswego, which we are humbly of Opinion, that it is not in our Power to redress what relates to the Legislative Power, but we thought it our Duty to send it down to your Honour, to act in it as you in your Prudence shall think fit. We remain w.th very great Respect

II 106A

The following Let.r was wrote to the Representatives for the City and County of Albany

Gentlemen

We think it would be very proper that it were inserted in the Act for Regulating the Trade at Oswego, that the Trading Houses should be reduc'd to two Rows, and that no Lanes be left between the Houses, but that they be joined close together, Except you think proper to make two or three Streets, And in case any Traders should build their Houses contrary to the Direction of said Act, the Comp.y may be Impowered to Cause them

to be broke Down, And if the Owners will not break them Down after the Comp.y gives his Orders, he that refuses to cease to a fine of £50:— The reason of our writing this is, because we have Complaints from the Traders of the old irregularities of the building the Houses being continued this Year

We have rec.d a Let.r from the Comp.y at Oswego complaining of the Inconvenency of the Traders making use of Interpreters and Brokers, We think it would be proper that no Interpreter were allowed but one to the Comp.y w.ch we desire you to take Notice of in the Act We are w.th Respect

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The Com.rs directed the following Let.r to be Sent to the Comp.y at Oswego which was as follows Viz

Gentlemen

I am Directed by the Com.rs to acquaint you that they have rec.d your Let.r and sent it to the Gov.r who, they think, will lay it before the Assembly. They have likewise wrott to the members of Assembly for the City and County of Albany to get inserted in the Act that no Interpreter be allowed but to the Comp.y I am &c

Your most humble Servt
G. Clarkson

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Present
Ph: Livingston
Wm Dick
Mym: Schuyler
St: Groesbeck
M: Cuyler
Hy: Cuyler
Joh: Lansingh
Th: Schuyler
Ed: Holland
Co: Cuyler
John Schuyler

Albany 28th May 1757

May it Please your Honour

Sir

This Day Mr Jeremy Schuyler Returned from the Indian Country who Informs Us that when he Arrived at Onnondage, and According to his Instructions enquired of them whether the Six Nations had yet given Liberty to the French to Settle at Sieorondequat

The Chief sachim of that Nation Frankly Owned that the Sinnekes had given them Liberty last fall

Whereupon he proceeded foward to the Sinnekes, when he Arrived there he Called the Sachims together and asked them if it was true that they had given Liberty to ye French to Settle at Sieorondequat, who owned they had Given them Liberty to build a small Hutt, but they thanked the Governor and Comrs for their Good Advice, and Promised that they would recall the Liberty they had Given and upon that gave a Belt of Wampum

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Present
Philip Livingston
Wm Dick
Mym. Schuyler
M. Cuyler
St: Groesbeck
Jon: Ch: Rensselaer
Ed: Holland
Dirk Ten Broeck

At a meeting of the Comrs of the Indian affairs in Albany ye 24th June 1757. Laurence Claise the Interpreter after his Return from the Six Nations gave the Following information to Wit.

After I arrived the second time in the Sinnekes Country I found the Indians Entirely fallen off from the Promises they had made to Jeremy Schuyler and me and I heard that the French Interpreter was gone from the Sinnekes Country to Oswego, from thence he was to go to Niagara and bring from thence

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Ten Barrels powder and other Indian goods in order to Settle a Trading Place at Shieorondequat, to provide the Young Warriors w: Ammunition and other Warrike Stores as for Knives, Flints, and Goods he would always give for Nothing, and would also keep a black Smith there.

Our own People that are now Residing in the Sinnekes Country told me, that he (meaning the French Interpreter) was gone in order to Build a house there, and that they Believed he was out for Masons and Carpenters and would Build a house at Sieorondequat before he returned.

The next Day I called the Sachims together and at the Publick Meetting I asked them how they came so soon to forgett the Promises they had so lately made to Mr Schuyler and me, for I heard that the French Interpreter was gone to Carry Powder from Niagara to Shieorondequat & make a Settlement there, and to convince me that they did not Consent thereto I Desired they would Speak w: the French interpreter in my Presence and return him the Belt of Wampum w: they had Taken, and Likewise to ask back what they had Given to him and so in my hearing make Void the Agreement they had made with him which I found they had no mind to Do.

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It is therefore my Opinion that the French will go on w: that Settlement, If the Governm: do not use speedy Means to Prevent it, by Sending a Person of Two of Distinction forthwith to the Sinnekes Country to Turn Away the French from Amongst them.

As I was going up the Sachims of Onnondage told Me that when the French Interpreter Came from Canada last Fall he called the Sachims together & Acquainted them that the Sachims of the Sinnekes had Consented to his building of a house at Shieorondequat, the Sinnekes Have Rec: a large Belt of Wampum from the Governour of Canada to go to war with him against the Foxes and his to Provide them with Arms and Ammunition.

When I arrived the last time in ye Sinnekes country I found the Doctor was Dead, so when I Delivered My message to the Sachims they told me they Could not Compleat the Governours Desire at this time, not untill the

Doctor's

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Doctor's Death was Condoled for he was a great man Amongst them, their Speaker, and the Prop & Support of their Nation.

I found my self Obliged to go to that Charge, and in Name of the Govern.r & Comm.rs of Indian Affairs, I Condol'd the Doctors Death after Indian Dome & Spoke to the Sachims again & Desired them to go Down w.th me and Speak w.th the Governour which they Bone willing to Do. So I hope my Charges will be Paid. O

Present
The Honble George Clarke Esq.r &c
Abraham Schuyler } Professors of Law
Ph. Livingston } Council
James Alexander
The Commissioners for the Indian affairs
The mayor Recorder & Aldermen.

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Propositions made by the hon.ble George Clarke Esq.r Lieut. Governour & Comander in Cheife of the Province of New york in albany the 27th June 1737 to the Sachems of the six nations viz the Mohogas onejdes Tuskeroras onondagas Cayugas & Sinnekas.

Brethren

What is this I hear, is it possible that men who professes to tread the Paths of Justice, that Men who would be thought to act upon Principles of Honesty & Virtue should have no regard to the sacred Obligations of publick faith, But dissolve those Bonds of friendship and allyance which united our Forefathers, and made them and you & us, Brethren, as are you tired of the benefit to make fetters for you and to restrain you from that liberty which you now enjoy. If you are at a loss to know my Meaning a few words will explain it, I am told you have given leave to the French to build a House at Frederic undequat, it is a thing so far

Beyond

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Albany the 24th June 1737

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The Sachims of the Six Nations waited on his honour the Lieut. Gov.r at his lodgeing and said Brother Corlaer we wellcome you at Albany and are glad you are Safe arrivd, while men are Subject to many unhappy accidents of Sicknes or other Sudden accidents, that Death follows us in all places, and that it had pleased God to Suffer us to meet together in good health for which we are very much rejoyced. Gave a few Skins.

Brother Corlaer

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We are come a great way from our habitations and have severall of our people among ~~them~~ us, who are but poor and ~~in~~ not able to have their Hatchets, hoes & guns mended. wherefore we beg of you to gett them mended.

The Gov.r answer

Brethren

I am pleased ~~to see so~~ many ~~of you here~~ ~~and~~ ~~take~~ ~~this opportunity~~ ~~that~~ to tell you that I am glad we meet ~~you~~ with joyful Countenances and hope that our meeting will be attended ~~to our~~ mutual Satisfaction.

I shall order that the hatchetts hoes & guns of your poor people shall be forthwith mended. and Lord bless ~~the~~ Friend of Kings

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Albany June 25th 1737

Two sachems of the Mohogs waited on his Hon.r Ge. Clarke Esq.r in behalf of themselves, Oneydes, Onondage & Tuscaroces, desireing that his Hon.r would be pleased to defer to speak to them in publick ~~to day~~ untill next Monday, because they would this day condole the death of the two Sinneke Sachems who lately died, according to the antient Customs of their Ancestors, & untill that was done, they were like Children under age, who cannot act in publick affairs.

Whereon his Hon.r was pleased to tell them, that according to their desire he would defer speaking to them, untill next monday, for which they returned their hearty thanks, and Informed his Hon.r privately

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that the Schawano Indians liveing on Susquehana River to the number of 130 warriours, haveing notice that the Cayouges & Sinnekos lately sold land they live on, unto the proprietor of Pensilvania, have thereupon sent messengers, with a belt of Wampum to the Indians settled at Tedyuscaghrondie to desire leave to shelter & live among them, to which they have consented and the French with a number of Indians have promised on notice that they are on their March, to meet them with provisions &c. to receive & Conduct them to this new settlement.

See at the end of this Volume.

Beyond belief, that I could give no credit to it, on the first report, but it is now so confidently Affirmed that I can no Longer doubt of it. I came hither to renew, to brighten, and to strengthen the Covenant Chain, but till you come to a Resolution to revoke that leave which you have given to the French, & give me your positive & faithfull promise not to Suffer any Frenchman to build in your country, I cannot Speak on that head, for what confidence can we place in Men who keep not their faith with us, the Great King your Father Glories in a strict observance of his treaties with his Brethren of all nations, & he expects the like from them, but when they swerve from their promises he disclaims their friendship as unworthy of His. Tell me therefore before I speak of Renewing the Covenant Chain what you Intend, you know well that about 36 Winters ago, you gave those Lands to the Great King of England your Father to hold and protect them for you, and you know too, that about Eleven Winters ago, you acknowledged and Confirmed that Gift, if your Memories fail you I can forget it, we committed it to writing which time cannot wear out, now having in that

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Solemn manner put it in the Hands of our King your Father you cannot without his Consent, Suffer a Frenchman or any other but the Subjects of the Great King of England to build on it, unless you resolve to throw off his Protection and our Friendship, The Commissioners of Indian Affairs, on the first notice, complained to you of this your Breach of Faith, you promised them not to Suffer Ivan Cour or any other French Man to build, & confirmed that promise, I by this Belt of Wampum, and yet notwithstanding that promise, I am told that with your Consent he is going to build, what shall I say to you upon it, I want words to express my thoughts of it, I leave you therefore to your own reflections, Consider what I have said, Consult your own Interest wipe of the Stain that this Action has thrown on you, retrieve your Honour & give me your Positive Answer.

Gave a belt Wampum

Answer made by the Sachems of the 6 Nations.

That they have with attention heard what his Honour has been pleased to say that they will Consider of it & Consult Together to Deliver a speedy answer but Desire that they may not be hurried in it.

His Honour was pleased to say that they Should take their own time but Expected it Should be As soon as they Could Conveniently do it.

At a meeting of the Six Nations Of Indians the 27th June 1757

Present
His Honour the Lieut. Gov.
The Councellors
The Second Judge
The Mayor and Aldermen
The Comr. of Indian Affairs

Brethren Indians that belong to the French

II 110 A You are here to listen to what we shall Speak to our Brother Onlaer.

You may hear it & we Doubt not but you will tell it to the Gov. of Canada, wt you may do but we Desire that you will tell him nothing but the truth

Brother Onlaer

You spoke to us to Day and made a Proposition you heard wt great Surprize that we had given liberty to the French to build a House at Thierondequat, But that you Could not give Credit to my first report of it.

You have likeways told us that you have heard it so often that you was at last Obliged to believe

You have likeways told us that it would Occasion a Breach in the Covent Chain if we should give leave to the French to build there or anywhere on our Land

You

You have likeways told us Brother that our Father the Great King over the Great water has few Treaties w. other of his Neighbours and if they do not regard their Treaties he Values them no longer and wt Pleases his friendship & Protection from them.

Brother Onlaer

You have likeways told us that our giving leave to any of the French to live on our lands would be a means to tie us wt fetters and be a prejudice to us all, you desired a Positive Answer to what you said wt out a false heart if the French should settle there it would be a Means to Cutt off our Communication wt the far Indns

We have now Repeated here and there a word of your Proposition but now we shall begin w. our Answer.

Brother Onlaer You spoke very fierce & roughly to us and we hope you'll give us the same Liberty.

III 111 We shall likewise tell you your Faults. You tell us you Committ your Affairs to writing wt we do not and so when you look to your books you know what past in Former times, but we keep our Treaties in our Heads & therefore shall begin wt what passd long ago.

Brother At that time when the French built a house at Jagara, The Gov. askd us in a Publick meeting why we suffered it, and did not Demolish it we answerd that we were not able to do it, but Desired of the Gov. to write to the King about it wt he promised to do. But we have never Heard more about it so think that they who write are as Forgetfull as we who do not Write, for this we can remember and think the Gov. should at least Acquainted us wt what Answer he had.

Brother Onlaer You have told us that we have probably forgott what past in former times but our ancestors have handed Down to us from father to Son what has Happend both in the Dutch & English times, There has been a book but Perhaps that book has been Distroyed.

Brother

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Present

The honourable George Clarke Esqr
Abraham Van Hoorn Esqr
Philip Livingston Esqr Council
James Jancey
The Mayor Recorder Aldermen
The Com^rs for Indians affairs

Proposition made by the Honourable George Clarke Esqr Lieu^t Govr &c to the Sachems of the Nations the 28 June 1737

Brethren

The promise you gave me Yesterday not to suffer any of the French to settle upon any part of your Lands, the publick & open manner wherein that Promise was made and the Assurance you gave me that it proceeded not from Lying lips nor a deceitfull tongue but from the sincerity of your heart, have wiped off the Stain that would otherwise have remained upon you, and would have pointed you out to the world as a faithless people, and having thus Retrieved your honour and Shaken off the guilt that the French by your own folly had begun to put upon you I Open my arms to receive you, and embrace you with joyfull Affection equall to that which we feel when a Brother Has escaped from the hands of his Enemies that were Stretched out to put him to Death, in hopes therefore that for the future you will guard against ye Crafty Designs of the French defeat their attempts and Resist their Temptations, that you never forgett the Sacred Obligations of your publick faith which has united you to us and Made us Brethren and that our Friendship and Brotherly love may be strong and Lasting. I Do now in the name of my Master the Great King of great Brittain your indulgent Father & protector in the Most solemn manner renew brighten and Strengthen the ancient Covenant Chain that has tied you and all his Majesty^s Subjects in the Strictest bands of Affection

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And interest, let it be your care therefore as it shall be ours to keep it from rust, and to preserve it in its full Strength and Lustre.

Give a Belt Wampum

The many instances you have known of the Craft and Treachery of the French ought never to be forgotten by you, and you shall learn from thence that no concessions of any sort can be made by you to them that they will not turn to y. Disadvantage, they have tryed every Art to Weaken you and if possible to extirpate your name and Nations, and if you will give your Selves leave to look back, you will see how many of your youth have perished by the Sword in fighting their battles against Nations to whom you your selves had no enmity, and can there be a surer way found to weaken your Strength or in time to Reduce your numbers to an handfull of men & in the end to nothing, Courage is given us to Protect and Defend our wives our children our friends and our rightfull Possessions, not to invade and by force and Violence, to injure and Distroy our Neighbours who give us no offence, the first is commendable, the law of nature obliges us to it, but the second proclaims to the world our want of reason and our want of every virtue and levels us w.th Savage Beasts, a fresh instance of the Designs of the french upon you has lately reached my ears and it is with the utmost Concern that I hear you have Consented to suffer your Young People to promise the french to join them in a warlike Expedition against the Foxes. What are your views. Conquest, Deceive not your Selves, the French will not suffer you to share with them one inch of Land, is it Glory. Remember that Glory is the Reward of Virtuous Actions not of lawless Violence, what then will you get by it, why nothing but Danger, and perhaps Distruction rather

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Inspire

Inspire your Youth with Sentiments of Justice temperance, and the love of Mankind, train them to the use of arms in Hunting, so will they be Inured to Labour and an Active life in their youth ready and able to Defend their own Country if ever it should be invaded and in their old age become wise just and prudent Rulers, you will Grow Richer at Home and highly honoured Abroad for these Virtues that make a nation Renowned and famous.

As for us a long Experience has taught you that we Seek not the Distruction of your or our Neighbours, and that we endeavour to live in a Strict union with you, to promote and incourage your Trade, and even to bring it home to your own Doors, the Trading house at Oswego is a instance II
of the Truth of what I say. and I am persuaded 113.
you have found your Advantage as well as your ease in it; as our Brethren therefore, I hope (and what may not one brother expect from another) that you will keep the path that leads to that Trading house open not only for your Selves but also for all the upper Nations, We have great plenty of goods to Supply both you and them & the more Skins you & the remote Nations bring thither the more goods Shall we send to traffick with you, and we shall always sell them Cheaper to you then the French, who Are Obliged to buy many goods from us.

~~We Governor [illegible] that the Indians~~

It is said that our Brethren the Sinnikas and Cayugas have sold those lands on Susquehanna River, on which they Settled the Shawanna and Other Indians who put themselves under their Protection, If it be so I hope you will give them Other Lands to live on, and Prevent their Selling

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Among the French Indians some of whom I am told have invited them to Dwell at Tiechsagrandies thereby hoping to weaken you and Strengthen themselves, but I trust in that Wisdom and foresight, for which you are remarkable, that you will Defeat their intentions by keeping these people among you, and Increase your own Strength by inviting other Indians to live with you.

I have brought from King George my Master and your Father a good Present which I shall deliver you Assoon as you give me your Answer, that you may not be Troubled any more for them as you have often been but that you may enjoy it Safe to your family Entire.

I shall Likeways give you Provision for your Journey and Rum Enough but not till you are just Going I have now done and shall wait for your Answer.

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th ~~20 Jun. 97~~ Answer of the Six Nations.

We have heard your Proposition, and Shall take it into consideration, we cannot tell how soon we shall be ready with our Answer, but we shall acq.t your Honour when we are ready.

The Honourable George Clarke Esq.

Lieut. Governr. of the Province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America who having referr'd unto the Comrs. of Indian Affairs at Albany to give their Opinions in Relation to the Subject Matter & Ill Consequence of the Sinnekes granting Liberty to the French to build at Thierondequatt on the South side of Cadaraqua Lake above Oswego, which Liberty

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The Sachims have in a most Publick and Solemn manner Recalled, and promised that they never will Suffer the French to build on any part of their Lands.

The Comrs. having taken the same into their Consideration are humbly of Opinion, that as the Affairs of the Governmt. are at Present Circumstanced, It would be Necessary that some proper Persons were sent to reside in the Sinnekes Country the Ensuing Year and furnished with Proper Presents to the Value of Sixty or Seventy Pounds to Distribute amongst the Chief Sachims of the Indians to prevent the French from Settling or Residing on any Part of the Lands belonging to them.

We are further of Opinion that it is absolutely Necessary for the Security of the Indians and Fur Trade that a Fort be Erected at Tionderonadequat and a garrison Posted in it to guard the same which will be the most proper Methods to keep the Indians firm to their allegiance to his Majesty & keeping the French from Residing among the Sinnekes or any other Indians of ye. Six Nations that they may not Draw them over to their Interest & make them waver-ing in their Obedience & fidelity to the King of great Britain which would be of ye. utmost Consequence which is nevertheless humbly Submitted to ye. hon.d Serious Consideration &c.

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Your hon.d most Humble & most Obedient Servants

Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
St. Groesbeck
Sch.l Schuyler
A. Cuyler
Ed. Holland
N. Bleecker
Joh.s Lansing Junr.
John D. Peyster
Joh.s Schuyler Junr.
Cornel. Cuyler
Ry. Gerritse

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Answer of the Sachims of the Six Nations to the Gov.r Proposition the 30.th June 1737.

Brother Corlaer

You made lately a proposition to us in the name of the King your Master and Our Father. You said likewise Brother Corlaer that you was glad to meet us here in the City of Albany. You have also said B. Corlaer that you opened your Arms to Embrace us w.th sincere love. You have likewise told us that your Chief business there was to renew the Ancient Covenant Chain that our Ancestors made together, to renew that Silver Chain wherewith our aforesaid Forefathers had linked their Hands together and to make its lustre still more Bright and Clear.

Brother Corlaer

That Covenant which our Forefathers have made you have told us that nobody can Broak, which we always say on Our part, and that it shall not be in the power of any Loll Tongue, to make a Broach betwixt us.

Brother Corlaer

We have remembered every thing that has been transacted between our forefathers hitherto, one Generation left it to another.

Brother Corlaer

We are very glad with the promises that you have made to the Six Nations, which you promise to keep inviolable on your part; and we are come for the

Brother Corlaer

Your Face likewise told us B. Corlaer that the 28.th of this you Embraced us with open Arms: we, that we had escaped the deadly Snares that were laid for us & that yourself was again to be heartly friendship.

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same end, and promise in the name of the Six Nations to keep the same inviolable on our part, and to make it Clearer, Brighter and Stronger than ever it has been before. We Know, Brother Corlaer, that our neighbouring Enemies would rejoyce to hear that we fell out together, but the better we agree ~~together~~ the more disagreable it will be to them. In confirmation of all we have now said, Give this Belt of Wampum.

B. Corlaer

You likewise told us that you have heard that there lies a Belt of Wampum amongst the Sinnekas, sent by the Gov.r of Canada, to invite us to go to war with him against the Foxes. It is true, Brothers, there is a Belt come from Canada, but it is our own w.ch was returnd us. We heard that the Gov.r of Canada had conceivd a prejudice against us, We sent that Belt in place of a Letter in order to be Informd of the truth of it. The Gov.r of Canada hath not accepted of that Belt, but returnd it to us & lett us know there was no truth in what We had heard. But afterwards he lett us know that he intended to go on an expedition against the Foxes and their Allies, but no harm was intended us, & if we were willing to go, we should be wellcome, but he sent us no belt; & it is a maxim amongst us, that if ever any body Speaks with us, they must give a Belt, which the Gov.r of Canada has not done, so we take no notice of it.

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B. Corlaer

You have likewise desired us to give no credit, to any thing the French should tell us, for they

Are a deceitfull people and no credit to be given to what they say, but that ~~they~~ we should adhere firmly to the Covenant Chain with you.

B. Corlaer You have likewise told us to keep open all the paths that lead to Ofwego, not only our own paths but all those of the far Indians and to give them all encouragement to come and trade there.

B. Corlaer. You have likewise said that the more ~~goods~~ skins are brought to Ofwego, the more goods will be sent there for the Indians.

B. Corlaer. You have likewise told us, that we should sitt still & molest no body, but take care of Our wives & Children. The House at Ofwego is like a trap which when you intent to catch a prey, you lay a bait in it & so when the creature comes to Eat the Bait he is Catchd and to this trap we Compare the House at Ofwego. We now repeat the Heads of what your Honour has said, and shall presently give our Opinion thereon.

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B. C. We think there is some Poison att Ofwego where the trap is sett for many have died with the Bait.

B. C. We shall here and there give an Answer to every article you have recommended to us, not only to keep open all the Paths to Ofwego, but to all the Settlement of all other His Maj.ty Subjects, which we promise to do.

B. C. You have told that the more Beavers & Skins Come to Ofwego the cheaper the goods would be, but we cant perceive that, for we must now pay 3 beverskins for a Womans pettycoat, therefore we desire, that we may have the goods Cheaper than the price now is, and then all the

Farr Nations will Come and trade with you.

Gave a Belt of Wampum.

The Gov.r told them here

That whoever takes 3 Beavers for one Pettycoat imposes on them, and desires them to mark those traders & not deal wth them, for honest Traders will give them 3 spinning pettycoats for 3 Heavy Beavers.

B. Corlaer. The chiefs answer. You have ~~likewise~~ said that you have heard that some of Our Indians have been at Philadelphia last Summer and Sold the Land to Mr. Penn which the Schawanoes live on ~~Susquehanna~~ and that they are going to live among the French ~~to live there~~ Indians at Tuckaghronde because we Sold their Lands from under their Bodies. It is true, we have sold a small peice of Land, to Mr. Penn but not that were Schawanoes live on. it is a peice of Land that lies at a great distance from where those Indians live, and there is a great Ridge of Mountains between the land we sold & that whereon they live.

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Brother We think it is Gov.r Penns own fault, that those Indians go to leave the lands, whereon they now live.

Brother We think there is an old misunderstanding between Schawanoes and Gov.r Penn, & they have conceiv'd some disgust agt. Gov. Penn & the design of the Schawanoes to leave their lands, has been in agitation some years.

B. Corlaer We say that we think it is Gov.r Penn fault & we shall give our reasons for it. It is a custom amongst the Christians, that when they buy land of the Indians to take in more than is agreed for & we believe Mr. Penn has encroachd on their lands & therefore they go for Protection to the French. Therefore we desire you would

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Use your Interest as a mediator betwixt Mr. Penn and them to prevent their going to the French. Upon this gave a Belt.

B. Co. In Ancient times, when our Forefathers first molt at this place, we will tell you what then happened, before there was a House in this place, when we lodged under the leaves of the Trees. The Christians and we entered into a Covenant of friendship and the Indns. lord the Christians on acct. that they sold them the goods Cheap.

This Governmt. was likened unto a great Ship, which was moored behind a great Ypes Tree, but because the tree was perishable, the Anchor was lifted up and laid behind the great Hill at Onondago and the Six Nations are to take care of that Anchor that it be not removed by any enemy.

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B. Corlaer We shall not repeat a long Story of what Happened between our forefathers we shall break of here. But we shall say in few words that our forefathers dealt uprightly & in simplicity, when they first began to trade they had goods much Cheaper than we have now; you said we had no memories but it is written in our foreheads. Gave a Bundle Beaver.

B. Cor. We have now said what we had to say & conclude with a request, that your Honr. will order us Waggons to Carry us Back to Schenectady. We thank your Hon. for your Kindness in ordering our Kettles to be mended but we have a few guns to be mended & the Gun Smith has refused to mend them because he has no orders for it. Hope your Hon. will give order for the same. which was accordingly Done. The Govr. further said viz.

The reason they gett a less price for their Beaver is, that the traders gett less of it than they did formerly. Our Traders give more for your Beaver &c. than the French do, which themselves know.

Brethren— The Governor answered I am very glad that we are met here in friendship and hope we shall part with love and affection as friends. I shall order you Waggons and provisions to carry you home. I am very sorry there has been any misunderstanding between Gov. Penn & the Schawenoe Indians. I shall do my Endeavor to gett a good understanding betwixt them, but as no man can answer for the success of what he undertakes, I recommend to you to keep the Schawenoes among your Selves as you have done the Tuscaroras to prevent their going the French.

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2d July 1737

The Speaker of the Six Nations named Cachiyagoreadon, waited on his Hon. George Clarke Esq. and Said.

B. Corlaer You told us that you have heard that the Seawenoe Indians intend to remove from their habitation on the Susquahana River, to Tuchsaghrondie and settle among the French Indians & recommended to the Sachims of the Six Nations that they should hinder their removall; I am Come in their Name to tell you that they will do all in their power to prevent their Removall and give them other Land among us, in Case it be sold to Gov. Penn.

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The Hon:ble George Clarke Esq.r Lieut. Gov.r of the Province of N. York &c. being desirous to purchase for the use and in behalf of his Majesty, from the Sachims of the Onondages, Cayougas & Sinnekes, all the lands on the South side of the lake Cadarachqui, from Oswego to the fall of Niagara, with an Intention to erect a Fort at Tionderondequat, the Better to secure the Five Nations and the Fur trade and prevent the French from building there, to intercept the same trade, and draw off the Indians from their faith and Obedience to his Majesty which, if they Should succeed therein, would be of the utmost dangerous Consequence to this

II 117A. Province. in order to procure a purchase for said Lands for the use of His Maj.ty, Lawrence Clase the Interpreter Sumond the Sachims of the said Nations to Convene at the House of Nicolas Bleecker in this City, who made propofalls unto the said Sachims, that his Honour was Inclin'd to make s.d purchase, in behalf & for the use of their Father the Great King of Great Britain, for the use of Erecting a Fort at Tionderondequat & to have lands for to raise provisions for Supporting and Supplying the Garrison to be posted there, & if their Brethren of this Govern.t did not make a Settlement there, the French would probably, against their Consent and Inclination, build there & deprive them of the Advantage of trading w.th us.

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The Sachims Answered.

That the two Chief Proprietors ~~are at present~~ of said Lands, are at present at the Sinnekes Country that they who are here have no power to sell said lands, while it has heretofore been agreed on by the primitive owners that said Lands should lye for the use of their Childrens Children for Ever, not to be sold to any Christians, nor any Settlements made on it by them Being on those lands they gott their Chief Support for Hunting & fishing.

II 118 The said Lawrence Claese brought the aforesd answer to his Hon.r at his lodgeing in presence of Philip Livingston, Myndert Schuyler, Rutger Bleecker & Nicolas Bleecker Esq.r wherewith his Hon.r was very much displeas'd, & told Lawrence that he had no directions from him to act privately w.th said Sachims about this affair, but had orders to bring them before him, which he acknowledged, as Also that s.d Ph. Livingston or no other person, had told him to meet and treat with them in procuring a deed ~~for~~ from his Majesty for said Lands from them. but that it was his mistake imaginoing it had been told him so to act in this manner to obtain s.d Lands.

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Present
The hon.ble Geo. Clarke Esq.r &c.
~~Abra~~ A. Hoom } Esq.rs of his
Ph. Livingston } Maj.s Council
The Com.rs of Indian affairs
The Mayor Recorder & Aldermen.

Propofition made by the Hon.ble George Clarke Esq.r Lieu.t Governour and Com.dr in Chief of the Provinc of New York &c. to the Schaachkook Indians. in Alb.y the first July 1737

Children

I sent for you my Children to give you fresh assurances of the protection of the Great King of Great Brittain my Master, our Comon Father and Soveraign, & to acknowledge in this publick manner the just Sence I have of your dutifull Behaviour and fidelity to him & your affection to your Brethren, the rest of his Subjects in these parts, & in his Name renew with you the Antient covenant chain, that it be stronger and brighter than ever, in consequence of which I expect you will behave your selves in a peaceable Mann.r to all your Brethren his Maj.s Subjects especially your good neighbours at Schaahkook. that you stay and not remove from that your old habitation to other remote places, but to keep your abode under the Branches & leaves of the great tree of peace planted for you, & to perswade all those who may be removed to return to that Shade, I shall take care you shall have land sufficient to plant on, & that the tree may flourish and grow & if you do follow this advice you will again grow a strong & florishing people. but when you scatter and are seperated that will be a certain means to weaken you. Gave a Belt

I make you a present in the Name of our Great Father of such things as are necessary for you, which shall be delivered you after you shall have given your Answer.

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they answered

Father

We are glad to see you here, and thankfull for the Advice you have given us which we shall follow as far as in our power, we are not ready to give our Answer out of Hand, but shall consider of what you have recommended to us & give you an Answer to Morrow.

Present
The Hon.ble Geo. Clarke Esq.r &c.
Abraham A. Hoom } Esq.rs of the Council
Ph. Livingston }
The Com.rs of Indian affairs

Answer made by the Schaahkook Indians to the Hon.ble Geo. Clarke Esq.r Lieu.t Gov.r &c. the 2.d July 1737.

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Father

We are glad & rejoyc'd to see you here and bid you heartily welcome, we give you our hand and renew the old Covenant Chain ~~made~~ tw. our Father & Grand Father & here is a tokon wherewith we strengthen that Chain, and we are very glad to see you in behalf of our Father, to take the trouble to visit your Children, & that we live in peace & friendship & that the tree of peace may florish, that its Branches may spread & we live under the Shade. Gave a Pow. Beaver And that the fire w.ch has been Kindled at Schaahkook has been almost extinguished, but now it begins to burn again that Smoak will not disappear again & we now again brighten the chain & wrap this Bev.r about it, that it may Keep clear, not only for us but for many Generations & are glad that our father was pleasd to see so many of his Children here & that we increased. I give this Belt in tokon that we are glad, you did recommend unto us to increase

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And Multiply & draw as many of our People to return and live at Schaalikook, which we do promise to do, as much as in our power.

Answer

I give you in his Maj.s Name my Master & your indulgent Father a present of such things as are usefull for you & I expect you will behave your Selves as dutifull Childrin

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Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger B. Beeker
Abraham Cuyler
Edward Holland
Jn.o Depeyster
Cornelius Cuyler

At a meeting of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs at the City of Albany on the 25th Day of July 1757

Whereas the Lieut. Gov.r by his Letter of the 20 Instant acquainted the Comrs. of Indian Affairs that he had appointed Lawrence Claese, Claes Lawrence, Joseph Sanders, Hendrick Wimple and Timoth. Thacgyne to reside in the Onneiker Country for the year Ensuing

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The Comrs. of Indian Affairs gave them the following Instructions Viz

Whereas you are appointed by his Honour the Lieut. Governour to go & reside in the Onnekes Country for the Year Ensuing on the Service of the Governm.t to commence the Day of the Date hereof and to end the 25th Day of July now next Ensuing You are to observe the Motions of the French which now are or hereafter may happen to come among them during your stay there You are also to acquaint the Lieut. Gov.r or Commander in Chief for the time being, or the Comrs. of Indian Affairs at Albany from time to time w.t such Intelligence wch you think relates or concerns his Majesty or the Diminishing his Interest by the French

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Observing that Nation, & all news of Moment
You are likewise to follow and observe such
Instructions and Directions as you shall from
time to time receive from the Lieut. Gov.r or the
Commander in Chief for the time being or the Com.rs
of Indian Affairs, and Diligently discharge
the Trust thereby reposed in you Some of you
are hereby given Liberty to come down to Albany
as often as your Affairs require Provided
three of your Number always remain there
one of which three remaining to be a Month
You are to use your utmost Endeavour to hinder
the French from making any Settlements any
where amongst the Indians Given under our
Hands in Albany this twenty sixth Day of July
in the Eleventh Year of his Maj.ty Reign
Anno Domini 1737

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The Com.rs order them 1 C weight of Iron
25 lb of Steel 1 doz files and 40 lb tobacco

Present
President Schuyler
Rut: Bleecker
Ab. Cuyler
Ni. Bleecker
John Schuyler Junr.
Cor. Cuyler

At a Meeting of the Com.rs
of Indian affairs at Alb.y
the first Day of September 1737

A Sachim from Onondage
appeared before this board and acquainted us
that the Cachnawage Indians had been with the
Gov.r of Canada and complaind to him that the
Onondagers had Killed two of their Indians, and
that they expected they would have come and made
Satisfaction for the Loss they had Sustaind before
this time.

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The Governour desired the Cach=
nawage Indians to Refer the matter to him and
he would make a call and if they refused to come
at his call he would take other measures.

The Onondagers sent a Messenger
to Canada with 7 hands of Wampum to acquaint
the Gov.r that they defered their coming till next
Spring.

The Indian that brought the Message
was ordered a blanket & a shirt for Himself &
a hatchet for their Speaker.

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Present

Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Abra. Cuyler
Rut. Bleecker
Ni. Bleecker

At a Meeting of ye Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany 17th May 1737.

The Comrs having rec.d a letter from Lawrence and Jonathan Sizer to ~~ory~~ which they gave the following answer

Gentlemen

We have yours of the 5th Inst. and observe what you write concerning the Message the Gov.r of Canada sent to his Interpr we thank you for your care in making the contrary appear in the publick meeting of the Indians & stopping the mouth of the liars & hope you will from time to time take notice of their proceedings and do what in your lies to hinder them from doing any thing dethrimental to our government

We are glad to hear that more Indians will come & trade at Oswego & hope you endeavour to encourage them and desire you to give the Sachems of the Sinnekas 6 blanks to strow to speak with those Indians when they comes.

We send you by Jacob Bleeker and Barent Staats a blanket Strouds a shirt and a pair Stockings for the Coe Schister and thank him in our name for his services and tell him we expect ~~to use his~~ he will use his best endeavours among the Indians for the Interest of this Government. Let Mr Bleeker and Mr Staats be by when you give the Coe Schister those goods which we desire may be privately done

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John Visher tells us the Indians gave you 4 Beav.r & 4 deer Skins w.ch we expect will come to the use of the Comissioners.

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Present

Philip Livingston
Wynant Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stevanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Edward Holland
Nicolas Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Derick Tenbroeck
John Schuyler Junr
John Depeyster

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 15th Day of December 1737 —

The Comrs this Day allowed Mr Wheelwright Mechanick commenced the 3d Day of Septr 1735 and Ended the 29th Day of Septemr now last past according to the Sum of Eighty one pounds and four Shillings for each Sum a Warrt was drawn on Philip Livingston Esq to pay the Same

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Present

Chr: Livingston Esq.
Coll: Myndert Schuyler
Ab. Cuyler
St. Ordenbeck
Rutger Bleecker
Ed. Holland
Ni. Bleecker
Ed. Collins
Joh: J. Lansingh
Cor: Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian affairs at Albany the 2.d Jan.y 173 7/8

This Day rec.d a Letter from Lawrence Claese from the Simnekas country the translation of w.ch is viz.t

Simnekas Country 15.th Dec.r 173

Gentlemen

We rec.d yours of the 17.th Sep.t Last & note the contents. There are three French Men one of w.ch is the Interpreter, who is daily endeavouring to perswade the Indians for Peace to settle at Teerondequat, but he rather Looses than gains upon them, for where I am the French have no Influence. I think if I had the necessary means I could obtain Leave to build a trading House here, but I am unwilling to advance the payment out of my own pocket. The French intend to build three Store Houses on the North Side of Ogniagara to stow Car, whether it be Gold, silver or Copper I cant tell. they have built a Barque in the great Lake to the northward of Ogniagara to transport there Car to the carrying place w.ch is between Ogniagara & Cadaruqui & the Barques w.ch are at Cadaruqui are to transport it to Montreal or as near as they can. Furthermore the French raise a Report among the Indians & tell us that the Gov.r of Canada will have an expedition to w.ch the French King afford 900 Men w.th Large Cannon w.ch are gone up the River Mikisippi & winter now att Old Ottawado. The Gov.r of Canada is to add 1000 Men to them & our Nation are likewise desired by a belt of Wampum to assist them in the expedition w.ch is not against the Dutch but against Indians w.ch belong under the crown of England & we Judge they are Indians belonging

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To North & South Carolina, therefore the Sachems here, desire the Gov.r of New York may advertise the Gov.rs of South & N.th Carolina hereof. The French left here Last year 200 Men & 1 Sloop. the 7.th Nov.r Last came to this Castle 3 Scaulps & one Prisoner whom they intended to burn, but we Ransomd him. the Onoyder, Cayouger & Simnekas are mostly gone a fighting. The Simnekas and Cayouger are but in a bad state w.ch is occasiond by that quantity Strong Drink w.ch is dayly brought amongst them by our Christians. We have Lately Intelligence from Cayouge who informs us, that there had been an Indian in Onondage who was sent by the Gov.r of Philadelphia to acquaint them that the Gov.rs of Philadelphia & Virginia had sent Messengers to the Flat heads & Cattabaws to perswade them to settle a Lasting peace w.th the Six Nations to w.ch the Flat Heads agreed, but the Cattabaws absolutely refused & are determined to carry on a War w.th the Six Nations, therefore the Gov.r of Philadelphia desires them to be upon their guard & sent them three Strings of Wampum in token of His Sincerity. herewith we conclude & hope you'l settle the Bear on hoof.

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A Copy of the above Translation together with the Following Letter we have sent to his Hon.r the Pri.t Gov.r

Alb.y 2.d Jan.y 173 7/8

May it please your Hon.r

The inclosed is an Interpretation of a Dutch Letter we rec.d yesterday of Lawrence Clase from the Simnekas Country w.ch we have thought proper to send to your Hon.r you'l perceive thereby that Lawrence Claese is

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of Opinion, that he is now able to obtain Leave of the Indians to build a trading house at Tieron-dequat, & we are of Opinion, if your Hon.r think proper, that it would be best that you fond proper Instructions to Lawrence to purchase the Same for his Majesty, w.ch we judge will not Cost much. We have Nothing else worth your Notice therefore con-clude w.th wishing you many Happy New years & Remain.

Ordered that Mr. Rutger Bleecker pay the Indians Schotack & Tom. 2 Blankets Stroud
2 Shirts
2 Pr.s Stockings
2 Caps &
2 Gall Rum

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Present
Coll.o Myndert Schuyler
A. Groesbeck
Rutger Bleecker
Ni: Bleecker
Co. Cuyler
Ed: Collins
Dirck Ten Broeck
Royer Gerritse
John D. Peyster

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs at Alb.y 28 Jan.y 1737/8.

This board taking into Consideration the four Queries referred to them by the Lieu.t Gov.r viz.t

14. What Number of Indians have you & how are they Inclined.
15. What is the Strength of the Neighboring Ind.s
16. What is y.e Strength of your European neighbours French or Spaniards.
17. What effect have the French or Spanish Settlements on the Continent of America, upon his Majesty's plantations especially on your province.

Adjourned to the 28.th Instant

Present
Coll.o Myndert Schuyler
Co. John Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Nicolaes Bleecker
Royer Gerritse
John.s Lansingh
Dirck Ten Broeck
Coll.o Eli: Schuyler
John D. Peyster
Ed: Collins
Co: Cuyler

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs held at Alb.y 28: Jan.y 1737/8

After some resolves upon the questions this Board adjourned to 4.th Feb.y next.

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Present
Eli Livingston Esq.r
Myndert Schuyler
A. Groesbeck
Rutger Bleecker
Com.rs Cuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Royer Gerritse
John D. Peyster
Nicolaes Bleecker

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs for Indian affairs held at Alb.y 4.th Feb.y 1737/8.

This Board returned the following — answer to the queries to them referred by his Hon.r the Lieu.t Governour viz.t

Answer to four queries referred by his Hon.r the Lieu.t Gov.r & Councell to the Com.rs of Indian Affairs att Albany viz.t

14. The Six Nations of Indians including the River & Schaachkook indians are about 1500 fighting Men of w.ch Number about 1/3 part incline to the French — Interest, being partly overawed by Fear. The French having their Interpreter continually among them — Sinnekes who has a great Influence over them & they often send Messengers with presents among the Six Nations.

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15. The Indians living near about Montreal and Quebec are about 1000 fighting Men besides a large Number of other Foreign Indians, where the French have Sixteen Fortifications amongst them.

16. The French Europeans settled on the River St. Lawrence in Canada consisting of the three Government of Quebec, Montreal & three Rivers computed at about 10000 fighting men including thirty Two Companys of Regular Forces.

Spaniards Nord.

17. The Metropolis of New France is Quebeck a Strong fortifyd Town, being inclosed in a very good Wall & has a Strong Fort Situated on a Rock being the Sea port on the North Side of the River St. Lawrence About Sixty Leagues S.ly West thereof is Montreal on the Same Side of the River, it is regularly Fortified & Surrounded w.th a Strong Stone Wall Having Battalions within & a large French round the North East & West Sides thereof, & to the South the River.

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About Seven Leagues South from Montreal is a Village called Chambley Situated on the River running out of ~~of~~ Corlaers Lake which by the French is Called Champlains & empties it self into the River St. Lawrence at Sorel, there is a good Strong Stone Fort at the Side of the River at the Upper End of a Basson.

They Have also a Very Strong Fort to the West ~~to the South~~ of Crown Point called by the French La pointe au la Chevelure, at the Side & South end of Corlaers Lake before mentioned about Seventy Miles to the Northward of our Farthest Settlement.

Built in the year 1736. for a Retreat when the French at any Time should come to Disturb or Annoy our Frontiers Either in our Province or New England. They Likewise by that Means extend their Limitts having encroached on Lands belonging to his Majesty.

They have also a Strong Fort at Cadarachque at the North east end of the Lake Ontario, which empties it self in the River St. Lawrence made there not only in Order to entice the Six Nations of Indians into their Interest & to have an awe over them, But also for a retreat to ye French, when at any Time they should attack or Annoy the S.d Six Nations & likewise to prevent the Six Nations from going to Canada in Time of War.

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They have also a Strong Fort at Niagara lying at the S.d West End of Cadarachque Lake holds the falls of that Name three Leagues, where there is a Carrying Place, it borders Near the Six Nations which in a great measure comands ye Indian Trade from the Westward & Overaws the Ilinnekes.

They have Several Settlements, as above observed, & Forts of Less Note among the upper nations of Indians on the Chief passages as the Indians Come from their Hunting in order to Intercept the Furr trade & to keep an Awe and Command over them. The Following Letter was also wrote to His Honour the Lieut. Gov.r

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May it please your Honour

Were.d your Lev.s of the 10.th Last past. we have writt to Lawrence to use all his Interest to prevent the Indians Joyning w.th the French

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In the intended expedition. we also rec.d a Letter from Mr. Morris, with some Queries from the Lords of Trade to which we fired our Answer as near as we are able. We rec.d a Letter from Lawrence this day dated the 21 Jan.y but Nothing worthy your Notice we Conclude &c: that we are.

Present
Rutger Bleecker
St. Groesbeck
Ab.m Cuyler
Nicolas Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Ed.d Holland
Dirk Ten Broeck
Joh.n Lansingh

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 4.th March 1737/8

The following Letter was wrote to his Hon.r the Lieu.t Governor.

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May it please your Hon.r

We had the Hon.r to receive your by the post & according to your directions we have got a white man & daily expect an Indian, we are to go & acquaint the six Nations of the contents of your Honours Letter, we are very glad that such a peace is like to be brought about which must certainly be a great Benefitt to Majesties Colonys here having nothing further to add, we remain &c.

Present
Coll.o Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Nic.s Bleecker
Cor.s Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
Steph.n Groesbeck
John Schuyler

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs att Albany the 6.th March 1737/8.

The Following letter was wrote to Lawrence Claese the Interpreter.

Mr. Lawrence Claese

Hier inleggende hebt UE copy van een brief van onse Goor.d als meede een copy van een brief aen onse Governeur van d'Goor.d van Philadelphia ook copy van twee brieven te weeten een van d'Cherikees & een van d'Cattabaws geschreven aen d'Goor.d van Virginia, waer by gly butt sien, dat deese Natie gresolveert syn om vroegh int voorjaer persoonlyk hier in Albany te coomen, om die Vrede te bevestigen, met de Sess Naties, waer so langh voor deser all van gesproken is, derhalve sende wy Cor. Verplanck door bringer deser met twee Maquase Wilden aen UE, so Stocke wy op d'ontfangst van deser om Sulke bekent te maken int Sinnekes Landt en dan oystoots aff te coomen na Onondage, ende daer het selve bekent te maken aen d'reft van d'Sess Naties, d'orengers deser hebbe last het selve te doen int passant van d'Canteels so Stocke wy UE dat gly UE devoir sult doen, dat de Sess Naties geen mole ttatie sullen doch aen d'Voorgenoemde Wilden ende so drae als wy de dagh sullen weten wanneer sy hier sullen weesen, dan sullen wy aenstoots een gesant opsteuren aen UE ende de Sess Naties om UE ende haer te laete weten. wy hebben Staen van de Maquase Wilde dat die Wildt die daaron wy gemaekt heeft doen hy gevangen was, nu een gevangen is in Onondage so versoeke wy UE om UE devoir te doen dat hem geen

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Leet geschiet, ende dat ghy de Onoudages seghd
dat wy verwaghten dat sy hom meede Brongen al
sy hier coomen om de vrede te beslueyten, ist orderom
hom op te leeveren aen d'gedeputeerden die hier sullen
coomen om de voorseyde Vrede te beslueyten.
De Cherikees sijn de Slatt Coppen ende de Cattabaus
sijn de Wadarighroenies. wy verwaghten UE antwoort
by den bringer deses. & Solyve

Instructies van d'Com.rs Van de Wilden
Affairen voor Cornl. Veeplank.

Ghy sult opstonts te gaen met dese twee Maquas
Wilden na het Maquase Casteel tot Fort Hunter, ende
daer de twee voornoemde wilden telaste seggen dat de
Cherikees & Cattabaus hier te Albany moegh in het voor
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-jaer sullen coomen om vrede te beslueyten met d'ses
Naties, En so voort de selve boodschap te laste seggen
in Canajoharie, Oneyde, Onondage, Tuskarorie & Cajuga
ende daer van daen te gaen so spoedelyck als moogelyck
is, nae het Sinnekes landt ende daer die brief die UE
hier geleert wordt te bestellen aen Lawrence Claese
by wenche UE een goede reys

by Order van d'Com.rs Van
d'Wilden Affaire
Ch Livingston Jun.r

The Com.rs agreed with Corn.l Veeplank to go with
two Indians to acquaint the Six Nations, that the
Cherikees & Cattabaus Intend to come to Albany this
Spring to conclude a peace with them & to carry a lett
to the Interpreter at the Sinnekes country for which he
is to have Six pounds & 1 do. Knives.
Ordered, that Mr. Bleecker pay the Indians Each a
Blanket Strouds a Shirt a pr. Stockings a Leg a pr Shoes
& 1 Kegg Rum

Present
Rutger Bleecker
Corn.s Cuyler
Ab. Groesbeck
Johs. de Peyster
Dirk Ten Broeck
Ij. Bleecker
Joh.s Lansingh

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Albany y.e 12.th April 1730 128

Corn.l Veeplank being returned from the
Six Nations bringing the
a dutch Letter from the Interpreter the
translation whereof is as follows

Sinnekes Country the 29.th Mar. 1730

Gentlemen

Yours of the 6.th Mar. with the papers inclo-
sed I rec.d the 21.st Instant & note the contents I immediately
called together the Sachems and acquainted them therewith
who desired me to send for the Sachems & Warriors w.ch
were in the woods Hunting which I have been obliged
to do & pay the Messengers I wish those of Virginia were
here themselves for I have been at great charges to have
II the Indians fetched from there Hunting Place. the Sinne-
128 -kes tell me both Sachems & Warriors that they will come
down when they are sent for, the same say also the
Cajuga Oneydes Tuskarores & Onondages. Gentlemen
I think all the Trouble will be in vain if the principal
Warriors are not sent for to w.ch the Sachems for the Sachems
have nothing to say here without them in this affair I
conclude w.th that I am

The following letter was
wrote to his Hon.r the Lieut.t
Gov.r
Alb. y.e 12.th April 1730

May it please your Hon.r

The Messenger we sent to the
Five Nations is returned & brings a Dutch Letter from
the Interpreter a Translation whereof we send here
Inclos'd to which we refer your Hon.r we have already
been at some Charges & are of Opinion that this Negotia-
tion will Cost a Considerable sume of Money we don't
doubt but the Governm.t Concerned will reimburse us the
Charges we have been at & that care will be taken for future

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Chr. gov. We are Humbly of Opinion that when the Indians are sent for it will be proper to send for the Interpreter there being no gitt upon here to do that Business we have nothing further to add but remain &c.

The Comd. order'd that Mr. Ab. Cuyler be paid 15/ for Disbursements to Cor. Verplanck

Att a Meeting of the Comd. of Indian Affairs the 25th. may 1730.

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Ab. Cuyler
Nic. Bleecker
John D Peyster
Cor Cuyler

This board rec. a letter from Capt. Joos Herkemer and another from Joh. Brondell relating to some Disturbance with the Indians on the carrying place where upon the Comd. wrote the following Letter

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Brothren

It surprizes us to hear that you molest our people in their way to Oswego which they go to carry on a trade & cultivate a friendship with all the brothren of the Indian Nations.

We hear you have burnt one battoe & carried away another and that you throaten to drive away all our people that go to ride our goods over the carrying place. We hope brothren you will not use our people so for the future but allow all our people to pass and repass as usual without Molestation, and if you have any complaints to make, our Gov. will hear you when you come to Albany we confirm this with seven hands Wampum

The Following Letter was wrote to Capt. Herkemer

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Capt. Herkemer

We recd yours of the 23d. Instant and are sorry to hear you meet with trouble in transporting the provisions. We have writt a letter to the Indians which you have here inclosed and desire you would gett a proper person to interpret it to them. but in the mean time we think the people who have the benefitt of the Rideing might make it easy by giveing a small matter to them for they are a craving people and often times good words and a very little will satisfy them

P.S. cause the person who Interprets to give them the 7 hands of Wampum

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Alb. y 27th. May 1730

Translation of a letter from the Interpreter
Sunakes Country 15 May 1730

Gentlemen

Since my last here is nothing new only that in the last 10 of April Arrived here four Onondagos two Squaws of the flatt heads prisoners, they cutt of their cloaths from their bodys whom we have cloathed to cover their nakedness.

They brought us the news that the Cattabaw Indians have taken three prisoners and took four scalps from our Indians behind Philadelphia which occasions great uneasiness here. so that I have much ado to pacify them. Three Hundred Fighters are ready to go out and there are three Hundred every day expected home who went out last September. The Indians of Onnaglice remove their cattle to Sieondequas They impatiently expect a message from Albany.

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The following Letter was wrote to the Lieut. Gov.

May it please your Hon.

Sir

The Inclosed is a Translation of a Letter we rec. from Lowrence yesterday, your Hon. will perceive that the Indians are to remove their Castle to Fierondequat which if they do will be of Dangerous Consequence to this Government and give an Opportunity to the French to influence all the Indians and entirely cutt att the Furr trade att Oswego.

We wrote to your Hon. the 2d. Jan.y last that Lowrence was able to obtain leave of the Indians to build a trading house at Fierondequa, and we still Continue of Opinion that it is absolutely necessary to give Instructions to him to pursue the same and we are firmly of Opinion that if it is not Settled by this Government very soon the French will certainly do it & this the Smith who lay all the winter in the Sinnekes Country & is now here tells us is the Opinion of their principal Sachems. he further tells us. The Indians are very uneasy that they have heard no further news of the Indians from the Southward whether they come to treat or not for they have called in all their people from Hunting which is a great loss to them, and they told Mr Smith that they would expect an Answer in 33 days time by him, we should be glad to know whether they are to be expected or no and what Answer we shall send to y.e C. Nations.

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Present
Gh. Livingston
Nepht. Groesbeck
Rul. Bleecker
Ph. Schuyler
Ed. Holland
Rey. Gerardus

At a Meeting of the Com.ee of Indian affairs at Alb.y June 5th 1730.

This board wrote a Duplicate Letter to Lowrence the Interpreter the English whereof viz.t

Yours of the 15th. May we have rec.d & understand the bad State of the Indians we desire that you exert your self as much as possible to prevent the young Indians going to fight & to persuade them to go hunting till a Messenger is sent up for them to come down & Conclude a peace with the Sachems of the Four Nations, but Our Gov.r can't yet tell when they'l come, what the reason is that they are not yet come we do not know tho' we think its occasioned by News that the Spaniards were to make a descent upon South Carolina & Georgia, you must by some means or other keep the Indians from going to fight & by no means suffer them to remove their Castle from Onnake to Fierondequat but if they will remove it let it be to the Sinnekes Creek. By no means neglect to buy as much Land for the King of England at Fierondequat from the Sinnekes as you can gett that may be sufficient for 30 or 40 families to settle on, agree for it as Cheap as you Can. Mr Gov.r writes he does not doubt but that the Assembly will pay the Charges. Mean while we send you 1 C. blankets 1 Pt Stroud & 12 Shirts to make a beginning, what more you agree for the Indians shall receive here but do your endeavour that you may gett it at a reasonable price.

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Present
Ch: Livingston
Myn: Schuyler
Abr: Groesbeck
Rut: Bleecker
Ni: Bleecker
John D Beyster

The Com.s were Informd some time past that a few Indians which we Suppose to belong to the Oneydes have molested our people in their passage to Oswego, whether they go to Carry on a trade & Cultivate a friendship with all our Brethren of the Indian Nations, that they have burnt one battoe and Carried away another and have driven the Riders away from the Carrying place, we want to know whether these things have been by their order.

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This board sent up Jan Bapt. Fys to Desire in the Name of the Com.s, that three of their principall Sachems come hither to meet them to treat abt. this affair & not to molest any of our people for the future in their passage to or from Oswego for in all the Kings dominions all Roads are free & Open for every body whatever.

Ordered that Jan B. Van Eps be allowd four pounds for his Journey to Oneyde.

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Present
Myn. Schuyler
Hen. Groesbeck
Abr. Cuyler
Rut. Bleecker
Hi. Bleecker
J. V. Rensselaer
Rey. Gerretse
Johs. J. Lansingh
Dirk J. Brock
Cr. Cuyler
Edward Collins
Phil. Schuyler

At a Meeting of the Com.rs
19th June 1730

Certain Mahickanders being Come to Town on a message sent to them by the Com.rs occasioned by a report ~~sent to them~~ of Some of their people's having sett fire to a Saw Mill at the Half Moon

The Com.rs Speech to them

Children

The reason that we have sent for you here is that certain bad reports have come to our ears of the unbecoming behaviour of some of your people to some of our people at Schaalkook Part-cularly your breaking the Gun & Glass Windows of Lewis Viele, abusing Peter Sharpe & by force taking the Victuals out of His House & severall other misdeameanors but more especially the Snapping with a Loaden Gun at Jesse De Forest & setting fire to a saw Mill at the Half Moon which crime amongst us is punisht with Death & if we knowsh those that had Committed that fact we should be obliged to see the Laws putt in execution & have him punisht accordingly, Such unlawfull facts we know to be Contrary to the Covenant Chain so long renewed with your forefathers the Gov.rs of New York & it is your duty to Inform us of Such misdeas on the Contrary it is ours to do the Same to you in order that they may be brought to condign punishment

The Answer of the S.d Indians

Fathers

We are rejoyced that we got Liee to see and Speak w.th Each other, we are very Sorry for the mischief that has been done by us, we hope that it

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Shall no more happen & because we Sorry we come to Show you our faces & tell you of it. Fathers, we dont know that we have been guilty of breaking the glass windows & Gun & Strikeing the wife of Lewis Viele it was occasiond by Drink so that we do not remember it. Fathers We have desired in our Covenant that no drink should be sold us at Schaalkook & there being so much of it sold there is the only occasion of all the Mischief that is there done, & we desire that no Drink may be sold us there for the future where all the Mischief is done & if we want it that we may have the Liberty to Come to Albany for it Fathers As you sitt here we tell you we cant tell you who has been guilty of setting fire to the Saw Mill, if we know we would tell you. We that sitt here have not known for what we have been Called till we heard it here now

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The Answer of the Com.rs to them

Children

The cacuse you make to us of its being Drink that does all the Mischief is such as the Law will not allow of & we can no more take, for you must know that among us a man that is Drunk & does Mischief must Suffer for it when he is Sober & so it shall be among you & we can no longer Suffer Such treatment. & your Speaking of the Rum's being Sold at Schaalkook being the occasion of the Mischief, we know that some of your people fetched the Rum from Albany with which you were intoxicated when you Snapt at Jesse De Forest & we Suppose sett fire to the Mill. You say you do not know who has done the Mischief but we have

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good reason to suspect Tagaseet by reason of his bad Character & if he or any other is guilty of any such Misdeamenor that we can find out he shall be punished according to Law. If you find out at any time who is guilty of this Mischief or any off. we expect that you acq.t us who it is & Delivr him up to us whereby you will escape the blame that lyes upon you all & keep the Covenant Chain bright & we expect that we shall for the future hear no more of any such treatment.

Answer of the Indians

Fathers We Great our King George & you all that are here present & we shall rejoice to keep the Covenant Chain.

Gave a String Wampum

Fathers

We again renew the Covenant Chain & we with our Children will ever keep the same inviolable on our parts

Gave a String Wampum

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Fathers

If any mischief for the future shall be done we shall come and acq.t you who has done it, that you may have the Affair tryed.

The Corporation has given us some Land & agreed with some people to make the fence for us but accident part of the said fence was burnt down which we our selves have mended, whereupon Ab. Hart, who was to repair it, threatned to set fire to our houses. The Hogs & Cattle of s.d Hart have destroyd two plantations of Indian Corn & we desire that he may pay for ploughing the s.d Lands.

The Com.rs Answer

Children

Since you renew the Covenant Chain we promise to keep the same inviolable on our parts. You tell us that if any mischief shall be done you will come and acq.t us who has done it that we may punish the Affair, but we expect that you will bring him with you.

As for your fence & land you speak to your Corporation you must apply to y.e Corporation. If we find that Ab. Hart has treated you in the Manner you inform us he shall be reprimanded for the same & if he or any other should set your Houses on fire he shall be punished for it according to Law.

The Com.rs Order Mr. Livingston to pay for pork and bread 16/3

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Answer of the Indians

Fathers We Great our King George & you all that are here present & we shall rather hold fast the Covenant Chain.

Gave a String Wampum

Fathers

We again renew the Covenant Chain & we with our Children will observe the same inviolable on our parts

Gave a String Wampum

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Fathers

If any mischief for the future shall be done we shall come and acq.t you who has done it, that you may have the Affair tryed.

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The Com.rs Order'd Th: Livingston to pay for pork and bread 16/3

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Present
Coll. Myndt Schuyler
Rut. Blacker
Ab. Cuyler
John J. Glanningh
Ni. Blacker
Reyer Gerritse
Cor. Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broek

At a Meeting of the Com.ds of Indian affairs 20th June 1748

Jan Baptist Van Eps being returnd from his Journey to Onoyder appeard at this board with Severall of the Onoyde Sachims

The Com.ds Speech to y.e Onoyde Sachims.

Brethren We are glad you are come down, the reason we have sent for you is cert in complaints that some people above the Falls have made to us, that your people burnt one Batto and carrying away another and have driven away all the riders from the Carrying place & threatning to cutt to peices the Stays & Killing the Horses of our people riding there which we fear is a token you make a breach in the Covenant chain, by Stopping up the Kings high way which is free to all his maj.s Subjects, We now want to know of you whether these things have been by your order & for what reason.

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The Reply of the Onoydes to y.e Com.ds

Brethren We are arrived here and brought with us our Broth.r the Tuskarore, we are glad to see you and it is good goodness that we have here met, as to the Battos the one is burnt and the other was only taken away by a Fisherman & is by this time again in its place The Covenant Chain we will keep bright & fast that no breach may come in it, we have not hear of the threatning to shoot the Horses but it is true that part of the Stay was cutt to peices

Brethren The Reason for which we have drove away the people we will now tell you. It is the Fault of the people above the falls who have ourselves on our Lands & now affront us in the Street by Calling us beggars & other abusive Names, we place them there because they were poor & now being a little ourselves we are abused by them.

Brethren Take it not amiss that we have drove the people from the carrying place it proceeds from your own people as well as from us. they complain to us that the Riders take too much from the people for ridding & we want also a blanket & a Shirt some-times which we have thought fit to bid our people leave by carrying, The Germans will have nothing but Silver & we are glad to take a blanket, Shirt &c., which we thought would not be taken amiss by you.

Brethren The Carrying place is our own, the Five nations have nothing to do with it but only we the Onoydes but however the path Shall remain open. we desire that those persons above the Falls who are placed as heads among the People may be put out of Com.n they ask us how Strong we are & tell us what a Small Nation we are as tho' they would break the Covenant Chain by warring upon us.

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Brethren We now desire that Goose Harkomer may be putt out of Com.n & that some other good person may be planted in his stead for our parts we entirely cast him off & if we dont like the person that is putt in his Room we shall cast him off also.

Brethren We speak here of good things not of evil. the path Shall remain open as long as the world endures & Shall never be Shutt up have no Such thoughts of us, but let us Share the Carriage among us we & the Germans let them ride the Battos & large Casks Rum & let us carry the Small things that we may also have some benefitt of it. We have now told you the Reason of all you have desired to know of us.

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Tiddy is married to one of Our Onoyde Squaws as he himself Confesses, he has desired to have the carrying place for himself ~~for himself~~ but we are afraid of him he calls me father in Law & has asked me for the Carrying place & has given me a Keg Rum but I entirely refused him & told him he might use the carrying place as others but should not be Master of it.

When he your Batteaux went up the Squaw went there in order to carry, when they came there it happened to rain very hard, for ye Reason the Christians desired us not to Carry for fear of some accident by falling & hurting our Selves or breaking a Keg & upon that they willingly gave us each Batteau a Keg Rum & we went very well pleased therewith being more than we expected, from that we suppose Hendemon has wrote a letter & misrepresented the Matter to our prejudice.

Gave a String Wampum

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The Com.ns Answer

Brethren You have told what has passed & now we will in a Brotherly man.r tell you wherein you have been in the wrong.

The Batteaux w.ch was burnt & the taking away the Other & cutting to pieces the Hay, are things by which his Maj.s Garrison at Oswego might greatly suffer for want of provision & are very prejudicial to the owners. What you say concerning your being abused by the Germans we will enquire into it & if they are in the wrong we will reprimand them for it & acquaint the Gov.r therewith.

Brethren As to what you say concerning your carrying, the people who go up & down are Masters whether they will let you carry or whether they will let there goods be ridd otherwise it can be no free path

For all the world over Travellers left which they please carry their goods: so that we take it amiss that you have drove away the Riders.

Concerning what you say of Hendemon, he & two other persons are appointed by the Government to supply the Garrison at Oswego with provisions and if he has been guilty of any fault, you ought to tell us that we may acquaint the Governor therewith, you are mistaken to think that he has wrote to complain to us about your taking the Rum, we do assure you that it is not so.

Tiddy has done amiss in asking you for the Carrying place & you have done very well in refusing him, for no particular person ought to have it but the path should remain open & free for every body.

Brethren We Conclude with telling you that we are glad that we are of the same opinion with you that the path should remain open & free for over & therefore we hope you will be more careful for the future which will always keep the Covenant chain firm & bright.

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Gave a String Wampum

Ordered that Mr. Bleecker & Dirk Ten Broeck give the Indians 5 Shirts 5 blankets a 9 gallon Keg Rum & some provision

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Present
Ch Livingston
Myn. Schuyler
H. Groesbeck
Ch. Schuyler
Ab. Cuyler
Ni. Bleecker
Rut. Bleecker
J. Schuyler Jun.
Dirk Ten Broek
Cor. Cuyler

Alb. 20th June 1730 att a meeting of the Com.ty of Indian Affairs

This board rec.d a Letter from some of the Mohaukes facklins to which they returned the following answer

Brethren

We rec.d your Letter of y.e 25th Instant wherein you Informe us that you have rec.d a belt of Wampum that the flat heads are coming down to fight against your Nation & that they are at Schlichondewane but two days Journey from your place, we are very much concerned that you will give Credit to such false reports which Seem to us Impracticable we Suppose this must proceeds from the Notion which was among you now about three years ago when you Acquainted us that the flatt heads were actually found approaching to attack you then we did supply you with ammunition but all came to Nothing & so will this be. if you & our Brethren of the Six Nations would But Stay at home & be at peace you would live without fear of ever being attacked by any flatt heads. but if there be any Truth in what you apprehend you may be Assured that whenever we find that there is any truth that you be attacked by any Enemy we promise you shall be speedily assisted by us both w.th men & Ammunition to Defend you.

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Present
Ch. Livingston
Roger Gerritse
H. Groesbeck
Ed. Holland
Rut. Bleecker
Ni. Bleecker
Dirk Ten Brock
Ab. Cuyler
Jer. Ronslaer

Alb. 7th 10. July att a Meeting of the Com.ty of Indian Affairs. 136

The Following Letter from Mr. Barclay was delivered this board & severall Mohawks Indians Came down & Confirmed the same.

Fort Hunter July 7th 1730

Sir

Rec.d yours & according to your

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Present
Colo. Myn Schuyler
Ste. Groesbeck
Rutger Bleecker
Dirk Ten Broeck
John D Peyster

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Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian affairs att Alb.y the 21 July 1730

A Letter was delivered to this board wrote by Mr. Rob.t Clarke to his Broth.r Cap.t Edward Clarke to which the Com.rs return the following answer

Mr. Clarke

Your Broth.r Cap.t Clarke deliver'd to us the Letter you wrote him by which we perceive that five Indians are gone to fight & that severall others will shortly follow them; We desire you to be so good to tell the Sachems that we desire them to persuade the Fighters as much as in their power to stay att home wherein you'll oblige.

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Present
Ph. Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rut. Bleeker
Nicolaas Bleeker
Roger Gerritse
Dirk Ten Broeck
Joh.s Lansingh
John Depeyster
John Schuyler Jun.r
Com.rs Cuyler.

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian affairs held at Alb.y this 26. July 1730.

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Lowrence Claase Being arrived from the Sinckas Country gave the following acc.t to this board

I arrived at the Sinckas Country the 27.th day of Aug.t 1737 and there immediately imparted to the Sachims the Contents of my Instructions, after I finished my proposition the Sachims thanked His honour the Governour for sending me with the Smith, I presently inquired how the Indians of that Castle stood affected to our Government they informed me that 200 Indians of the Sinckas, Cayouges and Oneyde Nations were going out to fight against the Catabaws and Cherigues I Called together the Sachims of the Sinckas, and we together spoke to the fighters and used our Endeavour on behalf of this Government to persuade them to stay at home and take care of their wives and Children the Fighters Returned an Answer next day that they were fully Resolved to go, and would not be hindered but thought the Proposition made to them the day before Looked like Jesting, for it had been an old Custom that when ever B.r Corlaer sent any message of importance to them he sent a Belt of Wampum

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The same fighters returned from their Expedition the Beginning of this Instant month of July with seven Scalps and one Prisoner, whom was to be burned at Cayouges but I bought him free for a white Blanket a G.r Stock buckt & a Shirt. att my first arrivall in the Sinckas Country I found

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Jean Cour there with two french men more I have from time to time made diligent inquiry among the Sachems & Chief of the Sighters whether wh I heard was true to wit that they had given leave to Jean Cour to build a house at Theerondequat, to wh they answered about three days after, that they had given him liberty on Condition if he would keep a Smith there give free Lodging to their travellers free Plants timber and wood. I then Called them together the Sachems, Sighters, & principal Squaw, and told them if they had given Liberty to the French to settle at Theerondequat they had put a Knife in their hands to cutt their own throats. On the first place they would Stop the Path between the Indians and the farr Indians that they could have no communication together, II 137 A and would not only hinder their Communication, but also obstruct the trade of all the King of Great Britains Subjects, from Carolina Virginia Pensilvania, New York, and Boston that hereafter they might remember my words for if once the French built a house at Theerondequat they would forgett all their former promises, they ought to Remember the Promises made to them when they suffered the French to build their house at Sejgara but they found now in place of the Great advantages promised them by the building of that house, the Governour of Canada made a very Great demand on them for the Loss then fifty three packs of Bever, and threatned if they did not pay the Bever force them to pay it.

The day after they sett again and told me that they had expressly forbid Jean Cour to build a house at Theerondequat, that they would never suffer a french man to settle there, and they said they had not well Considered the very Great

Great inconveniencies with which it was attended and thanked me for my good advice. 138

The tenth day of this month I called together all the Sachems & Sighters, and Squaw, and told them, that the time I was ordered to Reside among them was near Expired, and that I intended to sell out the thirteenth instant, so I told them if they had any matter of importance or any news to Communicate to his Honour the Governour, or the Commissioners of Indian Affairs it was then time.

The same day they answered me that they were altogether dissatisfied with the news they Received in the Spring, that the Cherisquees & Calabaws were to meet and treat with them, That it occasioned the Loss of their whole years hunting for that they had every day Expected II 138 a message to come and treat with them at Albany, but found now that they were Cheated for the Cherisquees or Calabaws had murdered a Cayouge Indian on his own plantation behind Philadelphia, at the same time they desired they might have for a Smith next year after, Barnardus Harsen, Myndert Wemp, or Hendrick Wemp, one of them three, and hoped he might be sent up immediately for they every day wanted to have their Guns and hatchets mended.

The thirteenth instant I left the Sinnekes Castle in Company with Jean Cour, and parted with him at the Sinnekes Lake, from thence he went to Canada with the Indians and Sighters.

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Present
Coll.: Myndert Schuyler
Abr. Cuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Coll.: Jn.: Cruseberg
John De Peyster
Nicks. A Bleecker
Dirk Ten Broeck

At a Meeting of the Commissrs of Indian affairs at Albany ye 20th August 1730

Certain Mohawks Indians whose Sachems Appeard at this Court in Behalf of the Six Nations.

The Comrs told them they were ready to hear them.

They Answered

Brethren — You told us you were Ready to hear us — This is the place where all affairs are transacted between Man & Man Brother & Brother & you Brethren are the persons who are appointed to manage the Indians affairs.

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Brother Quider & Corlaer — We are arrived here with an Intent to have a conference with you, for your advice & some Information that we have to give you, that some of our Warriours are gone against our Minds & Inclination to fight against the Cherikees & Cattabaws.

Brother Cor. & Que. — Since we have no command over the Warriours we desire the Comrs to give us your assistance & come into our Country to try to keep them at Home, two being able to do more than one.

Bro. Cor. & Quider. — We Intended before we heard of the Coming of the Cherikees to have prosecuted the affair of making a peace between us & them & when we heard of their Coming by Letters early in the spring we waited, but find they are not yet come.

B. Cor & Quider — The Consultation that we speak of is this

The Cherikees have sent home aron & by him let us know that they had an Inclination to make a peace therefore we now ask you your advice what we shall further do in this affair. While as you hear we have no Command over our young people, We — desire your advice & hope you will find out means to hinder them — Since the Cherikees have sent home aron about 3 years ago, with a Message to acq.t us that they were willing to make a peace th w: the 6 Nations We have from time to time heard of their Inclination to a peace. By some means or other they have been Hindred from Coming to us. We have at this time only put out our Hands to each oth.r at a distance but now we hope to bring the affair to a finall Conclusion.

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When we Come to the Cherikees we will tell them that the path along the Sea Side is open & free for them from Hence to Virginia but the oth.r side of Virginia they must keep clear themselves & if at any time they have any thing to say to us that they can come safely to speak to us at Albany the place of Conference — And we will Desire them that all Malice Hatred & Envy shall be laid aside & forgott & no More be thought of & that they think of Nothing But what shall be concluded on between us here at Albany where we shall meet here ~~at Alby~~ We have Done concerning this affair, Now we — shall speak of something else —

Bro. Cor & Quider

Since we have now acquainted you with our Intention to conclude a peace th w: the Cherikees We are resolved to send our Ambassadors to conclude a Genll peace th w: them & We desire that we may have a Vessel to Carry our Ambassadors from New York to Virginia. Provd.: We Desire that some of the Comrs

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May go two, to assist us & bear Witness in this Treaty

Gave Two Beaver Skins

The Reason that we desire to go by Water is that we Cannot go safe by Land because of the Cattabaws but by Water we may go safe —

Broth. Corlaer

If we have said any thing contrary to your Opinion we desire you would advise us therein for the Best you being Wiser than We —

Brother

We were weary & full of pain when we came to Schinectady, therefore we gott two Waggons to bring us down hither, We desire & beg of you that you will be so good as to pay them.

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The Answer of the Comissioners to the Mohawk Sachems —

Brethren

We are Sorry that the Letter we sent you & your advice & persuasions had no effect to keep home your fighting Men —

We have heard what you have said & will acquaint his Hon.r the Govern.r therewith as soon as we receive his answer we shall advise you —

Present
Myn. Schuyler
Ph. Schuyler
John Schuyler
A. Groesbeck
Ab. Cuyler
John Langdon
Rut. Beekman
Ri. Beekman
Roger Gerritse
D. Adriance

Alb.y the 19. Aug.t 1730. Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian affairs — 140

Thoforont an Onyde Sachim & Adaraghroone another Onyde Appeard at this board & made the following Speech

Brethren

I desired you that we might Smoake together & now by your Goodness we are here met, Sometime this Sum.r you made a Call that 3 of our Indians should come down concerning the affair of the Carrying place. the first thing you said to them was concerning the bates one of which you said we burnt & that we carried away the other which bates you told us were for the use of the Garrison att Oswego. the One that was carried away we brought again to it's place but the other is burnt, without orders from the Sachems Gave a String Wampum

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Brethren, What has been done at the Carrying place has been done without consent of the Sachems who hate it & I shall use my utmost endeavours to putt a Stop to the same & dont doubt but I shall effect it.

Last Winter you Sent a Messenger to Acq.t us that the Gov.r of Virginia had sett Word to meet us here early in the Spring we have expected them all Summer & now it is allmost fall & we have yet heard no further of it. I desire you would tell us the reason if you know it, I do not believe there is any truth in it because they have killed severall of our People at Pehawenac this Summer —

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He gave 8 beaver & 2 D. deer & desired the Com.ty would have Compassion on them & give them powder & shott for the same.

Mr. John Schuyler engaged to give the Indian 25 lbs powder for the aforesaid skins

Ordered that Mr. John Schuyler give the Indians each a blanket Stroud & also a blanket Stroud to the boy.

Alb.y 25 Aug.t 1730. Att a Meeting of the Com.ee of Indian Affairs.

Present
Gh. Livingston
Myn. Schuyler
Rut. Bleeker
Ri. Bleeker
Ste. Groesbeck
Joh.s Lansingh

The following Letter was wrote to his Hon.r the Lieut. Governour —

In the 2.d Instant there here came Sachems of the Mohoggs who among other matters made a proposall to have a Vessel to Convey some of the Sachems of the Six Nations as Deligates to the Southern Indians to make a peace with them while the time appointed for those Indians to be here is long since elapsid — we take that only to be a Sham while sundry of our Indians are actually gone out in a Warlike manner to commit depillation & several are makeing ready to follow them, whom we presume can't be stopped in their Intention, so that that war is like to be carried on more Rigirous than ever, which in the End may prove of Ill Consequence, we heartily wish that some Expedient could be found out to conclude a firm and Lasting peace with s.d Indians, Nothing shall be wanting on our parts to forward so — Good a thing as this would be to the British Colonies.

We hope your Hon.r will be pleased to recommend to the Gen.l Assembly the payment of those persons who have been sent to the Sinnekes Country these two years past.

When we Reflect on the Conduct of Canada their Continual encroachments on his Maj.s empire here, that of their settling Fierondequat on the s.d Side of the Cadarackiqui Lake — abt 40 Miles to the west of Oswego we presume is of the most Consequence to this province, wherefore we hope that effectual Care will be taken by our Legislature to prevent the French Settling that place, which we humbly beg Leave to think it our Indispensable Duty to say can't be done but by taking that place in possession at the Charge of this province in Order to secure the six Nations of Indians to the British Interest & the fur trade at Oswego to the Inhabitants of this province.

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We think it very necessary for his Maj.s interest that some proper persons with a Smith & Armourer be sent at the charge of the Government to the Sinnekes Country to reside there for a Year to keep the Indians firm to their Allegiance to his Majesty & prevent the French Settling at Fierondequat.

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Present
Myndert Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Roger Gerritse
Dirk Ten Broeck
Joh.s Lansingh.
} Esqr.s

At a meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs the 21.st Day of Sept.r 1730

The Sachems of the Schaachkook Indians with some others came here and acquainted the Com.rs that they were come to show their respect to their fathers & brought some venison with them that the parents & Children might eat in Friendship together.

In former times a Covenant was made between our forefathers which we have come to renew & Confirm.

Your Children of Schaachkook have always look'd upon the Com.rs as their Fathers and are glad they can have an Opportunity every morning to shake hands & drink together in friendship

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The Com.rs Answered

Children We are glad to see you here and hope our friendship and alliance shall long continue. there shall nothing be wanting on our side to maintain and Cultivate our friendship and keep bright and firm the Covenant Chain —

Ordered that Dirk Ten Broeck Esq.r give the Indians Seven ℔ powder 14 ℔ lead a small keg Rum & 3/in broad —

Present
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Joh.s Lansingh
Dirk Ten Broeck
John D. Peyster
John Schuyler jun.r
Com.s Cuyler
} Esqr.s

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs the 26.th September 1730 142

Tejenonhogara alias Cow-Schiettes one of the principall Sachems of the Tehnehot Country sent to the Com.rs seven hands of Wampum whereby he acquainted them that he intended to wait upon the Gov.r and them himself according to his promise but his son being very sick and likely to die he could not come and desired to be excused and hoped they would consider his poor Circumstances & send him something. The Com.rs ordered to be sent to

II 142. him
a large Striped blanket
a Pr. Stockings
a Shirt and Indian Lap
Four pound powder 12 ℔ lead & shot
a Small Keg Rum & a cover to the Hatt

Mr. D. Peyster was ordered to give it —

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Present
Myn. Schuyler
Philip Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Joh.s Lansingh
Ab: Cuyler
Maj.r Jacob Ogden
Coll.s Cuyler

Albany 3. Octob.r Anno
Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian
Affairs 1738

Resol. Com.rs

This board agreed with Mr. Joh.s Lansingh Jun.r one of this board to go with Lawrence the Interpreter to Oneyde for which he is to have Ten pounds & Sixty Shillings for Horse Hire. Lawrence is to have three pounds for the Hire of Two Horses One for himself and one for a Man to go with them the Man to go upon their Charges & Six pounds for Goods for presents to the Indians, which Mr. Joh.s Lansingh is to buy at his own Discretion

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Instructions for Mr. Joh.s Lansingh Jun.r one of the Com.rs and Lawrence Claese Interpreter

You Are forthwith to go to the Oneydes and tell them that you are sent by us to speak to them concerning what they promised before us this summer, that the Path should remain open and free for all his Majesties subjects & that they have since contrary to Act Contrary to their promise, made att Alb.y before us the Com.rs which we expected they would have kept being a promise made in public & sacred a manner & not that they would have gone on again in their old Courses which Occasions us the trouble to send you to know of them whether they will keep their promise or go on to break the same in so shamefull a Man.

That our Traders have in Gen.l complained to us, of the unlawfull & Abusive treatment recd. from them. Also that the Cachnawage which came down by the way of Oswego att. 7 or 8 weeks since have made Complaint that you have Abused & Molested them in their way over the Carrying place

That we expect the path shall remain open & free for All persons to hire Slays or Carry their Goods or have them Carried by whom & as they please According to treaties made & affects with Our Gov.r

That we expect they shall give you a Direct Answer that we regulate Our selves Accordingly & if they resolve to continue in their unlawfull Deeds that we shall be obliged to take agst. measures & that we will not any more be treated in this Manner

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Present
Myn. Schuyler
Mich. Bleecker
Ab. Cuyler
Cor. Cuyler
John Schuyler
John Schuyler Jun.r
Dirk Jap Brocks
Roger Gerretse
Edward Collins

Mr. they have taken a Lett with them by Order of the board wch. was given by the Schaghkook Indians on their Coms. 2 July 1737. Att a Meeting of y.e Com.rs att Alb.y y.e 4th Octob.r 1738

Resol. Com.rs

Three Sachems of the Cachnawages appeared att this board to a Smoake a pipe

This board agreed to give the said Sachems as a present Each a blanket Strouds One Keg Rum & some Tobacco

Ordered that Coll.l John Schuyler give the Same

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Present

Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleeker
Dirk Ten Broeck
Joh.s Lansingh Junr.
Reyer Ostrom
Ab: Cuyler
Edward Collins
Cor: Cuyler.

Assg.d Com.rs

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs
Att Alb:y the 16.th day of
Octob.r 1730

Capt.n Joh.s Lansingh one of the Com.rs & Jan Claese the Interpreter being returned from their Journey to Oneyde Bring the following Answer

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Att our Arrivall att Oneyde we spoke to Indians pursuant to our Instructions the 11: Inst.t they made us the following Answer —

Brethren You told us yesterday that you were sent by the Com.rs to speak to us in their Name we have perfectly understood your Speach & maturely considered the Same, You told us that we made a promise last Sum.r to the Com.rs that the path should remain free for every body that goes to from Oswego, that Every One Should Have Liberty to have their Goods Rid or Carryd as they shall think fitt & Judge cheapest, you say you expected that we would Have kept our promise, but that you found to the Contrary, that the Traders & the French Indians have complaind that it was Insufferable to be thus used, you say that the path should remain Open & free for all the traders, that noman Should be Molested on King George's High way to his Garrison —

Brethren We will Answer you in Short on this affair. We acknowledge all our faults & Misdeeds of w.ch we Have been Guilty. We promise you now all the former priviledges, Let Your Goods be Rid

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Or Carried as may be cheapest for You. No man has Sett us up to this that We Should carry, but we Saw the great gains the Germans made of this therefore we thought Since we were poor to Raise Something on the Land belonging to us from God.

Now You say that you will have a positive Answer that you Regulate Your Selves Accordingly & that if we were resolved to Continue in Our unlawfull Courses You Say with a threat that you would be Obliged to use other Measures Brethren You Need Not say that, You Know that we are a Nation Conquered by the Gov.r of Canada, the promise now made here by us we will Observe from Our Hearts, the path shall remain open for every one that goes up or down to or from Oswego In Assurance Whereof We Give this Belt

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The Gov. having been taken ill and as yet not so well Recovered as to come abroad has ordered me being the next person to him in ye Administration to speak to you in his name which I shall do in the same words wch he designd to have spoke had he not been prevented by Sickness. Then the hon.ble Coll.o Eldon Read this Ex.d Speech to ye Sachems in ye Words following

Brethren

I am glad to see so many of our Ancient Friends here and I heartily bid you Welcome —

Three Strings of Wampum —

I have Called you to this place for two great Ends in which the province of the Massachusets Bay have Sent Commissioners to Concur with me, who are here Present. —

II 147 The first is to Renew the Covenant Chain With you (and I now by this Belt in your Father the King of great Britains Name in behalf of all his Majesty's Subjects in North America, renew and confirm the Covenant Chains and all former Treaties and Engagements entred into with you — This Chain has from the Beginning remained so firm and Strong that it has never Once Broke or Slipt Since it was First made, and We on our parts Shall Endeavour that it remain so unshaken as long as the Sun and Moon shall endure —

Chain Belt.

Brethren

Last Fall I told you that his Majesties Subjects in this Country had the Summer before lain Still without attempting any thing against the French Settlements but that the French had by Surprize attacked and Destroyed a Small place near Cape Breton belonging to us — That they afterwards laid Siege to Annapolis Royal and were Beat. —

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I Likewise told You that the Governour of the Massachusetts Bay in Conjunction with Connecticot and New Hampshire had in revenge to these Injuries, Sent an Army against Louisburg in the Island of Cape Breton that this Army was joined by a Number of His Majesty's Ships of War under the Command of your Friend Admiral Warren: I told You that the town of Louisbourgh which is the Strongest the French have in America, was Reduced by this Force and that the French there, had Surrendered themselves and their Country to the English.

II 147 I Likewise Told You how We in this part of the Country had lain Still, hoping that the French in Canada would Either be Quiet or Carry on the War in a manly manner and after the manner of Christian and to Induce them thereto a Message had been Sent from this place to the Governour of Canada to tell him that if he Should revive the Indian Custom of Murde=rings private people by Sculking Indians that the Several Gov.ts of his Majesties Colonies Together with you Our Brethren of the Six nations, would join and make Reprisals on them in the like manner at which time You publickly Declared that if any of his Majesties Subjects in any of his Governments Should be killed by any Indians You would Immediately joine in the war against them and the French.

And Last fall when I Delivered the Hatchet into your Hands, You told me and confirmed it with a Belt that You would Send Some of your people who were then ready To Canada to Demand Satisfaction and that if Satisfaction Were refused, You would use the hatchet against them Whenevers I should order it and you further promist that if the Enemy Should Commit any Further Hostilities, You would upon my Commands Immediately make use of the Hatchet.

I needs not tell You, how far the French have been from Giving any Satisfaction on the Contrary You are all well Informed of the Cruel and Barbarous Murders that have been Committed Since that time by the French and Indians at Saragh=toga and in the Neighbour hoods of this place and on the Frontiers of New England, And as You have not hitherto Fulfilled your Promises I Suspect that they did not Come from Your hearts, I therefore by this Belt Demand an Immediate Performance of Your promises, to Show that they Come from The Bottom of your Hearts as all the promises I make Come From mine and Ever Shall.

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— Belt.

Brethren

Now Come to the Second and principal Design of our present Meeting in which I hope and Expect to find your hearts and united in your Councils and Opinions

Of Belt

II 148. The King Your Father having been Informed of the Inhumanly Murders Commited on the Frontiers of New England and of this Province is resolved to Subdue the Country of Canada and thereby to put and End to all the Mischievous Designs of the French in these parts and for this purpose he has Ordered his Governours of Virginia, Maryland, Pensilvania and New Jersey to Join their Forces to the Forces of this province to attack Canada by Land, they are all now upon their March and you will Soon See them meet here.

At the Same time the Forces of the Massachusets Bay, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Hampshire are to go in Ships to Cape Breton, and there joine with his Majesties Ships of war and a great Army of Experienced Soldiers from Great Britain. Many Ships of war are already Arrived there and Some thousands of Soldiers Many more Ships and thousands of Soldiers are Following and I Expect Every hour to hear of their Arrivals after which the attack upon Canada will be made on all Sides both by Sea & Land

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You may Perceive that the King has order'd A Strength Sufficient of itself to Subdue Canada, but at the Same time the King your Father Expects and orders you + His Children to join with your whole force in this Enterprize And thereby Gives the Six Nations a Glorious opportunity of Establishing their Fame and Renown Over all the Indian Nations in America, In the Conquest of your Inveterate Enemies the French, who however they may Dissemble and profess Friendship, Can never forget the Slaughter which your Fathers made of them, and for that purpose Carefs those Nations who have always been your most Inhuman Enemies And who Desire nothing so much as to see the name of the Six Nations Become Dead and for got Forever —

A Belt.

BROTHERS

The French on all Occasions shew, that they act against your Brethren the English like men that know they Dare not look them in the Face in Day light, and therefore like thieves steal upon poor people who do not Expect them In the night and Consequently are not prepared for them Your Brethren in their Revenge have acted like men of Courage they do not attack poor Farmers at their Labour But boldly attempted the Reduction of Louisbourg the Strongest Town the French had in America, In the Fortify=ing of which they had Spent above twenty years. it was Surrounded with strong walls and forts in which they had Planted their largest Cannon in Every place where they thot the English Could Come near them. Notwithstanding of all these precautions and advantages they where forced to Submit to the English Valour —

You Must have heard from your Fathers and I Doubt not Several of your old men Still Remember What the French did at Onondaga, how they Surprizd your Countrymen at Cedarchue, how they Invaded the Sennikers

And what mischief they did to the Mohawks, how many of your Countrymen have Suffered by the fire at Montroyal: Before they Entrd upon these Cruel and Mischievous Designs they Sent priests Among you, to Delude you and lull you asleep while they were preparing to knock you in the Head and I hear they Are Attempting to do the Same now —

Belt.

I need not put you in mind what revenge your Fathers took for these Injuries, when they put all the Island of Mont Royal and a great part of Canada to Fire and Sword. Can you think that the French for get this. no they have the Ax privately In their Hands against You and use those Deceitful Arts, By which only they have been able to gain advantage over you, that by trusting to them they may at Some Time or other at one Blow remove from the face of the Earth the Remembrance of a people that have so often Put them to Shame and Flight. If your Fathers Could now rise out of their Graves, how would their Hearts leap with Joy to see this Day. When so Glorious an Opportunity is Put into their Hands, to revenge all the Injuries their Country Has Received from the French, and to be never more exposed to their Treachery and Deceit: I make no Doubt you Are the True Sons of Such renowned and brave Ancestors animated with the Same Spirit for your Country's Glory And in revenge of the Injuries your Fathers Received Incapable of being Deluded by the Flattering Speeches of them, who always have been and always must be, in their Hearts, your Enemies and who Desire nothing more than the Destruction of your Nations. —

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I therefore Invite you Brethren by this Belt to join with us and to share with us in the Honour of the Conquest of our and your deceitfull Enemies and that you not only Join all the force of the Six Nations with us but likewise Invite all the Nations depending on you to take a share in this Glorious Enterprize and I will Furnish your Fighting men, With Arms, Ammunition, Cloathing, provision and Every thing Necessary for the war, and in their Absence Shall Take Care of their wives and Children. —

The War Belt

Brethren

II 149A. You have seen how daring and Insulting on you as well as us the French Indians have been in Cruelly Murdering several of our people Since you have Come to this place And therefore for the many Reasons now Said before you I make no Doubt but your Answer will Clearly manifest your Duty to the King your Father and your Love to your Brethren, and by this Belt I do assure you that our Intent is to Live and Die together. —

A Belt of Friendship —

Speech intended to be made by his Ex.y the hon.ble George Clinton Capt. General and Gov.r in Chief of y.e Province of New-york &c.a to the River Indians the 21 aug.t 1746.

Children

Present Cadwallader Colden, Phil. Livingston, John Rutherford } Esq.rs of his Maj.ty Council
Jacob Wendell, Sam.l Wells } Esq.rs Com.rs from y.e Massachusetts

The Com.rs of Indian affairs

The hon.ble Cadwallader Colden delivered y.e speech in behalf of his Ex.y in y.e following words

I am Glad to meet you at this time. As do Likewise Commissioners from the Massachusets Bay Who are Come hither to Concur with me, upon the present Occasion and I take this opportunity, to renew the Ancient Covenant Chain with you, in behalf of this, and all His Majestys Governments in America Which you Know has always been kept bright, and Clean without Any the least Stain, or rust, and which By this Belt II 150 Strenghthene —

Belt —

Children —

My meeting you here, besides renewing the Covenant Chain, is with Intention that you should join your Force, with Ours by taking up the Hatchet Against Our and your Common Enemys the French and their Indians who have in Avery unmanly Manner By Sculking partys Murder'd in Cold Blood, many of your Brethren, in this and the Province of the Massachusets Bay

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This behaviour lays us under a Necessity of
Making Reprisals on them in the like Manner In
Which I make no Doubt of Your Assistance and we
are Resolved to take a thorough Revenge of our
and Your perpetual Enemies, by reducing the Country
of Canada that it may never hereafter Be in the
Power of these perfidious Deceitfull and Cruel people
To do You or us any injury for the Future. For
Which purpose all the Neighbouring Colonies together
with Many Ships of war and Soldiers from Great
Britain, are Resolved to unite their Force and to
Attack Canada in all parts both by Sea and Land
And I make no Doubt You will on this Occasion Shew
II 150A Your Selves Dutyfull Children, in joining heartily
With us and the Six Nations in this Glorious
Enterprize By which You will not only gain honour
and Renown But also Safety and prosperity to Your
Selves Your Wives and Children for Ever afterwards
And for which Ends I will Furnish Your Fighting
Men with Arms, Ammunition Cloathing provisions and
Every thing Necessary For the Warr

Belt

Answer of the Six Nations to his Ex.y the
hon.ble George Clinton Capt Gen.l & Gov.r in Chief of the Province of Newyork
and to the Com.rs of the Massachusets Bay at Albany the 23 aug.t 1746

Present

His Ex.y the hon.ble George Clinton &c.
Cadwallader Colden
Philip Livingston
John Rutherford } Esq.rs of his maj.ty Council for the Province of Newyork

Jacob Wendell
Sam.l Wells } Esq.rs Com.rs from the Province of the Massachusetts Bay

The Commissioner of the Indian affairs
The Corporation, The officers of the Independent Comp.ys
The officers of the New Levies, and Several all other Gent.n

Brother Corlaer & Brethren of the Massachusetts Bay

We the Six Nations are now assembled together as one man, and we take in the embassyes for the Seventh Nation, and what now is to be spoken by one mouth we the Joint Synod thoughts of every hearts —

II 151 We Rejoyce that you follow the Steps of our Fore fathers, in wiping of the Sorrowfull Tear from our Eyes, by which the Stopage of our Throats is open'd, and the bloody Beds are washed Clean

Gave three Strings of wampum

Brethren

The first time we mett together, we only Salated each other by Shakeing of hands, we afterwards made a Covenant Chain of Silver, which we mutually have held fast to this day, Should it now Slip from either of our hands, it would prove distructive to both Sides, as our Enemies have drawn the Sword. Gave a Belt —

Brother Corlaer

Last year you gave us the hatchet to be made use of against your Enemies the French, which we accepted and Promised to make Use of, if they Should commit any further hostilities upon your friends the English which they have now done by Destroying Saraghtoque and the doing a great deal of Blood hitherto we have made no use of the hatchet. but as you now Call —

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upon us, we are ready, and declare from the Bottom of our hearts and in the Sincerity of Our Souls, that we will from this Day make use of it against ye French and their Children (meaning their Indians)

(N.B. the Question was asked them by his Ex.y whether by the words their Children they meant all the Indians in alliance with ye French to which they answered Yes)

at the end of the foregoing paragraph they threw down a War Belt of wampum on ye ground with a Remarkable Indignation, intending thereby to express their Resentmt. agt. the French and their allies, and their Zeale for ye English — a Belt

Brother Corlaer

According to your exhortation to us in your speech to us we are firmly united together and act as having one heart, the Mohegs are in the same manner joyned & united with us, likewise the southern Nations bordering upon us, and we hope that you and all the Govrs. on ye Continent will be in the same manner joyned & united together

Gave a Belt

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They Repeated over his Ex.y Speech in Relation to ye Conquest of Cape Breton, and hoped that our Fleet and Army may be also victorious in the present Expedition against Canada adding that the french were a mischievous Peeple gave a Belt

As to your Suspicions of our admitting French Priests amongus, it must be groundless Since we have now declared war against them Such behaviour would only tend to lull us asleep and give them an opportunity to Cut our throats, on the Contrary Should any now dare to come ~~among~~ we Should know use for him & them but to Roast. and the thoughts of ye treatmt. we formerly Recd. from the French thro the means of Priests now make our blood to boil — gave a Belt

Brother Corlaer

This is the Second time you have put the hatchet into our hands, which we timely accept and are Ready to go upon service, you may see that we have out a handfull of fighting men here present however some of them from each nation Shall Stay behind us to follow your orders. and when we arrive at our Respective Castles we shall Send down as many from

Warriors and of those of the Nations in allyance with ~~them~~ us as soon as possible This we assent to from ye truth & Sincerity of our hearts. and we keep this large belt (holding it up at the Same time) which you have now given us as a war hatchet —

Brethren

This is the Belt (at the Same time giving one) of union with which we are to go hand in hand to the gates of our Enemies and by it we declare to Conquer or dye together in the Common Cause.

There is a Nation Called the Mimisiages who deligates are here present they Consist in five Castles Containing Eight hundred men who are all determined and do agree to join us in this Comen Cause against our Enemies the French and their Indians, and we hope you and the Comissioners from Boston will use them in Such a manner that they will go home Contented and Satisfyd

gave a Belt of Friendship —

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Albany 26th. augt. 1746

His Excellency being indisposd desird that the hon.ble Cadwallader Colden Esq. may Receive an answer to his speech from ye Rivers Indians

Present

Cadwallader Colden
Ph. Livingston
John Rutherford
} Esqrs. of his maj.ty Council

Commissioners

Father We are glad to see you and are Come to Renew the Covenant Chain and make it fast & bright as ever & free from all Rust. and we give you this Belt as a token sure of

gave a Belt —

Father

you have told us what mischief the French have done and what murders they have Committed upon the Christians wherefore we declare from our hearts and not from our Lips that as you have

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have orderd us to shed ye Enemies blood in Return for what they have done, we are Resolved to live and Dye with you in the Common Cause, when ye Christians are at war you make peace with one another, but it is not So with us, therefore we depend upon you to take Care of us, in Confidence of which we now take up your hatchet, and will make up it against the french and their Indians

Gave a Belt with a hatchet

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Brethren

I bid you heartily well Come and thank you for your Coming to this Place at my desire so soon

When I Spoke to the Six nations here, and what I said to them. I intended to be to all those that were absent as well as to those present. and I understood their answer in like manner in behalf of the absent as well as those present

Likewise ye Presents I made them from ye King your father was designed for ye absent as well as for those present

Brethren

I told ye Six nations that ye King your Father

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Commissioners Book

Begun the 8. October 1738

And Ends the 18. April 1743

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Present
Philip Livingston Esq.
Edward Clarke Esq.
The Mayor
The Recorder } of the city of Albany.
The Sheriff of the City & County of Albany.

Att a Meeting of the Com. Indian Affairs att Albany 7th day of October 1730

This day was laid before this Board a Commission under the Hand and Seal of the Hon.ble George Clarke Esq. Lieut. Governour & Comand. in chief of the province of New York & Territories thereon depending &c. which Commission is in the words following —

By the Honourable George Clarke Esq. Lieut. Governour and Commander in Chief of the province of New York & the Territories thereon depending &c.

II 154 To Philip Livingston Esq. one of his Majesties Councill for the s.d Province, Edward Clarke Esq. and the Cap.t Commandant for the time being of the forces posted at Albany, the Representatives in Assembly for the time being of the City & County of Albany, the Representatives in Assembly for the Time being of the Manno.r of Rensselaerwyck, the Representives In Assembly for the time being of the Town of Schenectady, the Mayor & Recorder of the City of Albany for the time being and the Sheriff of the City & County of Albany for the Time being

Whereas the Late general Assembly of the Colony of New York have by their Address to me durcing their Last Sessions represented that it has appeared to them that Seven or Nine Commissioners were a Sufficient Number to Transact the Indian Affairs, that the

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Augmentation of that Number of Late years
tended to the expending more of the publick
moneys allowed them in their Owt expences
than was Needfull Wherefore the Said General
Assembly addressed me, that I would be pleased
to revoke the present Commission for Indian
affairs and to grant a New one to any Numbe
not exceeding Nine and Appoint Such a
Number to be a Quorum as I Should think
Convenient And it being highly necessary
for his Majesties Service and the Welfare and
Interest of the province that the affairs of the
Six Nations of Indians Sho'd be duly manag
d Transacted I Have therefore thought fitt
by Virtue of the Power and Authority to me
given by his Majesty to Revoke & Determine
and I do hereby revoke & Determine the former
II Commission for Indian affairs, and I do here
154 A -by Constitute and Appoint you the Said
Philip Livingston, Edward Clarke and the
Cap: Commandant of His Majesties forces posi
-ted att Albany for the Time being the Represen
-tatives in General Assembly for the City and
County of Albany for the time being, The
Representative in General Assembly for the
time being of the Manno of Renslaerwick.
The representative in General Assembly for
the time being for the Town of Schenectady
and the Mayor & Recorder for the time being
of the Said City of Albany and the Sheriff
of the Said City & County for the time being or
any three of you to be Managers of the India
affairs at Albany & to do and Act in the
Execution of this Commission as heretofore
usual To hold the Said Commission for and
during my pleasure or the pleasure of the

Gov: or Commander in Chief for the time being
And you and every of you are Also hereby
Directed and required to hold your Several 155
meetings with the Indians in some Proper place
(which is never to be at a Tavern) by you or
any Three of you for that purpose to be ap
-pointed in a Grave & Solemn Manner, that
you be as Sparing in your expences as poss
-ible that so the moneys allowed you by the
Colony may in the best manner be Applyed
for keeping the Indians Steady to the British
Interest. And you Are likewise hereby com
-manded from time to time transmitt your
proceedings therein to me or to the Governour
II or Commander in Chief of the said province for
155 the time being. And all persons are hereby
required to take Notice Accordingly and not to
Intermodle in any of the Matters relating to
the execution of this Commission Given under
my hand and Seal at Fort George in New York
this fourth day of November in the twelfth
year of his Majesties Reign Annoq Domini
1730.

George Clarke

By his Honors Command
Fred. Morris Secretary

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Present
Ch: Livingston Esq.
Capt. Commandant
Mr. Mayor
Mr. Recorder
Mr. Sheriff

Att a Meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs att Albany the 13th November 1730

A petition was presented to to this board Signd by 00 Oswego Traders praying this board to recommend Lieut. Walter Butler to the Gov. to be their Commissary for the year ensueing. Whereon this Board wrote the following Letter to his Honour the Lieut. Governour

May It please your Hon.

S.

A petition has been presented to us Signd by eighty eight of the principall Oswego traders praying us to recommend to your Hon. that Lieut. Walter Butler may be appointed their Commissary for the Year ensuing. We hope your Honour will be pleased to Approve of him & send up his Commission early enough that it may be sent up to him by the first Batoes in the Spring. We have nothing further to add but remain &c

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P. S. Sir. Just after we writt what is on the other Side Alexander Macnartin returnd from his Visiting the Land on Wood-Creek, who has mett with Surprizeing Usage from Mr. John H. Lydius as your Hon. will perceive by the inclosed paper. We hope that proper measures will be taken to prevent Such Abusive treatment for the future. We are as heretofore &c

The following Letter was wrote to the Interpreter

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Mr. Lawrence Claes

We desire you that when any Indians come down to speak with us that you always come down ~~to speak with us that you~~ with them for if we are obliged to send an Express for you, you must expect to pay the Charge we desire you will not fail herein. We remain.

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Present
Ch. Livingston Esq.
Capt. Commandant
Mr. Mayor
Mr. Sheriff

Att a Meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs held att Albany att the city Hall of the Said City the 6th day of Jan.y 173 9.

Ohoponout a Sachim of the Oneydes appeared att this Board & Said as follows

Bro. Queder

I am a Sachim & as Such am Sent here. I am much Surprised you Should meet in this place which is sett apart for The correction of Rogues and theives & if you do not see fitt to appoint some other place to meet in I Shall go away without Saying any More

The Commissioners told him — They Were orderd by their Commission to meet in any place except a Tavern & that this was the place to transact publick Affairs & that formerly Conferences with the Six Nations used to be held in this place. thereupon he Said He Was Surprised not to See the faces of those which formerly used to be Comrs & with whom the Antient Covenant Chain has been made & that he Imagined the Ruin of the Six

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Nations was Inevitable.

The Com.rs Answered.

That it was in the Gov.rs Breast to appoint Com.rs whom he pleased & that he had been pleas'd to appoint those here present & that it was not for him to dispute what the Governour Did.

The following Oath was Administred to the Interpreter.

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You do Swear that you Will faithfully & truly Execute the office of Interpreter to the Com.rs of Indian Affairs & that you will not conceal any thing that shall come to your Knowledge as Interpreter & do all in y.r power that shall tend to the good of the province with Respect to the Six Nations of Indians according to the best of your knowledge So help you God

Present
Col Livingston Esq.r
The Mayor
The Sheriff
The Commandant

Att a Meeting of the Comission.rs of Indian affairs att Albany at the house of M.r Livingston the 8.th Jan.y 173 8/9

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Sappaqeet with Two Other Schaackook Indians appeard at this board & Says as follows That last summer was burnt a saw mill att half Moon of which I have been accused tho' I do not know that I have done it If I have I was drunk & dont Remember any thing of it I have been threatned & frighted with being hanged if I came to town for fear of which my Mother & Brethren are gone away to the French that they might avoid that Scandall I am now come to see if you will forgive me so far that I may again come to town & trade as formerly that my friends may come back again. I am come here on assurance from M.r Collins that no harm would come to me while I was here to speak with you

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The Com.rs Answered him

That it was not in their power to forgive a fact which among the English is punishable with death whether committed Drunk or sober however if he could gett two sachims of his Nation to be security for his good behaviour for the future they would use their endeavor with his honour the Gov.r to forgive him what is past & that he might in the mean time send for his Relations that they might Return and live in peace under the shade of the great tree planted att Schaackook & farther that they should live in peace with their Brethren of Schaakkook & take Care not to Insult them any more

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Present
Philip Livingston Esq.
The mayor
The Comandant

At a meeting of the Comiss.rs of the Indian affairs at Albany this 9th April 1739

A Letter from Sundry traders to Oswego at Schonechtady, being produced to this meeting setting forth that they are credably informed that the Oneyde Indians are assembled at the great carrying place to hinder the Germans from Ridding over their goods as they did last year &c. desireing the Com.rs to take Effectual care to prevent such practices for the future

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158 Resolved that Lawrence Clase or some other fitt person be sent up thither with a man to accompany him, to desire the Sachims of Oneyde that may be at the carrying place or to go to the Castle if less then the number of sa be there to come to Albany before the Com.rs to treat about that affair and that the charge of this message be paid by the Comiss.rs and that the mayor be desired to send the messenger from Schonechtady.

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Present
Philip Livingston Esq.
Mr. mayor
Mr. Recorder

Att a meeting of the Com.rs for the Indian affairs in Albany the 18.th April 1739

Lowrence Clase the Interpreter who was Sent by this Board with a message to the Oneyde Sachims desireing Six of their Chiefs to come hither being returned from the Carrying place which leeds to Oswego; where most all the Nation of y.e Oneydes are Removed with their Familys, Relates that he has treated with the Chiefs of said Nation desireing Some of their number to come to Albany before the Com.rs whereon they answered that it was now bad traveling but would come down to Albany about three weeks hences.

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The Interpreter asked them why they Exacted on the traders to carry over their goods & hindered the Palatines to ride over their goods, wh is in Reality stoping up the Road, wh has always by Repeated promises from the Six nations been kept open for all travellers, and now I hear says he that you have forced the traders to pay a Blanket for Leberty to have one load rid over to wood Creek and they must also pay the Rider, that is stoping up the Road wh cant be suffered by the traders, on wh they Returned the Blankets wh they had taken & seemed to be consious of what they had done. But they have comitted severall thifts in carrying over the goods, and made the traders pay Six Shillings for every three q.rs of Strowds or for a bagg of Bread and so in proportion for so much weight & forced the traders to suffer y.m to carry over their goods.

They asked Lowrence why he came to hinder them from carrying over goods & earning some money, they said they ought to have that Liberty as well as the Palatines while it was their own land they thought there was no harm in what they did. The Onnendages they said would go to do the Same at the Fall at the End of the wood Creek. they would only carry over the small goods and the Palatines might ride over the Barrels & Batey but the Provisions that are sent up for the Garison they would not insist to carry over.

Resolved that Lowrence Clase the Indian Interpreter with some other person should go to the Carrying place and indeavour to prevail on the Indians to come to Town to treat with this board about that affair, whereupon Mr. Peter Van Brugh Livingston was desired to go, who accordingly consented, but would have nothing for his trouble, and only desired that his Charges might be paid by the Com.rs and that they would hire a man & two horses, which the Com.rs consented to, and the following Orders were delivered to him

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Instructions by the Com.rs of Indian affairs to Mr. Peter Van Brugh Livingston

Sir We Desire you to go to the Carrying place leeding to Oswego with Lowrence Clase the Indian Interpreter & Speak to the Oneyda Indians in our name in the following manner.

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Brethren

I am directed by the Com.rs to demand the Reason that you took no Notice of the message sent to you so lately by their Interpreter, they look on your behaviour in that Respect as very uncivil & not-- like Brethren, and as if you sought for a Pretence to break the Covenant Chain; They admire you have forgott the promises, you & your Fore fathers have so often repeated to them & their Ancestors to keep open the Path, and more particularly renewed last fall with Mr. Lansing one of their members on which you gave this Belt as a token of your Friendship, & that you would not Interrupt the Passage to and from Oswego, but would keep the Path clear & free from all weeds and brush so long as the Sun & moon endure. The Com.rs say that if you forgett a thing so often & so lately repeated they can no longer depend on your promises, and therefore desire a number of your chiefs Immediately to go down to them, and give an Account of your Behaviour in this case, and let them know what you really intend to do, about the Road over the Carrying place, wether you incline to give a free Passage to the Brethren as usual, or to Stop it up and declare your Selves Enemies, They being --- Resolved for either.

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The Governour is expected at Albany very early this Summer to treat with the Brethren of the Six Nations and to renew the old Covenant Chain with them, But the Com.rs are ashamed

ashamed that your behaviour should reach ~~the~~ his Ears and therefore expects you'll go down and make up matters before he comes there, that you may not be ashamed to look him in the face;

You can gett much more by your honest Industry of Hunting & Planting than by carrying goods for the traders, or pilfering & Stealing from them, I --- therefore insist that you do not further molest the traders or those Pearsons imployed by them to carry their goods till such time you go to Albany and treat there on that Subject.

Our and your ancestors have lived in friendship and amity for above one hundred and ten years which has always been kept inviolable on our side, & therefore we are mightily surprised that you should make the least attempt to break it.

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I am ordered to tell you that if you or your people come to suffer, the blame will lye at your own door, for the Government is resolved to keep open a passage for the trade to Oswego. By your imposeing on our Traders and obliegeing them to pay so extravagently for carrying their goods, you mightily wrong the upper nations & far Indians in obliegeing them to pay dear for their merchandize. which may in time be a means to make them your Enemies and ingage you in a War among your selves as well as with us.

I therefore insist on your giving me a Positive answer and send down with me five or Six of your principal Sachims and as many of your Chief Warri=ors, to the Com.rs and that in the mean time the

Rest

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Rest of your people desist from troubling our Traders or those imployed by them till you return, on which I give you this belt of wampum.

You may speak words of your own, if you see occasion, provided they be the same in Substance and not tending to widen the breach between us & the Indians. Given under our hands this 18th. April 1739

Ph: Livingston
Ed: Holland
Dirck Ter Broeck

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Present
Philip Livingston Esq.
Capt. Edward Clarke
Capt. Peter Winne. one of the members for the City & County
Mr. mayor
Mr. Recorder

Att a meeting of the Com.ty of Indian affairs at Albany the 8.to day of may 1739

Appeared at this board Mr. Peter van Bough Livingston with Lowrence Clase the Interpriter who being Returned from the Carrying place leeding to Oswego, and with them Severall of the Oneyde Sachims & warriors, who said that they were come upon the message sent them in order to treat about the affair of the Carrying place, that they were tired with their Journey, but would answer the message to morrow morning.

Present
Philip Livingston Esq.
Capt. Edward Clarke
Capt. Peter Winne Representative for the City & County of Albany
Theo Representative for the Town Ship of Schonechtady
Mr. mayor
Mr. Recorder.

Att a meeting of the Com.ty of Indian Affairs at Albany the 11th day 1739

Thirteen Oneyde Indians appeared here and one of their Sachims viz.t Othosonont Spoke in the following manner.

Brethren

We told you yesterday that we were come to answer the message you sent us by Mr. Livingston, but that we were tyred with our Journey so that we could not answer you then but that we would do it this day

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We have head the message that was delivered at the Carrying place, if you have any thing more to say we desire you will tells us that we may answer it all together and we desire you will repeat what was there said for probably we may have forgott some part of it, Upon which the Instructions to Mr. Livingston where repeated to them, with an addition that we desired to live in friendship with them & Expected a favourable answer from them & that we had Amunition for them to Hunt which is better then to carry goods for the traders, & likewise that we will Cloath the aged persons amongst them, upon which they desired some time to consider what they should give for answer, after some time being spent they answered by Othosonont one of their Sachims in the following manner.

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Brother Collaer & Lieder

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We are arrived here upon your Request it being the place of old appointed by our ancestors to meet & treat concerning matters of Consequence, We have just now requested you to Repeat what was said on the Carrying place because there are some here now, that were not present at that time, after that was done you allouted us time to consult what we should give in as our answer

Brethren You have likewise sent to us ~~to~~ that a certain Number might come here to treat with you, as we were then not compleat we could not come for severall were a hunting, not that we refused to come upon which they gave a String of Wampum.

Brethren After that you sent again an other messenger to the same purpose, and at last a third was sent who demanded the Reason why we took no notice of the former messengers, who likewise told us that you thought that our behaviour on the Carrying place gave you Room to think that we sought for a Pretence to break the Covt. Chain, which we can assure you we do not intend.

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You have likewise told us that we ought to keep the Path leading to Oswego free from any interruption & not molest any body on it, you told us that our extravigant demands for Carrying the Goods and Pilfering & Stealing from the traders, will oblige them to sell their merchandize dearer to the Upper Nations & for Indians, wth. the traders will consequently oblige them to pay & so probably ingage us in a war with them as we formerly have had.

You have likewise desired that we should keep the Path open according to our promises made last year to Mr. Lansing & that you are surprised we should so soon forgett them.

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Brethren We are very much obliged to you that you have reminded us of our promises made to former Governours & desired us that we should not mind what was told us by evil designing people, we desire you will do the same, for we have reason to think that you have heard some false reports of us, otherways we can't think that you would use us with threatnings.

When you gave us the Belt you required that five or six of our Chiefs & as many Warriors should come here to treat with you on this subject, We have no evil design but have reason to think by what was told us that you have.

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What hurts us most is that you think we design to break the Covt. which we do not intend.

Brethren It is your earnest request that the Path should be as it formerly used to be free for all traders & travellers to cutt wood bark & Pasturage for horses We Oneydes & Tuskarores promise that it shall be a Road as formerly, it is not ours but the fault of the Palatines who treat us like dogs & beasts & it is their faults that we ever went there to carry goods for the Traders, they abuse us & call us dogs & they tell us that they have a gould mine there by Riding, wherefore we desire you now by this Bett

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Belt to send to the Palatines & order them not to treat us in so abusive a manner. But if there should be any of our people by accident from Hunting on the Carrying places, we desire that they may have the liberty to carry if any of the traders will imploy them, but this we will allow that the traders shall be masters who they will imploy to ride or carry their goods.

You have just now desired that we should with attention consider of the answer we were about to make wh we have done & hope to your Satisfaction, & we desire that we may have our goods cheeper then other Nations on wh they gave a String of Wampum.

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We now promise that we shall constantly make it our business to go a hunting & planting and not disturb the traders.

The Comissrs Answer

Brethren

We can assure you that we have no evil design against you, but our Endeavour is & always shall be, to keep up the friendship that has so long subsisted between our and your ancestors, which we promise you on our side shall never be broak our fears were that there might mischief insue from your carrying goods in so deer a manner between you & our Young men that go to Oswego, and

and we never intend to break the fawnt but always will keep it Inviolable.

We are glad that you are sencible that it is for your & our Interest to keep the Road on the Carrying place that leads to Oswego free & open for all traders Ryders & Travlers, which certainly may prevent many unforeseen accidents wh otherways may happen by unruly & unthinking people.

We are very sorry to find that the Palatines have treated you in so unfriendly a manner, wh we shall Endeavour to prevent for the future & that they may treat you like friends & Brethren for we shall send to them & require them to use you better than they have heretofore done.

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We are glad to find by your answer that you have taken no notice of the evil reports spread by wicked & designing persons, who intend to injure booth you & us & that our arguments have had weight with you, to act like friends & brethren. You very well know that every trader is master of his own goods, but we shall nevertheless recomend it to them & desire them to let you have goods as cheep as they possibly can afford them, on wh we give this Belt.

The Extravagant demands of the Germans for carrying over the goods belonging to the traders is such that we shall with our utmost endeavours try to Prevent.

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We now give you this Belt to confirm what we have said & Expect that you will Remember & Perform what you now have promised us.

We desire that some of us with the Interpreter & some of you will to morrow sign in our Minutes what you now have promised that Posterity may see what is done.

P. Livingston

Lawrence Claesen

The following goods were given to the Indians as a present

2 Pcs Strowds
1 Pcs Blankets
1/2 Cwt Powder
112 ℔ Lead
300 Flints
13 Gall.s Rum
3 Kegs
112 ℔ Bread
100 ℔ Bacon
40 ℔ Tobacco
1/2 Gross pipes
12 Shirts
3 Wagons to carry them to Schonechtady.
a Union Flagg.

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Present
Philip Livingston Esq.r
Capt. Edward Clarke
Capt. Peter Winne
Mr. Mayor
Mr. Recorder

At a meeting of the Comrs. for the Indian Affairs in Albany the 5th May 1739.

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An answer to his Honr. the Leut. Govrs. last Letter to the Comrs. viz.t

May it please your honour

Your favour of the 24th April we have Recd. and have deleberately considered the Reson which your Honr. gives for not meeting the Indians this Season, we humbly conceive that such a message as your Honr. is pleased to order us to send to the Indians will at this present time be very prejuditial to the trade at Oswego, for the small pox is a handle the French often make in order to deterr the Far Indians from comeing there, wherefore we humbly presume it will be better to send the Interpriter a month hence than to dispatch him Immediately, however we shall waite your Honrs. directions, after which we shall send the Interpriter to acquaint them that the Govr. of Virginia has complained to the Lords of trade about their treacherous attack on the Cattabaw Indians and fully instruct Lowrence what to tell the Indians about this affair as well as what Relates your Honr. not meeting them this Summer.

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Your

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Your Hon.r has here inclosed our Proceedings in Relation to the carrying place with the Oneyda Indians, we doubt not but your Hon.r will be pleased with the Success, which we have brought to a Conclusion, not only with a great deal of Paine but also with a very Considerable charge & Expence.

To the Disappointment of many that where in the late Commission you Hon.r will find that we have brought this affair to a happy Ende, tho it was lowdly talked in Town that we could do nothing without Lt.Col. Schuyler who has refused to accept to be one of our number. We are

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Your Hon.r most Obedient & most hum.le Serv.ts

Albany 5.th may 1739

Ph: Livingston
Edward Clarke
Peter Winne
Ed: Holland
Dirck Ten Broeck

Mr. Peter Van Brugh Livingston delivered in his Acct. to this board for his Expences in going to the Carrying place & bringing down the Sachims amounting to four pounds fourteen Shillings & five pence wch is allowed & ordered to be paid out of the first money that is given by the Gov.nt to the Com.rs

Capt. Paschall Nelson appeared at this Board & desired that they would allow him for Presents he made to the Indians the last year

year while he was Comessary at Oswego as other Comessaryes have had which was granted and ordered to be paid out of the first money given by the Com.rs Gov.nt to the Com.rs

Present
Philip Livingston Esq.r
Capt. Edward Clarke
Capt. Peter Winne
Mr. Mayor
Mr. Recorder

Att a meeting of the Comiss.rs of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 10.th may 1739

Appeared at this board Mr. Jacobus Myndertse who is appointed by his Honour the Leu.t Gov.r as Captin in a Commission to Reside a year in the Senecas Cuntry to Inspect the Conduct of the Indians and the motions of the French in order to inform the Gover.nt of what should pass there, who says that he was just returned from thence, that the Indians had been very quiet all this winter, that the French Smith continues amongst them, that the Indians expected to be informed from him when his Hon.r the Leu.t Gov.r will come to Albany in order to treat with them.

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That the Frence had invited the Senecas by a Belt of Wompum to go with them and their Indians a Warring against the Farr Indiands and that the Senecas had accepted the Belt, which amongst them is consenting to what is requested, but Mr. Myndertse Reports that as soon as he was apprized of it, he summon-ed the Sachims and prevailed on them to Return the Belt, which they did & faithfully promised to Sey at home & not joyn the French.

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He heards that some of our Traders at Oswego told John Leur the French Interpriter in the Senecas Cuntry that the small pox was at Albany, on which the Frenchman sent an Express to Niagara, which was Dispatched from thence to the Fort Indians to hinder them from comeing to Oswego, but that he afterwards sent five Seneca Sachims to the fort Indians to tell them that it was a falsity what the french had told them relateing to the small pox & therefore invited them to Oswego to trade.

Mr Myndertse further Reports that last fall before he came to the Senecas there were one hundred & Twenty of their men with some of the other nations gone to
II War against the Flatt heads, that there were thirty
165 A Returned who had brought but one Skulp and not one Prisoner, that there was one of the Mohawks killed, but he had not heard that they had killed any white people, and that there were two Parties of Indians gone to Fight against the Flatt heads this winter one consisting of ten and the other of Eight men.

He assures this board that the Indians had absolutely refused ever to sell Sioroindaguatt to the French.

Present
Col. Edward Cortlandt Esq.
The Mayor
The Recorder

Albany 13th May AD 1 a Meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs

Appeared at this board Severall of the Schaahkook Indians and Said by Matqua their Speaker as follow.

Fathers: Your Children are Come to see you & are glad to find you Well.

The Comrs told them they Were also glad to See them Well

Then they Said, Our Great King has given us a road to Schaachkook where we have lived in peace and Friendship with our Brethren which has been Stopped and Interrupted & We are now Come to Clear the Same again. There never has been any Misunder-Standing between us since the Covenant Chain was been made. The Misfortune that has happened in
II burning the Mill an Fire We hope may be forgott &
166 forgiven & not be thought of any more.

Fathers, We hope you Will forgive us the Mischief that has been Done by us We have not done it of our the Devil has helped us, Fathers We are now Come to renew the Covenant as Children & hope that it may Continue untill we are grown Old, We hope that Our Great King of England & the Gov. of New York may hear that we are dutifull Children & that we have been here to renew the old Covenant

Fathers We have been Sorry and troubled for the Accident that happened but now We hope that we shall be forgiven and all thrown into Oblivion & not be thought of any more whereon they gave a Belt

The Comrs told them viz.

When Sarpaqua Came to us last Winter in Jany. to Solicit a pardon for the Mischief he had done in Burning the Mill we then told him that if he Would

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Bring two or more of the Sachems of Schaach-
-kook to be bound for his good Behaviour for the
future that we would write to his hon.r the Gov.r
to gett him pardoned which he promised to do —
& now finding he has performed his promise, altho:
he has been long ab.t it, we shall Nevertheless do
as we then promised him. We are very glad to find
that the Children are resolved to live in unanimity
with us & that they have given a belt to Confirm the
Covenant Chain which has been settled by our fore-
-fathers so Long Since & which we gladly Accept
of & do now give them another in full Assurance
that the Covenant Chain shall be kept Inviolable
on Our parts as long as the Sun & Moon endure.

The Com.rs also told them that if any thing Extra-
-ordinary should happen that they must Come to
them and not hearken to Stories that may be told
them, & that they should no more plague and
disturb the people at Schaachkook but Let
them Earn their bread undisturbed in peace & that
they should no more make it an excuse that the
Devil or Strong Liquor had done the mischief.
They said they Desired to live in peace & friend-
-ship w.th their Brethren.

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The Com.rs gave y.m the belt which the Oney-
-des gave to John Langungto Last Octob.r on the
Carrying place

Present
Philip Livingston Esq.r
Edward Clarke Esq.r
The mayor

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 7.th June 1739

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The following Letter was wrote to his honour
the Lieut.t Governour —

S.r

We can't omitt acquainting your honour —
that we are Informed by an Indian who came hither
from Canada that the Intendant accompanyd with
30 batoes with 4 men in Each were going to Crown
point and from thence designed to go to Settle sun-
-dry families on the Land along the Hudson Creek, being
the same where your honour Intended to place the
Scholch Islanders. We thought it Our duty to send
an express to go up as far as the Fork below where
Annell was, where we are told Le Gar and some other
French now are, if this report be true which we are —
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of Opinion will prove so, we should be glad to know
your honours pleasure what must be done in Case the
French Attempt to Settle those Lands & Encroach so
far on his maj.ty Empire in taking possession of his —
frontiers in these parts As soon as Our Express returns
shall acq.t your hon.r with his Report Mean while —
we are with Esteem —

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Present
Edward Clarke Esq.
The Mayor
The Recorder

At a meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs held at Albany 29th June 1739

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The following Letter was wrote to the Reverend Mr. Barclay

Sir

We have had a report in Town that a party of French men were going to Settle the Wood Creek at which we acquainted his Hon.r the Gov.r who in his Answer advises us to send some of the Principall Sachems to the French at the Wood Creek if they should be there. Therwise to proceed as far as Crown Point and Tell them that the Land there belongs to the Crown of Great Britain & forbid them to Settle there.

We Desire you would send Lawrence the Interpreter to Canajoharie for Hendrick, Nicholas and Cay & acq.t them with the Affair & bring them down if they are at home and willing to go, not two or three only

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But to gett as Many of the Principall Sachems of Group Castle as Come from Canajoharie. We Leave it Entirely to you which to send. you May in Order to induce them to go represent to them the danger they are in of being dispossessed of their Lands without Satisfaction it being the Custom of the French to take that by force which we purchase for Valuable Considerations & that they shall be paid for their Trouble when the Indians Come down please to Tell Lawrence to Come down with them. The Sooner this is done the better

We Leave all to your prudent Management & Remain

Alby. 29th June 1739

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May it Please yr Honour

We rec.d your hon.rs Letter of yd 14th Jns relating to yd settling of the French att Wood Creek We very much approve of yr Honrs Method your Hon.r has proposed & have sent for some of the principall Indians of the Mohawk & Canajoharie Castles in order to send them there, We shall in yd Mean time endeavour to Gett two proper persons to send with them to take possession of those Lands for yd Crown of Great Brittain & to stay there till yr Hon.r shall which we think will be the best Can be done in this Affair att present We shall Do our Selves yd Hon.r to Write your Hon.r Again when the Indians Come down. We have since Our last had no further Acc.t of Any French Being there &c.

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Present
Philip Livingston
Edward Wraxall
The Mayor
The Recorder

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs att Alby the 11th July 1739.

By direction of his Hon.r the Lieut. Gov.r the Com.rs having desired Sie of the Mohawks Indians to Come hither for which Sundry being Come to Town whom the Com.rs Acquainted that they were informed that yd French have a Design to Settle the Land att the Wood Creek which would be of very dangerous Consequence & if the French succeed in this Attempt in making such Settlements that they will be in danger of being dispossed by them of all their Lands they now claim it being the Custom of the French to take by force what we purchase for Valuable Considerations of which Severall Instances Can be shown as the forts att Cadarachque Iagara &c. The Com.rs desired them to appoint 3 or 4 of their number to go to Crown point or where the French Commanding Officer may be and in the Name of their Whole Nation

forbid them to make any Settlement on those or any Other Lands belonging to them, that this Incroachment of the French will be to deprive them of their principall deer hunting which is a valuable branch for their Sustenance & gave a Belt.

The Com.rs further Said

Brethren As we are in a Strict & firm Alliance and Closely united we should disclose to each other what news of Consequence we have relating the publick good & welfare of us all.

We Are very much astonished to find after all the Repeated promises to keep the young Men att home not Suffer any of them to joyn the French in yd Intended Expedition &c. the far Indians of Severall Are gone to joyn them in this acc.t Our positive Direction the French do all in their power to destroy them You to draw you into a War with our Friends and their Enemies and send Indians on purpose to draw them in. We do all in our Power to promote yr prosperity & Wellfare.

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Answer of the Mohawks by Hendrick their Speaker —

Brother Corlaer & Brother

We arrived here this morning on yr Request, you told us that if either of us heard any news which might be prejudicial to us we should acq.t each other of it and we thank you for informing us that you had heard that yd French designe to settle yd Lands att the Carrying place w.ch Leads from this place to Canada and that we should thereby be deprived from our deer Hunting by w.ch we have our Subsistance, We Acknowledge yt it would be very prejudicial to you as well as to us if this News should be true, wherefore we should be glad to be informed who brought this news a white man or an Indian —

You told us yt the Gov.r of Canada doth take Possession of all the Land he can by force to surround

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to Surrounds us & you & yt. you have no Lands but what you by from & agree with us for, which we acknowledge you have Done w.th all Imaginable justice but this proceeding of the french may be attended with some ill Consequence. You desired us to go to the french Commander & acq.t him that we are the Owners of the Lands you apprehend the french intend to Settle. We are resolved to deligate four of our number to go to Crown point to the Commanding Officer or where he may be, to tell him in the Strongest Terms yt. the Lands att the Wood Creek Crown point and as far north as Ochjarego belong all to us. & where they have made a fort att Crown point that yd. Land belongs to us & all the Lands on both Sides yd. Lake as far as Ochjarego & all the Lands on yd. Carrying place to the South.d of Crown point belong all to yd. 6 Nations which we have given positive Instructions to our Deligates to tell yd. french Commander.

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The names of the Deligates are Seth. Nichols Ath and Adam

What relates to our young men going to War we answer that we Cant hinder them having no Command over them.

The Com.rs ordered to be delivered to yd. Indians 2 blankets 3 Shirts to be delivered by Mr. Livingston and 2 belts of Wampum of yd. Com.rs 2 Kegs Rum of yd. Recorder. Ordered Waggons to bring them to Schenectady with provisions for yt. return home

12.th July 1739

Present the same as yesterday

The Com.rs repeated yt. message to yd. four Indians deligated to go to Crown point which they are to deliver to the Commanding Officer there or where they may meet him. & they also delivered a letter to Mr. Will. Kellehuyn to supply yd. Indians with provisions for her.d Journey. & the following Letter was wrote to his Hon.r the Governour

Albany 13.th July 1739

May it please yr. Honour

Sir

Since our last to your Hon.r of the 29.th June the Sachims of the Mahaqs on our Message came hither to whom we Communicated the purport of your hon.rs Letter of the 14.th June. they Cheerfully Agree to deligate four of their Number to go to Crown Point to yd. french Command.g Officer there or where they may meet him to forbid him & the french of Canada in yd. name of yd. 6 Nations to make any Settlements to yd. S.th of the Crown point nor on any Lands att the Wood Creek. We flatter our Selves that they will punctually perform our Directions they set out yesterday & may be expected back within 12 days.

We have treated with Mr. Hans Hansen to go with an Attendant to take a formall possession of the Lands in yd. name of his most Sacred Majesty yd. King of Great Britain, ~~that they were purchased for the Mahaqs~~ As yr. hon.r has been pleased to direct us. We hope yr. Hon.r will be pleased to excuse us for not sending ~~him~~ him till S.d Indians do Return att which time we may be favoured w.th your Hon.rs further Directions. We reflected on the Expence that this Affair will be attended with & the Small Service such a possession will be att present to prevent French making Settlements on S.d Lands. We presume it will rather animate them to promote the same Vigorously. We doubt whether we shall be able to get any person to go on Credit of yd. Govern.t to take S.d possession we have not a farthing publick money to Dispose of. the Small allowance to defray necessary & Contingent Charges is near is Exhausted tho' we Can assure yr. Hon.r we manage w.th all possible frugality. We are Informed yt. the French have sent out an Army from Montreal of 200 people & 500 Indians

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who are to be Joyned by French and Indians in their March ag.st y.e Sav Indians, by the best Information we have on Diligent Enquiry this Army is designed Ag.st Indians who Are now in friendship w.th his Maj.s Subjects of Virginia & Georgia & Now trade w.th them that is to trade from thence for it is Explained to us that they are Situated on some of the Southwest branches of Mississipi River. A french Man who was taken by them and Redeemed by Mr. Oglethorp who furnished him with Cloaths & Money to go back to Canada passed by this place this Spring & is gone Along with the Army — We Suppose to Direct them to y.e Habitations of those Indians. We hope y.e Hon.r will think it for his Maj.ys Service to Acq.t the Gov.rs of Virginia & Georgia of this Intended Expedition ag.st their friend Indians y.t they may be on their guard to withstand y.e French Army for if they should be Subdued & Extirpated by y.e French it would Strike a Terror into all y.e Indians on the Continent & in process of time induce them to joyn the French ag.st us his Maj.s Subjects. As this is an Affair of Great Consequence to y.e French if they should be disappointed in this their great Enterprize its — Certainly much more So to us if they Should Succeed & destroy y.e Indians. Wherefore we hope your Hon.r will be pleased to give timely intelligence of this Expedition. We Are told that Some of our 6 Nations joyn y.e French altho' Several had given their promises not to Engage with y.e French

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Present
Phil. Livingston
Peter Winne Repre.
The Mayor

Att a Meeting of the Comis.rs of Indian Affairs in Alb.y 23 July 1739

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The Deligates being returned from their Journey to Crown point & were Sent back again.

Att a Meet.g of y.e Com.rs of the Indian affairs in Alb.y 7th day of Aug.st 1739

Present
Phil. Livingston
Peter Winne Esq.
Mr. Recorder

The three Messengers who went to the Crown point to Speak to y.e French Officer there being returned Inform us that they have been there & told the french Officer att Crown point that they were sent by the Sachems of the Two Castles of the Mohawks to tell him y.t all the Lands from their Castle Northward to his fort belonged to them & that they would not Suffer the French to make any Settlem.t to y.e Southward of y.e fort that they had Encroached already far enough on their Lands & that if y.t Encroached further all their deer Hunting would be destroyed by Such Settlements & their Nation brought to poverty for want of Meat & Cloathes. this they said with great Boldness & thereupon gave him a Belt of Wampum —

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The Officer replyed Ye Children As to y.e Message you bring me I can make no Answer to it, but that Shall be done by my Gov.r who I Send the Message by Mr. Cebes I expect him back here in 10 days time with y.e Gov.rs Answer w.ch Shall y.t be sent you. The Officer rec.d us very kindly & Showed us all the fortification & Strength thereof with y.e Barracks &c. & said that the fortification at Alb.y was not to be Compared to theirs being only Two Brick Houses which One ball Could Shatter all to peices.

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The Com^ts Returned ye thanks for the Message they delivered to the French Office att Crown point & Orderd y^t they Should Capt for their trouble 7 blankets 7 Strouds 3 P. Stock^gs 43 Shirts & provisions for their Journey home Wherewith they were Satisfied.

Alb^y 7. 11. Augt 1739 — Att a meeting of the Com^ts of Indian Affairs att Albany.

Present
Philip Livingston Esqr
Edward de Clarke Esqr
Peter Winne a Representative
Mr Recorder

Mr Jacobus Myndertse Com^y. being returned from the Senecas Country where he has been to keep the Indians firm to ye English interest pursuant to his Commission granted by his Hon^r the Governor. he Informs us y^t Severall French Indians lately have been in the Seneckas Country in Order to persuade them to go with the French Army against a fort Nation of Indians by the French called Slickhashees that he the said Myndertse did all in his power to prevent their going with the French & succeeded so well as y^t not one of the ~~French~~ Senecas were prevailed on by the French to go with them which was a great disappointment to them.

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He Also informs us y^t Jean Coux trys all Ways & Means to gold Sieroudequat for ye French, that he has begd of the Indians for Leave to build a small fishing house & there Representing to them that he was very poor & had Nothing to Eat, that he Could live there by fishing & hunting. Whereupon One of the Sachigs gave him Leave to Settle there to prevent which the Sachim Commonly called Cocyendetter is Settled there & Is resolved to hinder the French means settling Sieroudequat by All Ways & Means in his power. the S^d Sachim desired to have Lour Caesen & the s^d Jacob^s Myndertse to be his Neighbours & Begg more such persons as the Govr & Com^ts should think fitt

Mr Myndertse Also Informs this board that the Indians desired y^t the Govr Would be pleased to send up this Same Com^y. to Stay there the next Winter Or if they did not Incline to go that then they might have Bernardus Hortson for their Smith the ensueing Winter. He Also Says that he made Any Excuse to the Senecas for ye Govr not Comeing up to Albany to treat with them this Summer by telling them y^t the Govern^t Was Imployd on Earnest business of the Government & that he would Come up next Spring he Also Gave them A present in his Hon^r name As a Token that he Was yet mindfull of them

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The follow^g Lett^r Was Wrote to his Hon^r the Lieut^t Govr.

May It please y^r Hon^r

We wrote y^r Hon^r the 13th of Last Month since which the Indians we sent to ye Crown point are Returned & Inform us that they have delivered their Message to the Commander there. Your Hon^r may Inclosed the Minutes by wch you may See what they say on y^t head.

Mr Jacobus Myndertse is Also returned from the Senecas Country who Informs us that Severale French Indians have been there Lately to persuade if possible some of the Senecas Indians to go to War wth the French Army but that he has effectually prevented it. The French Indians not being able to get one of the Senecas to go wth y^m he Also informs us y^t Jean Coux trys All Ways to gold Sieroudequatt for the French he begd them for Leave to build a fishing house there representing to them that he is poor & almost Starved & Cant subsist in the Castle for want of provisions Whereupon One of the Sachims called Cocyendetter went & settled there himself & desired to have Lourence Clasen & S^d Jacobus Myndertse with Some other Persons whom your Hon^r & the Com^ts Should think proper to Live with him & be Neighbours together. Mr Myndertse Also informs us that he made An Excuse to the Senecas for the Govr Not Comming up to Albany

* One of the Sachims granted him his Leave to settle ~~to settle~~ there to prevent which

That he was employed in earnest business of the Government & that he would meet them next Spring he gave them a present in his Hon.rs name with which they were very well pleased.

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs at Alb.y y.e 10.th Sept. 1739

Present
Phi. Livingston Esq.r
Capt. Clarke
The Mayor
The Recorder

Two Sachems of the upper castle of the Mahaquass named Abraham & Hend.k Appeared before this board who say the answer to the Message delivered to y.e French officer at Crown point is not yet brought them but expect y.t the french will soon send for them to come to Lake S.t Sacrement to deliver their answer there and desire the Com.rs advice how to act in the affair in case the french should persist in settling the Land at the Wood Creek y.e Com.rs told them they should by no means or persuasions consent the french to settle any Land to the S. of Crown point & when they have recd. S. answer to acq.t the Com.rs with it.

They say that it seems that the Covent. chain is not kept so bright as heretofore especially w.th the upper Nations on whom y.e French have great Influence & direct to do as they please. The Sinnekes are now raising an Army to go a fighting on pretence ag.t the flathheads, & have already sent to the Oneydas to join them, that they suppose the intended Army is to follow & join the French Army ag.t the far Indians which ought to be prevented in due time by sending up proper persons to treat with the Sinnekes on that head, and we think it necessary that the French should by no means settle Tichenderogatt which we hear they designe to effect very soon which nothing will prevent but the makeing a Settlement there to which we are assured the Sinnekes will consent

The follow.g Letter was wrote to his Hon.r the Lieut. Governour

Sir

Both your Hon.rs Letters of the 20.th & 30.th ult.o to Mr. Livingston now pe lay'd before us, since w: we have treated w.th some of the Principall Sachems of Cachnawage who came hither on Acc.t of trade they seem very much inclined to confirm the treaty of peace & neutrality w.th our Indians & hinted some of y.e Sachems of the aforesd. Indians settled at Canada hither & give us previous notice of their coming y.t we may have some of the Nations here at that time, which we presume answers what y.r Hon.r directs, it, the opinion of y.e S. Sachems that the Gov.r of Canada is inclined that a state of neutrality should be kept up between us, he was party to the last & sent a belt to confirm it, they will now propose the same to him again & acq.t him w.th their coming hither to concludde the treaty as coming from themselves.

Our Mohawk Sachems soon expect to go to the Lake S. Sacrement to receive an answer to their message delivered to the french officer at Crown point that they claim all the Land to y.e South of that place and will not suffer the french to settle any of those lands which when they have rec.d will communicate to us.

We have recd an Acc.t that the Sinnekes are gathering an Army to go fighting ag.t the flathheads they have invited the Cayouges Onondages & Oneydes to join them whereto they have consented which we humbly conceive will be of ill consequence & if possible ought to be prevented to which we will use our best endeavours tho' send.g a message to the Sinnekes Country with proper presents & acquainting them at the same time that a rupture is likelly to be between us & the french might divert them from it.

We are assured that several of the Oswegotradders are now going up thither to fetch their goods for

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fear that in Case of a rupture w.th France that place may be surprized & taken by the French we would have dissuaded them from going by Assureing them that the place would be taken care of and reinforced by a numb.r of men & Indians of the Nations which we think at this time is very necessary And we may hope that the Assembly will enable y.r Hon.r to defray that charge as Also for taking possession of Fiorondequat for we presume if the Settlement of that place be longer neglected while we have now the Ayes from the Lake of the Sinnekes to Land people there the French will certainly make a strong footing there And be able to divert most of the Trade from Oswego. it being so situated on the Lake that the Sax Indians must pass by it in their Voyage thither & is the Key to the Sinnekes Country as Oswego is to the Onondagas & Cayouges.

Your Hon.r Warr.t to Sibrant V. Schaick & three other persons to Reside in the Sinnekes Country for 12 Months he laid before us they are ready to go according to Your Hon.rs Directions. We humbly presume as we apprehend that there may soon be a Rupture between Our Crown & that of France that the Number of 1 is not sufficient at this time by 1 that in All 10 men be sent. & to reside among the Sinnakes & A att Fiorondequatt to take possession in behalf of his Majesty No doubt but the Indians will expect some presents for giving us leave to settle Fiorondequatt wherefore we pray y.r Hon.r will be enabled by the Assembly to defray that Charge. —

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Present
Mr Livingston Resp.
Capt. Ed. Clarke
The Major
The Recorder

Albany 24th Sep.r 1739. at a Meet.g of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs at Alb.y

The follow.g is Copy of the War.t granted to Sybrant Van Schaick &c.

By the Hon.ble George Clarke Esq.r his Maj.s Lieu.t Gov.r & Commander in Chief of the Province of New York & the Territories thereon depending in America &c.

To Sibrant Van Schaick, Bernardus Hartsen Jacob.s Van Schaick & Barent Staats Jun.r Gent.

Whereas It is highly necessary for his Majesties Service and the Interest of this Colony in Gen.ll that due Care should be taken to preserve the Six Nations of Indians firm to his Majesties Interest, to prevent all Encroachments from the French & all attempts of theirs that may tend to Seduce the Indians of this Province from his Maj.s Interest & their dependance on this Colony I have thought fitt to Constitute & appoint And I do hereby Constitute and Appoint you the s.d Sibrant Van Schaick Bernardus Hartsen Jacob.s Van Schaick & Barent Staats to reside in the Sinnekes Country for the Space of twelve Months from the date hereof In Order to use your utt most Endeavours to keep the Six Nations of Indians depend.t on this Province firm to his Majesties Interest & to prevent the seducement of any of them over to the French And also to Inspect & inquire into all the Occurrences of the Affairs w.ch shall happen to be transacted either by the s.d Six Nations of Indians with or between the French or any other of the Neighbouring Indians and to observe such Orders and directions from time to time as you or any of you shall receive from me or the Com.rs of Indian Affairs at Alb.y & to transmitt to me & to y.e Com.rs of Indian Affairs An Acc.t of what Extraordinary Occurrences may happen. & I will recommend it to y.e Assembly at their next meet.g to make a Suitable provision for your Services on this Occasion and for so doing this shall be your Sufficient Warrant Given under my hand and

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Seal att Fort George in New York the Twenty fourth day of August Anno Dominii 1739

Geo. Clarke

By the Com.rs of Indian Affairs att Albany.

Instructions for Mess.rs Sibrant Van Schaick, Barnardus Hartsen, Jacobus Van Schaick & Barent Staats Jun.r

Whereas the Hon.ble George Clarke Esq.r Lieu.t Gov.r of the Province of New York hath thought fitt to Constitute & Appoint you to reside in the Sinnekes Country for a year as p. this Warr.t directed unto you dated the 24th day of Aug.t last past does Appear, the Orders and directions therein Contained he Would have you punctually to observe to the Uttmost of your power As Also to Endeavour as much as in your Lyes to Stop the Sinnekes & other of the Six Nations to go fighting Ag.st the Neighbouring Indians to the Southward and prevail on them to Stay near home and mind their Hunting to Secure their Wifes & Children from the Insults of the Common Enemy, and tell the Sachems that their Brother Corlaer has Sent you to reside Among them and assure them of his tender Care for them —

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You may acq.t them that it is Very uncertain how soon a War may break out between the Crown of England & that of France, by telling them that the Spaniards have taken Several Rich Ships from the Subjects of the great King of Great Brittain in the Westindies, on which Our King made Complaint to the King of Spain who promised to pay a large Sum of Money for the damage done by his Subjects to those of Great Brittain but now denies Payment, Wherefore the great King their father has given Orders to grant Cheprizes and take Spaniards whereon a War between the Two Crowns may be declared and probably when the French King sees the English be too Strong & Overpower the Spaniards he may Assist them by which a General War may follow, that therefore they Ought as Well As we to be on their guard & not go far from their Habitations.

You may Also tell the Sinnekes Sachems that we Expect that the Southern Indians will Send deputies here next Summer to treat of a Gen.ll peace w.th them & the rest of the Six Nations w.ch will be Obstructed & Hindered if in the mean time ~~time~~ they Should go and Attack them —

You May Also tell them that We Expect Shortly to send a Small party of Men to Reside att Gieroodequatt this Ensuing Winter & in the Mean time Use all your Endeav.rs to keep the Indians firm to their Resolutions to let us Settle there.

We Expect that you Will properly Employ the presents we have given you which we must Leave to your discretion & probity having nothing further to add but wish you a good Journey & Remain

P. S. You May Also tell the Sinnekes to Let the upper Nations know if in Case a War Should break out between us & the French they Would Never the less be as Welcome and as Well treated att Oswego as in time of peace & that we take them to be Our Brethren & shall always use them Accordingly

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was Signed by this Board

Ordered that Sibrant Van Schaick do take with them one of the Com.rs Belts —

This day the Com.rs received a Letter from his Hon.r the Lieu.t Gov.r —

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Present
Philip Livingston Esq.
Capt Edward Clarke
Mr. Mayor
Mr. Recorder

At a meeting of the Comrs of at Albany the 9th Day of October 1739

The Comrs wrote to his Honour the Lieut. governor the following Letter

May it please your Honour

&c

We received your Honours favours of the 17th of Septem past We have used all our Endeavour to keep our Ind.ns from going out a fighting and have given strict Orders to the Company gone to the Smokes Country to use all means in their Power to prevent their going out but the Ind.ns are very Uneasy that they have meet w.th so many delays from the Southern Ind.ns having expected all the Summer to meet them at Albany to treat of a Peace w.th them, We hope it may be effected next Year

We have been in Expectation w.th the Assembly would have raised a fund to Enable us to send four Men to take possession in a formal Manner of Tieron: Deguat in his Majesties Name and keep it till they be relieved by others, We shall use our Endeavour to get people to go on Credit of the Govern.mt but doubt much whether we shall be able to get proper persons to go, while for three years past no manner of Provision has been made for those who resided in the Smokes Country Capt Nelson who is gone up to Oswego to Relieve Capt Butler applied to us for

For Powder for the Use of the Garrison the want of which might prove of fatal Consequence, We have on our private Credit bought for the Value of £40: w.ch n.d delivered to him We beg your Honour will be pleased to recommend the payment thereof to the Assembly

Just now we recd the Inclosed from Capt Butler w.ch we thought proper to send you We are w.th great Respect

Present
Capt Edward Clarke
Mr. Mayor
Mr. Recorder

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 25th Day of October 1739

Sett Ezras and Gideon three principal Sachems of the Mohawks Castle appeared before this Board and acquainted them that they came by Order of their whole Castle to speak w.th their Brethren concerning an Affair they had formerly spoken off, They said they remembered that one at a meeting w.th their Brethren, The Comrs then observed to them that it was a great Trouble and Charge for them to Come down to Albany to the Sacram.t and hard in time ~~the~~ wou.d get a Minister of Christ down, shortly after Mr Barclay came up to us and took a great deal of Pains to instruct us and our Children, Tho" he was not then Qualified to administer the Sacram.t he got one to Administer for him, We seeing the Care he took and how Inconvenient it he

He was lodged Consulted amongst some, before what we should do for him, and so we agreed to give him a Piece of Land, but as he was then going to England he thanks for our kind offer, but if it pleased God that he returned safe he might then do what we thought proper

Mr Barclay being returned and as before goes on w.th his usual Care & Diligence instructing us and our Children and also administring the Sacraments to our great satisfaction and saving us great Charges wch we must be at in Coming to Albany, We have Unanimously agreed to perform our Promise made to him before he went to England and have in presence of Sam Kemp & Lawrence Claese sett out a Piece of Land for him, and marked it with Stakes which we give to him and his Heirs for ever he not being able to pay him a yearly Salary as our Brethren do to their Ministers and this we come to make known to our Brethren the Comrs and hope they will write to the Gov.r about it and we ~~must~~ endeavour to get the Gift wch we freely give w.th a good Heart Conformed

Lawrence Claese took the following Oath relating the premises viz

That sometime last Summer twelve or fourteen of the principal Ind.s of the Mohawks Castle gave to the Revd Mr Henry Barclay a piece of Low Land on the Flatts near Joh Hunter wch he saw marked off with Stakes & Computes

to be about twelve Morgan and into the Woods as far as the Revd Mr Barclay should think proper

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 26th October 1739

Present
Cap.t Edward Clarke
Mr Mayor
Mr Recorder
Mr Sheriff

The following Letter was written to his Honour the Lieu.t Governor

May it please your Honour

Sir

We have at last rec.d an Answer to the Message sent by four Mohawk Inds to the Commanding Officer at the Crown Point the 11th July last about the Nations settling on the South side of the Lake between the Crown Point and the Carrying place wch is as follows & was given by the Gov.r of Canada That the King of France claims all the Land South North West and East lying on all the River and Creeks that empty themselves towards Canada even to the Carrying Place & Lake of St Sacrament, and that he will not suffer the English to make any settlements upon any of those Lands, but that if they should attempt to do it, the Gov.r of Canada would hinder it by force which he gave a Belt of Wampum as a token in Presence of his and our Ind.ns but notwithstanding he would give all his rights to the forementioned Land from the Crown Point to the Carrying

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He was lodged Consulted amongst our Selves what we should do for him, and so we agreed to give him a Piece of Land, But as he was then going to England He thanks us for our kind offer, But if it pleased God that he returned safe He might then do what we thought proper

Mr Barclay being returned and as before goes on wth his usual Care & Diligence instructing us and our Children and also administring the Sacraments to our great Satisfaction and saving us great Charges wch we must be at in Coming to Albany, We have Unanimously agreed to perform our Promise made to him before he went to England and have in presence of Jan Wemp & Lowrence Claese Sett out a Piece of Land for him, and marked it with Stakes which we give to him and his Heirs for ever We not being able to pay him a yearly Salary as our Brethren do to their Ministers and this we come to make known to our Brethren the Comrs and hope they will write to the Govr about it and we ~~must~~ endeavour to get the Gift wch we freely give wth a good Heart Conformed

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That sometime last Summer twelve or fourteen of the principal Ind^ns of the Mohawks Castle gave to the Revd Mr Henry Barclay a piece of Low Land on the Flatts near Joh Hunter wch he saw marked off with Stakes & Computes

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to be about twelve Acres Morgan and into the Woods as far as the Revd Mr Barclay should think proper

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 28th October 1739

Present
Capt Edward Clarke
Mr Mayor
Mr Recorder
Mr Sheriff

The following Letter was writ to his Honour the Lieu. Governor

May it please your Honour

Sir

We have at last recd an Answer to the Message sent by four Mohawk Ind^ns to the Commanding Officer at the Crown Point the 11th July last about the Settlers Settling on the South Side of the Lake between the Crown Point and the Carrying place wch is as follows & was given by the Govr of Canada

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That the King of France claims all the Land South North West and East lying on all the Rivers and Creeks that empty themselves towards Canada even to the Carrying Place & Lake of St Sacrament, and that he will not suffer the English to make any Settlements upon any of those Lands, But that if they should attempt to do so He the Govr of Canada would hinder it upon which he gave a Belt of Wampum as a Token in Presence of His and our Ind^ns But notwithstanding He would give all his Right to the forementioned Land from the Crown Point to the

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Carrying Place to our Mohawks and his Indians as a Deed of Gift to make use of it for a hunting Place for them and their Posterity and at the same time assured them that no French should settle there At the Request of Seth Ezras and Gideon three of the principal Sachems of the Mohawks Castle We enclose to your Honour the speech they made to us the 25th Instant

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At a meet.g of the Com.rs of Indian affairs at Alb.y y.e 20th Nov.r 1739

Present
Ph. Livingston Esq.r
Edward Clarke Esq.r
Peter Winne Esq.r Representative
Edward Holland Esq.r Mayor
Dirk Ten Broeck Esq.r Recorder
Henry Holland Esq.r Sheriff.

Appeared at this board Cadatsogo a Sachim of the Schenawages on some private business —
This board orders that Mr. Livingston give him a blanket Shirt a Gr. stock F. & a Lap. of Rum & some provision —

At a meet.g of the Com.rs of Indian affairs at Alb.y this December 1739.

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Present
Phil. Livingston Esq.r
Capt. Edward Clarke
Peter Winne representative
Ed. Holland Mayor
Dirk Ten Broeck Recorder
Henry Holland Sheriff.

The ~~following~~ Sundry Acc.ts of the Contingent necessary charges the Com.rs have been at where produced Examined & allowed by them amounting to the sum of three hundred fifty seven pounds five shillings & four pence half penny for which a warr.t was drawn by this board for the payment thereof —

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Ph. Livingston
E. Clarke
Pieter Winne
Ed. Holland
Dirck Ten Broeck
Hen. Holland

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Present
Phi. Livingston Esq.
Edward Clarke Esq.
The Mayor
The Recorder

At a meeting of the Com.rs of Indian affairs at Albany the 17. December 1739.

This day was laid before this board a Comission from his Hon.r the Lieut. Govern.r which is as follows

(L.S.)

By the hon.ble George Clarke Esq.r his Majesties Lieut. Governor & Command.r in Chief in and over the Province of New York & the Territories thereon depending &c in America &c.

To Cadwallader Colden, Abraham Van Horn, Philip Livingston, Archibald Kennedy, James de Lancey, Philip Cortlandt, Henry Lane, Daniel Horsmanden and George Clarke Jun.r Esq.rs members of his majesties Council for the said Province, and to Edward Clarke Esq.r Captain Commandant of his majesties forces posted at the City of Albany or to the Commanding officer of the forces posted there for the time being and to Edward Holland Esq.r Mayor of the said City of Albany and Dirck Ten Broeck Recorder thereof or to the Mayor and Recorder of the said City for the time being & to Philip Schuyler, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Peter Winne, Arent Bratt, Myndert Schuyler, John Schuyler, Stephanus Groesbeck, Rutger Bleeker, Abram Cuyler, Reyer Gerritse, Nicolaes Bleeker, John de Peyster, John Schuyler Jun.r, Jacob Glen, Edward Collins, Cornelius Cuyler, Johan.s Lansingh Jun.r & Hendrick Fendyck Esq.rs.

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Whereas it is highly necessary for his majesties Service that the Six Nations of Indians comeing to the City of Albany be duely managed for the Safety and Wellfare of this Province, I have thought fit to Constitute and appoint you the said Cadwallader Colden, Abraham Van Horn, Philip Livingston, Archibald Kennedy, James de Lancey, Philip Cortlandt, Henry Lane, Daniel Horsmanden and George Clarke Jun.r Esq.r and Edward Clarke, Edward Holland, Dirck Ten Broeck, Philip Schuyler, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Peter Winne, Arent Bratt, Myndert Schuyler, John Schuyler, Stephanus Groesbeck, Rutger

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Bleeker, Abraham Cuyler, Reyer Gerritse, Nicolaes Bleeker, John de Peyster, John Schuyler Jun.r, Jacob Glen, Edward Collins, Cornelius Cuyler, Johan.s Lansingh Jun.r and Hendrick Fendyck or any five of you to be managers of the Indian affairs at Albany to do and act in the same as heretofore usual for his majesties service and the good of this Province, according to the Laws of this Province now subsisting and in that behalf made & provided hereby Commanding you from time to time to transmitt your proceedings therein to me or to the Gov.r or Commander in Chief of this Province for the time being in Council and all persons are hereby required to take notice accordingly and under no pretence of any former Commission or any other manner whatsoever to meddle themselves with any of the matters aforesaid or to pretend any authority for the trying of any Person or Persons for any pretended faults heretofore said to be committed. Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at Fort George in New York the fifth day of December in the thirteenth year of his majesties Reign. Annoq. Domini 1739.

Geo Clarke

By his Hon.rs Command
Fred.k Morris D.ty Sec.y

The following Oath was taken by the Persons mentioned hereunder after the Oaths which the Law direct.

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You and every of you do swear that you will not disclose any of the Secrets of what kind soever that shall be communicated unto you, or any of you, by his Hon.r the Lieut. Govern.r or by the Commander in Chief for the time being relating to the office of Indian affairs, as Secrets So help you God.

Dirk Ten Broeck	Phi. Livingston
Reyer Gerritse	Edward Clarke
Ste. Groesbeck	Abrah. Cuyler
Joh.s Lansingh Jun.r	Ed. Holland
John de Peyster	Myndert Schuyler
Edward Collins	John Schuyler Jun.r
Cornelius Cuyler	Rutger Bleeker
	Hend.k Ten Eyck
	Ph. Schuyler

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Philip Livingston
Daniel Coxsmandan
Edward Clarke
Edward Holland
Rutger Bleecker
Hendrick Fonbrock
Philip Schuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Peter Gerritse
Derick Fonbrock
Stephanus Groesbeck
Edward Collins
Peter Winne
Johannis Lansinghius
Cornelis Cuyler

At a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at the City of Albany the 21st Day of Janry 1739/40

The following Letter was writ to John Schuyler Indr

Whereas there is a Report Current in Town that there are three hundred French then & Indians at the Crown Point Lately come there, We Desire that you will get a good Trusty Indian to go thither and Endeavour to Discover if the Report be true and Inform himself as well as he Can of their Strength Whatever you are obliged to give to the Indians we shall see you repaid, the better to Conceal the Indians Design Mr Cuyler sends w.t you Brother Phil: a Letter to the Commanding Officer at the Crown Point w.ch you are to give to the Ind.n w.t your Directions how to behave himself and to bring back his Answer to you, and in as short time as he Reasonably Can, You will do well to tell the Ind.n that you have had the Letter sometime by you for ab.t a fortnight You must also tell the Ind.n that it is to you that sends him, and by no means let him know that this comes from the Comrs of Ind.n Affairs Coxsmandan & Mr Winne took the Oath Required by his Hon.r the Lieut Governour

Present
Co. Holland
Dirk Fonbrock
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleeker
Hendrk Fonbrock
E Collins
Johs Lansingh Jr
Ni Bleeker
Peter Winne
Peter Gerritse

of Indian Affairs
Albany 30. Janry 1739/40
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Fathers

What we have to say is you shall presently hear
We are Come to renew & strengthen the peace to y.r northward &
We Come to ~~tell you yes~~ we are now on our way to Agh
Shiquatekook to treat about
Certain affairs
We ~~shall speak~~ are going to make open the road to Asquantekoke & ~~shall let you~~ that no harm shall happen in ~~that~~ the same Father we let you hear where we are going & if you approve of the same we shall go & shall let you know with that
Intent we go

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Philip Langston
Daniel Rosmanden
Edward Clarke
Edward Holla-
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At a meeting of the [illegible] Member the Right Hon[illegible] Indian Merchants & the Schaacticook Indians –

Fathers We are going to renew the Old Covenant which our Fathers have made with those Indians

Fathers when we read this road it will be plain to all that pass that way

Father, we are going to Ashchaantekook to see our friends they & we are one we have but one God who has placed us all here

We intend to go with our three belts Wampum as far as the Onegongoes which Live near the Sea side to renew the old Covenant with them all the Indians that live in our way hither our Errand to ~~the Onegongoes~~ is to desire them to keep the peace between us & the other Indians to the northward & also our Errand is also to bring hither as many of them as we can hither.

Father If we have proposed any thing which is not agreeable to you we Desire you will let us know what it is.

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Answer As for no Publick meeting of the Com[rs] of the Colonies with those Indians at Albany the you for that but we would have you do it at the same time that your Fathers did but this always been a custom when any bad rumours were spread abroad that those Indians came here to renew the Covenant. It is now between 30 & 40 years since the factions of the Cachnawages came here in the name of the Gov[r] of Canada to desire in case of Rupture that a Neutrality should be observed ~~between~~ ~~them~~ not only between them but all the Indians in the ~~the~~ French King's Dominions & all the Indians belonging to King of Great Brittain. You all without Doubt must know that this has always been the place for treaties & renewal of Covenants ~~that~~ for which reason it seems strange to us that you pretend to renew the same in any other place. We are surprised that this matter is brought so far with out our knowledge ~~of the~~ we desire to know from whom this is proceeded whether from you or the French. You ought not to carry on such affairs without our privity & consent. The Interpreter has just now told us that you intend to meet the ~~French~~ your treaty Indians at Wood Creek

[illegible] the Com[rs] of Ind[n] Affairs Sam[l] Rosmanden & Mr Winne took the Oath Required by his Hon[r] the Lieut[t] Governour –

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Philip Livingston
Daniel Ho[illegible]

you have brought this
but that you go there & no farther
& in the renewal of your treaty we desire that you in-
clude all the Subjects of the King of + Great Britain
both here and in New England & that you tell them bid
that if they come to do any mischief either here or in
New England that then the Covenant & treaty is broke
& that then they may expect to receive the same usage
from you.

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+ Children we are glad to see you here & all you have told
us what you pretend to do & desired our advice herein
what we have to say is as follows
The Indians said the ~~matter~~ this affair proceed from them
That y[ou] did it for the best

Present
Philip Livingston Esq[r]
Cornelis Cuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Steph. Groesbeck
Joh[s] Lansingh Jun[r]
Peter Winne
John Schuyler Jun[r]
Hend[k] Ten Eyck
Esq[rs]

At a meeting of the Com[rs] of the
Indian affairs at Albany the
19th March 1739/40.

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By an express from Schenectady
this board rec[d] a Letter from
Mr Bratt one of this Members of this Com[n]
& Lawrence the Interpreter Imparting
that an Indian was at Schenectady
with news from Oswego, the Comissioners
wrote a Letter to Lawrence to desire him to come
down with the Indian to hear what this board has
to communicate to them

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Present
John Schuyler Jun[r]
Dirk Ten Brock
Rutger Bleecker
Cornelis Cuyler
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Nicolas Bleecker
Step. Groesbeck
Joh[s] Lansingh Jun[r]
Myndert Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler.

At a meeting of the Comissioners of
Indian affairs at Albany y[e] 20th
March 1739/40

Lawrence Claesen the Interpreter
with the Indian mentioned in
yesterdays minute appeared at
this board
The S[d] Indian being an Onondaga
acquaints the Com[rs] that the Sachems
of his Nation intend as soon as the
Water is open to go to Canada to Condole
the death of Joan Cuy and that the Said Sachems
have given an Invitation to all the five Nations to go
with them. Whereupon this board sends up Lawrence
Claese the Interpreter with the following Instructions
You are to go as soon as may be to the Mohawks
Castle and acq[t] the Sachems there that an Onondaga
is come here with Seven hands of Wampum & acq[t]
the Com[rs] that the Sachems of his Nation intend as
soon as the water is open to go to Canada to Condole

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the death of One Jean Cour & have likewise Invited
all the Sachems of the Five Nations to go with them —
That we hope & desire they will Not hearkon thereto
& that they will by no means go to Canada to Cover Dolt
the death of a man who has during his whole life been
an enemy to the English Interest & that we desire them not
to go nor send a belt or String of Wampum as a token
with them that do go. You are likewise to tell the
Sachems that the Governour is expected up to Albany to
speak with them this season that it would look very
darkly that our Governour should come up here to speak
with them & that they should then be gone to Canada to
Cover Dolt the death of an Enemy. You are also to tell them
that it is open war between our Crown & that of France
but that as yet there is no War with the French that we
know of, that as soon as we hear any further News —
Concerning Affairs in Europe which may Concern us —
we will certainly Let them know thereof.

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You are to tell the same to Canajoharie & Oneyde
& tell the Oneyde Sachems furthermore that we have heard
that they intend to break their word and promises which
they made Last Spring to the Com.rs in a Solemn Manner
We mean that we have heard that they intend to disturb
our people in their Lay over the Carrying place but that
we suppose that kind Story proceeds only from malicious
lying people that thus Cause them to be such
men as to break their words & promises made in such a
strong manner

Thereupon Give them the Belt

This board agreed with Lowrence for four pounds Ten
shillings for his man & Two horses.

Lowrence Fosh William One of the belts belong.g
to the Comissioners.

Present
Philip Livingston
Gerrit Lansing
Henderick Fonda
Dirk Van Vorden
Joh.s Lansingh Jun.r
Jab. Cuyler
Nicolas Bleecker
Cornelis Cuyler
Edward Holland
Capt. Edward Clarke
John Schuyler Jun.r
Coll.o Jeremiah Van Rensselaer
Peter Winne
Ed. Collins
John De Peyster

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At a meeting of the Com.rs held on the 25.th March 1740.

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Mr. Henry Van Rensselaer Jun.r appeared at this board & desired that he might be heard he had been prevailed upon for the good of Province by Capt. Edward Clarke his Lieut. of certain Emergency last fall when the relief of the Men at Oswego was Encreased by order of his Hon.r the Gov.r from 25 Men to 40. to provide provisions for the Men exceeding the number of 25. No more being provided for by the Oswego Act. That this board would represent the same to his Hon.r the Lieut. Gov.r that he would be pleased to lay the Case before the Assembly at their next meeting —

The foll.g Lett.r was wrote by the Com.rs to his Hon.r the Lieut. Gov.r

May it please your Hon.r

Sir

Upon Application made to us by Henry Van Rensselaer Jun.r to represent to your Hon.r the State of the Oswego Garrison in relation to the Extraordinary detachment sent there by your Hon.r Orders last fall, we take Leave to represent the Affair to your Hon.r as follows, when the party came to Schenectady to go to Oswego, Mr. Wendell & Mr. Herkemer the two Gentlemen Concerned with Mr. Rensselaer in supplying the said Garrison refused to supply any more provisions than they had Contracted for with the Assembly & it being highly necessary that some body should supply provisions for the Men that were sent up Exceeding the Number of 25 which usually was sent up, Mr. Rensselaer was prevailed upon by Capt. Edward —

Capt for the good of this Province to supply provisions for the said men for six months which the said Mr. Renslaer informs us he has done in expectation that the Assembly would allow & repay the same to him. We are humbly of opinion that it is not reasonable that the said Renslaer should be paid & pray that Your Hon.r would recommend the same to the Assembly at their next meeting.

Mr. Renslaer informs us likewise that he is not inclined to supply the s.d men with provisions for a longer time than the six months above mentioned which expire the first day of May without he is some way secure of his disbursements before he supplies the said provisions, wherefore we humbly think it is necessary that some way be speedily found out for securing said money for the time to come otherwise it will be more dangerous & the men also swego will be in danger to want provisions which would necessarily be attended with pernicious consequences All which we submit humbly to y.r Hon.rs judgement we are

Y.r Hon.rs Most Humble &
Most Obedient Serv.ts

Ch. Livingston
R. Bleecker
John Schuyler
Johnde Peyster
Henderick Gaslyck
Ed. Collins
Joh.s Lansingh Junr.
Peter Winne
Dirk Ten Broeck
Ed. Holland
Nicolaes Bleecker

This board gave Joh.s Seeger orders to buy on the Com.s Acc.t a good Stroud Coat.

Present
Dirk Ten Broeck
Myndert Schuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Joh.s Lansingh Junr.
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirk Bleecker
Reger Gerritse
Nicolaes Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler

Albany 31st March 1740 At a meeting of the Com.rs of Indian affairs at Albany

Mr. Lourence Claessen being returned from his journey to Oneyde gives the following Acc.t

Gentlemen

The 22d Inst. I acquainted the Sachems at Fort Hunter with the Contents of my Instructions of 23. I acquainted the Canajoharie Sachems with y.e Same whereupon they answered me. that they would not go to Canada nor send any belts or wampum there, but that they would stay at Home untill they had spoke with his Hon.r the Governour As a token of which they gave 7 hands of wampum.

When I arrived at Oneyde I found the number of Sachems not compleat wherefore I was obliged to send for those who were about, where they were met I made known to them the purport of my Instructions & gave them the gift of wampum, the day after which they made me the following answer.

Brother You say that we should not go to Canada to condole the death of Isaac Louis the french Interpreter nor send any wampum there as a token of the same, Brother we did intend to go to Canada & thoughout our speaker was to go at the head of us, the reason that we did intend it is this, That no Conference has been between our Governour & us for so long a time.

Brother You may say that love & affection may be as strong in Absence as when present but we say not. nothing more revives & enlivens affection than frequent meetings Brother We shall now make known to you the Loss that we sustained by the neglect of such Conferences

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in the first place, all those of Our people who go to Canada are Cloath'd by that Gov.r from head to foot. Our Sachems are Cloath'd with Laced Garments to distinguish them from the Comon people but we expect no more from Our Governour at best than a red Soldiers Coat.

Brother — You have desired us not to go to Canada nor Carry belts of Wampum there. & you say that you have heard that we intend to hinder the Riders at the Carrying place from Slaying over the Traders goods. We possitiv[illegible] that it has been said but not by Our Order, the same Case may happen among you that some people may say things without the knowledge of the Governour, so it is with us we Cant answer for what some of Our people may happen to say But we Sachems & warriors here present, promise that none of Our people shall go to Canada nor Carry any Wampum there, We promise further more that the path shall remain open for all his Maj.ty Subjects & none of Our people shall Carry any thing over the Carrying place without they are desired thereto by Your people, whereupon we give this belt of Wampum & shall further wait the Gov.rs Orders.

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Ordered. That this Answer be Transmitted by the first Opportunity to his honr. the Lieut. Governour.

Ordered. That Mr. Cor.s Cuyler give Lawrence 2 Shirts & 2 knives for what he distributed for Sending for of Brevoort Sachems.

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Edward Holland
Dirk Ten Broeck
Rut. Wecker
Nicolaes Bleecker
John De Peyster
Joh.s Cornelise Lansing Junr.

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs at Alb.y the 11. April 1746.

Rahout a Sachem of the River Indians accompanied with 9 they Indians of Stockbridge, who say that Last Winter they went to the Carrying place & treated with the Sachems of the Onoyongo's about a neutrality in Case of war which they had then done without previous notice thereof given to this board, they therefore acknowledged their fault & do now acq.t the Com.rs that they are going to hold with the Shawenoe Indians & Sinks home fast in the Covenant Chain by belts of Wampum the Onoyongo Indians to one end & the Shawenos on the other & they in the middle. When they have finished this message they would bring this Board a report thereof.

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The Old Sachems of the Shawenos are departed this Life, the young Ones are not acquainted therewith, all the roots Stones & Weeds must be taken out that the same may be open & free to pass & repass peaceably, Lately the Son of a Shawano Sachim died Among us whose Death we intend to condole when we come here, We desire, As we are but poor & know the time is approaching, that Our fathers would give us three hats for Our messengers.

The Com.rs grant their request & that they shall have a blanket & two a pair Nicolaes Bleecker & three hats to Mr. De Peyster. They are enjoyned to bring report to this Board of all their Occurrences in this Message.

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Present
Nicolas Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Jacob Lansingh Jun.
John C. Schuyler
Peter Winne
Cornelis Cuyler
John Schuyler Jun.
Philip Schuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Roger Gerritse
Dirk Ten Broeck

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian Affairs at Albany 24th. April 1740.

Whereas Sybrant Van Schaaick Hom.y is returned from the Seneca Country of Whom Jacobus L. Van Schaick is One & now refuses to return, this Board have left it to Sybrant Van Schaaick to Chose a fitt person in his Stead, who has Made choice of John Viffer of Whom this board approves.

Ordered. By this board y.t the Sum of Six pounds be given to the Above Named Persons as presents to the Seneca Nation of Indians & that the same be disbursed by Coll.o Myndert Schuyler & Mr. Abra. Cuyler & that 7 pounds of Wampum be also disbursed by Mr. Cornelis Cuyler for the same use & that they proceed on their journey on Monday next.

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Present
David Hollandt
Dirk Ten Broeck
Philip Schuyler
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer
Myndert Schuyler
P. Collins
John Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
John C. Schuyler
Abra. Cuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany y.e 22. May 1740

The Com.rs a few days since rec.d the following Letter from his Hon.r the Lieut. Gov.r

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Gentlemen

Untill Coll.o Spotswood & Coll.o Blake-ney arrive here, that all things may be fixt as to the time of Imbarking against the Spaniards, I cannot appoint a time for my meeting the Indians, however you will acquaint them that I will certainly meet them this summer as soon as possible, & that I am desired by the Southern Indians to treat of Friendship a Peace in their names and Behalf, with the Six Nations, which the Southern Indians will ratify wherefore you are to forbid them to suffer any of their people to go out that way, but to keep at home that they may all meet me on that affair at Albany

I am Gentlemen
Your Most Humble & Obed.t Servt
Was signed Geo. Clarke

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Whereupon they sent for Lawrence the Interpreter who being this day here present, this board gave him the following Instructions

Mr. Lawrence Claessen

You are to go and acquaint the Sachims at Onondage that his Hon.r the Gov.r has ordered us to acquaint them, that he Intended to meet them early this ~~Spring~~ Summer as they have been acquainted by you, but since that His Honour

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has recd. Orders from the King his Master to gott
Volunteers to go on an Expedition against the —
Spaniards & that he is ordered by the King to Stay
at New York to dispatch them but that he will —
Certainly meet them this summer. that he Expects
they will not go home home till he has Met them here
that they will use all Endeavours to keep their war-
riors from Going to fight against the Southern
Indians & more so because he has been desired by them
the Southern Indians to treat of & Conclude a peace
in their names & behalf which they will ratify —
You may also tell the Indians what great Advan-
tages we have Gained over the Spaniards in the
West Indians that the English Ships have there
One of their Largest Towns & Severall Ships —
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Laden with Silver & other Rich Goods.
This you Give to acq. the Sachems of all the Nations
between this place & Onondage

Was Signed by ord. of the Com.
Phil Livingston Jun. Clerk

The following Letter was wrote to Sybrant Van Schaick

We are desired by his hon. the Gov. to acq. the Six Nations that he designs to meet them early this summer but that on acc. of this Expedition against the Spaniards he could Certainly tell the time when, but that he would positively meet them this summer, of this we desire you to acq. y. Sinneke Sachems. & that you use y. Endeavours to keep at home the Young Men. The Gov. Brouewles likewise to acq. the Indians that he desired by the Southern Indians to treat of & Conclude a peace with the Six Nations in their behalf which they will ratify —

The Com. agreed with Lawrence for five pounds to hire a man & horses. —

Present
James Ramsay Capt. Command.
Myndert Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
John Lansingh Junr.
Peter Lansing
Jacob Cuyler
Nicolaas Bleecker
Hend. Hudyck

At a Meeting of the Com. of Indian affairs at Albany this 23. day of May 1740

Joh. Quackenbacker Interpreter for the Schaahkook Indians appeared at this board & a Sachim of s. Indians named Matquat — who says as follows

Fathers Your Children are not Come here with a bad Design but a good One. But Most of them are overcome by drink so that they Cant now Appear here.
We were here Last winter concerning a Certain Design that we then had in Agitation & you told us to Act as men boldly & not Submit nor behave Meanly in which we have Observed your directions. The Esquicanticook Indians were astonished at the Wisdom of those who — Contrived that good design & promise to be here the next Moon to forward the same whereupon they sent to this — String of Wampum as a token of the same.

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Present
Edward Holland
Dirk Ten Broeck
Myndert Schuyler
Hen. Brouersbeck
Philip Bleecker
Joh. Lansingh

At a meet. of the Com. of Indian affairs at Albany 24th May 1740

Appeared at this board Severall Sachems of the Schaahkook Indians who by Matquat their Speaker Says as follows —

Fathers We Come not to tell you News but only what happend to us Last Winter part whereof I related yesterday, Fathers we do a great Deal of Mischief at Schaahkook when we are drunk wherefore we desire you would prevent any drink being sold us that if we have Occasion for any Rum we can Come to Town for it & Then we shall be Sober before we get home that Trouble our Neighbours. —

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You have told us that if any mischief happen to us at Schaalkook that we should not Revenge it but Come & Complain here & that then you would tell what should be done.

The Commissioners Answered

Children

What you did last winter to appease ye Wrath of those Indians Cone here we shall make them Well Cond.

We are Sorry to find that you behave so troublesome to your neighbours as you & Schoes Confess. We will indeavour to prevent Disputes being Sold at Schaalkook by petitioning the Assembly to make Act that none shall be sold to you without Kings City.

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The Mayor has orders to the Person that Sells Drinks & will prevent him to sell any more & then you will be without Excuse.

At a meet.g of the Com.rs of Indian affairs at Albany ye 9th June 1740

Present
Peter Winne
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Meeker
Steph. Groesbeck
John Schuyler Junr.
Roger Gerritse

Lowrence Claesen being returnd from his journey to Onondage brings the following report to this board.

Gentlemen

According to your Instructions I have been to the Mohawks Oneydes Tuskarores and Onondages & Acquainted the Sachims of those Nations with ye purport of the Gov.r Letter of ye 2d May they answerd that they were well pleased that the Gov.r would meet them this Sum.r but that they were a Fear that he would Stay so long that they would not be able to get the Cattle off from the Woods to make Canoes for that they were now grown old & not able to walk so far.

To that part of the Gov.r Letter relating to the treaty of peace between them & the southern Indians they Answer that they are also Well pleased — they do but send good Conditions to treat upon But that they had much rather that those Indians would Come themselfs.

The Interpreter also sent an express to the Cayouges to acq.t them w.th the same errand & to the people posted in the Sinnekes Country by the Government

The foll.g Lett.r was wrote to y.e Governour

May it please your Hon.r

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According to y.r Hon.rs order in your Lett.r to us of ye 2d May we sent up the Interpreter who has acquainted the Indians with ye purport of the same & brings ye Inclosed Answers to us, having nothing further to add —

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Present
Ed. Holland
Myn. Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Ni. Bleecker
John Schuyler Junr
Joh.s Lansingh
Hend.k Van Dyk

Att a Meeting of the Comiss.rs of Indian affairs att Albany — y.e 23 July 1740.

This board gave some Cachnawage Sachems to Bewail the death — of Casagichte one of their Sachems who was Drowned last Spring — above Saraghtoga

1 Blanket black Strouds
1 p.r black Stock.gs D.o
1 Kegum & Shirt
ab.t 6 p.r coath Linnens

II 187 Orderd that Ni. Bleecker give the Strouds and Shirts, Dirk Ten Broeck the Kegum & John Schuyler the Linnen.

Present
The Hon.ble George Clarke Esq.r Lieut. Gov.r &c.
Philip Livingston
Philip Cortland
Daniel Horsmonden
} Esq.rs of the Councill

Proposition made by the Hon.ble George Clarke Esq.r Lieut. Gov.r and Command.r in Chief of the Province of New York &c. To the Six Nations of Indians viz.t the Mohawks Oneydes, Onondages, Cayouges — Sinnekes and Duskaroras att Albany y.e 16.th Day of August 1740.

Brethren

I intended to have mett you Last year but the small pox a distemper that has ever proved fatall to you, being then very Rife in New York I was fearfull that the Infection might be Conveyed to you by some One or other Curiosity generally Leading many People from thence hither att the time of our meeting. In Tendernes therefore to you I putt

II 188 off our Interview to this time. And it is with much pleasure I now see you, that we may brighten and Strengthen the Covenant Chain, that has so long tyed us in mutual Friendship and Brotherly affection, which I hope will Continue Inviolable to the End of the World, notwithstanding the Arts and Intrigues of our Old Enemies, who have no means — unessayed to divide us, and take all Occasions to weaken and at Length to root Out your name and Nations. This the Lib'ell among you Know full well But the ungovernable passions of Youth often render their Cooler & better Councills fruitless, Of this the frequent and Almost constant practice of their joining the French parties who go — out to Destroy the distant nations of Indians with whom you have no pretence of Enmity is a flagrant

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Instance nor have we any just Cause to quar-
-rell with them, for it is Chiefly to Enlarge their
Dominions, to Bring honest and Innocent nations
under their power and Tyranny & to make them
Subservient to their unjust Views, that they make
war against them. A Conduct very Different
from Ours who treat all those Nations of Indians
who are under the Protection of the Great King
your Father with benevolence Kindness and —
humanity Studying to protect them in their —
freedom and wishing you all to Increase in Num-
ber as the Stars of Heaven, nor do we Seek Occasi-
-ons to extirpate Nations with whom we have —
made no alliance, No. On the Contrary we invite
them to unite with us, we receive them with open
Arms, and use them with kindness and humanity
Suffering them to Enjoy that Inestimable Bles-
-sing their Liberty without Disturbance. In
this Difference of our Conduct & that of the French
may be Seen the difference between freedom and
Slavery between Englishmen & Frenchmen &
you are too discerning, not to see which of them is
the most Eligible, & whose friendship is most —
preferable! You are when you are United
like a Strong rope made up of many Small —
threads, which when Twisted together resists the
Greatest force, but by Seperating the threads it is
Easily Broken, the Method your Enemies make use
of to Break you is this, They know tis in Vain to
Assail you when Twisted together, they therefore
Endeavour to Divide you & then break some of the

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Threads by leading your youth on Expeditions
that they know will prove fatal to them, whereby the
Roap will be so weakned by degrees that it will at
length yield to a small force. T is high time there-
-fore to apply your Selves heartily to make your
youth Sensible of the Snake in the grass, that they
may avoid their secret Enemy, and to Inspire them —
with True notions of Liberty, Virtue and Honour, —
Are they Lovers of Liberty? Let them not endeavour
to deprive others of theirs, But Teach them this golden
Rule of Doing to others only what they would that others
should do unto them, Is Virtue Amiable in your
Eyes? Teach them how Detestable the Vices are of
Butchering their Fellow Creatures and Laying waste
whole Countries who have given them no provocation
Is Cowardice a Vice they hold in Contempt or a Coward
a wretch they Despise? Tell them it is base and Cow —
-ardly to kill helpless and defenceless women and —
Children, and that the Scalps which they bring home
of Such, instead of being trophies of their Valour —
will be monuments of their barbarity, Cruelty and
Cowardice. Do they Delight in the use of Arms?
The Savage beasts will find them employ, try their —
Courage and inure them to Dangers. Have they
filial piety and Brotherly Affections? Let them —
reserve themselves to defend their Kindred and —
everything that is dear to them from the attempts of
their Enemies, if at any time they should be invaded.
That will be a war wherein you may reasonably hope
for Success on your Arms; for my part, it is my kind
concern for you that makes me Speak Thus to you,
I have your peace & happiness Very much at —

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Heart, and very zealously wish yr prosperity; I would have all the Nations of Indians under the Kings protection, how near or how distant soever they Live to us from us, united in one Common Covent Chain of Friendship and Alliance. Such an Union would Secure you all from the Open Attempts or Secret Snares of your Enemies, be they who they Will, and if there be any other nations who have not yett put themselves under his Maj.ty protection, That you are willing to Cultivate a good understanding, and who may be worthy of your Alliance invite them to it, make them your fast friends by that and all other Acts of Friendship and humanity. That your United body may Still be Stronger, and your Enemies have more Cause to dread you, if they Should unjustly attempt anything against you; of whose Secret practices too you Ought Always to be watchfull. You have been long acquainted with their arts, what in the end think you they Propose to themselves in Attempting to seduce you. Is it Trade: No, they have a more beneficial one with other Nations, nor have they goods Always to Supply you or them with, I will tell you what it is, you Eye too near them you are able to annoy them when they give you just Provocation, or to restrain them from their wonted Cruelty to Nations lying beyond you or in Alliance to you; And now knowing their Views, you Ought carefully to guard against their Arts and Intrigues and trusting to your own Virtue, and extensive Alliance and the great King your Fathers protection, you May Live in peace and enjoy the fruits of your Labours with the utmost Satisfaction and Security. If you Neglect my Advice you will Sooner or Later have

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Cause to repent it, Think Seriously of it, and Let your memory witness for me that I gave you timely warning of your fate; But I hope better things from you, and in that hope, I now renew Brighten and Strengthen the covenant Chain Assureing you that we will on our parts be carefull to keep it from rust, and Preserve it Inviolable to the end of the World and I expect the same from you.

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Gave a Belt of Wampum

Brethren

I am Informed that Some of the Onondage Sachems went to Canada to Speak with the Gov.r of that place, after you had all been Acquainted with my resolution to meet you here this Sum.r and not Long before the Interpreter went to you to Summon you hither which I cannot but resent. But after what I have Already said I hope none of you will be any more misled by a People whom you have too much Cause to suspect of Secret designs against you

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Gave a String of Wampum

Brethren

I am very glad that the design which Some of you had to Stop the road to Oswego is laid aside and the Wiser Resolution taken of keeping it Open, your own Interest is highly Concerned in having a place of Trade in the middle of yr Nations, and I am perswaded you feel the good Effects of it more & more; Suffer not therefore any more Interruption to be given to the traders, but Incourage them to frequent that Market by all the Good offices ~~and~~ Assistance you can give them, you Are Sensible

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That I take all possible care that you should be well used in your dealings, nor is that all. The Benefitt you receive by having a Smith in the remotest of your Nations, enables you to make your Hunting turn to a better acc.t than otherwise it would, for your Guns are now kept in good repair without the loss of time in travelling far from home to have them mended when they want it.

Gave a String Wampum

Brethren I highly commend your wisdom in not suffering the French to gett footing at Tieronderoga, you are too well acquainted with them not to know, that, if by your permission they had built but a small fishing hutt there, they would soon without your leave have built a fort, and then what had become of your Liberty, you must have held that and your Country to all their pleasure, have been compelled to sell your Beaver and to take their goods at what rate they would sett upon them — whereby you would in a short time be reduced to a most deplorable condition, and if you do not speedily fall upon some measures to prevent it, they may by treachery gain their ends, and fix themselves there before you are aware of it.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

Brethren Upon complaint made to the great King your Father by the Gov.r of Virginia that some of your young men had murdered some of his maj.ts Subjects in that Province I rec.d his maj.ts commands to conclude a gen.l peace between you and all the Nations of Indians under his maj.ts Protection, of which I directed the

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Commissioners of Indians affairs to acq.t you, which they did, & you expressed your inclination to come into it, and that you might be the better prepared to do it now, I sent you notice that that was partly the business of this Interview. All the Nations — to the Southward and westward of you, that are under the Kings Protection, would have sent their Deputies hither at this time, were it not that we are now actually engaged in a war with Spain. However they have desired me to negotiate the peace on their part, assuring me they will ratify it fully and absolutely and I do solemnly engage for the performance of it.

The great King your Father looks — upon you and all the Nations of Indians under his protection as his Children and it is his desire that you should all live in the strictest friendship and Brotherly affection with each other and that you may be inseperably united. It is his pleasure that all the Nations lying to the Westward and Southward of you Down as far as the great River Misisippi be admitted into the Covenant Chain so that from hence forth all animosities and all causes of dislike, Complaint and — Enmity may cease & be buried in eternall oblivion and being as one family you will be carefull of each other's safety, not countenancing nor concealing any attempts that you shall know to be formed against any of you, by any of your or our Enemies, but that you give immediate notice thereof to the Nation against whom such a design is formed. This I faithfully promise on the part of all the Nations of Indians

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To the Southward & Westward of you, Shall be per-
-formed by them to you, & I expect you make the like
Solemn promise to me on your part.

Gives a Belt

The peace about which I now treat with you is not
Entered upon by me or the Nations I have mentio-
-ned of our own heads, it is what the Great King your
Father has Commanded & recommended to you all and
Surely his Commands that Carry with them a this
Both a generall and paternall Care & Concern for the
peace & happinesse of all his Children & Subjects
Cannot but be obeyed with Chearfulness & observed
with Constancy: His Majesty therefore ~~expects~~ it,
And I do admitt all the Nations of Indians under
his Maj.ty Protection lying to the Southward &
Westward of us Even as far as the great River Mis-
-sissippi into the Covenant Chain with us, As fully
& Absolutely to all Intents and Purposes, As if they
had been Originally & Constantly comprehended in
it So that Henceforward they are to be Considered
As our Brethren in all Respects as Amply as if
they had been born & bred in your Own Castles &
Houses & descended from y.e Same Ancestors. To
Confirm what I have said I give this Belt of
Wampum to be kept by you for Ever

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Present
The Hon.ble George Clarke Esq.r
Philip Livingston
Philip Cortland
Daniel Horsmanden } Esq.rs Coun.rs
The Com.rs of Indian Affairs

Answer Made by the Six Nations of Indians to his Hon.r the Lieut.t Govern.r in Alb.y this 19.th day of Aug.st 1740.

Brother Corlaer

You the other day Spoke to Us & We have very well understood the purport of your Proposition, We do not intend to repeat it Word for Word but only Answer the principal heads

Brother Corlaer & Queder You told us the Reason you did not Come up before We. That the Small pox was at New york, that you was fearfull that Distemper Would spread. That therefore it was out of Tenderness to us that you did not Come.

You told us Also that you was very glad to see us here. We are Also glad of the Opportunity to see you. our Brother, here

Bro. Corlaer you Also told us that the reason of your Comeing was to renew that Ancient Covenant Silver Chain which has so long united our forefathers & to brighten & Strengthen the Same.

You Also told us That the Covenant Chain was so Strong & bright that no Enemy can ever break the Same While the World Endures.

Bro. Corlaer We the Six Nations do Also as well as you renew that Ancient Covenant Chain which has so long Subsisted between our forefathers & make the Same bright & Clear & Strong ~~for the Same~~

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And promise on our part that it shall endure to the end of the world. No one that has ever entered into covenant with us has ever had reason to complain of us that we have been covenant breakers

gave a belt

Brother Corlaer — You also told us that you had acquainted the Comrs & they us, that you intended shortly to meet us the Six Nations here & that we should all stay at home & not go to Canada we confess it was told us. You said likewise that you resented very much that some of the Onondage sachems are gone to Canada, but we hope you will excuse them & not take it very much amiss, they are not gone there to do us any hurt but for the advantage of us all.

gave a string of wampum

Bro. Corlaer — You also thanked us for our wise management in keeping open & clear up the road to Oswego, & told us that the Trading House there stands in the midst of our Nations. That it is a vast advantage to the Six Nations, because we can get there what we want or desire. But we think, Brother, that your people who trade here have the most advantage by it & that it is as good for them as a silver mine.

Brother — You also said that if at any time we should see any of your people going to Oswego, that we should assist them. We thank you for your request, we like it very well. At the carrying place they are almost always in want of assistance & we promise that we shall help them there in carrying their smaller things but the large casks & bales they may have them drawn over

Brother — We desire that powder & lead may be sold cheaper at Oswego than it is at present, which will be a meane to draw the far nations thither

Brother — We hope that none of the traders at Oswego may give any reason or be the occasion of any quarrel or disturbance between us —

We desire also that B. Corlaer will take care that we may be better paid for building houses at Oswego

gave a string wampum

His Honr. answered them

Brethren — It seems you do not rightly apprehend what I mean or intend when I recommend to you to assist your Brethren, the traders when they are going to Oswego to trade, it is not that you should carry any of their smaller things on the carrying place unless they do desire it from you, for that would be a meane to discourage the traders to Oswego, where-fore you ought to leave them at their liberty & not stop the road nor interrupt the trade which is certainly a great advantage to you as well as the far nations

As to what you desire to have powder & lead sold cheaper at Oswego then it is at present, the market varies according as goods are in demand in Europe. You have found by experience that the more skins are brought to Oswego the cheaper you have goods, every man in trade makes the best bargeins for himself he can. So that I cannot give directions how the traders shall sell their goods but only to recommend to them to use you well, to encourage the trade in

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Generell and to give no Occasion of any Quarrel or Disturbance Between you.

Then the Indians

Brother You Also told us, that we had Acted very wisely in not Suffering the French to Settle at Tierondequat; & That if they had only Liberty to Build a Fishing hutt there, they would Soon Build a Strong Fort.

We Perceive that you & the French both intend to Settle Tierondequat, but we are fully resolved that neither you nor they Shall Settle there, there is a jealousy Between you & the Gov.r of Canada ab.t that place, if Either the One or the Other Should settle there we think it would breed mischief Such near Neighbours seldom can agree. We think the Trading House at Oswego & that at Niagara are near enough to Each other, for Trading houses too Near generally Quarrel about the Trade.

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Gave a Belt.

Bro. You Also told us, That you Compare us to a roap which being twisted together is difficult to be broken, but when untwisted & Divided into threads then it is Easily broken.

We think not that we divide this roap of which you Speak, but on the Contrary Strengthen the same, by makeing Friendship and Alliance with many Nations which has always been Commanded us by all the Gov.rs of New York, All the Indians that were formerly our Enemies are now entered into the Covent. with us, almost as far as the River Mississippi.

Brother You also told us, That you speak in the name of the King of great Brittain our Father, That it is his will that all the Nations of Indians Under his Protection Should be as one body.

As our Father the great King has Commanded us that we Should be as one flesh & blood with the Indians to the Southward & Westward as far as the River Mississippi, So we accept of them as Brethren that we may be United as one body one heart & one flesh according to the Kings Commandment.

But then we desire that some of the Sachems of those Southern nations do Come here which will much Strengthen & Confirm this treaty, we will give them two years time to Come & in the mean time keep at home all our fighting men.

II 194 In former times we were but five Nations but now so many are Entered into the Covent. Chain with us — Come to the ~~South~~ West.d & North.d that they are almost Innumerable whom we must all accept with this Treaty to keep them at home from going a fighting ag.t the Southern Indians who are the Only Nations that are not Entered into the Covenant with us.

B.ro. The Last belt you gave us to Link us & the Southern nations together we accept of. & it Shall be kept at Onondage, We promise that when those Southern Indians Come here we will give them a belt. to Answer this.

While we are So obedient & Submissive to you we Desire that you will not refuse us this our request, That you would Order your Subjects to Sell us goods Cheaper than they are now Commonly Sold.

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The Gov.r Answered them

Brethren

If you were in Earnest ab.t the peace of which we now treat, you would not Insist upon those Nations sending a number of their Sachims here no more than you did those to the West.ro & Mathis whose Treaties were made without the Special Command of the King your father, but in this Case the King himself Intercedes & it is his will as a Common father that you should Live as Brethren together. It is impossible that all the Nations to the Southward should meet you here or any where they have made choice of me & stand in their Stead & as I told you before I do engage my Self that they shall perform what I have promised in their behalf.

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Before I deliver you the present which I told some of you I had from the Gov.r of Virginia for you in Case you firmly & solemnly accepted all the Nations of Indians Living to the South.ro & Westward as far as the River Mississippi who are under his Ma.ty Obedience & Subjection, into the Covenant Chain I Expect that you will receive them & Conclude a peace with me in their behalf & Return me a Token to send to the Gov.r of Virginia as an Everlasting Testimony that you have Concluded such a peace with them.

They answer

Brother

You just now told us that you was fully impowered by the Indians to S.th & West.ro as far as Mississippi & that you can transact this again as fully as if they were present & that you Engage for their performance of this treaty. On which Consideration we

Do accept agree to the Terms required by you & receive all the Indians to the South.ro & West.ro of us as far as the River Mississippi into the Covenant Chain with us & shall ever look upon them as our Brethren & as our own flesh as if they had actually been born & bred amongst us, and as we have never yet been guilty of violating Treaties so you may depend that we will keep this Inviolable to the End of the World. In Testimony of what we have now said we give you this belt to sent to the Gov.r of Virginia as an Everlasting token of this peace

Then the presents were given them

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Present
The Hon.ble George Clarke Esq.
Philip Livingston Esq.rs of
Philip Cortland } the Council
Dan.l Fosmanden
& Severall other gentlemen

Speech made by the Hon.ble George Clarke Esq.r Lieut. Gov.r & Commander in Chief of the Province of New York &c. To the Schaachkook Indians in Albany the 20th Aug.st 1746.

Children

I sent for you to give you a fresh Testimony of the Tenderness & Fatherly Affection of the Great King of Great Brittain my Master, Our Common father & Soveraign and to acknowledge in this Publick manner the just Sence I have of your Dutifull behaviour to him, & the affection you have for your Brethren his Maj.s Subjects in these Parts, except some few of you who I am informed very much disturb the peace and quiet of your neighbours at Schaachkook. I command you as a father commands his Children that you will not any more disturb your Neibours ~~at Schaachkook~~ who never molest you, but live in friendship with them & the rest of your Brethren his Maj.s Subjects, in those Parts. I now renew the antient Covenant Chain that it may be stronger & brighter than ever, & that you stay & do not remove from that old habitation to other remote places, but to keep your abode under the branches & Leaves of the great Tree planted for you & persuade all those who may have removed out of that Shade to return thither again, I will take care that they shall have Land to plant on

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Children I will do all in my Power to get a minister to live among you which you so much desire, & it would certainly be a means to gather

your Scattered Branches together again & to make the Tree grow & flourish which I shall always endeavour.

I will send you a Present to your Own Country that you may not spend it here in Town as you used to do before you went home.

Answer of the Schaachkooke & Chiver Indians

Father We are glad to see you in health & that our Grandfather the King wellcomes us here.

We are glad that you reproved us for the mischief we do. It is allowing to the strong Drink which is carryd amongst us.

It would be a good thing that it was forbid to carry any Rum amongst us. if we were obliged to come here for it we should not have it so often as now when we are hunting rum is brought to us which keeps us poor. We earnestly desire that such practices may be forbid

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Father your Children are rejoyced that you renew the Covenant Chain & wish that the tree planted for them may grow & flourish

You just now wrapped a bell of Wampum all the Chain that it might not rust your Children now do the same. gave a Belt.

Father We are rejoyced that you will do your endeavour to get a minister for us, when we are gathered together so as to be a sufficient number to have a minister then we will let our Father know it.

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Fathers. Here is a Present which we desire you to accept as a Token of our joy that we see you here.

His Hon.r Told them

Children I will do all in my to hinder people from carrying Rum among you. but at the same time you ought to reform your morals & refrain from drinking as much as in your power & not be so besotted as to sell the very Cloaths from off your backs for Rum —

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Present

Ch. Livingston
Ed. Collins
Jer. Van Rensselaer
Ch. Schuyler
John Schuyler Junr.
Henr. Teniyck
Rut. Bleecker
Dirk Ten Broeck
Abraham Cuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Joh.s Lansingh Junr.
Ste. Groesbeck
Myn. Schuyler

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At a Meeting of the Comrs. of Indian affairs at Alby. the 21. August 1740

Certain Sachims of the Six Nations Appeard at this Board & said viz.

Brother Corlaer

At our Request you have met here, We desire that those here present may take notice of what we have to say.

Our Gov.r who is your head & Ours was Pleased to appoint three days ago, nine young Sachims by name Canaiaraeo, Canendagoona, Schanenrade, Tigaetderowanje, Schanandade, Ranoghiradegaetha, Tejohawerade, Atsiroene, Dehataghquesere, at which we have very well pleased, he also required that the afores. Sachims should be for the English Interest & the welfare of our own Nation, we say that the Gov.r has acted very wisely & Discreetly, because it may happen that the Sachims may be sent for to come here at an Inconvenient time, when the Old men

Cannot Come down, & the young Men Can so that that Inconvenience is taken away.

Then the new Sachims said,

We promise that we will agree & Concur in every thing that shall be for the English Interest. Upon which we Accepted them & received them into our number

Upon which they gave a Belt.

Then the Sachims Rescued a young man of the Onondages and desired that he might be made a Sachim in place of Canajoqaje the Late Sachim & that he might bear the same name, & all the same promised & engaged that he will be faithfull to the English Interest as the former Sachim of that name was. whereupon they gave a string of Wampum

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The Comrs. Answerd

That they approved of the afd. Canajoqaje & Accepted of him for a Sachim & Respected that he would walk in the steps of the man whose place & name he now bears.

Recd. that a Coat Shirt & Stockts be given him by Mr. Livingston

Then they returned Hearty thanks to the Comrs for Complying with their Request

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Present
Myn. Schuyler
Capt. Ramsay
Ni. Bleeker
John D. Peyster
Jo. Lansingh Junr.
Jo. Schuyler Junr.
Ea. Collins
Rut. Bleeker
Ste. Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler

Att a Meeting of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs att Albany this 3 Sept. 1740

Aorinagindiage a Cachinawage Sachim appeard at this Board & in the Name of his Castle & that of Schawenedey Says Mr

About two Mouths since some of our People were here, & were made very welcome by you at which We are very glad, You at the Same time Sent us a String of Wampum — Look.g upon us as the Chief Nation) to desire Us to use our Endeavor to perswade the Annagongos to lay by a Quarrel which you had heard was on foot between them & the people of New England. We accepted to do it. As soon as We recd that Message We sent to the Annagonges, who Answered us that they received it very kind & were obliged to the people of Albany for it — But that the difference between them & the New England People proceeded from this that the New England Men daily encroach upon them by Settling every year nearer & nearer to them upon Lands they have not yet purchased & actually belonging to them the Annagonges & Raced the Bounds agreed on, — They therefore desire the Commissioners of Indian Affairs to Write to the New England people Concerning this — Affair & desire them not any more to encroach upon them but to return & keep within their Own Bounds which if they do the Annagonges Engage & promise to keep the peace, as a Token of which they Sent a String of Wampum.

The Comrs. Thanked them for Sending y.r Message & Said they would Write our Govr. to desire him to — Acq.t the New England ~~people~~ Govr. with what the — Annagonges Say & when We Receive an Ans.r we will Sett you know.

Present
Philip Livingston Esq.
Myndert Schuyler
Ste. Groesbeck
Abra. Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse

Att a Meet.g of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs att Albany this 24th Sept. 1740.

Appeard Att this Board, Arent Stevens, Hendrick Wemp & Co who were Appointed by his Hon.r the Lieut. Governour to reside in the Sinnekes Country for the Ensuing year to whom were given the Follow.g Instructions

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Wherras You are Appointed by his Hon.r the Lieut. Govr. to go & reside in the Sinnekes Country for the year ensuing on the service of the governm.t to Commence from the Date hereof & to end this day Twelve mouths. —

You are During your Stay there to observe the motions of the French which now are or may happen to come among them, You are Also to Acquaint the Lieut. Govr. or Comand.r in Chief for the time being or the Comrs. of Indian Affairs att Albany from time to time with all such Intelligence w.ch you think relates or Concerns his Maj.ty or the diminish.g his Interest by the French among that Nation & All news of moment. —

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You are likewise to follow & observe such instructions & directions as you shall from time to time receive from the Lieut. Govr. or the Comdr. in Chief for the time being or the Comrs. of Indian affairs & diligently discharge the Trust reposed in you —

You Are likewise to the uttmost of your power to prevent the French from mak.g any Settlement any where amongst the Indians & to keep them from gett.g any foot.g at Sioondequat

You may likewise tell them that we are yet at peace w.th the French but how long it will continue we cant tell. The War with the Spanjards being yet in the same State —

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You Are to use your Endeav.s w.th the Sachims that as they have Concluded a peace with the Indians to the Southward they will by all means keep their Warriours att home & not suffer them to go a fighting —

You [illegible] in the Name of the Gov.r & the Comrs. of I[illegible]s Affairs, to Appoint the Indian commonly Called the Blankowilt a Sachim & Desire the Sachims to Accept of him in their Number & Give him y.e Presents the other Sachims have had on that Occasion

Order that the people that go up to the Sinnekes for the Governm.t have to the Value of Twenty five pounds in Goods to be Imployed in presents to the Indians for the Governm.t & that Dirk Ten Broeck furnish.s Goods order.d Iron & Steel as usual, above y.e Afores.d Sum.

At a Meeting of the Comrs. of Indian affairs at Albany the 15th October 1740.

Present
Philip Livingston
James Ramsay
Dirk Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
Nicolas Bleeker
Step. Groesbeck
Joh.s Lansingh
John Schuyler Junr.
Abraham Cuyler
Hendrick Hulsyck

Appeared att this Board Two Mohawks who say viz.t

Brethren

Our Governour when he was here lately told us that he was impowered by the Southern Indians to conclude a peace w.th the Six Nations & that what he promised in their behalf should be by them performed & at the same time bound himself for the performance thereof. He also said that he made the peace in the Kings name and that the Southern Indians were already warned to stay at home which they inclined to do. —

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Brethren We are of Opinion that you have betrayed us — It is impossible but you must have known of this Army that's on [illegible] us which was raising at the Very time of [illegible]ty. That makes us say you have [illegible] us

Brethren You very well kn[illegible] that the gov.r spoke to us in a threatning Man.r telling us that he would look upon us As Enemies if we did not enter into that Treaty wherefore we Consented to it & firmly intended to maintain the same Inviolable. Nevertheless Altho we cant but think you knew of this Treachery yet we Mohawk Sachems & Onondages promise that we will keep our word & not fight except in our own defence & we will expect them in our Castles. —

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199A By and express from Onondage we are Informed — That at Schanodawene are five hundred of those Indians, in whose Name the Gov.r Concluded a peace, Incamped where they say as it where to defy us to Meet them. And That they have att four Severall time taken Scalpes att a Castle belonging to us Called Oswego, from whence — they were pursued & some of them taken & Hurt According To their Deserts — Wherefore We think it Would be — proper that you Should joyn with us in a Message to the Upper Nations, Otherwise we fear they will Break their Promise made to the Governour & go in pursuit of those Treacherous Indians with whom we have so Lately Made an Alliance

Brethren, When the Gov.r was here It was Entered Down
II in a Book, That We sent a Belt to the Southern Indians
199B in Answer to theirs But We do not believe the Belt is Ever sent out of Albany or at farthest only to New York.

The Commissioners Answered

They are very much surprized that the Six Nations should Entertain such thoughts of the Gov.r or them as to Imagine them Guilty of Treachery or of the least of Rock Which such a Long friendship has Subsisted between their & Our Ancestors & that the English never Behaved Always Good Neighbours That Neither this Nor the Gov.r now they know Nothing of any Treachery as them or any Indians com.g this way to fight — & that if any of their People are killed we presume it has Been on the Confines of Virginia where perhaps the South.n Indians have Been to secure their own Country in which they are Certainly right. & that they Believe nothing of any Army of Southern Indians com.g this Way But think It all Wrong Information & of this you May Acquaint the Upper Nations. —

Present
Mynd.t Schuyler
Joh.s Lansing Jun.r
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
John Schuyler Jun.r
Nicolaas Bleecker
Capt Ramsay
John de Peyster
Peter Delinne
A. Cuyler
Henr.k Fonda

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian affairs att Albany the 5th Dec.r 1740

Jan B. Vandyck Jun.r Appeared att this Board who gave the following acc.t —
That in his journey from Oswego some days ago Coming through — Onondage a Sachim Called the — Bonte Wlett told him that Decanonde & some other Sachims had Lately in a Conference with the Gov.r of Canada given him their Leave to take Oswego & that the French did Design to take it this Winter or Early Next
II Spring & att the same time told him that this
200 Was Not only a Report but was absolutely true & desired him to acq.t the Comm.rs of Indians Affairs with this News. —

Whereupon this Board resolved to send up — the Interpreter with the Follow.g Instructions

Mr Lawrence Claessen

You Are Imediately to go to Onondage & there Call Together the Sachims & tell them that John B. Vandyck Jun.r has informed us that he was told att Onondage that Decanonde & some Other Sachims had Lately in a Conference with the Gov.r of Canada given him a

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Their Leave to Take Oswego & That the French accordingly did Design To take the Same this Winter or Early the next Spring & you are To Ask the Said Sachems of Okondage whether there be any Truth in this report & To animate the S.d Indians to Continue firm in Our Interest & to fullfill their Promises Lately made to Our Governour To Assist Oswego whenever it Shall be attacked by any Enemy & if Anything Should Be Done Agt. that place, that they Should Imediately inform us by a Message According to their Severall promises heretofore Made & you may lay before them What a bad Situation they would be in if Oswego Should be Taken by the French —

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You may also tell them, We have as Yet no War with ye French, But how soon it may happen we Cant Tell, that Upon Such it happens we will Certainly inform them thereof — If you Should find this Report To be True then you must endeavor to gett the Sachems of the Six Nations To send two Indians to Canada & in their name to Contradict what Decanonde & his Comp.y have Lately told the Governour & that they have no such Orders from them, & if he Should Send any of his people to molest Oswego that he must expect To meet with opposition from them

You Are to promise in Our Name that we will handsomely pay the Messengers that go To Canada, or you may agree with them. —

When you Come Down you are to Bring with you Two Mohawk Indians who you think are proper persons To send to Crown point — 201

The Belt ye was given Jeremiah Schuyler by the Sinnekes was Sent by Lawrence.

Order. That Lawrence Take with him a Blanket for the Bonte Wildt

1 doz: knives & ½ D.o Beads for him Self —

7 hands of Wampum to speak with by the way

All which Mr. Cor. Cuyler is desired To furnish —

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At a Meet.g of ye Coun.l of Indian Affairs at Albany ye 30th Dec.r 1740

Present
Ph Livingston
Rut. Bleeker
Dirck Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
Rf. Bleeker
Jo. Lansingh Secr.y
Peter Winne

The follow.g Lett.r was wrote to his Hon.r ye Lieut. Gov.r

May it please ye Hon.r

Inclosed are copies of Instructions we gave the Interpreter your Hon.r will thereby perceive the Occasion of his being sent up Also Copy of a Letter from the people Sent up by ye Hon.r to reside in the Sinnekes country & copy of a Lett.r we wrote to them for answer, Your Hon.r will perceive by the Tenor of all those Papers that the Indians in gen.l are very much disturb.d about the French taking Oswego, with Submission to your Hon.r we think that Garrison ought to be better Secured than at present it is, it certainly is of much more Consequency than is generally imagined, for if that Garrison should be taken by the French, the Six Nations would from our Friends turn to be our Enemies, which would not only be of bad consequence

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to this Colony in particular But to all his Maj.ty Colonies in generall. —

We are informed that the Fort at Saraghtoga is finished. We wish you a Happy new year & remain

The follow.g Lett.r was wrote to the People at the Sunekes Country.

Gentlemen Your lett.r of the 14th Inst. we have rec.d & understand thereby that a great numb.r of the Sunekes were gone a fight.g before y.r Arrival there & that many more were Ready to go, w.ch you say you have prevented, which is certainly y.r Duty to do as much as in y.r power — We look upon the News of the Army Near Fort Duquesne to be only a french Story raised on purpose to gett our to go to fight after the peace concluded here last Sum.r which you ought to represent to them in the Strongest Manner possible, tho.h we suppose they are allready perswa.ded that it was Only a false report. As to the report

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amongst you that the French design to take Oswego this Winter, We think they will not take it upon them to disturb that Garison while we are yet at peace with them & we cant yet tell whether we shall have war or not. That Matter is yet in the Same State that it was when you left us. however you may tell the Indians that the French are a false people & not to be Trusted —

You Ought to Let the far Indians know that they shall be Well Come at Oswego whether it be peace or War & that they shall be Rec.d by us there as friends, & you must not let any Opportunity Slip without writeing us what News you hear. —

Present
Abra. Cuyler
Mynd.t Schuyler
Nicolas Bleeker
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
John de peyster

At a meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian affairs the 6th day of January 1741

Lawrence Claese Being returned from the Sunekes Country Onondaga gave the follow.g Acc.t of his Message. —

On the 23.d December he Arrived at Onondage and imediately Called the Sachems together, and examined as strictly as possibly he could into the Conduct of the Indians according to his instructions and what Business the Two Sachems went upon to Canada, who unanimously declared that they went on no publick Business But only to Console the Death of Joan Cous the french Interpreter and a priest lately there deceased. It then told them that the Comm.rs at Albany were credibly informed That they the Sachems had Been transacting with the French to Cutt off

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Oswego House, Either this Winter or early in the Spring, & therefore earnestly intreated them to be Vigilant with them, & to tell the Truth whether it was so or not. And thereupon gave a belt of Wampum in the Name of the Government — To which they Answered That as they went to Canada they Met on the way Three Oneyde Indians who told them that they heard the Comman.ding officer that has Been att Niagara was to be Relieved & Another officer Sent in his Room with a double Reinforcement and that the officer who Came from Niagara was to go Cutt off Oswego. They told them further that the Garison at Carachque was Reinforced with double the Number of men they formerly had But as for their parte they knew Nothing of it — And thought that the News only Came about those three Indians, nor had they any Business att

Canada But to Condole the Death of the Interpreter & priest & therefore they Returned the Belt Be not thinking it Worth while to give any other answer. —

Mr. Abraham Cuyler was ordered to give an Oneyde Indian 1 Blanket. 1 Large stripe Blankt. 1 Shirt and a Sixpenny bag of Rum —

Att a Meetg. of the Comd. of Indian affaire att Albany the 14th. of Jany. 1741.

Present
Myndt. Schuyler
A. Cuyler
Peter Winne
Capt. Ramsay
John Schuyler Jun.
Dirk Ten Broeck
Reyn Gerritse
Rut. Bleeker
Mr. Bleeker
John Lansing Jun.
Hendk. Ten Eyck

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This Board agreed with Brant Young Sette and another Mohawk to go on some Business to Crown point for which they are to have three pounds each & some Dayes for ye. Journey — Ordered that Mr. Ten Broeck supply them with 28 lb. 12 d Bacon & ½ Mk: peases. —

Albany 18th. Feby. 1741

Att a meet g. of the Comd. of Indian affairs

Present
Phil Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Rutger Bleeker
Nicholas Bleeker
Peter Winne
John Lansing Junr.
Reyer Gerritse
Cornelis Cuyler

The following letter was wrote to his Hond. the Leut. Governour

May it please your Hond.

Your Hon.rs letter of the 21. Janry. we have received as to what your Hond. is pleased to write concerning Oswego, we are Convinced the french can take it, tho the State is now in, when they please with only one of their Vessells & a few p.s of Canon, we conceive your Hond. has mentioned the only remedie that can be applyed to save that garison that is a Reinforcement of Indians of the Six Nations & Regular fortifications & soon as may be we doubt not but the H. Hon.rs will recommend this affair to the Assembly & hope that Hon.ble Hons. will have such a True sence of the importance of that place to all the Provinces in Genl. that they will not be Backward to raise what is necessary for the Securing thereof without which it must certainly fall into the Hands of our Enemies — But if a Sudden war should Break out between the french we are Humbly of Opinion that all Remidies will come too Late.

We shall not be wanting to represent ye. Importance of that garison both to our Indians & those of the french whenever it is in our power so to do. —

We are Convinced that your Hond. has done your utmost Endeavrs. about the affairs of Iroquoisia We imagine ye. Report of the Virginia Indians — breakg. the peace is groundless & shall not be wanting to quiet our Indians upon that head. we have already wrote to the people in the Sinnekes Country about it. —

We have been Informed that the Sachems that went last fall from Canadage to Canada went there

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To conclude a Treaty of Neutrality Between the Six Nations and the French Indians, but how True this may be I dare not say, We have now will be wanting to do our utmost endeavour in that Affair & hope to Bring it to effect in due time.

We are so Generous Mon.s Opinion that an Allowance from the Assembly is too small for the Services to the Indians & hope they will at their next meeting augment the Same in Cases of Alliance for ready Money However we will Continue Faithful Bearers on our Experience at our next Meet.g

The Directors of the Fort at Saraghtoga inform us that only a small p.t of the Backs of Two of the Chimneys fell down which was occasioned by a Flood of High Water the like was never known there & that they have agreed to build it up as soon as the Weather will permitt & that one Man can mend it in 2 days Time.

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At a Meeting of the Com.d of Indian Affairs at Albany the 16th Febr.y 1746

Present
John Schuyler Jun.r
John De Peyster
Hend.k Teuneyck
Philip Livingston
Reyer Gerritse
Hend.k Schuyler
Nicolaes Bleecker
John Lansingh
Rut. Bleecker
Dirk Ten Broeck
Cornelis Cuyler

The following Acc.ts were Read Considered and Allowed

Phil Livingston	£ 26:03:2½
Rutger Bleecker	4:09:12
John De Peyster	4:8:9
John Schuyler Jun.r	6:11:6
Cornelius Cuyler	11:14:—
Pd for Mr J. Schuyler	1:10:—
Dirk Ten Broeck	29:16:6
Lawrence Claessen	20:09:—
Nicolaes Bleecker	5:5:9
John.s Bratt	—10:—
Arent Stevens	2:00:—
The Wid.w Antje Bleecker	1:4:—
Hend.k Teuneyck	1:15:—
	£116:04:10

The Rest of the Acc.ts were Referred to Be considered the next Meeting.

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Att a Meet.g of the Com.rs of Indian affairs att Albany this 21st February 1740/1

Present
Peter Winne
John Depeyster
Ed. Collins
John Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Nicolaes Coleker
Joh.s Lansingh Jun.r
Hend.k Fonda

Resolved By this board — that no more presents be given To the people that go to the Sinnekes Country at the Charge of the Com.rs Nor to the Commissary at Oswego. —

This day the following Accounts were — Allowed

	£	s.	d.
John A. Wendell		06.	—
Peter Winne		4.	—
Myndert Schuyler		3.	16. 6
Abret Van Blakell		1.	01. —
James Stoncusons		—	3 —
Anne Kitchiner		45.	3. 1
John Waters		2.	18. 6
Joh.s Seeger for 2 years Tuppence till the 14th June last		18.	—
2 journeys of d.o to Schenectady		—	12 —
	£	72.	04. 1
Jacob Lansingh		—	4. —
Abraham Cuyler		8.	16. —
	£	81.	04. 1

Present
Philip Livingston
John Schuyler Jun.r
Myn. Schuyler
John Depeyster
Nicol. Bleeker
Jer. V. Rensselaer
Reyer Gerritse
Dirck Ten Broeck
Peter Winne
John Lansingh
Cornelis Cuyler
Rut. Coleker
Hend.k T. Eyck
Ed. Collins
Sh. Schuyler
Arent Bratt

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian affairs att Albany the 4th Day of March 1740/1

Lawrence Clausen appeared at this Board With Severall Sachems of the Six Nations who say they are Weary of their journey & Desire to Speak with the Com.rs To morrow.

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian affairs y.e 5th of March 1741.

Present
Arent Bratt
Peter Winne
John Depeyster
John Schuyler Jun.r
Dirk Ten Broeck
Teph.s Groesbeck
Myndt. Schuyler
Reyer Gerritse
Joh.s Lansingh Jun.r
Rut. Coleker
Cuyler
Cornl. Schuyler
Nicol. Coleker
Phil. Livingston
Hend.k Ten Eyck
Ed. Collins

Appeared at this board Severall Sachems of the Six Nations viz.t Kalieskorowane, Decanoute, Esdras, Sotsenatoneque, Doroos who say they were deligated by the Six Nations to say as follows

Brothers forlaer Queder

It is good Will that we are safe arrived to meet you here which is y.e place to treat about publick affairs. The path we are now come was of old ordained By our fathers for a free Common Road —

We Now come here unexpected to you in good Health for which we thank God who is Our Master & Preserver this is Our Introduction To what we design to Tell you — —

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Brother Corlaer & Quedar. We Are now Mett here to smoak a Pipe with you & To Repeat Some of the principall Transactions happened Between our forefathers & if We Shall happen To mistake some point to We Begg to Be excused as we Can not Write we may Mistake some heads.

It seems as if Some Evil Spirits Busy to make divisions Between us, by spread. Lyes amongst you in Order that Way to make you mistrust Each other it seems as if too much Credit has been given to these false Reports —

You tell us you have heard That the Onondages & Sinnekes have given over the House at Swego to Our Enemies the French. All the Nations Are very much concerned that any Credit has been given by you to So Scandalous a Report. We are Convinced that if the Enemy Should Take that house & Kill the People there we Are then Also Dead and have nothing to expect but the same fate with you We being one Body Are off Member of which being hurt the Whole Must Certainly Suffer. —

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The first Europeans we Mett here Were the Dutch with whom we Entered into a Strict Alliance and Anchored the Ship they came in behind the Hill at Onondage & the Covent Chain Was then a Belt of Wampum —

Afterwards the English Came here with whom We also Entered into a strict Alliance and At their desire Changed the Belt of Wampum into a Silver Chain As being less liable to Corruption But now the Links Appear sometimes to Be some Rust on the Chain. which We will on Our parts Endeavour to prevent as much As in Our power —

Brother Corlaer & Quedar We have Already desired you to Excuse us If we have said any thing Unlike As Our forefathers have Agreed to do, Let us not on Either Side be too credulous to believe bad Reports of Each other But let us on both sides first privately enquire of the truth of the thing Said to the charge of either of us. If we then find any truth therein It is then Time enough to Endeavour publickly to prevent the Bad Designs We or you may have. —

We Speak separatively, & Call that were with we are now charged Rust on the Covent Chain. This Report has certainly been raised by our Enemies to Breed a Distrust Between us. Wherefore we Desire that you Will never more Entertain any such thoughts of us & Desire that this Affair may be Buried in Oblivion That our Children & grand Children may never more hear of Such a Scandalous Report — Whereupon we give this Belt

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We know that you have been very Angry and Uneasy About this affair. As a Token that we are Clear and quit Hereof We give this String of Wampum —

Broth. Corlaer & Quedar. We Now Come to the Covent. Chain which We will on Our parts Endeavour to keep ~~the~~ same Strong & bright & Noverdness with this belt of Wampum —

You have Always Desired us to bring into Our Covent as many of the Nations of Indians As we Could which We have Always endeavoured to do & have persuaded Severall Nations Who are Children to the Gov.t of Canada to Enter Into the Covenant with us —

A good trade and a good peace Always go hand in hand, since the Trading house At Swego has been built the goods have Continually rose dearer At first they Were Sold Reasonable but now they are Sold extravagant. You Always Tell us you have Wool Enough To make Strouds and Blankets and that the

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We Desire you to give us an Answer to what We have said —

The Comissioners Answered as follows —

We are glad to see you here and that you are come to come to convince us of your Innocence in the Affair that was Laid to your Charge That some of your Sachims had been at Canada & there given their Consent to the Governour of that place to take Oswego. We think we had good reason to Believe the report true, because some of your Sachims Contrary to their promises and Our Gov.r Orders went to Canada to Speak with that Governor without Regard of the Invitation Our Governour sent to them to Come here to meet him which We think Looked as if the Covent. Chain was Rusted Indeed, It will Always be Our Study to keep the Same Bright not only for our Own Sakes but for the Tranquillity we have for you. We have lately heard That the Gov.r of Canada has again sent an Invitation to the Sachims of those Nations to Come down there the next Spring and We think the Messenger that brought that message is one of those Sachims that were Last at Canada, we have also been Informed that the Onondage Sachims have desired a French Smith may reside among them, If you go to Canada or Accept of a French Smith at Onondage We shall then yet Suspect that what has been reported is not groundless. We are glad that you remember & have repeated the promises you have Always made to assist and defend the Trad of house at Oswego & That you are Sensible of what Advantage it is to you as well as to Us. We doubt not as Long as you Consider the Matter as you do now. But

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you Will defend the same to the utmost of your Power. We cant Tell how soon we may have Occasion for a few of Each Nation to reside there for the defence of that place. which we expect you Send us notice. —

Brethren We Shall not be too credulous to believe any bad reports of you, upon Slight grounds, but the behaviour of Some of your Sachims & their Intimacy with the Gov.r of Canada, Induces us the sooner to believe such bad reports as we should otherwise not give any Manner of Credit to
You Say It is Our Duty when we hear a bad report of Each Other, to give notice thereof that the accused party may have an Opportunity to Clear themselves which we have done. As soon as We heard this Report we sent up the Interpreter to acq.t you of it according to our promises. —

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Brethren As We keep nothing secret from you we desire you to give us a True Acct of what was Transacted at Last all between some of your Sachims and the Gov.r of Canada & the Caghnawage Indians and Are some of those Sachims is here present. We doubt not but you will tell us the Truth of that affair. —
We Are glad That you have Done your Endeav.r to bring into the Covent. Chain all the Children of the Gov.r of Canada as you Say you have & We Desire you to Continue therein for the more nations in Alliance with us the less We have to fear. —
As to What you Say Ab.t the price of goods at Oswego. You know Very Well that the prices rises and falls. which no body can procure, however We will Recommend it to the traders at Oswego to give the goods as Cheap as they Can —

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Present

John Schuyler Jun.
Peter Winne
Cheyer Gerritse
Dirck Van Brocklen
John Lansing Jun.
Nicolaas Bleecker
Ste. Groesbeck
Myndert Schuyler
Hendr. Lansingh
Cornelius Cuyler

Albany the 6th March 1741

Appeared att this board the same Sachims as yesterday who Say Viz.

Brother Corlaer & Quedar

We will Tell you in few Words what was the Reason of our going to Canada Last fall It was not to do Evil but good We went down there to treat with the Gov.r about a Neutrality in Case a War should happen between the Two Nations in Europe to which he seems to be Inclined as well as the Caghnawage Sachims

Bro. Corlaer & Quedar. The house att Oswego is built for the benefit of you & the Conveniency of us & the Sa. Nations & a great Quantity of Rum is sold there which often occasions

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drunken people who are always Well used by the Traders att Oswego. But there is One Jonge Swan who often abuses Weak Aged people almost to death when they are drunk We desire you of this that you may order him from thence for we really expect mischief will follow either by the death of him or some people which we would by all means prevent if we can. It is Insufferable to Bear his Cruel treatment any longer.

The Com.rs Answered them that ought not to treat with the Gov.r of Canada Nor any affairs without their knowledge & that they would write to the Honr. the Govr. & wait their Answer about Jonge Swan

Present

John de Peyster
Jer. V. Rensselaer
Rut. Bleecker
John Schuyler Jun.
Ri. Bleecker
Capt. Ramsay
Abraham Cuyler
John Van Eps Jun.
Cheyer Gerritse
Myndert Schuyler

Att a meet.g of the Com.rs of Indian affairs att Albany the 23. April 1741

Several Sachims & others of the river Indians appeared at this board & Say Viz.

We have always lived in friendship from the Beginning which Still Continues.

Your Children are Come here to Speak a few words to their fathers

We present you with this small matter which you will accept for good part knowing we hunt but little Because we care not to go far from you & hear all

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hand the Christian settlements have Spoiled Our Hunting.

Fathers

The New England people have offered us a Minister to Live with us att Canameek To teach us the Christian faith now We would Ask your advice whether we should accept of a minister from them or not

Fathers

We are Sorry that our Lands are every where taken in possession there is now again a Scotch man settled on our Lands a little above Canameek, But we will not driveling from thence till we speak to you to get our Right. when we clear our Lands Immediately the Christians come & settle thereon.

Here Sold.r Jeremiah Van Rensselaer produced a Deed Signed by the Indian owners in 1707 for all the Land from the murderers creek to the Southend of Beeren Island & thence twenty four miles into the Wood at which the pretended Jonge Kahout was Satisfied that he had no Right to the Lands at Canameek

The Indians Desired also to know if there was any extraordinary news

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The Comissioners Answered

Children — Our Forefathers have always lived in friendship and we design to live same with you But than we desire you will not trouble us about Land that your Forefathers have sold Coll.o Rensselaer father or any other person whatever.

Coll.o Rensselaer has so plainly proved that the land you claimed belonged to him that we do not doubt But if you consider of it honestly you must be convinced that you have no Right to the Land

Children — As to what you say about having a Minister from New England we take nothing against it It is a very good thing that you should learn & improve yourselves in the Christian Religion

As to news we can not yet tell any for Certain, only that we heard was yet with the Spaniards & that our King your father has a great Fleet in the West Indies who are Intended to take some Spanish place But we have not yet heard to what place they are bound

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We accept your present thankfully & in Return we shall order for you a Barrel Bread, a Hogshead Flour, Twenty loaves bread, a Hogshead & a Barrel

Present
Nicolaas Bleecker
Reger Gerretse
Abraham Cuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Hendrick Van Dyck
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer
Capt. Ramsay
John Schuyler Jun.
John Depeyster
Edward Collins
Rutger Bleecker

At a Meeting of the Comr.s of Indian Affairs At Albany the 5th May 1741. 209

Frent Stevens & Comy. being returned from the Sinnekes Country make the following report to this Board.

At our Arrivall in the Sinnekes Country after calling the Sachems together We Represented to them according to our Instructions how dangerous it is for them to suffer the French to get ground among them and used the best Arguments we were Master of to keep them firm in their obedience to his Majesty representing to them how they had formerly been deceived by the French who only want an opportunity to destroy them of which they could not be ignorant if they called to mind what had heretofore happened

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We further told them how treacherous they had been that notwithstanding our Govr. had made a peace with them in Behalf of the Southern Indians they now the 3d Want to murder them That the occasion thereof was only French Councils & Intreagues made use of to weaken & at Length destroy them. We further Represented to them how unnatural a thing it is for them to burn their prisoners a vile custom prevailing amongst them Whereupon the Sachems Answered

That they would not have any thing to do with the French & would do all in their power to find out any French intreagues among them & Discover them to us or to the Govern.r of New York.

That they would take care that their young men should not go out to fight any more & present Sachems actually if they could & that they would not suffer any prisoner to be Burnt among them for the future As a token of their sincerity they gave us a small Bundle Skins which we bring here before this Board.

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That Stevens and Company also Informed this board That the French use their utmost Endeavor to Settle a Smith at Onondaga, And that they did design to Settle at Tierondequat this next Summer. But that they represented to the Indians how their Ruin must certainly be the consequence of such a settlement and that the French designed to Enslave them thereby Whereupon they gave Assurances that they would not suffer any French man to live there. The said Company likewise Informs this Board that a great Number of Indians Design to come down for want of provisions which are very Scarce among them.

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At a Meeting of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs the 12th May 1741.

Present
Cornelius Schuyler
Abraham Ten Broeck
John Schuyler Junr.
Jacob Lansingh
Harmanus Van Deusen
Cornelius Cuyler
John Lansingh Junr.
Roger Gerritse
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirk Ten Broeck

The following Letter was wrote to this Honr. the Lieut. Govern.

May It please your Honr.

Your Honr. will perceive by the Inclosed Minutes that Arent Stevens & Company are returned from the Sinnekes Country to fetch provisions which they say is so far off there that it was not possible for them to subsist there any longer. They Informs us that a great Number of Indians design to come here for want of provisions which will certainly be a great Charge & hardship to the Inhabitants of this County which we thought our duty to Represent to your Honr. That some provisions may be supplyed by the publick for their maintainance which your Honr. is very sensible we are not able to do. If it be not done they will certainly kill a great number of Cattle which will fall very hard upon the farmers in this County.

Present
Henrd. Ten Eyck
Roger Gerritse
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirk Ten Broeck
Johs. Lansingh Junr.
Peter Winne
Mynd. Schuyler

At a Meetg. of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs at Albany ye. 18 June 1741

The Comrs. Wrote to Andries Brat, Nicolas Schuyler, John Cuyler and Arent Stevens and Company desiring them to let the Indians know that Each Nation might send Down for Indian Corn viz.

The Sinnekes 100 Skiple
Cayugas 50
Onondagas 50
Oneydes . . . 50

A Letter was Also wrote to the Comrs. at Schenectady not to dispose of the Indian Corn Belong. to the Government till further order.

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At a Meetg. of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs at Albany the 1. July 1741

Present
Mynd. Schuyler
John Lansingh Junr.
Peter Winne
Jacob Ransselaer
Cornelius Cuyler
Henrd. Ten Eyck
Nicolas Bleecker
Dirk Ten Broeck

This board has been Informed that several of the Sachems of the Six Nations design shortly to go to Canada with out the priority or consent of the Commissioners. To prevent which this board thinks necessary that the Interpreter should go to Onondaga, with the following Instructions.

Whereas we are Informed That several Sachems of the six nations have Lately had a meeting at Onondaga without our knowledge and That they have resolved to go to Canada which is against the mutual promises which have from time to time been made Between us and them and especially Last March & therefore order you to go from hence to the Mohawks and so on to Onondaga to Enquire what has been concluded in that meetg. at Onondaga and if you find that they design to go to Canada you are to Enquire what Business they are going to Effect there And Tell them That it is Absolutely Contrary to their promises

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so often made to us That they should come to such a resolution without our knowledge and that we are amazed that they did not acquaint us with their design.

If you find their Business is any Way prejudicial to this Govern.t you are to Desire them in Our Name not to go to Canada till they have Occasion here to speak with the Gov.r If their Errand does not tend to the prejudice of this province or other his Maj.ty Dominions, you are to desire them in Our Name (If the French Gov.r should make mention of Oswego to them) To tell the Gov.r of Canada That how soon he disturbs Oswego they will Look upon himself as their Enemy. That they are resolved to do and that place to the utmost of their Power.

You are also to tell the Sachems of the Nations above mentioned that we are informed that some of their young men design to go a fighting that we are sorry to hear that they have so little regard to their promises and the solemn treaty made here last Summer with Our Governor in behalf of the Southern Indians and desire them in Our Name not to go a fighting any more but to stay near home. Tell them also we can't tell how soon we may have Occasion for them we are yet in peace with the French. But by the situation of affairs it may soon be a war. upon which you are to give this belt of Wampum.

Tell the Sachems that if they have Occasion for Indian Corn they may send down Each 30 ft. which they may distribute among their people that want as they think fit and that they send word to the Sachems & Younger that there is Indian Corn for them also.

The Com.rs ordered that the Interpreter take with the belt given by the Oneydes to the Interpreter y. 31. March 1740 and a Belt from the Sachems of the Five Nations to the Com.rs 5th March 1740/1

Ordered that Mr. Cuyler supply the Interpreter with 1 lb Cead 18 pence 1 lb Tobacco

Present
Capt. Ramsay
Cornelis Cuyler
Peter Schuyler
Dirk T. Broeck
Gerard Schuyler
Abram Ten Eyck
Capt. Bleecker
Capt. Groesbeck
Nicolaas Bleecker

At a Meet.g of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany y. 21.st July 1741

Appeared at this Board Two Indians from Caghnawage who Informed that the Sachems of their Castle Desired to come to Albany to Treat with the Com.rs of Indian Affairs about some affairs of Consequence

The following Letter was wrote to his Hon.r Lieut. Governor

May it please your Honour

We think it our Duty to Inform your Honour that this day Two Caghnawago Indians came from Canada who Informed us that the Sachems of Caghnawago are fully resolved to come to Albany to Treat with us at the Desire of your Hon.r Has so often been employed to Recommend to us We so earnestly desire. We doubt not but we shall be able to bring this affair to a happy Issue which is certainly the best thing can be done for this province and this County in particular in case of a war with the French. If your Hon.r in the mean time has any further orders for us in this affair we shall do Our utmost Endeavour to execute the Same

We Remain

At a Meet.g of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs at Alb.y y. 28 July 1741

Present
Pieter Gerritse
Nicolaas Bleecker
Capt. Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
John Lansing Jun.r

A Letter was wrote to Mess.rs Arent Bratt and Jacob Glen desiring them to deliver the Indian Corn to the Mohawks.

At a Meet.g of the Com.rs y. 24 July 1741

Present
Philip Livingston
Rutger Bleecker
Nynt.s Schuyler
Peter Winne
Capt. Ramsay
Dirk Ten Broeck
John de Peyster

This day nothing was ordered to be Entered

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Present
Capt Ramsay
Abr. Cuyler
Cor. Cuyler
Reyer Gerritse
Myndt Schuyler
Nicholas Groesbeck
John Lansingh
Rutger Bleeker
Johnnes Peyster
Nicolaas Bleecker

Att a Meet.g of the Commissioners of Indian affairs Mo.y 30. July 1741

Recd a Lett.r from the people sent by the Govern.r to Provide in the Sinnekes Country Wrote a Lett.r to the Com.rs at Schenectady viz Mr Glen & Mr Brett

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Present
Cornelius Cuyler
Abram Lansing
Rutg. Bleecker
John Lansing
Hq. Groesbeck
Johnnes Peyster
Capt Ramsay
Myndt Schuyler
Nicol.s Bleecker
Hendr. Tenbroeck

Att a Meet.g of the Com.rs of Indians affairs Wed.y 3. August 1741.

This board agreed with John Lansingh and Anthony Bleecker to carry up to the Sinnekes Country 40 Sh: Indian coni and a Bar: Pork for which they are to pay £11: — and find their selves provisions.

This board do allow £ 20: To Philip Cayley for hire of a Bateau and ordered Lansing & Bleecker to hire a bateau on Acc.t of the Com.rs

The follow.g Instructions were given to John Lansingh Anthony Bleecker and Philip Cayley

You are to go to the Sinnekes Country with the Indian Coni and a Bar: Pork which is provided for those Indians by the publick and have delivered the same to the Sachems of the Nations and Tell them the Gov.r and Com.rs have Put of on a sign to them for you to give the said Provisions Hoping by their moderation and Prudence that they Will be not able to come down to solicit Home selves.

You are to give them 7 Hands of Wampum in Our Name which we give you herewith for that purpose.

Present
Phil. Schuyler
Hend.k J. Boyck
Myndt Schuyler
Reyer Gerritse
Nicolaas Bleecker
Steph.n Groesbeck
Rutg. Bleecker
Abr. Cuyler
Lotrel Times
Dirk Ten Broeck
Edward Collins

Att a Meet.g of the Com.rs of Indian affairs at Albany Wed.y 10 Aug.st 1741

Appeared at this board several Sachems from Onondago and Cayouge.s Viz Tay Wis.h Brother Corlaer & Sadder

You desired us last Winter that we should in case of a War a Sign & defend the houses at Oswego We have had a general Consultation about that matter with all the five nations as it belongs to them All to Enter into such engagements and not for us alone we now come to Inform you of the result of that Consultation which is as follows

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That We will joyntly with you Always defend that place to the uttmost of our power

Brethren Several sachems of the five Nations are Now gone to Canada to tell the Gov.r of that place that they are Resolved to be mediators between them and you, they will acquaint them not to molest the English in the possession of Oswego that they are Inclined that every one should keep what they have, the Jesuits Niagara and you Oswego and further that they are Inclined for a free and open Trade between all in the Lake

It is well known that we are in great want of provisions We are glad that Cage has been upon us. We should be glad if our Brethren gave us some pond.s of Lead

They gave a Belt

This Board Resolved to send for the Interpreter that what the above sachems have said may be translated more exactly

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Present
Capt. Ramsay
Peyer Gerritse
Johnes Lansing
Abr. Cuyler
Hut. Schuyler
Peter Winne
John Cooper
Dirk Van Brock
Rut. Bleeker
Nicolas Bleeker
Myndt Schuyler

Alb.y the 12th Aug.st 1741 At the Commiss.rs

Appeared at this Board the same Sachems as on the 10th Instant & Lawrence Claes the Interpreter

The Sachems Addressed this Board in the foll.g manner

Brethren We were here last Winter to meet you Concerning some affairs with which we were then Blamed which if it had been true would certainly have been Detrimentall to this Government & to us in particular & would at last have lost us our Lives. After we had cleared our selves of this Imputation & were come again to a good understanding together, Then you desired of us by a Belt of Wampum That we should help to defend the house at Oswego, which is as well for our Advantage as yours, against any Enemy what Soever that might attack or Annoy the same, and Also desired us that if we should hear of any design against that house, or any other parts of this Maj.ty's Dominions in these parts, that we should acq.t you therewith, you Also promised us the same on your parts. To which we Answered that we were not Impowered to give an Answer to what you desired by that Belt, But that in order thereto it was necessary that the Sachems of all the Nations should be Consulted about it, whereupon they Met at Onondaga and Unanimously agreed and resolved to do and fullfill what was desired by that Belt to defend and Assist the house at Oswego against any Enemy whatever and for that Reason some of our Sachems are gone to Canada to Acq.t the Gov.r of Canada with our Resolution in this Behalf

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Brethren Formerly we Were at War with the French for Some time at Last the Gov.r of Canada sent some of his people to Onondaga to Conclude a peace with us to which we Consented and told them at the same time that what we promised we designed to perform & would never prove false to the war with them for such Reasons as you & they make clear which is Only Gods Skin But that nothing would Occasion us to go to war But the Blood of our people & further that in

Case any Difference should happen between you and them, we should be Mediators between you and make up your differences. —

We shall Now tell you in what man.r the Sachems are to speak to the Gov.r of Canada, which is as follows

We Are some & three of Very Sachems which you sent for by name are here present, As you sent for us we know that according to the Honour Custom you are to speak first but for the present we desire to speak first that you may hear what we have to say. which is in substance viz.t

We perceive that a certain jealousy & Discontent is Subsisting between you and our Brother Corlaer & Quedar Concerning the trade & By what we can perceive you begin to threaten each other, you know how you have begged leave for priviledge to Build a House at Niagara. Our Brother Corlaer & Quedar Also desired us for Liberty to Build a Trading House at Oswego, which we granted Him Also and now we perceive a jealousy between you, we Desire that you shall not make any Difference or War upon each other, nor Annoy the trading places. But if you will war together then fight in your Selves. We Are resolved to Defend the house at Oswego ag.st any body that shall Annoy the Same and as a Token that we are in Earnest we give you this large black belt of Wampum

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We Desire you Also that you will not make war with Any body but live in peace and mind your trade

Gaveah belt

Brethren As soon as our Sachems Return from Canada we will Acquaint you with the Answer of the Governor

The Commissioners Answered.

Brethren We thank you for the Resolution you have made to defend the House at Oswego against any Enemy that should attack the same. But at the same time it seemed Strange that you did not first Acq.t us with the Business you were to Transact at Canada for which Reason we sent up the Interpreter to

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know your business there and what the Reason was that you did not acq.t us with your Design to go there, which you ought to have Done, but the Interpreter was Taken sick by the Way so that the Indians were gone before we knew a Word of their business —

We think it is a Very good Thing that you keep open the Trade in the Lake lands are agreed to, for that you will do your Endeavours for that purpose.

Brethren, You tell us that you have given priviledge to the French To Settle Niagara & tous to Settle Oswego and it seems you reckon their Right to the former as good as Ours to the Latter, which we think is a great difference for Oswego was Settled by Consent of the Six Nations and Niagara was built agt. their Indications and without their Orders. You say the Land at Niagara belongs to you, we know it does, but at the same time you very well know that all the Lands belonging to the Six Nations has long ago been

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given under the protection of the King of great Brittain, which the French very well know and have owned in the articles of Peace Made over Seg. Wherefore we think there is a great difference between the Settlem.t we have at Oswego & the French at Niagara.

We thank you that you will Come and Tell us the Answer of the gouernour of Canada to the Business which is your duty to do, for no Affairs of Consequence ought to be Transacted by you without our knowledge —

Brethren, We cant omitt Telling you how Earnestly the governor of Canada has Recommended to us That you should not go a fighting against the Southern Indians. —

We give you 10 ℔ Powder & 20 ℔ Lead to Each Nation Capt Peter Wraxall is to furnish 50 ℔ Powder for £5:13: — and is to be paid out of the first Money. —

Present
John Schuyler Esqr.
Nicolas Bleecker
Abrah. Cuyler
Hen. Groot Beck
Dirk Joh Brock
Capt Ramsay
Cornelis Cuyler
Myndt Schuyler
Peter Gerritse
Colm de Peyster
Hendk Van Dyck
Edward Collins

Albany 16. Augt. 1741. At a meeting of the Comrs. of Indian affairs —

Appeared at this board an Indian Sent by the Tichenhe Caska called onake who says that he is Come to acquaint the Comrs. of Indian affairs that they are in Want of provision wherefore they desire that some powder and Lead may be given them to Hunt — Whereupon he gave a belt —

The same Indian informs this board that the upper Castle of the Sinnekes called Onake, the owners of Tiyondequat, Consented that that place be settled by the English, which they think is a very good thing & that it will be a Welcome News to the Brethren & hope that it may the more excite your Compassion towards us. —

The Commissioners order that they have 10 ℔ Powder besides the 20 ℔ Ordered before and 40 ℔ Shot. and a Flint to the Weapon they said that Lady gave & mended

Ordered that Mr. Abr. Cuyler furnish the same. —

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The following Letter was wrote to his honour the Leut. Govr.

We have received your Hon.rs favours of y.e 4th. 9th. July and observe what your Hon.r is pleased to say concern.g the Neutrality with the Canawage Indians, they are not yet Come home when they Come We shall observe your Hon.rs directions. We also observe what your Hon.r is pleased with respect to the Oshiquatcosh Indians, there are now several of that Nation on the Carying place as we are informed by the Schaakhook Indians and they Comeing down to Speak with them, We shall take that opportunity to speak to them in the best Manr. we are able to. —

A Sinneke Indian Chief the upper Castle Came down here to desire some powder and Lead. he informs us that Tiyondequat Sinnekes have not Consent to that Our Govern.t should Settle Tiyondequat, your Hon.r will perceive who he says more particularly by the Inclosed minutes. —

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Present
Reyer Gerritse
Dirk Van Brocklen
Nicolaas Bleeker
Step. Groesbeck
Robert Wemp
Arnoldus Schuyler
Hendr. Lansingh
Cornl. Cuyler
Ed. Collins
Dirck Schuyler
John Schuyler Junr.

At a Meetg. of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs at Albany the 24th Augst. 1741

Appeared at this board several Sachems who are going to the Carying place to speak with the Schicaunteecook Indians in relation to a neutrality in case of a War.

This board gave them a belt to speak withal in their names.

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Present
Nicolaas Bleeker
John Lansingh
Cornl. Cuyler
John Schuyler Junr.
Dirk V. Brock
Reyer Gerritse
Arnoldus Schuyler
Hendr. V. Rensselaer
Ed. Collins
Hendr. Van Deusen
Capt. Ramsay
Step. Groesbeck

At a Meetg. of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs at Albany the 30th August 1741

Appeared at this board five Caghnawaga Indians among whom is Orongoghte one of the six principall Sachems who with Seven hundred of Canassatego Says as follows

That they had Received our Letter whereby we desired them to Come & smoake a pipe, since which they a great many of their Sachems out on other Business as they Supposed were gone heard, But that our Business was yet in their thoughts & Seeing they were but a Small number at home and the Business here being Pressing, they were Sent here to Tell us this.

The Reason that the Sachems did not Come in that Beavers were here at a low price so that they could bring nothing to Sell upon

The Comrs. Answered

We well understand your Message of which we are not a little surprized. We cannot Suppose this Answer is owing entirely to you or your Nation, Considering the Covent. which Both Subsist between us. Our Calling was only to Speak of good things. We should have been glad to have seen you here And as to your coming with Beaver, it is no custom for Sachems to come with Beaver, when they Come about publick business

Present
Robt. Livingston Esqr.
Coll. Myndert Schuyler
Capt. Jan V. Rensselaer
Ed. Ramsay
Coll. A. Groesbeck
Capt. Nic. Bleeker
Edwd. Collins Esqr.
Dirk Van Brocklen Esqr.
Reyer Gerritse Esqr.
Cornl. Cuyler Esqr.
Gerrit Bleeker
Col. Jacob Lansingh
Abraham Cuyler
Hendr. Van Deusen

At a Meetg. of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs at Albany the 17th Mo. September 1741

Appeared at this board several Sachems of the Schaachkook and River Indians and several Sachems of the Schicaunteecook & Eastern Indians, who have lately had a Meetg. at the Carying place in the way to Canada and there Concluded and Ratified a Treaty which they now come to acqt. us with and confirm the same with us.

The Schaachkook and River Indians stood up and Said

Fathers We are obedient to your Commands, every thing of moment that comes to our knowledge we come have to tell you, But Business at this time is to be acquainted of the Effects of our Meetg. the Eastern Indians at the Carying place and what has been transacted there between us.

In the first place, because you seemed not to like that we should meet there, we have agreed that for the future the place to treat about publick Business shall be at Albany

We have entered into an Everlasting Covenant with these Indians, in which Covenant are included all his Majs. Subjects in America

The Articles of the Covenant are

That we shall not molest each other either in Peace or War but that the path shall be open to pass and repass without any molestation.

That they the Schicaunteecook Indians shall not for the future molest any of the Subjects of the King of Great Britain in their possessions, Neither in New England, here or Elsewhere.

The Schicaunteecook Indians stood up and Said

Fathers We are sent from five Castles viz. Sadawanuk, Sacks, Schicaunteecook, Nalaatschewaeks, Wanlenack, and Mawicks to speak & greet our fathers

Fathers We came here to speak to you We take you by the hand What we shall say comes from the heart and not from

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the Mouths only. We are united & have Entered into a Covenant which makes us All as One & which will no Doubt Last for Ever. Fathers We have been in the wrong to treat about publick business Between Us and a Schicantecook and have agreed that for the future your people shall treat with us at our homes & we shall come here.

We have agreed that the Road between us and you shall remain open and free at all times whether peace or war.

The Covenant which we have now made includes all the Subjects of the King of Great Britain our Grandfather Between us and We hereby conclude a Lasting peace.

It is not our fault that we have not entered into this Covenant before which we would have done had We not been hindered.

We design if it shall please God, To come down here the next Spring to make this Covenant yet Stronger if possible.

We leave this Pipe here with you and there it must remain in remembrance of this Covenant that it may never be forgotten. As a token that we are united we desire that we may smoke together out of the same Pipe whereupon the Gentlemen present and all the Indians smoked out of said Pipe.

The Commissioners Answered & said

Children. We are glad that you have Entered into this Covenant which includes all the Subjects of the King of Great Britain your Grandfather and that you have agreed that the path shall remain open & free. Let what will happen. We thank you for the trouble you have taken about this affair. We Desire that you will Remember what you have been doing and take care to tell your Children thereof lest it may never be forgot.

We shall order you a barr. Beer to Drink the King's health & a keg Rum Delivered cheap at Schaghticoke in your Return.

This board Allowed Joh. Quackenbacker's account £3:

This board ordered the Schicantecooks Lieut a blanket Stroud & one Hogg of Rum

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Present
James Ramsay Esqr.
Myndt Schuyler
Peter Groesbeck
Roger Gerritsen
Robt. Bleecker
Peter Winne
John Lansingh
Dirk Ten Broeck

Att a Meeting of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs at Albany ye 3 Septemr. 1741

Severall young Schaghticoke Indians appeared at this board & Desired the Comrs. to give them Two small peices of artillery. whereupon they gave a String of Wampum

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndt Schuyler
Roger Gerritsen
James Ramsay
Henry Ten Broeck
Nicolaas Bleecker
John Lansingh
Dirk Ten Broeck
Cornelis Cuyler

Att a Meeting of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs at Albany ye 10. September 1741

Mr. Andries Bratt being Returned from Oswego desired that this board would give him a Certificate that he had well and truly performed the office of Commissary at Oswego this Summer, which they being Sensible he had done gave him a certificate in the following Words.

We the Comrs. of Indian Affairs do hereby certify that it consists with our knowledge That Mr. Andries Bratt has well and truly performed the office of a Commissary at Oswego for some months the last Summer that is to say from the ninth day of May to the 9th day of this Instant. Given under our hands this 9th day of Sept. 1741

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The following Certificate was given to Lieut Stevens & Comp.

We the undersigned Comrs. of Indian Affairs do hereby certify that it consists with our knowledge That Lieut Stevens, Ensn. Winne & Comp., who were appointed by his Hon. the Lieut. Governor to reside in the Sinnekes Country for the year past, Have resided at the appointed Time as usual and performed the necessary Services for the Govern.

Mr. James Ramsay had likewise a certificate given him that he had Discharged the office of Surgeon for the Troops at Oswego last year

Present
Rutger Bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck
Myndt Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Capt James Ramsay
Jacob Lansingh
Beyer Gerritse
Henr. Goesbeck
Nicolaas Bleecker
Hendk Ten Eyck

Att a Meetg of the Comrs of Indian affairs at Albany y 3d October 1741

Appeared at this board Hendk Philips Two sachems of Canajoharie Castle with another Indian — who say by the Interpreter viz:

Brother Corlaer and Quedor

We are come here in the Name of the Two Castles of the Mohacks and in the Name of the sachems of those Castles We come to tell you that we are in great fear the Reason thereof is that we are all scattered from our Castles and formerly used to live together —

Brethren We come to acquaint you that there is no more a Castle but that all the Nations who are your brethren are scattered a great Number are gone to Canada and Schaloure and those that are left we imagine will soon be gone

Brethren. We desire that you will keep our Covenant Chain and strong and that you will Personally go up and see how it is with the Indians castles for it is what we say is not Bad

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Brethren. Our Forefathers have made a Covenant which was to endure for ever between them and their posterity by reason you will make a breach in that Covenant — the Reason of our fear is that a Chief Sachem of the Praydes has been dead almost to death — At Mr Johnson's and Two of the same Nation have forced in the same manner at the falls & that you have taken no notice thereof it is one part of the Covenant Chain of a breach should happen they who were the occasion thereof should make it up again, therefore we desire that you would settle these affairs and make happy days —

The said Indians made a Complaint agt David Schuyler whereupon the Comrs wrote him a Letter.

They gave a string of Wampum —

The board agreed with Mr Jos: Lansingh to go to the Sinnekes Country with the Interpreter for £14 he is to find his own horse and provisions —

The Comrs referred their Answr to what the Indians said till next Monday

Present
Myndt Schuyler
D. Ten Broeck
John Lansingh
Beyer Gerritse
Abraham Cuyler
Henr. Goesbeck
Cornelis Cuyler
Nic. Bleecker
Hendk Ten Eyck
Rutger Bleecker
Ed Collins
Jacob Lansingh
Philip Livingston

Att a Meetg of the Comrs of Indian affairs at Albany y 5th October 1741

Hendrick a Canajoharie sachem having made some complaint agt David Schuyler they both appeared at this board — this affair is referred to be settled by Mr Jos: Lansingh and the Interpreter —

Answer of the Comrs to what was said on the 3d instant.

Brethren

You come to acqt us that all the Nations of Indians are scattered and that there is no more a Castle & Desire that we send up some persons to see it. We thank you for your information. we have always endeavoured to keep them in their Castles and Do now send up Mr Lansingh and the Interpreter for that purpose —

Brethren You complained to us that we break the Covenant Chain and that some Indians have been beat at the falls and at Mr Johnsons. We have been told that the Indians at the falls abused the minister there after he gave them provisions they still insisted upon having more & stuck his negro Girl the first with a knife and at Mr Johnsons we have been told that the guard proceeded from the Indians pick of Cows contrary to Mr Johnson's orders and we have had many complaints that the Indians have killed cattle and taken some from poor people We of our own knowledge know that they have killed all the Cattle of some poor farmers we are about which we think seems to be a breach in the Covenant Chain

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The Comrs demanded that they should Deliver up John Smart a negro Man Lugt: among them, that his master may have him again and that they shall be paid for their trouble — Gave a string of Wampum —

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Instructions for Mr Johs Lansingh Junr and Lawrence Claessen the Interpreter

Gentlemen

The Chief Business we send you upon is to go thro' all the Six Nations and Tell them we hear they are very much Scattered which must certainly be a means to weaken them & at Last destroy them so that in time to Come there will be no more a Castle among them, wherefore you are to acquaint them in Our name to gather together again in their Castles and there to plant and Live in peace with their wives and Children. Upon this head you must Insist very strongly in Our Name and do your utmost Endeavour to effect it Whereupon give them this belt.

You are also to Enquire what the French have been doing at Canada and Endeavour to get the truth out of them, so that you may be able to give us a True Acct of their transactions there upon your Return.

You are also to Caution them not to go a fighting but to remember the peace they have concluded here with our Govnr in behalf of the Southern Indians

You are in your Return from your Journey to stop at the Canajoharie Castle and there endeavour to Reconcile the Indians with David Schuyler in the best Manner you can.

The Comrs Allow Mr Johs Lansingh £3:- for trifles to carry with him

The following Letter was wrote to his Hon: the Lieut. Governour

Albany 5th October 1741

May It please your Hon:

We think it our Duty to represent to your Honour how the Six Nations of Indians are able Scattered from their Castles so that there is no Number of them together, which proceeds Partly from the Scarcity of Provisions among them this year and partly from the Insinuations of the French who use all Possible methods to draw them to Canada chiefly Jesuits, but be the Reason what it will. It requires a speedy and effectual remedy or we must unavoidably Loose the greatest part of our Indians. The best thing we could think of at present was to send up one of our board with the Interpreter to speak thro' all the Nations up to the Frenches and Endeavour to gather them together and to persuade the Frenches to remove their Castles somewhat nearer us, where is a very Commodious place for them. Another thing we are of opinion would be a great help is that 1000 pounds of Powder and Lead suitable should be sent up to each Nation this fall which we are not able to do & therefore can only mention it to your Hon: not doubting of your Hon:s Inclination and good Inclination thereto

We beg Leave to Inform your Hon: that the allowance of the Gen: Assembly to us as Comrs of Indian Affairs being £170 falls very much short and that we are obliged to have many things Done which we think for the benefit of the Province, only for that reason that we have no money to go through with them, which will in time prove of bad Consequence. We hope and Doubt not but your Honour will do his Endeavours to have our Allowance augmented, without which it is impossible that the business which is required of us can be done as it Ought, no more at present

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Present
Nicholas Bleeker
Major Glen
Cornelius Cuyler
Rob.t Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Hon. Groesbeck
Philip Bleeker
Hendrick Teubyck
Abraham Gerritse
Coll.o John Schuyler
Robert Livingston
Capt. James Lancaster
Capt. Jan Broeck

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian affairs at Albany the 29th October 1711

Maj.r Joh.s Lawrence and Lawrence Claessen being returned from the Sinnekes Country bring the following Report
That they had been through all the Nations of Indians and used their utmost Endeav.rs to gett them to Return to their Castles Especially the Sinnekes and Cayounges who are most Scattered they told us that they took it Very kind that the Com.rs took so much notice of them as to send up to them and that they would gather together their people as soon as possible. We desired the Sinnekes to remove their Castle to the place where it was Ordered by Coll.o Myndert Schuyler and Rob.t Livingston Ind. Decease.rs. To which they answered that so many of their people were gone abroad that they could not now give any positive Answer on the head. But when their people Returned from their Hunting then they would Consult with them and the Indian Squaws who have Also much to say in that affair and then they would give their Answer.

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We have Also Enquired of the Sachims at Onondaga what they have been doing at Canada and Engeav.rs to gett the truth out of them as much as in your Power upon which they gave us the following Answer.
Brethren Two years ago at Canada and What we have told the Governour there is as follows.

Onea dio. We are Come here to Speak with you Concerning the two trading houses att Oswego and Niagara. We conceive a difference is like to spring up between you & Our Brother Onlaer on that Acc.t which proceeds from the jealousy you have to Each other. You must know that a good trade creates love and Friendship, for which reason we forbidd you absolutely not to trouble or molest the Trading house att Oswego. You have Also a Trading house. We advise you to keep a good Regular trade there, that no body can have Reason to complain of you.

We have agreed that no settlements shall be made between the two abovenamed Trading houses for the Nearer neighbours the more apt to Quarrel. You must not be disponted that we speak so sharp. We will say the same to Our Brother Onlaer for which reason we Command you not to make any Quarrel for we will not suffer it. Upon which they gave us a belt

We did Our uttmost Endeavour to keep home the Indians from fighting and all the Nations promised us to keep home their men except the Onondages who notwithstanding All the entreaties and Solicitations we could make use of are gone out ag.t the Southern Indians with an Army of 111 men but we are informed near half that number would return

We found a French Smith att Onondaga we asked the Indians how they come to accept of a French Smith they answ.rd us that it was not at the desire of the Gov.r of Canada but that they took him among them out of Compassion for that he was a poor Man

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The Onondages Also told us that the Gov.r of Canada made them the Cayouges, Onoydes and Tuskaroroes a present of
70 Coats. 5 barrels Powder. 10 bags Lead
1 bar. Knives. Flints. Awls &c
5 Rolls Tobacco. 5 kegg brandy
and every person that was there had given to them 1 blanket
a Shirt a Cap And that All the children were Cloathed
And during their Stay there they were fed with fresh Meat and Wine

The Onondages told us that the Gov.r of Canada answ.rd them to their proposition, That he was not jealous of the English had fr. Oswego, that he was Content that the English had trade and did not design to build any more trading houses And in the main. That he thanked them for their proposition & that he liked Very Well.

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Att a Meeting of the Comd.s of Indian Affairs at Albany the 19th October 1741

Present
Dirk Jan Broeck
Capt Ramsay
Rutger Bleecker
Hend.k Teulyck
Cornelis Cuyler
Ed Collins
Nicolaes Bleecker

Appeared at this board Cornelis Van Slyck Interpr who produced a Commission dated the 19th Instant from his Hon.r the Lieut. Govern.r to him and Company to reside at the Sinnekes Country for the ensuing year &c.

He asked this board whether they had any Commands that way, we answered none at present, but that he should observe the Instructions given him by his Hon.r in the Commission

He asked farther, whether this board would Allow him any thing for presents, the Comd.s answered that they could Allow none but if he did disburse any thing for the good of the Province they would do their endeavour in recommending him to the Assembly for his repayment

The Com.r Also told them, his Commission said that he was to reside at the Sinnekes Country for the ensuing year there to Act during that time for the best of this Province Wherefore they forwarned him not to go to Niagara to trade but to observe his Commission & to do all the service he could for the Country and from time to time to Acq.t the Governor & the Commissioners of Indian Affairs of All Occurrences of moment that shall happen during his residence there

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Att a Meet.g of the Comd.s of Indian Affairs At Albany the 9th November 1741

Present
Dirk Jan Broeck
John de Peyster
Rutger Bleecker
Capt Ja. Ramsay
Nicolaes Bleecker
John Cousinight
Rutger Bleecker

David Schuyler appeared at this board & desired that the Interpreter may be sent to Lett him to Reconcile him with the Canajoharie Indians, for that he is really in fear of his Life and goods. To which the Comd.t agreed and wrote the following Letter to the Interpreter

Mr Lawrence Claessen

Wey Jsochen dat Ik met Mr David Schuyler op gaet na het Canajoharie bestel, en in de naem van Gos. Ik de voir Coot om de Wilden met hem te vereenigen en All haer questie by te Leggen. En Sight haer dat Mr Schuyler ons bevoll heeft haer geen quaet of molestatie te doen Ik dat wy het Selve van haer Verwachte, En doet Ik de voir om haer te persuadeeren om All het Voorige te begraven en daer niet meer Aen gedach-en, maer dat sy met Ik Hanger in Vrindschap en goede beurs-schap in het to coomen en sullen Leven Ik so daer Eenige dispute of Different Jn schap heer Moght Syn, dat sy haer Eygo rechten niet moeten weesen, maer dat sy haer beklagten Aen ons moeten maken, het Wolf Mr Schuyler ons ook heeft beloofd. Voy Sanden Ik 7 handt Jewant om met haer in ons naeme te Spreken

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Present
Myndt Schuyler
Stephn Groesbeck
J. D. Peyster
Peter Ferrito
Hend.k Teulyck
Rutger Bleecker
Cornelis Cuyler
Nicolaes Bleecker
Dirk Jan Broeck

Appeared at this board Jeremy an Sachim of the River Indians who made a present to the Comd.t of some Venison.

This board ordered him 5 lb powder 16 lb Lead & 3 lb Bread

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Present
Philip Livingston
Reger Gerritse
Cornelius Cuyler
Rut Bleeker
Steph.n Groesbeck
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Myndt Schuyler
John Lansingh
Dirk Ten Broeck

Att a Meeting of the Comissioners of Indian affairs y.e 30.th Novemb.r 1741

This board rec.d a Letter from the People residing in the Sinnekes Country for this Govern.t and wrote them the following Answer

Gentlemen

We Recd your Letter of the 13.th Instant and Perceive what you say Concerning the french Interpreter and that the french Governour had sent Presents to the Sachems. We Recommend you to do your endeav.r to find out what he demands or Desires from them & then Informe us. As to what you say Concerning Mr. Trotter If you take him to be such a Sort of a Man. then Watch him Narrowly and Let us know what you can discover. We desire you to write us how it is with the Indians and whether any are gone a fighting.

We have no News to write you only that six ships are arrived from England and things are yet in the same State as when you Left this place. No more but remain

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Present
Philip Livingston
Dirk Ten Broeck
John de peyster
Myndert Schuyler
Steph.n Groesbeck
Nicolaes Bleeker
Hendrick Ten Eyck
John Lansingh
Peter Winne
Cornelius Cuyler

Att a Meeting of the Comissioners of Indian affairs at Albany the 4.th Day of Decemb.r 1741

The following Acc.ts were allowed by this board
To Stephanus Groesbeck ... £ 20 —
To Johannis Coger for three years Service from June 14. 1740 to 14 June 1741 £ 9 —

To Aert Brett and Lawrence Claesen	1. 17. 6
To Philip Livingston	4. 08. 7
To Abraham Truex	— 18
To Ulderick Van Kaukerg	— 12
To Aleasuerus Roseboom	1. 11. 4
To Teddy magin	10. 13
To Anthony Vander Zee	1. 01
To Will.m Rogers Jun.r	3. 09
To Symon Switts	— 14
To Joh.s Myndertse	2. 06. 9
To Lieut. Tafeall Nelson	8 —
To Richard Miller	4. 15. 8
To Lawrence Claesen	— 13. 6
To Joh.s Knickerbacker	8. 08
Sybrant Van Schaick	2. 14
Cornelis Cuyler	7. 19. 7½
Joh.s Lansingh Jun.r	19. 03. 9
Michal Rapsott	— 13. 6
Barnardus Harpen	— 03. 9
Joh.s Lansingh	1. 04. 6
Abraham Cuyler	8. 09. 3
Anne Kitchener	10. 19. 9
Dirk ten Broeck	8. 03
Hendrick Ten Eyck	2. 01. 6
Nicolaes Bleeker	2. 06. 4½
John de peyster	— 12
Peter Winne	5. 17. 6
Then this board drew a Warr.t on Philip Livingston Jun.r to pay this	£ 140. 10. 7
The Acc.ts Allowed the 16 feb.y Last	116. 04. 10
The Accounts Allowed the 21.st feb.y Last	81. 04. 1
The whole Amount of the Warrant is	£ 346. 07. 6

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Present
Peter Wraxall
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
John Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Capt. Ramsay
Stephanus Groesbeck
Cornelis Cuyler
Nicolaas Bleeker
Hendrick Tenbyck
Geyer Gerritse
Philip Livingston
Ed. Collins

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs At Albany the 8th of December 1741

The following letter was wrote to his Honour the Lieut. Governour

May It please your Honour
Sir

A few Days ago We rec.d a Letter from the People sent by your Honour to reside in the Sinnekes Country for the Year ensueing Informing us that the Governour of Canada had sent up a quantity of Powder and Lead to the Sinnekes Country And that the French Interpreter there had a Conference with the Sachems and told them that large Presents were sent up for them from Canada to Niagara and desired them to go there to fetch them that a Number intended to go there, that he used his endeavour to stop that journey but he could prevail only upon three of them to stay which he says is for want of Presents to give to the Indians. That he could not yet find out the business they intended to transact there But as soon as he could he would inform us thereof. They further tell us that Mr. Henry Frotter a Scotch man who resided last winter in Albany and came from Boston here and went from hence to the Sinnekes Country this last fall is very great with the French Interpreter, that he really believes him to be a Person sent by the French Court to draw the Indians from their Allegiance to his Brittannick Majesty & that he is suspected to be a Romish Priest — As We are by an Act of Assembly impowered to nominate & Recommend to your Honour a fit Person to be Commissary at Oswego for the Year ensuing We Recommend to your Honour Mess.rs David Schuyler and Andries Pratt as two fit Persons for that Post & Leave it to your Honour to Appoint as you shall think proper —

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Present
John de Peyster
Myndert Schuyler
Arent Ten Broeck
Nicolaas Bleeker
Abraham Cuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Rutger Bleeker
John Lansingh
Edward Collins

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs the 11th Janr. 1742

This board rec.d a Letter from the People in the Sinnekes Country, and Order.d that Mr. Rutger Bleeker pay the two Indians who brought said Letter each 1 Blanket Strouds, 1 Shirt & Stock & 1 Jacket and each a 6 Pan Beef of Pump & To one of them a Hatt —

The follow.g Letter was wrote to the People in the Sinnekes Country in Dutch

We rec.d your Letter of the 30th December, by which We Perceive that the French have another expedition on foot against the Foxes, We hope you will continue to do your Endeavours to prevent our Indians from joyning with them. What you say Concerning the Report amongst our Indians that the Wood Indians intend to make War against them is entirely groundless of which inform them. We desire that you will your Endeavour to persuade the Indians to remove their Castell to the place mentioned to them by Lawrence Claessen and Mr. John Lansingh. We send you by the Bearer Sewenhenp Wampum whereby you are to acq.t the Sachems that the Southern Indians have sent to them to our Governour whereby they promise that they will preserve the Peace which our Governour has made with our Indians in their names, inviolable & that our goo.d Will give them a Present this year at their Meeting them, & Also Inform them by said Wampum that Lawrence Claessen the Interpreter is dead.

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We have inclosed herein an open Letter to Mr. Henry Frotter ordering him to some Town, which We desire you to deliver with your Hands —

Ordered that an Order be drawn on Tiddy Magin to supply the Indians who carry up this Letter with provisions to the Value of Five Shillings —

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The following letter was wrote to Mr. Henry Frotter

Sir We are Ordered by his Hon.r George Clarke Esq.r Lieut. Governour and Commander in Chief of this Province to Order you instantly on the receipt hereof to have the Sinnekes Country Northwards to repair here to Albany We Are Sir &c.

Signed by order of the Commissioners
P. Philip Livingston Secr.y & Clerk

The following Letter was wrote to his Honour the Lieut. Governour.

Sir We rec.d your honours favour of the 22d Decemb. and have according to your orders wrote Mr. Frotter imediately to repair to Albany When We will order him to Boston We have ordered a Sinnekes Indian now in Town to Acquaint all the Nations what your Hon.r informs us of the top that the Southern Indians have sent and also to write to the People in the Sinnekes Country to acq.t the Sachems thereof and to use their Endeavours to keep them from going to Fight. We have this day rec.d a Letter from Niagara which did inform us that Joncour his Brother & two French more were Arrived there from Canada with a great quantity of Powder and other goods upon pretence to trade, but by all they can discover they think that all the presents at Niagara and those goods at the Sinnekes Country are sent up by the French in Order to Encourage our Indians to joyn with them in Another expedition against the Chickashaws, but hopes to keep them off home by their endeavours, they say the reason of this expedition is that some of those Indians have Robbed three French Canoes and killed the people

We are sorry to acq.t your Honour that Lorrence Claesen the interpreter is Dead, we shall by the next Opportunity take Leave to Acquaint your Honour who we judge the most proper to succeed in that post

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Att a meet.g of the Commissioners of Indian affairs at Albany y.e 26 January 1742

Present
Abraham Cuyler
Nicolaas Bleecker
Peter Winne
Capt. Ramsay
Capt. Bleecker
Capt. Schuyler
Capt. Schuyler
Capt. Schuyler
Capt. Lansingh
Maynd. Schuyler
Capt. Cuyler
John Depeyster
Geyer Gerritse
Dirk Ten Broeck

Six Cayouges, Oneydes and Tuskaroes Appeared at this board and made the following Speech

Brethren We Are Come here on publick business and not to trade, wherefore We Desire that a Lodgeing may be Appointed for us

It is difficult for us to Speak together how Lawrence Claesen is Dead, in that We cannot understand each other so Well. We did not hear of his Death till we were on our Journey hither, which is the reason that we have not brought with us what is necessary on such an Occasion, but without doubt the Sachems Will take another Opportunity to Condole his death in a Suitable manner.

We desire time till to morrow to make known the errand we are sent upon

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Att a Meet.g of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs y.e 27. Janr. 1742

Present
Nicolaas Bleecker
Maynd. Schuyler
Capt. Bleecker
Geyer Gerritse
Col. Collins
Capt. Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Col. Lansingh
Dirk Ten Broeck

The Sauca Indians as yesterday appeared at this board and said Viz.t

Brethren We Ascribe it to the goodness of God that We Are here met in good health.

Our business is to Answer the Message you sent us last fall by Mr. Lansingh and the Interpreter the first article of which was To remind us of Treaty of Peace made with our Governour in behalf of the Southern Indians, in token of of which you sent us by this belt. We are ordered by the Nations from whom we are sent to Acquaint you that we are resolved to keep & observe the same as you have Desired us.

You also told us that we were very much Scattered which you did not approve of & desired us That we should Settle together in our Castles, which we are resolved & promise to do. This you desired us by the other half of the Belt

Brethren — You do now hear and see That we Consent to what you from time to time desire us, We have now something to Desire of you, which we hope That you Will out of Compassion grant us, which is That We may have a Smith at Cayunga one year, We shall greatly Want one to Mend our Axes, hoes and Other Tools when we rebuild Our Castle, — Otherwise we may be put to great inconveniencies in Building. when Our tools shall happen to break, We desire Also that he may understand Mending Guns &c. and that he take provisions up With him & not depend upon us, for you know We have none — Let him take Dry goods to trade but We desire that he take no Guns, unless it be 2 or 3 — heads to drink your health. If you send one which We earnestly desire, We desire that he may be sent up — as soon as the Water is open. —

Gave a String of Wampum —

Brethren — Last fall you desired us That what we was resolved to do what We now tell you, That we should make it known to the People residing in the Sinnekes Country & that they would write it to you. But We thought it better to tell you our selves what we design to do.

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You tell us sometimes That what we say comes only from the Lips But we do Assure you That what we say proceeds from the Heart. We Will Not Suffer one of our Men to go a fighting this Two years whereupon We give this Belt

What We have now said we have made known to all the Other Nations and desired the Sinnekes to take the same resolution With us & Also to remove their Castle as you desired them. —

Brethren — We three Nations desire of you That the goods may be sold Cheap at Oswego. We Will keep our fighting Men at home wherefore they Will Want a great quantity powder & Lead, which we desire Especially may be Cheap at Oswego. The Governor told us That he is not Master of the Trade, We therefore think That you are Masters of it and desire that goods may be sold Cheap here & That you Will give us your Answer upon this head — Gave a String Wampum —

We have said what we are ordered, and have now only to desire you That you Would order a few guns and Axes to be made cheaper and That you would provide Sleds to carry up so far as the farthest Christian settlements and give us some pork and bread for our journey for We are not come to Trade but only for what We have to do with you.

The Com.rs Answer

Brethren — We are glad to see you here in health, and That We have an Opportunity to smoak a pipe with you

You say it is difficult for us to understand each other so well Now Lawrence the Interpreter is dead, We are sensible of the great loss we sustain by his death, but Now for the present We Will wipe of the Tears from our Eyes That we may Speak freely to our Brethren.

We are glad you approve of the Message we sent you and That you are resolved to keep your Men at Home and suffer them to go a fighting against the southern Indians. you hereby will Shew that you are honest Men who are determined to keep their Word and the treaty made with our Governour in behalf of those Indians.

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We are glad also to hear That you Will advise and assist together your People and Build your Castle a new, Why for you benefit That We desire it and you Will find the good effects of it. Afterwards you have complated this promise — gave a Belt —

You have done Well in Coming your selves to Acquaint us of the Resolution you have made, We are pleased to hear that what you say is proceed from the Heart and not the mouth only

Brethren — You say you Will not Suffer your people to a fighting against the S. Indians this two years, which We can understand We Expect that you will keep your Word and the Treaty made with our Governor which is Not for a Term of years. But for Ever, and that you Will so long Observe the same Inviolable.

you have done Well in desiring the Sinnekes, Onondagos and Mohawks to gather together their people according to your example. You desired of us That you might have a Smith at Cayunga this next Summer to Mend your Tools, when you build your new Castle

Castle, as We are glad to do Any thing that may be for your Advantage, we have Resolved to send the up. As soon as the Water is Open and shall pursuant to your request forbid Rum to Be Carry up Among you.

gave a String of Wampum

Brethren

We will recommend to the traders to sell their goods at a Stocago as cheap as they can afford it, but the Price of Goods is generally regulated according to the Price of Furs as you understand. You Desired that you might have Meat to Carry you up to the farthest Christian Settlement and Provision for your journey, We will order you Provision and as for Meat the Cows is now Allmost gone, We Cant Tell where to get any to Carry you up wherefore we will Order your Company to hurt Them by the Way if you find Any.

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Ordered That Each Man 1 Shirt. 1 Blanket and a Keg Rum to Drink his Honours Health. —

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs At Albany y. 3 Feb.y 1742

Present
Edward Collins
John de Peyster
Coenraet Ryker
Stoph. Roerbeck
Myndert Schuyler
Gerardus Bleecker
Henr. Tenbroeck
Johannes Lansing Jr.
Nicolaes Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse

The follow.g Letter was wrote to his Hon.r the Lieut. Governor

May It Please your Hon.r

We Wrote to your Hon.r the 11. of last month, wherein We informed your Hon.r of the Death of Lawrence Claessen the Interpreter and that we would in our next recommend a fitt person to succeed him in that Coff. We have Accordingly made a Tryal of Mr. Jacobus Bleeker, who interpreted the inclosed Minutes And in Our Opinion, We take him to be a fitt person and think that with some pains he will Make a Very good Interpreter, Wherefore We Are Very Glad to Be Informed that your Honour Has been pleased to Appoint him Interpreter He being the Very Person We would Have recommended to your Honour for that post, He is in a few days to go to the Mohawks Country and Canajoharie to Improve himself further in the Indian Tongue. —

Your Honour Will perceive by the Inclosed Minutes that the Sayanos Have Desired a smith, which We Could

Not refuse them and think it Necessary to send one up in the Spring, Barent Staats Jun.r and Another Person have offered themselves for this service, We think them fitt persons, and hope your Hon.r will Approve of our Management herein and Recommend it to the Assembly at their next meeting to Raise money for that Use. —

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany the 3.d Feb.y 1742.

Present
Reyer Gerritse
Cornelis Cuyler
Henr.k Tenbroeck
Myndert Schuyler
Gerardus Bleecker
Stoph.s Groesbeck
Jacob Glen
Nicolaes Bleecker
Joh.s Lansing Jr.
Johannes Cuyler
Ed. Collins

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His Honours the Lieut. Governours Letter of the 19th Feb.y being read, this Board having Considered thereof make the following Answer —

May It Please your Honour

Sir

We have rec.d yours of the 19 Feb.y Last — wherein your Honour intimated that you hope at the next Interview With the Six Nations to bring them to Corroborate the Union your Hon.r made With them here at your last meeting Concerning a firm all peace between them & the Southern Indians, in which We hope your Hon.r may meet with Success and Our Endeavours in that good Work shall in no wise be Wanting, but we Are Humbly of Opinion, that if three or four of the Southern Sachems Came With your Honour It would not Only be more Agreable to the Six Nations but also make that peace the more Effectual and Lasting. — We did in Our Last Recommend to your Honour Mr. Jacob Bleecker as a fitt Person to succeed Lawrence Claessen dec.d as Interpreter he being the most Capable in Our Opinion for that Service, he has sometime been gone to the Mohawks Country further to improve himself in the Language. We Assure your Honour that We Cantitle of no Person more fitt, he Understands the Indian Language better than Any person We know, is Respected and Beloved

By the Six Nations, & is a sober understanding young Man Capable in a Short time of being a Truly good Interpreter.

We did also in our Last Inform your Hon.d that we had engaged the Cayouges to send them a Smith on which We did expect your Honours Approbation, We Are of Opinion that it is necessary and also of Consequence therefore We could not well Deny it and Seeing We have promised, We Are Obliged to keep our Words.

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Present
Philip Livingston
John Depeyster
Rut Schuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Step.n Groesbeck
John Lansingh
Nicolaes Bleeker
Peyer Gerritse
Dirk Ten Broeck
Rutg.r Bleeker
Peter Winne
Edw.d Collins

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs Att Alb.y the 25.th March 1742

Agreed With Barent Staats Jun.r to go to Cayouges with Two Men besides himself. To Set out from hence in April and Return in August To be out from home four Monthy and Work there at Smitty & Gun Smitts Work for the Indians for which he is to have the sum of £35 — and to bear his own Expences.

Ordered that Barent Staats buy in this City, to Carry up With him, on the Com.rs Acc.t

60 ℔ flatt Iron
20 ℔ Steel. 2 ℔ Tongs. 3 ℔ Wire. 1 Saw
3 smitty files. 3 Small d.o. 1 drawg Knife
2 Gimblets. 1 grind Stone 16 ℔ worth of Soldure.

This board Agreed With Peter Winne to buy a ℔ Bellows of £4 price. An Anvill of Alb.t 80 ℔ with appear at the end if to be had. Otherwise to buy a pear of Alb.t 9 or 10 ℔ wt. A Vice of Alb.t 36 ℔. A small gun smitts Vice. 1 ounce Borax and a Key Wheel

This board Agreed to pay Capt. Winne the Cost of the Above particulars out of the first Money they receive, in Case the Assembly refuse to pay the Same

Present
Nicolaes Bleeker
Step.n Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Myndt Schuyler
John Depeyster
Rutger Bleeker
Cornelis Cuyler
John Lansingh Jr.
Peyer Gerritse

Att a Meet.g of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs at Alb.y the 3.d April 1742

Appeared At this board Mr. Jacobus Bleeker who Produced to this board a Comission from his Hon.r the Lieut. Gov.r Constituting him Indian Interpreter for the Province of New York and Took the Oaths by Law appointed Subscribed the Declaration and Took the Oath for the due Execution of his Office before John Depeyster Esq.r one of the Justices thereunto by the Ordinance potestation appointed

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Present
Myndt Schuyler
Step.n Groesbeck
Cornelius Cuyler
Peter Winne
Nic. Bleeker
John Depeyster
Dirk Ten Broeck

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Att a Meet.g of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs Att Alb.y ye 3.d May 1742.

The following Letter Was wrote to his Hon.r the Lieut. Gov.r

May It Please your Honour

We have rec.d your Hon.rs fav.r of y.e 15 March wo April and Are glad your Hon.r Approves of our Send.g a Smith to Cayouge which We thought necessary We have sent Barent Staats Jun.r and Peter Lansingh with Another Man, With whom we have agreed for £35 — which sum we hope y.r Hon.r will recommend to the Assembly to raise as well as an Acc.t of Capt. Peter Winne for Tools and materials for said Company which he has provided By our Order, We Doubt not but the Assembly Will raise that Money as it is very evident that the Money Allowed us is not Sufficient to Defray the Expences We are at, tho: We Defray the expences at our Meetings out of our own Pockets, the reason We did not furnish the people sent to the Jennadoes Country Last fall With the Usual presents for the Indians was that our Money falls short and that We Are in Debt at present and do not care to engage our private credit too far for the Publick. People Are coming to Build the fortifications at Oswego which We suppose Will be built as soon as Possible

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We shall take care to let the Indians know what your writes to him to them That if any People from the Southward should happen to pass through their Country to assist them in comeing down

We perceive that your Honour designed to come up in a short time At which we were glad knowing it to be necessary to have frequent intiviews with the Indians Especially at this time But by your Honours favours of the 10 April we perceive your Honour gives over thoughts of comeing up this Season, occasioned by an Account that Govr Clinton is shortly expected over, but as the Indians have Already a Notion among them that they were to come down this Season & stay at Home on purpose we hope your Hon. will yet come up. If Gov. Clinton does not Arrive as soon as he is expected, If not that your Hon. will use your endeavrs with his Excellcy. to come up this season, which we doubt not but by your Honours Representations of the case he will do.

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We are sorry your Honour is to be superseded, seeing you have allways had the Interest of this Government so much at heart, But since it is his Majesties pleasure we must be Satisfied.

As a French War is like to break out We think it necessary to Inform your Honour that the fort At Saraghtoge is finished and without men. If your Hon. thinks proper a small command would be necessary there.

By what we can hear the Caghnawago Indians design some time this Summer to come down to treat with us, which we shall use our best endeavours to Effect. We Are &c.

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Stephn Groesbeck
Hend. Tantyck
John Cuyler
Nicolas Bleecker
Cornelis Cuyler
Johs. Lansingh

Att a Meeting of the Comrs. of Indian affairs at Albany the 14th May 1742

Cornelis Van Slyck Interp. appeared at this board with the following message from the Sinnekes Country from the Sachems there, that whereas the Com. the last fall desired them that they with their young men should stay at Home, that they have complied with the desire and that none of their young men shall go a fighting as formerly. And that they do remove their dwellings & build a fort together as the Comissioners have desired on the North side of the Clo Castle in conformity thereto they return the belt of Wampum delivered them by Mr. Lansingh & the Interpreter.

They further say that they will be glad to see those to keep at their next Meeting the Govr., which he has recd. from the southern Indians to confirm the peace concluded with them.

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The Chief Sachem of the Sinnekes desires that the Comissrs. have compassion on him and his Children to send him some provisions and as a token that he is in great want he has sent this String of Wampum. The said Sachem with Consent of the other Sachems desired Mr. Van Slyck to acquaint his Hon. or the Comrs. that they consent to fell a certain tract of land lying at Tidiondaquat as the Governour has desired them and that they desire a House may immediately be built there and they engage on their parts that it shall meet with no molestation or opposition in the least and that they desire that Arent Stevens or said Van Slyck may be sent to survey the land and divide among them and in case they decline going then that any other fitt person who understands the language may come up whereupon they have sent a string of Wampum

The Sachems sent a present to this board of 3 beavers

Mr. Cuyler is accountable for said Beavers 6 3/4 lb at 5/

Albany the 14th June 1742

The Six Nations of Indians being Come to this Place at the Call of His Hon.r the Lieut. Governour ~~all~~ addressed his Hon.r by their Sachim, at his Chamber in the words following —

Brother Corlaer and Quedar

We Are Very glad that we have the Pleasure to see you Our Brother Here in Health and have now Only One favour to Desire of you that you Will Have Compassion on Us as poor people and order our Guns Hoes and Hatchets to be Mended

gave a few Skins

His Honour the Governour And.r them

That it is With the Utmost Pleasure I meet you here and Am Always glad to Have it My Power to do you Any Service and shall order those things to be Mended According to your Desire Whereupon they Returned thanks

His Honour told them That he had Heard that some Deputies from a Southern Nation had been in the Sinnekes Country and Desired the Sachims to tell him the business that Deputies Came upon

The Sinnekes Answered That the Purport of What the Southern Indian said was as follows

Brethren of the Six Nations We have been at War With Each other for many years and I Am sent by the Elder and Wiser Sachims to Desire Will you the Six Nations in a Friendly Manner and With an Intent to prepare the Way to Conclude a Peace between Us in a Publick manner I Design at this time to say but little the Chief of my Errand at present is only to Acquaint you that next year others Will Come Wiser and more Able Men than I and to Treat with you About this Affair and if possible to Effect it.

Who will Bring home to you of your Own flesh and Blood the Prisoners of your nation who are Among us. Brethren I Desire that all the Six Nations may be acquainted that I have been here in the name of the Nation to which I belong and what I have said.

Brethren We Have often Heard and Very Well Know that the Cattabaws are Ill designing People, they have often sent us messages Very unsuitable good men wherefore we Have thought fitt to desire you in Case a peace is Concluded between Us, To join with us that We together may fall upon them and totally extirpate and destroy them. —

If at Any time any of your People should happen to come near our Country We desire earnestly that they Come into Our Castles Freely and unconcerned and Speak With us as Brethren, and you may depend we shall treat you as well As it is in Our power to do and Eat and Drink together as it becomes friends to do.

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Brethren As I told you before so Say I now That I Have but Little to Say at Present and so Conclude With giveing you these Pipes that Whenever you Smoak Out of the same you may remember what I now Spake between Us.

His Honour the Lieut. Governour Asked them What Answer they Had given to the Cherikee Deputy And particularly ~~relating~~ to that Article relating to the Cattabaws They Ans.d That As to the Article relating the Cattabaws they had not Made Any Answer, but to the Rest of What the Cherikee Deputy had Said they Ans.d to that Effect, That We would be glad to see their Deputies in the Spring With the Prisoners belonging to the Six Nations and that We would Also return them the Prisoners belonging to their Nation and that We will be ready to treat of a Peace With them, upon which We gave him as a token of our Sincerity A Very Large belt of Wampum

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His Honour Answered them as follows

All my Last meeting with you here, when I concluded a peace with you in behalf of the Southern Indians you Desired that Deputies from those Indians might be sent to meet you here at this place, tho' I would not promise you at that time that such Deputies should be sent yet I signified to the Governours of the Southern Province that I had Concluded a peace in behalf of their Indians with you, and that you desired Deputies should Be sent hence, those Indians have sent me Tokens of their Acceptance of said peace which I shall lay before you when I Speak to you in Publick and it is upon the Strength of that peace and the message I sent them, that the Cherikees came amongst you, It was not only a peace I then Concluded with you all that time but a Union between you and the Southern Indians as if you had all Sprung from the same Stock and that was done so lately that it is impossible but all of you must remember it, you gave me a belt of Wampum at that time to be sent to the Southern Indians as a token of that Peace which I have sent to the governour of Virginia where it now remains. I commend your Prudence that you did not join with the Cherikees in War against the Catabaws they being a nation under the Immediate Protection of the Governour of Virginia and included in the peace I made with you when I was here last and shall now Conclude with Desiring you to keep steady and firm to that Peace

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Speech made by the Hon.ble George Clarke Esq.r Lieut. governour and Comd.r in Chief of the Province of New York to the Six Nations of Indians viz.t the Mohawks, Oneydes, Onondages Senekes, Cayouges and Tuskaroes at an Interview with them at the City of Albany the 15.th day of June 1742

Present
The Hon.ble George Clarke Esq.r Lieut. Gov.r &c.
Philip Livingston, James Delancey, Daniel Horsmanden — Esq.rs of the Council
the Commissioners of Indian Affairs

Brethren

At our last interview I proposed an Union of you and all the Nations of Indians under his Maj.ty protection so far as the River Mississippi, you considered of my Proposall, approved of it and United all those Nations of Indians with you in the Covenant Chain, telling me at the same time, that I might depend upon your Sincerity for that you never broke your word given in so Solemn a manner, I did and do depend upon it Being perswaded that you are too just to Depart from your engagements on any Consideration, this Union I made known to all those Nations to Whom I found an opportunity, they Accepted of the same with hearts full of Joy, knowing it to be the best Method to preserve them from the unjust Hostilities of the French, and you from being Wasted and Consumed in their quarrels, as a testimony of their Acceding to that Treaty of Union they have sent you to be delivered by me these tokens desiring that the Covenant Chain into which you have taken them may be preserved inviolable and that Mutual Love and friendship may Continue between you and them so long as the Sun and Moon endures giving the Tokens

It is most Certainly your Comon Interest thus to be United and made One body and it is Equally your Interest to be Jealous of those People who may Attempt to Divide you, they Have your destruction in View, and tho. they have used force against some & cajoled others to assist them yet both those measures have been directed to the same end, you know But too Well what an implacable enmity the French Have Long had to some of those Nations of Indians now United with you in the Covenant Chain, nor are you Ignorant that many of your People have often assisted them in their unjust and Cruel Attempts to destroy them. Let the part you acted be buried ~~in oblivion~~ in oblivion but let that of the Common Enemy be for ever remembred that your posterity may know who they are that have so Lagerly sought the destruction of an Innocent People and learn from thence that their Security is only to be expected from a Constant and firm Adherence to this Union, Let no time or Circumstance disjoyn you but live forever as people of one family descended from One Comon Parent, be watchfull of each other's interest, give early intelligence of the Enemies motions and use all Possible endeavours to defeat their Enterprises, thus and only thus will you Preserve your liberty and your Country and be come formidable to a designing and Rapacious Enemy who you may be sure will use every Art to disunite you and then their utmost forces to extirpate you

Gio: Abelt

We now meet to renew the Covenant Chain which by the union of all the Southern Nations of Indians is greatly enlarged and made much Stronger, Let it be our Comon care to preserve it Inviolable and free from Rust remembring that one drop of Innocent blood unjustly spilt will corrode it and if not timely and carefully wiped off will eat it through and dissolve this union whereon only your Comon safety and happiness depends

Gio: Abelt

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Brethren It is with much Concern I hear that most of the Six Nations have of late years lived dispersed forgetting their Antient custom of Dwelling together in Castles I Cannot but Slip this opportunity of Exhorting you to return to your primitive way of living together as your Ancestors did. The Sinnekes have promised to remove from their present habitations and to build their Castles towards the Cayouges & the Cayouges Have Promised to build a Castle and Settle in Above, and I expect their Speedy and Effectual performance of those Promises as it will greatly add to their Strength and enlarge their Reputation whereas a scattered People will soon become contemptible in the Eyes of the World and the Common Interest and Safety of the Community will give Place to private views

Gio: Abelt

We have all along Considered Oswego chiefly as it is Commodious for your trade where at your own doors without the expence and fatigue of Travelling you are Supplied at easier rates than in any other place with all such goods as you have occasion for, Nor have we added any thing to the Strength of it, trusting to you to protect it in Case of need it being highly your Interest so to do. However least you should imagine that we are too careless of the Preservation of an House of that Importance to you I have ordered a wall to be built round it that if an Enemy should at any time attempt to take it you may the better defend it as I expect you will for if once you suffer them to become masters of it they will Sett what Price they Please both upon your goods and theirs and will by that Means reduce you to the Lowest Condition of Poverty and then Strip you of your liberty at which they have long Aimed and wherein you have already unwittingly assisted them, not only by engaging in their Expeditions but likewise by permitting their Emissaries to reside too often and too long among you this is that been but too apparent to the Most discerning of you and it is high time for all to think seriously

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Seriously of it and to put an end to that which will otherwise put an end to All that you have dear, Pluck up a Resolution therefore no longer to Indeep your pretended friends but secret Enemies to reside among you. —

Give a Belt —

The great King your father is now Engaged in a War against the Ottawas provoked thereto by many Acts of Injustice committed on his Subjects not doubting but that the Lord of Hosts will own the Equity of his Cause and Enable him to punish his Enemies & to obtain reparation for the Injuries Done to his Subjects

Give a String —

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Present
The Hon.ble George Clarke Esqr
Lieut. Gov. &c.
Philip Livingston
James De Lancey
Dan.l Horsmanden
Esqs. of his Majs. Council
The Comrs. of Indian Affairs
and several other Gentlemen

Answer Made by the Six Nations of Indians to his Hon.r the Lieut. Governour &c. 26. June 1742.

Brother Corlaer and Quider

We have now Met you at the Place where our Forefathers were wont to transact All Affairs of Consequence and Have Maturely Considered of the Speech which you was pleased to make to us yesterday, in the first Place you told us that two years ago you Made a Peace with us in behalf of the Southern Indians and that upon Your Coming Home you Acquainted those Indians

with what passed between us and that when those heard it they were rejoyced thereat and Accepted of the Peace you had made with us in their behalf with glad hearts, and that they had sent the tokens you gave us in Confirmation thereof and also to Strengthen the Covenant Chain between us and them, in Confirmation of which treaty on our side we give this String of Wampum —

Brother There was lately in the Simnekes Country an Indian from the Southward of the Cherikee Nation to Speak with us in a friendly manner as all those will do who desire to Live in peace and Friendship with us. That Cherikee whom we now call our Brother has Cleared the Way between us and them that for the future those Going backwards and forwards about Publick Affairs shall not be Hindered or Molested. —

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He also told us that he and some others of his Nation would Come back to us in the Spring and that then they would Treat more largely upon the Affairs Between us, we thought Proper to make this Cherikee a Sachim of the Six Nations.

Brother We desire of you that we may see the faces of Some of all the Nations which you Have Named unto us.

Brother Corlaer You Spoke to us about that Silver Covenant Chain Made between our forefathers and told us that it is much enlarged by this Union with the Southern Indians and that you on your part will Always keep it free from rust and have now renewed it and made it as bright as the sun for which we heartily thank our Brother, we always remember the Covenant Chain entered into by our forefathers and shall never forgett it. It is wrote down in our Hearts We think not that any thing shall ever be wanting on our side, but will Always keep it free from Rust and do Now Renew the Same and make it Inviolable —

Give a Belt —

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Brother Corlaer

You told us that you thought it necessary to remind us how our forefathers used to live in castles and that the Sinnekes had promised to remove their castle nearer Corlaer, at which we are very well pleased and the Sinnekes do now promise that they will certainly do it, and the Corlaer also promise to perform their engagements, in confirmation of which the Six Nations give this Belt

Brother You also spoke to us about the House at Oswego and told us that hitherto you had not fortified it but that you had now thought fitt to build a wall round it that it might be the easier defended, which is a very good thing.

Brother Corlaer You also told us that some of our People had been frequently with the French to war against Nations in Alliance with us, and that we suffered the French frequently to reside too long among us, we know the truth thereof and do now promise that for the future our Warriors shall not go with the French to fight against any Indians to the Southward and that we will not suffer the French to reside among us as we have often done but in both these Articles will do as our Brother desires us.

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give a Belt

Brother You told us that the Great King our Father is engaged in a War against the Spaniards which we know and hope God who is above all, will enable him to conquer his Enemy

give a String of Wampum

His Honour Answered them viz.

As we are now Engaged in a War with Spain, I dare promise that those Indians will come here at any certain time and especially as the Spaniards say so much to them. You may know from the Tokens they have sent you that they gladly accepted of that union and that they will preserve it inviolable as I expect the same from you. If at any time any of those Indians should should come into any of your castles, I expect that you will treat them like Brethren as they will do you and I expect that you will treat each other so wherever you meet I expect you will never forgett this Treaty but will always be mindfull thereof.

His Honour told them that he was now ready to give them the usual Presents, which they desired might be deferred till to morrow morning, which was done accordingly

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His Honour met the Six Nations in order to give them the usual Presents. — and told them that he would order Provisions for their journey Home and desired that they would order their young men not to do any Hurt or damage to the Inhabitants in their way Home and that he expected they would adhere to the Promises made to this Govern.t from time to time and that now they need not doubt of the Protection of this Government. —

Then the Presents were given them —

The Indians Answered, That they would take care their young men should do no Harm in their Way up and returned thanks for the Presents and for the Provisions to be given them

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Present
His Honour the Lieut. Gov.r
Philip Livingston Esq.r of the Council
The Commissioners of Indian Affairs

At a Conference ~~held~~ Between the Hon.ble George Clarke Esq.r Lieut. Govern.r and Comand.r in Chief of the Province of New York &c. and the Schaakhook Indians at Albany the 18. June 1742

His Honour made the following Speech to the Sachems of the Schaakhook Indians.

Children — It is with Pleasure I see you in this Old meeting Place, as you live among the Settlements peaceably and quietly so you may reap the benefit of it, by enjoying more Plenty of Provisions and other Conveniences of life than those who live at a great Distance from the Christians who if their Crops of Corn fails are sometimes reduced to great Extremities & therefore I doubt not but you are so wise as to live peaceably with your Neighbours, and not

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give them any disturbance which however has sometimes been the case with some of you but I hope you are now wiser and will not do so for the future and then you may always depend on the favour of the Government! —

As the Covenant Chain has always been kept Clean between our Fore fathers I dont doubt but you will gladly join with me in renewing it and brightning it and that it may last as long as the moon and be as bright as the Sun —

Give a Belt

I have heard that you have concluded a peace with the Ashcunteccooks Indians which is a good thing and I recomend it to you to keep that peace according to your Engagements with them — I hear also that those Indians are shortly expected here I shall order ~~with~~ the Commissioners of Indian Affairs to transact with them the Affairs they come about. I hear also that some of your People who have long since

left you are now returned, I expect you will use them kindly and encourage as many as you can to come back to live in their own native Country under the Great Tree at Schaakhook

Answer of the Sachems of the Schaakhook Indians to the above Speech

Father — We are glad to see you here in health and well come you here we are glad that you come to see us also. and your Children are come to see you —

Father — We are glad to Hear you say that this is a good Country for Provisions, we know it to be as plentifull a place as any in the world and that those who are not too Lazy to work may have in Abundance not only for themselves but for others who may want, and we your Children will stay here and enjoy the benefitt of it under your Protection and will endeavour to Encrease our number by perswading as many of our

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departed friends to return as we can — gave some skins

The Ashcunteccook Indians design to come down here to conclude an everlasting peace with our Fathers at this Old meeting Place.

Father — The Covenant Chain made between our fore fathers we will keep bright and shining and will take Care that nothing shall Rust or be wanting on our parts

gave a few bevers

Then His Hon.r gave them presents —

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At a meeting of the Comissioners of Indian affairs at Albany ye 18 June 1742 —

Present
Dirk Ten Broeck
Coll. Rensselaer
Philip Livingston
Cornelius Cuyler
Edward Collins

Appeared at this board about thirty Prison Indians who say by Jeremy their Speaker Viz.

Father, The Governour told me three days ago to get our people together, that he would speak to them & when we came he was gone.

This board told them, that since the Governour was gone they represent him and if they have anything to say ~~to him~~ that they may now speak

The Indians answered that they came expecting to hear what the Governour would say to them, which he called them together, We were glad to hear that the Governour called us together, and we have not had the Honour to hear him speak, nor to see his face, at which disappointment we are quite ashamed.

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Father

We are glad to see you, who represent the Governour & do now tell you, that we design to keep the Old Covenant made between our forefathers,

We Desire you to have Compassion on us and that you will send some person among us to instruct us

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This board Ans.d them

Children

We are sorry it happened that the Governour went away before he had spoke to you, the reason thereof is that a new Govern.r is daily expected when he ought to be at New yorke, We will recommend it to the new Govern.r when he comes to provide you a School master as you desire.

We are glad to hear you resolved to keep the Old Covenant Chain which we also do on our parts & make the same Strong and Bright and hope you will increase your number, and when the new Govern.r comes we will acquaint that you get your share of the Presents.

Ordered that Coll.o Rensselaer give them 2 Sheep on acct. of ye Govt.

Ordered that Mr. Livingston furnish ye Prison Indians with

5 galls. Rum
Bread &c.
a barr.l Beer
20 ℔ Tobacco
12 ℔ pipes
25 ℔ powder
56 ℔ Lead
3 Shyeaxes

This board allowed Joh.n Knickerbacker 20/ for 4 days —

At a meeting of the Comissioners of Indian affairs at Albany the 18 June 1742 —

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Capt. Rutherford
Gerardus Groesbeck
John Lansingh Jun.r
Cornelius Cuyler
Pieter Schuyler
Gi Ackerly
Dirk Ten Broeck
Ed. Collins
Jeronimus Vantrenselaer

Appeared at this board three Sinneke Sachems named Tayeneenhogorow, Tahaees and Ostagraechie who acknowledged to have sold the land at Tieroudequat to Arent Stevens in behalf and for the use of this Govern.t and that they now in the presence of the Comissioners confirm that Sale. —

Whereupon the Com.rs ordered that one of the Owners who is not here present have 7 blankets Strouds. 1 Shirt. 1 pair Stockings and a small bag Powder and Lead answerable and the three there Present each 2 blankets Strouds 1 Shirt. 1 pair Stockings and a small bag powder and Lead answerable, out of the Money in the Hands of Philip Livingston Esq.r for the Purchase of said Land.

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Ordered that said Mr Livingston furnish said goods

Ordered that each of the Above Indians have some Shot

This board Made Cwajoes a Sinneker, a Sachem of that Nation —

This board ordered that a flag be given to the Onondages.

Ordered that a small pack that the Onondages gave to this board desiring some provisions be sold to Philip Livingston Jun.r and that the Interpreter Buy Indian Corn for the Amount thereof and £5:- more which said Livingston is desired to advance for the Comissioners and that Corn be given to the Onondages aforesaid. —

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Present
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
John Lansingh
Stephanus Groesbeck
Philip Livingston
Hendrick Ten Eyck

At a meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany ye 14. September 1742

Mr. Andries Bratt the Oswego Company being returned from thence, brings in the following advice That the Indians of the Ottawawes who have this Summer been to Canada, at the desire of that Governour told him that they Wondered that our Governour did not send down for them to speak with them and to renew the Covenant between them, while they bring all their goods to Oswego, that they think they ought to be invited down as well as the six Nations to renew the Treaties formerly made.

Mr. Bratt also informs this board that a French smith is now at Onondage, that his Wife lately arrived there from Canada with two Battoes loaded with Trading goods and that the Indians of Onondage have desired him by Seven Wampum Belts that the French may not be disturbed in their Passage by Oswego.

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Mr. Bratt Likewise informs this board that the Fort at Oswego is near finished but that there is no powder nor ball there.

Mr. Bratt desired that this board would give him a Certificate that he had performed the office of Commipary at Oswego the last Summer which they did in the following Words

We the Commissioners of Indian Affairs doe hereby Certify that it Consists with our knowledge that Mr. Andries Bratt hath performed the office of Commipary at Oswego for four Months this last summer that is to Say from the last of April to the last of August, given under our Hands the 14th Sep.r 1742

Present
Philip Livingston
Philip Schuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Roger Gerritse
Johannis Lansingh
Steph.s Groesbeck
Edward Collins
Cornelius Cuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Peter Winne
John Cosseyster
Hend.k Ten Eyck
Rutger Bleecker

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany 21th Sep.r 1742

John A. Wendell and Gerret Ab. Lansingh appeared at this board, the Com.rs proposed to them, whether they in the name of all the last Contractors, would engage to supply the Garrison at Oswego, upon the same Terms as the last Contract to which they agreed. The Com.rs also proposed to them whether, in Case the Govern.r should think fitt to send up a double garrison to Oswego they would also furnish them upon the same Terms. to which they Answered that it was too far advanced in the Season But that in the Spring they would do it, if the Govern.r should think proper.

The following Letter was wrote to His Hon.r the Lieut.t Governor

May It please your Hon.r

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We rec.d your Hon.rs favour of the 14th & 15th Instant and have According to your Hon.rs desire Spoken to Mess.rs John A. Wendell and Gerret. Ab. Lansingh Two of the last Contractors, whether they would engage in the name of all the last Contractors to victual the garrison at Oswego at the same rate of the last years Contract, which they engage to do, we also asked them whether in Case a double Comand should be sent up, they would also engage to supply the same at the same rate of last year to which they replied that the Season of the year is too far advanced now, But if the Gov.r and Assembly think proper to send up a double garrison the next Spring that they would then supply them.

We hear the fort at Oswego is finished but that there is No powder nor ball

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Present
Philip Livingston
Myndt Schuyler
Hendrick Fonda
Nicolaes Bleeker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Dirk Ten Broeck
Rutger Bleeker
~~Hend~~ John Cuyler

Att a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs Att Albany 27th September 1742

The Sachems of the Caghnawages, Schawenedes and Oronda nations being Arrived here to Treat About Important Affairs with the Comrs of Indian Affairs

This Board Wellcomed them here and told them they were glad to see them here All in Health.

The Indians Answered that they were also glad to see the Comrs Well and further Informed this board that the Sachems of the Mohawks had desired to Speak with them and then they would be ready to hear the Commrs

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That they might take their own Time and when they was ready they Should Let the Comrs know and then they would Speak to them

This board desired Mr Jacob Bleeker the Interpreter to take the Indians to his House and provide them Provisions on the Comrs Acct

Att a meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany 28 September 1742

The Sachems mentioned in yesterdays minute Appeared at this Board ~~to whom the Comrs Spoake as follows~~

~~Canawaroe~~ the Comrs asked them on what business they came here whether it was to renew the Treaty Subsisting between them and us, if so they Could begin their Speech, The Indians Answered that they had often been desired to Come down to renew that Treaty, That they were now come for that Purpose, and as they Had been desired to Come here, they thought it proper that the Comrs Should first Speak to them, then the Comrs Spoke to them as follows

Brothers We Are glad to see you Here at this place of meeting where there Always Burns and which has of Old been Looked upon as such gave a Belt of Wampum

We Are glad to see you Here with Chearfull Countenances
II to renew the Covenant so Long since made between our
236 Forefathers and so frequently renewed between us and you and particularly Seven years ago, We shall now repeat the Substance of that Covenant which is as follows
That you and All the Indians living in Canada shall Live with the Subjects of the King of Great Brittain not only in this Province but all other his majesties Subjects in a perfect friendship and neutrality, in Case there should happen to be a War Between the King of Great Brittain and the french King, And that we shall for ever live in Unity and peace together and have free recourse to and from each other Habitations, at All times as well on Account of Trade as on other business and receive one the other At All times as Brothers and not molest Each other in the way to And from Each other But that the same remain Always free and Clear without

Any Manner of Interruption from Each other. The reason that We Desired you to Come here is this, that you As well As We might be mindfull of this Covenant and That We by Seeing One Another and Smoaking a Pipe together, might have the Stronger Impression on Our Minds of what has formerly been Transacted Between us and that the said Covenant may be kept Inviolable for Ever not only Between us but our Children after us, As a token that it shall be so On our side We give this belt and Expect the Same Engagements from you At this time ——

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The Sachems Answered

Brothers Cayuga and Onedas

It has been agreed between our forefathers that if any mischance should Happen between Any of our peoples that it Should be Amicably Settled. Our Indians of

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the five Nations has Lost this life Amongst us, which we have made up with them and wiped their Tears from their Eyes, which was also part of our Business here. ——

You told us yesterday that this is the place of Treaty where the fire does and Always Shall burn as a token that We take it for Such We Give this Belt

Brethren You told us Also that our forefathers had made an Inviolable Covenant together and that you had thought fit to renew that Covenant for which We thank you and are rejoyced at the wisdom you have expressed in your Speech to us, you gave us a Belt whereby we are Linked together in such a manner That we can never be Seperated, but Always remain joyned firm to Each other And We the Cayuga, Schawanees and Onondagas in the Name of All the Indians belonging To

Canada, in the Presence of the five Nations give this Belt as a token That we will for ever observe this Treaty and Covenant inviolable, what we now say proceeds from the bottom of our hearts and not from the Lips only ——

It is now Several years since we met together, we now wipe of the Tears from the Eyes of Allowes, which may Be Occasioned by the death of all that have died since our Last meeting give a Belt ——

We have yet one thing to Say That you should take Care of the Fall At Oswego, There are Already a great many People killed there by means of the Rum and by other means, wherefore We Desire you will take Care That no such things may happen for the future ——

The Commissioners Answered

Brethren We are glad to hear you speak such good words we Expect and doubt not but you will Performe your Engagements on your Parts, as We shall do on our parts.

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We also wipe of the Tears from the Eyes of Any Us That may be Occasioned by any thing that may Have happened since our Last meeting — give a Belt

As to what you Say of Oswego, We will take Care that our Traders do no Harm there and will recommend the same to the Six Nations give a Belt

The Names of the Sachems belonging to Canada present at this Treaty are

Cayuguas	Schawanees	The Names of our Indians
Degarihogo	Degarighihonte	present
Schonondo	Tahotaric	Old Sette
Cajenqodo	Oghsidadego	Hendrick
Skegoshies	Sekohahes	Brandt
Tajasigha	Thahothatrihos	Nicky
Onighsighton		
	Onondagas	
	Oghkannicks	

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The Commissioners Ordered that the Twelve Sachems have each a Blanket Strouds, a Blanket a Shirt and a pair Stockings and that a kettle and Two guns be mended for them. —

Cornelius Cuyler to furnish 2 Indians
Dirk Van Brocklen — 2
Abraham Cuyler — 2
Myndt Schuyler — 2
Hendrick Ten Eyck — 1
Nicolas Bleecker — 2
Philip Livingston — 1

Mr Depeyster to furnish 6 gatts Rum to ye french Indians and 6 gatts. to our Indians

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The Comrs ordered Mr Lansingh to furnish 2 blankets Strouds to be sent to Oquaga and Speech

The Comrs Ordered an Hundred Weight bread for the Indians. —

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The following Letter was wrote to his Hon.r the Lieut. governour

May it Please your Honour

We take this opportunity to Acquaint your Hon.r That we Rec.d this day a Letter from Andries Neck — who is gone to Sesidy in the Sinnekes Country with a Smith and Two more, that they found the House which our people used to Dwell in there Broake down, which the french men Had demolished. that they found the Indians in a very bad State, that 50 Indians of the Sinnekes were going out to fight against the said Heady, that the French Man boasts by having sent them out and that he had appointed a Capt. over them and that a party of Indians was gone out a fighting before they came there, that the French man had a great Quantity of goods to give to the

II 238 Indians, by which he brings them over to the french Interest and our Men there Have No presents with them, but desire to Have order to give small Presents to the Sachems when It is necessary, Our Allowance is so Small, If it is to be extended to defray the present, to the Sinnekes Country which is necessary to ballance what the French send there to draw them, it would Not be Sufficient, So that we are not able to send any thing considerable to answer the end, Our Allowance to this time being already exhausted so that we sitt destitute of money, wherefore we Earnestly hope your Honour will find out some Expedient to order Sufficient Presents to be Allowed to the Sinnekes Sachems, to frustrate and Counterballance the French for the friendship of the ~~Sinnekes~~ Six Nations, is of great Consequence & particularly the Sinnekes to this and the Neighbouring Colonies, We Dread a French war especially

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If our Indians be deluded and Drawn from us and sent on Ruinous Expeditions against our Friend Indians that we Cant Have their Assistance when we want them we would be glad to be Enabled to discharge our duty but without a Sufficient Allowance to Answer what is Necessary to discharge Contingencies which may be required we shall be at a loss what to do, However We shall order Andries Nack to Imploy a small matter to the Indians where he may Judge Necessary, but that will fall short of what is Required, which We Hope the Hon.ble Assembly will Allow. —

At a Meet.g of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs y.e 21. December 1742 —

Present.
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer
Hend.k Toulyck
Nicolaes Bleecker
Rutger Bleecker
Steph.n Groesbeck
John de Peyster
Capt. Sutherland
Peter Winne
Dirk Ten Broeck
Abraham Cuyler
Myndt. Schuyler

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Two Indians who were sent up to Crown Point by this board, came Back & Dirk Ten Broeck was Ordered to pay them for their Trouble. —

At a Meet.g of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs the 27.th December 1742. —

Present
Philip Livingston
Philip Schuyler
Ed. Collins
Hend.k Toulyck
Nicolaes Bleecker
Myndt. Schuyler
Jon. Van Rensselaer
John Lansingh
John de Peyster
Rutg.r Bleecker
Steph.n Groesbeck
Gerrit Gerritsen
Peter Winne
Cornelius Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck

May it Please your Hon.r
We Rec.d your Honours Letter of the 13.th Instant & are Convinced that your Hon.r has Done your utmost endeavours to Induce the Assembly to Augment our Allowance. We Have Already (Although our Allowance is all Exhausted) ordered Mr. Nack to advance £20 to the Sinnekes Sachems as he thinks most Proper for the Interest of this Government and to use his Interest to keep the Indians from going a fighting, and for fear that Letter should Miscarry We Have sent up the Interpreter to the Mohawk Country to hire three Indians one to Carry up our Orders to said Nack and two to go to Oswego, to Carry there this Winter to serve as Messengers for the Commanding Officer there in case of an Attack thinking them more able to Come down with a Message from thence in a short time, than the Soldiers there who are

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Less accustomed to Travell in the Winter.

The foll.g Letter was wrote to Lieut. Hyde Clarke Command.g Officer at Oswego. —

Capt. Clarke

We Have Sent up the Interpreter to the Mohawk Country to hire two Indians to go to Oswego to be Imployed by you in case of ~~Need~~ an Attack by the French to Bring down the News to us and the five Nations, we doubt not but you will Supply those Indians with Provisions & use them Kindly as Long as they remain with you, which we design shall be as Long as the Navigation Arrive there in the Spring. We Have yet no News of War, But have taken this Precaution, if Any thing Should Happen, because those Indians Can much Sooner bring down a Message from you than your Men who are not So much used to Travell —

This board ordered Andr. Nack to advance £20. — to the Sinnekes

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Present
John Lansingh
Nicolaes Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Dirk Ten Broeck
Cornelius Cuyler
Edward Collins
John de Peyster

Att a Meetg. of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs y.e 9.th Jany. 1742/3

This board rec.d a Letter from Andr.s Nack from the Simcher Country to which they wrote the following Answer

Mr. Andries Nack

Wy hebben UE brief van den 23. dec.r ontfangen waer op UEdr Antwoord dient dat wy UE Aredes geen diensten hebben om 20 Pond te verschieten aen de Wilden in Twee brieven dien wy UE geschreven hebben d'eene de Eerste dec.r en de andere Laetste Week die ons niet de geleegentheyt opgaet. wy geven UE hoch order voor twee of drie ponden aen goet aen de Sjoes Schieter te geven private en doet them de groetenisse van ons, Deselve sent ons dat de Wilden in het simcher Land so boos zouden op de Fr[redacted]an Jonkeur om dat wy het Huys UE geroken Hoest dat zy gezwol-ven zouden om hun in het voorjaer Wegh te jagen waer toe UE ook UE best moet doen onder de Wilden wy zullen UE een Pandt Sawant daer voor zu det UE met haer sell spreken om Hell Castel te verleggen daer zy belooft Helben,

wy hebben de Wilt Satisfactie gedaen voor zyn toght. wy Helben Alhier geen News. so Blyve

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndt Schuyler
Rut.r Bleecker
John Lansingh.
Philip Schuyler
Jo. D. Peyster
D. Ten Broeck

Att a Meetg of the Com.rs of Indians Affairs y.e 9.th Feb.y 1742/3

The Interpreter being Come from Canajohorie brought a Belt of Wampum from the Sachems there to assure the Com.rs That they are resolved to keep the Peace with the Southren Indians and Not follow y.e Examples of y.e other 5 Nations. He also says that an Oneyde Indian Came There Last Week to Inform the Sachim there That a party of 80 Anondages Oneydes &c.a Who Went to fight Last fall to the Southren had Engaged With a party of English at the Back of Virginia & that Eight English Were killed & that but 4 of the 80 Indians Were Returned

He also Says that a party of 9 French Indians Who Went to fight to the Southward & Came there to Engage some of y.e Canajoheris Indians to go With them which he the Interpreter Opposed one of our Indians told him that they Were sent out to fight by John Lindsay at y.e Carrying place Who had Given them 2 Belt of wampum to Engage ~~to go~~ our Indians to go With them & asked him Why he Would hinder them While one of our Own Goverment had sent them out, But that None of our Indians Went With them

This b.d ordered that Mr. Ten Broeck pay an Indian of Schaak.k Wlemket Sbrounds shift & Stockg.s 1 Meg of Rum for going again to Crown point upon Com.n business

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Present
Mynd.t Schyler
Ni. B[illegible]ker
Rut. B[illegible]ker
John Lansingh
Cornelis Cuyler
Peyer Gerritse

At a Meetg of ye Comrs of Indian affairs ye 10th febry 1742/3

Appeared At this Cd Twelve Mohawks Sachems and Other Indians

The Comrs Spoke to them as follows

Brethren We Are Glad to See you here the Interpreter told us Yesterday that you had desired him to tell that you had Resolved to Keep the Peace made with the Sd Indians and Not break It as the other Nations have done and he has delivered us the the Belt [illegible] your Name, We Are Glad that you Keep your Engagements and Not Shew your Selves So faithless As the other Nations Have done; if Breakg the Solemn Promises And Engagements Made in a publick Manner with Our Governmt in behalf of the Southern Indians and all the Subjects of Great Brittain, We Recommend It to you to Keep your resolutions in this Article and Not Suffer

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Any of your men to go A fighting to the Southward.

You did very well and what Was your duty to Stop the French Indians who went to fight Last Week to the Southward.

gave a Belt

Then the Indians said as follows

Brethren We the Mohawks in the Name of the Six Nations Come to acq.t you that we have Not forgot the Treaty which we have made So Lately and as it was yesterday with Our Brother the Govr in Behalf of the Southern Indians And That A party of the Six Nations Have Been A fighting notwithstandg to ye Southward, But that the Cadians had Not in their Power to prevent it, they being only some Scattering Indians who Live at a distance from our Castles and Went privately, And that that party Have had An Engagement with some English men, that some of Both Sides were Killed & as we Hear the English were the Aggressors, the Six Nations Have desired us to acquaint

you hereof, and That they Are sorry that this dolefull Affair has happened. That the reason of their fighting is Unknown to them, That they desire the Comrs to Enquire into this Affair, That they do not know who is to Blame But that Let who will Be in the fault, they desire that no Hasty resolutions Should be taken, but that you Will Enquire into this Affair and when you Shall hear the Truth, to acquaint them therewith and that if they hear any thing they Will also Acquaint this Board, that this unhappy Affair may be made up in an Amicable and peaceable manner Let who Will be in the fault, the Six Nations are Very much Concerned about this Accident

gave a Belt

The Comissioners Answered them

We have a few days Ago had A flying Report by A man from Philadelphia That some of your people and some English of Virginia had An Engagement and That some of both

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Parties were killed, We Are Sorry to hear It Confirmed by the Six Nations, as we were in hopes it was not True. We expected the Six Nations Would not have suffered Any of their people to go A fighting to the Southward but that they Would have Kept the peace so Lately and So Solemnly made. This Accident is certainly the Consequence of their not keeping that peace as they ought to have done. Tho: who were the Aggressors in this Affair we know not but Will enquire into It and shall inform you what we hear of this Affair. We hope It may be made up in an Amicable manner wherein our Endeavours Shall not be wanting but it being an Affair of Great Consequence, we think proper first to acq.t our Govr therewith And Also what you say herein, and when we have recd his Answer we Will Answer your Belt

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Att a Meeting of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs at Albany 21. Feby. 1743.

Present
Philip Livingston
Capt. Rutherford
Coll. Phil Schuyler
Nicolas Bleecker
John de Peyster
Myndt Schuyler
Peter Winne
Jacob. V. Rensselaer
Abr. Groesbeck
Corns. Cuyler
Hendk. Fonda

Several Mohawks of the Lower Castle appeared here who desired that the Interpreter may be sent up to their Castle to be present at a Consultation to be held there Among them, concerning what answer they shall give the Upper Nations in case they should come down to them About that ocurrence between the English and Indians at the back of Virginia. The Comrs. ordered the Interpreter to go up and tell the Indians, that by what can be learned they were in the wrong, But that we hope it may be Amicably Settled According to their Desire when they were down here last.

May It please your Hon.

Your Honours will perceive by the Inclosed minutes that the Six nations have an Acct. from the Southward that some English and some of their people were Lately killed at the back of Virginia. We had this Acct. from the Mohawk the same day we had it from New York, so that we do not doubt of the Truth of this Affair, But the Accounts are so Various that it is uncertain how it happened, the Indians as your Hon.r will perceive allege that the English attacked them without any provocation, we hope it may not be so circumstanced as to occasion a War between the English and the Six Nations but that it may be Amicably Settled, to which the Indians are Inclined as your Hon.r will perceive by the Inclosed minutes we have nothing else at present but remain

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Att a meeting of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs at Albany 26th Feby 1743.

Present
Rutger Bleecker
Cornelius Cuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
Myndt Schuyler
Abr.m Groesbeck
Nicolas Bleecker
John de Peyster
Hendk. Fonda

Appeared at this board two Mohawks Indians who were sent to Oswego to reside there till the Traders went up, Who say the reason of their Comming Away sooner is a Report from the Southwd. That the Eng. had killed some of the Six Nations which was represented to them as if the English were at war with the Six Nations, wherefore they thought it their Duty to come home.

This board ordered Mr. Cor: Cuyler to pay the Indians 1 C. Strouds for £9 ... and 6 half Kegs of Rum

The Interpreter being returned from the Mohawk Country says that the Mohawks Sachems told him that they had consulted among themselves about the Affair to the S.d and desired him to tell the Comrs. that they think the 6 Nations expect that the Comrs. will send up to condole the death of the Indians killed in that engagem.t according to the Treaty subsisted between them & this board; that for their part they were not uneasy but fear if this was not done that the other six Nations would be for taking revenge

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Present
Capt. Rutherford
Nicol. Bleecker
Cornelius Cuyler
Myndt Schuyler
Hardt Ten Eyck
Peter Winnet
Anthy. Bleecker
John de Peyster

At a meetg. of the Comrs. of Indn Affairs at Alby. 7th March 1742/3

Appeared at this board a Mohawk Indian with a String of Wampum, who Says that he is Sent by the Mohawks to Acquaint this board, that the Interpreter of Pensilvania and two other Men are arrived from Philadelphia at Onondage to Speak with the Six Nations and they desire the Interpreter may be sent up immediately with them to hear what they have to say.

This board resolved the Interpreter shall be sent up immediately with them to hear what they have to Say and gave him the follg. Instructions

Mr. Jacob Bleecker

You are to go to Onondage where we hear that some people from Philadelphia are to Treat with the Six Nations and there you are to Gett Information what those people shall propose to the Sachems not there and what Answer will be given them. You are to tell the Sachems at Onondage that we are Sorry that Such a sorrowfull Accident has happened at the back of Virginia between some English of that Governmt. and Agents of their people that we have not yet Gott a Certain Acct of that matter and know nothing yet But By Common report, that Assoon As we know the Certainty thereof we will Acquaint them therewitth and that we hope it will not be the Occasion of a Breach in the Covenant Chain with Any of his Majts. English Subjects, But that upon the whole we desire they will not be hurry about it, nor take Any Resolutions without the

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Advice or Consent of the their Brethren, whereupon you Are to Give them this belt of Wampum.

In Case the Mohawks Condole the Death of the Indians which are killed, you Are to Joyn with them therein and Give them a belt of Wampum.

This board ordered the Interpreter to take Up with him 1 doz: knives. 1 pr. Gings and 1 Bead. and that the Interpreter pay the Indian who Came down with the Message and Blankett. at the Charge of the Comissioners.

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Present
Nicolaas Bleecker
Cornelius Cuyler
Myndt Schuyler
Diffck Ten Broeck
Hardt Ten Eyck
John Lansingh
Anthy. Bleecker
John de Peyster

At a Meeting of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs the 8th March 1742/3

The Interpreter being returned from the Onondage Castle brings the follg. Account

That According to his Instructions he went up to Onondage, that when he Came near Onondage he met the Oneyde Sachems Coming back, who told him the Meetg. was broake up and desired him to Turn back, which he Told them he Could not do, being ordered to go to Onondage, then he proceeded with the Sachems of the Indians who were with him, when he Came to Onondage he desired the Sachems to meet and when they were met, he Told them that his order from the Comissioners were to tell them that they were Sorry that the Accident to the Southward had Happened and that they would do their Endeavour to make up the breach Assoon As they were Informed of the Truth of this Affair According to Mutuall Treaty which is that All differences Shall Immediately be Laid Aside and desired the Six Nations not to be Uneasy nor take Any resolutions in this Affair Without Consulting the Comrs. and Thereupon he gave

a Belt

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That thanke Told the Sachims That Our forefathers
Haf made an Inviolable Covenant Chain and that
this how no other Misfortune ought to make a breach
therein, but that the Rust that is thereon should be
wiped off, and that none of their people should go a
fighting which it behoves them to prevent

gave a Belt.

The Sachims answered the Interpreter

That they thanke the Comrs. for the friendly message
sent them by the Interpreter and that they do not
doubt of the good Inclinations of their Brethren the Comrs.
to make up this breach, which the Six nations had already
in their Mett. agreed to do on their parts, and that they
will be Easy till farther news, that if the Virginia
people were found inclined to reconcile it should not be
wanting of their Side

gave a Belt

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And they the Six nations Promise that they will keep the
Covenant Chain Inviolably That nothing shall be wanting
of their side and the Intreaguey of the Devil himself shall be
Able to Break it Forever more And ~~we~~ promise that ~~we~~
they will not ~~Suffer~~ Any of their people to go a fighting ~~for~~
and will for the future take Care of our Castles which they have already
agreed on in this Meeting.

gave a Belt

They expect to hear from this board how this affair is, and
that they may be Acquainted with what the Governor of
Virginia designs to do.

The Interpreter informs the Comrs. that by what he can
Learn of this affair, the English first fired upon the Indians
and that four of them were killed and five or Six wounded

and that 26 were Returned Home which is the whole
number of the party except the four which are killed,
That Eight of the English were killed and Two much Wounded
That they Computed the English to be About forty in number.
He says that the Indians Expect the People of Virginia
will reconcile this affair with them.

The Interpreter Enquired of the Sachims what the people of
Pensilvania had proposed to them and what Answer they
Had given them The Sachims Answered

That the people from Pensilvania had desired that their
traders should pass and repass to Trade as usual and desired
that the Six Nations should not disturb them.
And that the Six nations should Come to Philadelphia to
receive the payment of some Land which the proprietor had
of their and for which they were not yet paid. They desired
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also that this affair with the Virginia people should not be
any occasion of a Breach in their Covenant for that they had
no hand in it and knew not whence it proceeded, but that
soon as they Did know it, they would acquaint the Six
Nations therewith.

Whereto they the six nations Answered

That they would Treat their people kindly wherever they mett
them and would in no wise molest them, that they could not
go to Philadelphia this year by reason of the affair between
them and the people of Virginia, But that the 1st year they
would go.
~~They~~ that they would keep the Covenant and would not be
the Occasion of any breach in the same

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The following Letter was wrote to his Honour the Lieut. Govern.

May It please your Honour

Since our Last to your Honour of the 21. Febr. We have not rec.d Any of your Hon.rs favours. We have Thought proper as your Hon.r will perceive by the Inclosed Minutes, to send the Interpreter to Onondago being informed by the Mohawks that a Generall Meeting of the Six Nations was to be Held there at the desire of Some people from Philadelphia. We have Inclosed the Minutes of the Interpreters orders Journey and their Answer he brings by to which We beg Leave to refer. It seems the Indians are in Generall Very mundane about the murder to the Southward and are Likely to Continue so, unless the Virginia people Will reconcile the Affair with them which they Expect they will do — the people in the Sinnekes Country Write us that One of their principle Sachems is gone to Ottawawa to desire their Indians not to go a Hunting But to Stay at Home —

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Att a Meet.g of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany 18 April 1743

Present
Philip Livingston
Abraham Cuyler
Nicolas Bleecker
Capt. John Rutherford
Myndert Schuyler
John Sanders
Cortlandt Bleecker

May It please your Honour

We rec.d your Hon.rs Letter of the 5th Instant with the Copies of Coll.o Goodes and Coll.o Pottons Letters Concerning the Skirmish and Murder at the back of Virginia. The Demand your Honour Mentions of Some of the Six Nations to some Lands in Virginia is We Conceive Only Imaginary, having never heard Any Such Thing from them and had Any such thing been they Would Doubtless have mentioned it since

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This Affair has happened, but Nothing of that Sort has been in the Least Hinted at by them, and should We now send the Interpreter to know from them what Lands they Claim in Virginia according to Coll.o Goodes desire we humbly Conceive it Would be furnishing them with a Grievance they have never yet thought of.

What Coll.o Goode mentions of White men they are supposed to Have been with the Indians we take that to be a Mistake which has Doubtless proceeded from some Mongrel Indians that were in the party.

We wrote your Honour the 20th March and sent Inclosed our Minutes Containing the Answer the Interpreter brought from Onondago which we suppose your Honour had not received when your Last was wrote. your Honour will thereby perceive that the Six Nations are Inclined to Reconcile the Matter with the people from Virginia. We have therefore deferred sending the Interpreter to the Indian Country till We hear further from your Honour, thinking that he Should not be able to get any other Answer from them than we have Already had. We Conceive it would be the best and Cheapest way that Coll.o Goode Should desire your Honour to reconcile this Matter, and then your Honour if you shall think proper can order us to make it up in such Manner as the Circumstances of the Case shall admitt of —

If your Honours Approves of this we think it would be the surest way that We as soon as We perceive your Honours Approbation should send the Interpreter to the Six Nations to desire that One or two of their Sachems Come down here about the time your Hon.r can have an Answer from Coll.o Goode Concerning this Matter, which We hope will be as soon as possible, for if a French War Should in the meantime break out it would be more Difficult to adjust this Matter

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We Doubt Not but Coll.° Goodwill be very ready to pay
us the Charges we shall be at in this affair —
We have several Accounts That the Six Nations have sent
to the sa.d Indians in Covenant with them to be at home
and ready to assist them in Case of Need. the French also
are continually using all arts and means to foment and
widen the differences of this Sort so that Should this —
Matter not be made up in an Amicable Manner but hostilities
ensue or Continued the Consequences might be very Terrible
However we submitt all to your Honours Judgement —
We have sent the Interpreter to the Mohawks to send
from thence an Indian to the Six Nations to desire the
Sachems to Stay at Home and to remind them the repeated
promises they have made to keep home their people and
not to suffer them to go a fighting and to inform them
that the Interpreter will be with them in about twenty
days — in which time we hope to have
further orders from your Honr We remain &c —

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Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 2d May 1743.

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Robt G. Bleecker
John Depeyster
Cornelius Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Cheyes Gerritse
Abraham Cuyler
John Rutherford
John Sanders

This board received a Letter from his Hon.r the Lieut. Governour whereupon they Sent the Interpreter to Onondago With the following Message to the Sachems of the Six Nations -

Brethren

According to Our promise made to the Mohawks, who came in Febr.y Last with a belt of Wampum in the Name of the Six Nations, to Speak with us Concerning the Skirmish between a party of Your people and some of his Majesties English subjects at the back of Virginia, we now send up the Interpreter to Inform you that Your Brother Cornlaes Our Governour Has recd a Letter from the Govern.r of Virginia, with Another from a Coll.o who was but a few Miles distant from the place where that Affair Happened and who Doubtless was well Informed thereof. He says that a party of Indians of the Six Nations Appeared upon their frontiers in a Hostile manner Killing and Carying away Horses &c. upon which the Inhabitants of the Neighbourhood went with their Arms for their own security to know from those Indians what might be the meaning or their reason for thus treating the English with whom they had so Lately entered into a more strict Alliance than Ever by the Treaty at Albany with the Govern.r of New York, and Accordingly when they came up with them on the 18th Day of December they Sent a man with a Signall of peace in his hand to them whom they killed on the Spot and then fired upon the other English without any provocation, whereupon the English out of a principle of Self preservation were obliged to return the fire, now we Have performed our promise and have

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Given an Exact Account of this whole Affair Whereon We give

a Belt —

Brethren You Must Certainly be Ashamed and Amazed that among — you who so Lately and so Solemnly took into the Covenant Chain All His May.ty Subjects to the Southward both English and Indians there should yet be such false base Treacherous Wretches as those Are who have Committed this Horrid Murder at the back of Virginia, We Are Confident that this affair will be resented By the Indians who We Doubt Not but were Ignorant of this Matter, and Must Certainly now believe that All that those Indians have said About the English attacking them first is Notoriously false for that they killed the Man that was sent to speak with them with a Signal of peace in his Hand And people who will be guilty of such Base Barbarous and Inhuman Actions, Cannot, ought not to Be Believed A word they say about it, for Inhuman as they Are, so much Shame is Left as Would make them blush to own It. —

II 248 A The Govern.r of Virginia has Desired our Gov.r to Enquire of you the reasons of this Message and to Let him Know As soon As possible, for that he is Amazed at such Treatment And Does Not know what to think of It. that he Cant think of Any Manner of reason that has been given to Us or his people in this Manner, Especially Since the Govern.mts to the Southward and their Indians Depended Upon the faith of the Treaty you Made here in 1740. With our Govern.r in their behalf, which they Intend to observe Inviolably.

If you had Any reasons to be disgusted At the people of Virginia you should have made them known to Us that We might in A peaceable Manner have obtained Satisfaction for you — and If you have yet Any thing to Allege against them, We Desire that you will Inform the Interpreter thereof. It is your Indispensable Duty to Express your Abhorrence of this Affair And to Keep your Young Men At Home for the future. — You know Very Well that your people broke the Covenant Chain in going to fight to the Southward Whether they Intended it against English or Indians, so that you ought to Desire our Governors to Intercede and

Make up this Breach for you With the Governour of Virginia which We Doubt but upon his Intercession he Will do. —

This Board Desires the Interpreter to Enquire whether Any White people were Among the party of Indians, and Also If he should Hear that the Indians Painted Any Lands to the Southward to Enquire where they Lye and What they Ask in Satisfaction for them —

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs At Albany 30th May 1743. —

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Nicolaas Bleecker
John Lansingh
Rutger Bleecker
Philip Schuyler
Peter Winne

The following Letter was Wrote to his Hon.r the Lieut. Governour —

May it please your Hon.r

We have rec.d your Honours Letter of the 27th Last Month And have According to your Hon.rs Order sent the Interpreter up to Onondage With Instructions Conformable to your

II 249 Honours Directions which are here Inclosed and Also the Answer which the Indians of the Six Nations Made thereto Your Hon.r will perceive thereby that the Indians do not Make Any pretence on Any Lands in the Govern.mt of Virginia, but on the Contrary Declare that they had not Any reason to Abuse the People there. And that after Using their Uttmost Endeav.rs it was not in their power to Stop their people from going to fight to the Southward. But yet it seems by their Answer that they think the people of Virginia Used their men Very Ill in following them in a Hostile Manner, only for Killing A few Cattle and that when they Overtook them they fired Upon them thrice before It was returned by their people. They say farther that the Officer which is left Above Knows Very Well that What they say is

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Truth, But upon the whole It seems the Sachems are
Inclined to Make up the breach and to Come to Albany
for that purpose at any time that shall be fixed upon
but Desire that the Gov.r of Virginia be present ——
It is certainly of Great Consequence to this and all the
Neighbouring provinces that this Affair should some way
or other be reconciled and in a very Short time, which
way to bring It about we Do not know But think It would be
Best that Coll.o Gooch should Come himself or at least send
a Deputy here, which you know is the only place
where our Indians might Treat of publick Affairs in order to
a Reconciliation where to the Indians are really Inclined
and we Imagine that If a few of the Southern Indians were
brought with Him that it would induce our Indians to have a
stricter regard to the peace made with your Honour in their
belief in the year 1740. If it be not Modesty we are apprehen-
II — sive some vagabonds living at some distance from their
249A — Castles will again go and Murder the people upon the frontiers
of Virginia, we have already had Certain Information
that Seven Indians living near Shawano have already been
upon the March, But were Stopped by a party of Cayugas who
Live to the Southward,
We have sent a message by two Indians Who Live to the
southward to Desire the Sachems about Shawano to Stop any
party of Indians that may be so wicked as to go against
the Inclinations of the Sachems to raise Hostilities against
his Maj.y Subjects which we believe they will readily do.
We Can say no more But express our earnest Desire that
this Affair be By some means or other made up — we are

The Interpreter being returned from Onondago brings the
following report of his Message
That Pursuant to his Instructions of the 2.d Instant he had
been to Onondago where He Met the Sachems of the Six
Nations and Told them what he was directed, whereto
the Sachems Answered as follows.

Brethren We the Six Nations have now Heard According to our
Desire what account you have of the Affair to the Southward
by which we are Certainly greatly in fault, and have been
the Aggressors in this Melancholy Accident between us and our
Brethren of Virginia; you say also that our young Man Came
upon the Confines of that Government in a Hostile Manner
and that when the party of English overtook them, they found
a Man with a token of Peace in his Hand and that our people
Shot Him without any provocation and that then the English
II — were obliged to fend in their own Defence, If these things are
250 — so Brethren, we are greatly to Blame, But our people who
were in the Action Absolutely deny it, and Say that they have
been very Ill used by the Brethren of Virginia who prepared
themselves three or four Days to fall upon us and destroy us
and that only for killing our Hogs, our Calf and our young
Horse, we have well used by the people of Pensilvania
but no sooner did we Come into the Government of Virginia
But we perceived a Change of Conduct and they Sought
from the first House we Came too, to the last to destroy
us and after we had passed them several miles they
followed us and overtook us and then fired upon us without
any provocation but what is above said, and It is absolutely
false that any of our people fired till they were fired upon
by them So that they are the occasion of this unhappy
Affair and not We. — gave a Belt —

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Brethren — We Acknowledge our people ought not to have gone there but it was not in our power to prevent them for which we always use our utmost endeavours and more especially since the last peace made with the S.[r] Indians —

The Govern.[r] of Virginia desires you to ask us what reason we had to use his people in this manner, we Acknowledge that we have not any reason to use his people ill, and have not done it, and if we had had any thing against him we would ~~long~~ immediately have informed you thereof that it might be redressed in a friendly manner.

Brethren — We the Six Nations are inclined to make up this breach in the Covenant Chain and are willing to come to Albany for that purpose at any time that shall be appointed

II 250 R — We desire that the Gov.[r] of Virginia may be then present that we may have an opportunity to speak with each other

Gave a Belt

The Interpreter says that the Indians who were in the action told him that no white people had been with them

At a meet.[g] of the Com.[rs] of Indian affairs 12.th June 1748.

Present
Myndt Schuyler
Cornelius Cuyler
Cherr Ferris
Henry Teubyck
Ed. Collins
Nicol Bleecker
Abra. Cuyler
Jere. V. Rensselaer
Rut. Bleecker

Ledras a sachim of the Mohawks says that four of the Cherikees are come in the Finneches Country who say that 100 men more of that Nations are upon the way to come there to confirm the peace and that he is sent by the Mohawks to informe the Com.[rs] thereof —

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany 1743. on the 14.th June —

Present
Philip Livingston
Phil. Schuyler
Cornelius Cuyler
Henry Teubyck
Jeroni. Van Rensselaer
Dirk Ten Broeck
John Lansing
Cherr Ferris
Nicolas Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Myndt Schuyler

Appeared at this board two Aschicantecooks — sachims and several private men of said Nation who say as follows

Brethren

We are come in the Name of the Nations to which we belong to tell you that we are resolved to keep the peace confirmed last year between us and that we will not join the French against you or — any English altho' a ~~French~~ war should break out — between the two Nations, but we are determined to remain Neuter and to keep the road to this place to come and trade — whether you and the French are at war together or not and you may depend we will perform what we promise as a token whereof we give you this Belt of Wampum —

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The Com.[rs] Answered them

Brethren — We are glad to see you so mindfull of the peace confirmed and renewed last year between us and that your Nation has been so good to send you here to remind us of that Covenant subsisting betwixt us, for the oftner we meet the fresher it is in our memories. You may depend that the road shall be kept open and free and that you shall not be molested in your Way hither at any time, neither do we molest any people who do not first molest us. But we are inclined to live in peace with all the world as well as with you whereupon we give you this Belt of Wampum

1 fatt Sheep
4 Blankets strouds
6 Shirts
2 Kegs of rum &
some bread —

Ordered that the goods in the Margin mentioned shall be given these Indians.

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Present

Mynd. Schuyler
Peter Winne
Lieut. Blood
Abraham Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Ant.s Bleecker
Cornelius Cuyler
Nico. Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Henry Ten Eyck

At a Meeting of the Comissioners of Indian affairs at Albany 29th June 1743.

This board received a Letter from the Reverend Mr. Henry Barclay from the Mohawks Country to which they returned the following answer

Sir

We recd yours of yesterday and observe thereby that there is a report among the Indians that three men and two women of the Simokey who had been prisoners among the Cherikees were Returned home and that an hundred More of that Nation were daily expected thereto conclude a peace which we hope they will effect, and that in order thereto the five Nations will use the Cherikees kindly, the Simokey Seems are Included to have the Meeting at their castle which would be an Innovation we are of opinion the Meeting ought to be According to Custom at onondaga which is the usual place and is also more Convenient for the Lower Nations who must be present in this affair, We do not think Itt Needfull to send any of our body But when we hear farther of this affair we may be Better able to Judge how to Act Wherein, We send you Hereinclosed 7 hands of Wampum which you will Be so good to deliver to the Indians with this our Answer —

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Present

Mynd.t Schuyler
John Sanders
Abraham Cuyler
Nicolaes Bleecker
John Depeyster
Dirk Ten Broeck
Cornelius Cuyler

At a Meeting of the Comiss.rs of Indian affairs 5th July 1743.

This board allowed the following Accounts —

To Abraham Cuyler	£	15:03:4½
To John Sanders		—:13:6
To Philip Livingston Junr		3:9:8
To James Stevensons		2:—
To Mynd.t Schuyler		6:12:2
To Corneliis Cuyler		20:17:11¼
To Dirk Ten Broeck		24:17:6
To John Seger		18:02
To Jacob Lansingh for an Acct. of £1:2:6		—:18:6
To Do		—:13
To John Vander Heyden		1:5
To Nicolaes Bleecker		10:—:8
To Philip Livingston		12:19:7½
To Jacob Wendell		6
To Johannis Knickerbacker		1:10
To Daniel Toll		—:15
To Jacobus Bleecker		13:11:4
To Annotje Ritchinor		17:18:3
To John Depeyster		6:—:3
To Leend.t Gansevoort		—:18
To Jeremy Schuyler for his Service to the Simokey Country according to his Agreement 26th April 1737.		24
To Johannis Lansingh		4:19:9
To Timothy Magin		—:6
	£	193:11:6¼

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Present
Myndert Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Hendr. Van Rensselaer
John Van Schaick
Chut. Bleecker
Nicolaes Bleecker
Cornelius Cuyler
John Lansing

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs 15th July 1743

This board Allowed the following Accounts

To Hendrick Van Rensselaer	£10:18:6
To D.o for an Acct. of	:18
To Michael Rafsch	:05
To Jan Schermerhorn when his Acct. is from	2:11
To Philip Van Dietten D.o	2:11
To Philip Schuyler	:12
To Sander Van Dyck when he swears that he has recd. no Satisfaction	2:0
To Ditto for another Acct. to swear the same	4:19
	£25:00:6
To Rutger Bleecker	4:19
	£29:19:6
The Accounts Allowed the 14th. Instant amount to	193:11:6¼
	£223:11:0¼

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This board Drew a Warrant on Philip Livingston Esq.r for the payment of the Above sum, in the words following

Pay unto the several persons mentioned on the other side the sums of money set against each of their Names amounting in the whole to two Hundred and Twenty three pounds Eleven Shillings and one farthing, out of the Money in your Hands and so Come to your hands for Account of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs and for your so doing this shall be your Sufficient Warrant. Given under our Hands in Albany 15th July 1743

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
John Lansing
Chut. Bleecker
John Cuyler

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany 28th July 1743

Appeared at this board four Cahquago Indians who say as follows.

We are Come here concerning what you sent to us about that we should take care at this juncture that none of our people should go a fighting Especially since that unhappy affair at the back of Virginia has happened, the Consequence of which might be worse at this time now that affair is about being made up, We took this message very well and have taken a resolution that none of our people should go a fighting and have sent another message to the Indians Living before us at Shawano who also readily agreed with us to keep their men at Home and as a Token have sent Seven hands of Wampum which we now deliver you with Seven hands from our Castle

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The Commiss.rs Answered thus

That they thanke them for the Care they have Taken in this affair and that they are glad that they have such wise people among them, that they Can't but know that a small fire is easier Quenched than a large One and upon the Whole recommended to them that they Continue in the same Sentiments

2 Large Blankets
3 Shirts

Resolved that the Indians be given out of goods in the Magazin mentioned and that Mr. Rutg.r Bleecker furnish the same

At a Meeting of the Comrs. of Indian affairs the 30th. July 1743 —

Present

Philip Schuyler
Nico. Bleecker
John Depeyster
Reyer Gerritsen
Rut. Bleecker
Cornelis Cuyler
Abra. Cuyler
Jer. Van Rensselaer
Dirk Ten Broeck
John Lansingh
Myndt. Schuyler

Appeared at this board Three Sanondides, otherwise called Sughsaghrondies from the place of their habitations, the One of which is the Chief Sachim of that Nation and is named Rondoenie, the other are name[d] Tadoniatafe, Jagowanaatha and are also Sachims

They Say as follows

Brethren

We Sanondides are now Come here by order of the Sachims of our Nation, who have long Since Intended to send to ~~you~~ Some people here Upon the business we are now Come for, which is this, We have always heard that our Forefathers and ours Have in former times made a Covenant together which we not very well remember the Contents of But as you write down all things you can easily know what it was that was then agreed on, Therefore we are sent here To desire you to ~~Tell~~ us the Contents of that Covenant ~~that~~ We may know every tittle thereof and knowing the same may be able to observe and keep ~~the same~~ It to the end of the world.

Gave a few beads

Then they Showed a very large belt of Wampum with Some Men marked upon It which they say was given their Nation at Albany in Confirmation of Such Covenant —

The Comrs. Answered them

that they were glad to see Members and as It was Saturday to day they are desired to dine here on Monday when they shall be made acquainted with the Contents of the Covenant they Mention —

Albany 2. Augt. 1743

Present

Philip Livingston
Myndt. Schuyler
John Lansingh
Reyer Gerritsen
Philip Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Nicolaes Bleecker
E. Collins
Edmund Bloor
Rutger Bleecker

The following answer was returned to the three Sanondides Sachims —

Brethren

You have desired us to Lett you know the Contents of the Covenant of which this belt was given as a confirmation, alleadging you do not know It, It having been Transacted before your time, We will now according to your desire inform you what that Covenant Imported —

It is Now forty years Since this belt of Wampum was given your forefathers by the then Commrs. of Indian affairs here at Albany to confirm the Covenant then made and to kept by your Nation to the end of the world as a Memorial of the same. The Covenant then made — Was that We should always keep open the road from your habitations to this place That you might Come and go freely without any Hindrance or Molestation from us, But that on the Contrary We should take all the — Weeds out of the road that you might Come and go without any Interruption and that you should be Well received and Kindly used whenever you should — Come to us Whether Upon the Account of Trade or Any other business, another Article of the Covenant is that We and you and the five Nations should always from that time forward be Included in one Comon Covenant Chain and always be friends and allies and that the same Tree which is plant[ed] here in this place should shade us all that no hurt Come to any of us, But that we should remain as Brethren to the end of the world and

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Allways be glad to have an opportunity to see each other as we have at this Day. — And you on your parts particularly promised that you would come and Trade with us and that you would Encourage as many of the Nations about you to do the same as you could. We have now told you the Substance of the Covenant made by our forefathers which you desired to know which has since been renewed 38 years ago and again 22 years ago. you may see by the Devices on this great Belt in a great Measure what that Covenant imports of which it is given as a Confirmation. you see at the one End of the Belt a Tree which is the Tree planted here and next to the Tree is a Man whiter than the rest who Signifies the English, the five Men which Stand Next Signifies the five Nations and the last one Signifies your Nations who you see has a Chain in his hand which is fastened to the Tree which Signifies that we and you are all joyned in ~~the same~~ one common Covenant Chain with the five Nations

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Then the Sachems Answered

Brother Corlaer and Traders

Now we have heard from you what the Meaning of this Belt of Wampum is, which we as it were Swallow ~~up~~ into our bodies and it Sinks into our Hearts. When we Come ~~up~~ Home the Sachems will ask us with the greatest Impatiencence what it is, who when we tell them will be as it were Awakened out of a Deep Sleep and their understanding will be enlightned we must thank you Ten thousand times for making this Covenant which Links us and the five Nations together Especially since we were engaged in a Bloody War together ~~a few years~~ before that time

Brother Corlaer and Traders

You have Now told us what the Covenant imports, which we are very glad to Hear and Now we renew the same, Desiring

of you that you will Always Endeavour to Keep the same Inviolable Between us and the five Nations that we may Always be at peace and in friendship together and that the path between us may be kept open and free.

Gave a Belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

The path marked out in the belt of Wampum alludes to trade which as you say was also spoken of in the Covenant, that we might come to trade freely the path being open and free for us, we have never yet Broke or failed in this part of the Covenant But have allways Come Sometimes more and Sometimes less, the French are too dear with their goods and as you are Cheaper, we are Determined to Trade with you

Gave a few Skins

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We are glad that we have had this opportunity to Inform you of the Contents of the Covenant between us which you say you had partly forgot. And that there are such wise People Among you who are resolved to Know and Keep the Covenant made with their Brethren and who have no desire to find out what has been transacted in the days of their fathers before them. We are glad to Hear you express your Satisfaction therein and that you so heartily renew the same, we do Accordingly from the bottom of our hearts renew and Confirm that Covenant and engage that it Shall not be wanting on our Side But we will keep it Inviolable to the End of the World and will keep open the path whether we are at peace with the French or at war wherewith we give you

This Belt of Wampum

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Brethren We are glad you are Sensible that it is Better To Trade with Brethren than with the French, we are not Ignorant what Arts and Intreagues the French use to Keep your Nations as well as the other Nations About you from Comeing to Trade with us, How they Endeavour to Blind your Eyes and Tell you things which are not True, the oftner you Come Among the more reason you will Have to be convinced that we are your Brethren Indeed But the less you Come Amongst us the more opportunity the French will Have to make false Impressions of us upon your minds. As you have been so Good to Come to see us and to renew the Covenant Chain Subsisting between us, we believe you will not give Ear to any false reports the French may raise against us to keep you from us. you know we are Like all people well that Come to Trade with us and therefore we Expect you will Continue to Come more and more and That you will Encourage all the Nations About you to do the Same, whereupon we

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Then the Indians Said

Brethren We thank you for what you have Said concerning the Trade you may depend we will Come and Trade with you and Endeavour to persuade all the Nations About us to do the same and will Inform them that we have renewed the Covenant Chain between us and how Kindly we have been used.

You told us just now that the path Should be kept open as well in peace as in war, we are and have been long Since resolved not to meddle or Concern our Selves at all with any wars of the French, But will be friends with you our Brethren and come and trade with you as well in War as in peace and we will do our Endeavour to Bring all the Nations About us into the same way of thinking, we do not like

the designs of the French and will have no more to do with them

The Comrs said

That they were glad that they knew the French so well and That they had taken such wise and good resolutions

Ordered that the Indians have 1 p.r Shoes &c.
Each 1 Laced Coat a Laced Hatt a Shirt &
11 Falls Rum some pipes and Tobacco Among them
and Provisions for their journey.

The Comrs ordered the secretary to write to Johan. D. Herkemer to furnish the Indians with a Fatt Beef or a

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young Hogg & that he provide people to ride the Indians over the Royde Carying place.

and also to write to Lieut. Clarke at Oswego to desire him to use the Indians kindly

The Indians made a present to the Commissioners consisting of 14 bear Skins
10 deer Skins
2 Vishers
2 Otters
4 beaver.

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Present
Philip Schuyler
Nicolas Bleecker
Cornelis Cuyler
Peter Gerritse
John Lansing Jr
Lieut. Blood
John Depeyster
Hendrick Fonda
Rutger Bleecker

At a Meeting of the Commiss.
of Indian Affairs 14th August 1748

Onondaga and Two Other Greyds Sachems
appeared at this board and Say as follows

Brethren We are Come to Informe you what has happened between the Six Nations and the People from the South-ward. We are not Imployed by the Six Nations to bring this Message, but we thought it our duty to acquaint you therewith Viz.

Two Men from Philadelphia and one from Virginia with the Philadelphia Interpreter Came to us and Said That they were Come to speak with the six Nations about the Sorrowfull Accident Happened to the Southward, that the Pensilvania people Having sent a Man to Onondaga to speak with the six Nations about this affair and finding them very easy Inclined and resolved not to revenge the affair Informed the Governr. of Virginia thereof who was glad to hear it and desired the Pensilvania Governr. that as he yearly conferred with the six Nations to make up this affair for him with them and that he the Governr. of Virginia would pay the Expence —

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Then the Men from Virginia Said

Brethren We are now Come about that affair which Happened through our fault and as the sun is darkned by reason of the death of somany of your people which Happened unexpected we give this Belt of Wampum to wipe off your Tears that you may again see Clear.
As Two of your Nations lost Men in this Accident we give another Belt of Wampum to you the Last Head. —

We say it is our fault that this affair has Happened between us and the Axe lies yet in your head which we now take out and Have brought a Remedy to cure the Wound which is the first that has been between us

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gave a Belt of Wampum

Brethren It has always been a Custom that when any difference happened between us that it has been Instantly made up, we now bury in oblivion the bones of the dead that they may never more be thought of

gave a String of Wampum

We have made it our Business to Come Aswon as possible to prevent the Evil Impressions you might have had in your Minds against us by reason of this affair.

Brethren We have been Many years Linked together in one Covent. Chain, which was made by our forefathers and which never can be Broken, the rust that was upon the Chain we now wipe off and make the same again Bright and strong

gave a Belt of Wampum

We now again desire that if any Evil Should happen Between us in time to Come that you will resolve never

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never to revenge the same which we also promise on our parts But that the same be Amicably made up between us. gave a string of Wampum

Brethren We told you just Now that we had Brought a Remedy to cure the Wound which is 6 ps. Strouds, 2 for the Oneydes and four for the Onondagos and 9 ps. for the Six Nations in generall to sooth the Deaths of all your people as Well those that died their Naturall Deaths as Them that lost their lives in this Accident

The Comrs. of Indian Affairs Ans. the Indians

That they were glad this Affair was Amicably made up and thanked them for their pains.

The Commissioners Also told the facking what had passed between them and the Canoridides a few days ago

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Their Board ordered that the Indians have 25 ℔ powder and 56 ℔ Lead. ordered that Mr. Collins furnish the powder at 2/9 ph.

The Comrs. ordered Tho Sonout a Blanket Strouds a Shirt and a pr. Stockings and Each of the young Indians a Shirt

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Present
Phil. Livingston
Johanes Lansingh
Lieut. Bloom
Rutger Bleecker
Edmund Schuyler
Nicolas Bleecker

Att a Meetg. of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs y. 15. August 1743.

Andries Hack being returned from the Sinnekes Country appeared at this board to inform the Comrs. of Indian Affairs of the State he left those Indians in and what had passed there since his Residence in that Country

Att a Meeting of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs y. 30th August 1743 —

Present
Philip Livingston
John Lansingh
Rutger Bleecker
John de Peyster
Dirk Van Brocck
Edmund Bloom
Nicolas Bleecker

The following letter was wrote to his Honour the Lieut. Governour

May it please your Honour

Andries Hack & Co being returned from the Sinnekes Country and as it is necessary there should be sent up there to keep those Indians firm to his Majesties Interest, we recommend to your Honour John Johs. Lansingh, Anthony A. Bleecker, John Abeel and Tobias C. Van Eyck, two of which is a Smith and another an Armourer to reside there for the Ensueing Year, desireing if your

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Honour approves of them that their Instructions may be sent up by the first opportunity that they may be dispatched as soon as possible, Hopeing your Hon. will recommend to the Assembly to raise a Salary for them, Also a Proper Allowance for presents to be given to the Indians which we cannot afford to give out of our Allowance and without which these people or Any body else can do Little service there. —

Since we wrote our last to your Honour several Ill Disorders facking Have been done here to the other treaty with us and which we hope may be of great Service to this Province. We Have ordered our Clerk to send a Copy of our Minutes thereof to your Honour.

We have also been Informed that People from the Southward have lately been in Onondago and Acknowledged that the Virginia people were in the Longue in the Affair with some of our Indians Last Winter and have promised the Indians alder present and so Concluded a peace with them. Spare —

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At a Meeting of the Commiss.rs of Indian Affairs 15th. Septemb.r 1743

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer
John de Peyster
Philip Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Nicolaes Bleecker
Dirk Ten Broeck
John Lansingh
Edward Collins

Resolved that John J. Lansingh and Company shall have presents to the Indians at the Sunekes Country to the Value of £23:- or £24: in Strouds Blankets and Shirts & That at their return they shall render a just and true Acct thereof as Also 1 C.t Iron, some Steel, files & Grind Stones &c.

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1 p.c Strouds to be delivered p.d Dirk Ten Broeck
1 p.c Blanketts — p.d Abrah. Cuyler
2 p.c Garlix — p.d Rutger Bleecker

Present as Above and
Abraham Cuyler
Reyer Gerritse
Hendrick Teulyck

Several Schaachkoks Indians appeared at this board and made a Speech and then gave this board a present of Venison.

Ordered that they be Given 25 lb Powder & 50 lb Lead by Philip Livingston. Rum and bread by Hendrick Teulyck.

Ordered that Joh.n Knickerbacker be Allowed 12/ for his Service

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs 30th September 1743

Present
Myndert Schuyler
John Lansingh
Peter Winne
Nicolaes Bleecker
John de Peyster
Rutger Bleecker
Phil.p Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Hendrick Teulyck
Edward Collins

Several Mohawks Indians appeared at this board and made the following Speech

Brethren We have long Since had a fort in our Country where the Govern.r formerly have sometimes posted one Officer and sometimes another and at length Lieut. Butler was sent to Command there who proved a very good Officer to us, we never having had any difference with him, where for we desired the Governour at that time that he might be continued their and the Governour Promised us that he should

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not be removed but remain there during Life but now it seems that promise is forgott and Suddenly an Officer sent to Command there who does not understand how to behave to us, and we fear if he remains there some Mischief will happen, therefore we desire that Lieut. Butler may again be Appointed to Command there

This Board Answered

That it is not in their power to do any thing in what they desired but that they would Acquaint his Excellency therewith and then inform them with his Answer.

The following Letter was wrote to his Excellency Gov.r Clinton

May It please your Excellency

We Congratulate your Excellency upon your happy Arrival at New York and Hope and wish you may Spend many of your days in this Colony with Pleasure.

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As Commissioners of Indian Affairs whereby acquaint
your Excellency that severall of the Mohawks Indians
were this day before us to desire of us that Lieut. Bloud
might be removed from the Command of Fort Williams
And Lieut. Butler restored which we told them as
your Excellcy. will perceive by the Inclosed Minutes was
Not in our power, But that we would let your Excellency
know what they said we have Nothing further at present

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs at Albany 8th Octob.
1743

Present.
Nicolaes Bleecker
Myndert Schuyler
Peter Winne
Rutger Bleecker
Cornelis Cuyler

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Canajoharie was
read at this board wherein they represent that the
Indians destroy their Cattle and molest them greatly
contrary to the Treaties Subsisting between this Government
and them wherein they pray the assistance of this board
and that a Remedy be found to prevent the Like practices
for the future.

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Resolved that Mr. Jacobus Bleecker the Interpreter going
with the following Instructions

Mr. Jacobus Bleecker

You are to go up to the Canajoharie Castle and Inform
the Indians that the Comrs. are acquainted by a great
Number of Inhabitants of Canajoharie that some of their
people molest them very much by killing their Cattle
that we are surprized to hear that people who are so
much Civilized should be guilty of such practices that

they cannot be ignorant that such practices are contrary
not only to Natural Justice But in an especial manner
to the Christian religion which they profess which makes
the Comrs. the more surprized that such practices
should be committed by them. You are to tell them we
cannot be silent when such complaints come to our Ears
that they very well know the Treaties Subsisting between
us and them forbid such practices, And that we expect
they will make Satisfaction to the people they have
wronged which shall always be done to them, And
that we persuade that they will not for the future be
guilty of the Like unjust deeds and that they shall promise
the same to you and not only promise but perform it.
Whereupon gives them Seven Hands of Wampum

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Att a Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs 24th October 1743

The following Letter was wrote to his Excellency
George Clinton Esqr.

May It please your Excellency

We have received your Excellencies
favours of the 11th Instant and will at first opportunity
acquaint the Mohawks that your Excellency intends to
order Lieut. Butler again to fort Williams

As we seem to be upon the brinks of a french War
we think it our Duty to Acqt. your Excellency in some Mea-
sure what State this the frontier County of this Colony is
in at present and our sentiments of what may be proper
to be done. And doubt not but your Excellency will do your

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uttmost Endeavours to have all put in the best posture of
Defence.

And First We begin with his Maj.ty Garizon at Oswe-
-go of how Great Consequence that place is to this Governm.t
would take a long time to informe your Excellency particu-
-larly, We shall at this time therefore only say in Generall
that It is the Key to the Six Nations of Indians in Alliance
with us, whose Allegience and fidelity to his Majesty and
this Government depends chiefly thereon and should it be
taken Poutes by the French, those Indians would not only
not be in our Interest but in all probability join the French
our Enemies against us. At this Garizon is Also the
Trading place where the Indian Traders go to Traffick
both with our Indians and far Indians who come yearly
to that place for that Purpose And should this place fall
into the hands of the French, All the Indian Trade of this
Colony must unavoidably go with it. This place, Sir, is
garrisoned by an Officer and Twenty Men only which is
Sufficient in Time of peace But in time of War We imagine
your Excellency will not think it so. But what is Still
Worse As we are informed that Garizon, Wellas Fort
Williams and fort Cosby, is without an Ounce of Powder
So that the French have no more to do, but to come and take it
the best way we can think of to prevent which at this
advanced season of the year would be to send 50 or 60 Men
with a Number not less than Twenty Indians with
Ammunition and provision to reside there during the
Winter. If any better Means can be thought of we shall
be glad, But It will be necessary that what resolutions
soever are taken It be Speedily done before the Winter
comes on And we hope your Excellency will recommend

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It to the Assembly to pay the Expence thereof.
The uppermost Nations of Indians called the Sinnekes
who are Also the most Numerous and formerly were the
most firm in our Interest are now by the Continual
Intreagues of the French who Continually reside there
Rendered Very Wavering and without care is taken
with them for time to Come we fear the French will gett
the greatest part of them and the only thing in our Opi-
-nion that can Alienate from the French those who Lean
that Way and keep the remainder firm in our Interest
is To build a fort in their Country and Garizon it with
20 Men and an Officer. If our Assembly should not
judge proper to do this we must say we think the Six
Nations are Lost to us, of what consequence that would
be not only to this Governm.t But to All the Northern
Colonies those who are Experienced what havock a few
Indians can make in time of War can best judge.
It will Also be necessary that the French be not reside
in the Sinnekes Country by some means or other prevent.d
from being there for the future.

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The Fort at Saraghtoga about forty Miles to the
Northward of this place remains ungarizoned and it is
in the power of the French to take possession thereof when
they think proper.

It has been Always thought necessary in a
French War to keep an Outscout of 20 Men, Upon the
Frontiers to observe the motions of the Enemy We therefor
hope your Excell.cy will recommend to the Assembly to
raise Money for that purpose at their next Meeting
to be Lessed in case of Need.

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The Fort here in this City wants some repairs and your Excellency will perhaps Also think proper that it Should be stronger Garrisoned. A great Number of the Men being Absent and that an experienced officer be ordered to reside therein, Especially At this critical Juncture. There are several persons in this County who have small Cannon At their houses, which be thought ought to be removed for fear they should fall into the hands of the Enemy in case they should Invade us.

Thus, Sir, Is what Occurs to us At present which we take Leave humbly to offer to your Excellency's Consideration

We are Sorry to Acquaint you Last that you have Indisposed behalf this may find your Excellency and family in Perfect

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State of Health which We wish may continue Long so beg Leave to Conclude

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Present
Philip Livingston
Dirk Ten Broeck
Rayer Gerritse
Johan I. Lansingh
Nicolaer Bleecker
Johnd Depeyster
Myndert Schuyler
Peter Wiime
Philip Schuyler

Att a Meeting of the Comissrs. of Indian Affairs At Albany 25th October 1743.

This board rec.d A Letter from his Excellency Governour Clinton.

This board Agreed with Abraham Wendell for the Sum of £32:- To go to Oswego for Interpreter and to Stay Till the first of May Next.

Ordered that the Clerk write to Mr. Johan. I. Petri and Johan I. Herkemer to desire them to Supply said Abraham Wendell with two Barrels pork & 15 Shiples peas and the like Quantity of Meal

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Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs y.e 29th October 1743

Present
Myndt. Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Nicolaer Bleecker
Peter Wiime
Hend.k Ten Eyck
Lieut. Stelling
Rayer Gerritse
Dirk Ten Broeck
Johnd Depeyster
Jacob Bleecker

The following Letter was wrote to his Excellency

May It please your Excellency

Since our Last of the 24th we received your Excellency's favour of the 19th Instant whereby your Excellency was pleased to Inform us that you received a dispatch from the Lords Justices Commanding your Excellency to put this Colony in the Best posture of defence that shall be Possible and that in order thereto your Excellency had thought proper to reinforce the garrison At Oswego with a Corporall and Nine Men and A sufficient quantity of Powder and ball if it Should be practicable, and Also that four Indians should be sent up with an Interpreter to reside there Till Spring. All which we likewise judge to be necessary. Your Excellency desires us to Contract with some person or persons to advance what shall be necessary for provisions Battoe Sleersmen &c. upon the credit of this Colony which we have Endeavoured to do, But no person Will undertake to advance what will be necessary, which At this season of the year would Amount to £300:- Without knowing when to be Repaid several Persons have done the like before & were out of their Money Above two years, the Assembly Refusing to pay it out of Any other fund But the Oswego Duties which are not Sufficient to pay more than A single Garison nor as we are Informed hardly that.

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We could not Get Steersmen for the Battoe under £7:- each and then they would not go Unless two were in A Batto and At least four Battoes would Have been wanted. But As the season of the year is so far Advanced that it is very uncertain whether they

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Could have gott to Oswego By reason of the Ice, We think it is better they should Stay than go up and Run the Hazard of Loosing All the Provisions and Turning back. We have therefore only Hired Mr. Abr. Wendell as an Interpreter whom We think a fitt person to go up to Oswego in a Batto with two Mohawk Indians and Have ordered him to procure four or Six more of the Other Nations to Serve as Scouts and Have Contracted for provisions for them; which Mr. Wendell is to carry up in the Batto he goes in. Lieut. Holling will send by him a barrel powder and some flints, the Officers telling us there is Ball

We hope your Excellency will Approve what We have done, We having Done every thing for the best and Have Consulted Lieut. Holling the Commanding Officer, who also thinks it Impracticable for the Batto to go at this Season of the year.

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Your Excellcy. may depend we will do our Uttmost Endeavours to preserve the Six Nations Steady to his Majesty But We Cant do what we think Necessary In order thereto, not Having Allowance Sufficient from the Government, to Make the Indians presents Requisite to keep them firm to the British Interest — We Are &c

The Board agreed with two Mohawk Indians to go to Oswego with Mr. Abraham Wendell and to Provide them with hunting till the first of May next, for which they are to Have Each Six Blankets Viz. 1 Chr. Blanket 1 Jn. Blanket & 1 pair Stockings.

Resolved that Mr. Nicol. Bleecker Advance ½ C. Jn. Blankets & an Axe.
Mr. Johan. Lansingh ½ C. Indian Blankets
Mr. Luyter. 6 Gals. Rum. 1 C. of Bread and 2 Empty Barrels
Mr. Mr. Schuyler 1 C. Blanket and 2 doz. knives.
Mr. Sculych. 16 Ells Shrubery. 1 Blank. 2 C. Stock. and Gimp
Mr. Depeyster 1 Sh. Salt and 15 Empty Bags.
Mr. Livingston. 2 C. Barley beef. pipes. Kettles &c

Ordered that the Clerk write to Mr. Herkemer to Sett Mr. Wendell Have 20 ℔ Butter

The following Instructions were given to Mr. Abraham Wendell —

You are forthwith to repair, with the two Mohawk Indians we will send you, to Oswego, And in your Way thither you are to hire four more Indians one at Oneyde, one at Onondage And one at Cayouge, And if you Judge it necessary you may Also gett one or two Simnekes with you, who Are to Stay with you till the Gov. may Direct. The Indians Are to Serve as Scouts at the Garison of Oswego, And you as Interpreter Between the Officer and them.

We Also desire you to give your Councill to the Commanding officer if he requires the same in Any Extraordinary Occasion And you are to use your Uttmost Endeavour that those Indians Do not Return Home nor go At Any distance from the Garrison Without order from the Commanding Officer and

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your self and in All things you Are to do what you shall judge to be most Conducive to his Majesties Interest and from time to time to Acquaint us with Any Extraordinary Occurrences that May Happen

The Powder and flints you Are to Deliver to the Commanding officer At Oswego

A Letter was likewise wrote to Mr. Simpsay.

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Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany the 9th November 1743

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Jacob Ten Broeck
Nicolaas Bleecker
Dirk Ten Broeck
Abraham Cuyler
Rutger Bleecker

The following order was drawn on the Treasurer of this Colony

Mr. Abraham Lansing

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Pay unto Coll. Phil Schuyler and Capt. Peter Winne the sum of Two Hundred pounds Being for the Allowance of last year By the Assembly of this Colony to us Commissioners of Indian Affairs and their receipt for that sum shall be to you a Sufficient discharge for the same Given under our Hands in Albany the 4th day of 1743/4

The following Memorial was drawn up

Memorial of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs to Coll. Phill Schuyler, Capt. Peter Winne, Capt. Robert Livingston Capt. Abraham Glen, and Mr. Jan B. Van Rensselaer Representatives in Genl. Assembly for the City and County of Albany

As a French war is daily expected we would Desire you to use your utmost Endeavours in the Assembly at their next Meeting to Raise the sum of three Hundred Pounds to be employed in Case of a War for Outscouts upon the frontiers of this ~~Colony~~ County, for which that Least Twenty

Christians and Natives will be wanted, who will with reasonable Wages take up that sum. We need not tell you how necessary this is as you are all of this County and are well acquainted with it.

We also desire you, to do your Endeavours to Gett our Allowance augmented. It being not Sufficient, especially in Case of a war. It always used to be £300. in war time, and it ought rather to be more at present than less, by reason the french use their utmost Endeav. to gett our Indians from us by making them large presents.

We desire you to speak to his Excellency to give orders to the Colonels of Ulster and Dutchess County that in Case of Necessity they shall send up each One Hundred Men

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at the request of our Colonel or Commander of the Militia.

We also desire you to Raise Money for the payment of Abraham Lansing and eight Indians with the Charges of provisions &c. who are to Stay at Oswego till May next, we Compute it will Amount to One Hundred and fifty Pounds.

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Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs ye 8th Novemb.r 1743

Present

Philip Livingston
Myndt Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
Edward Collins
John Lansingh
Corn.s Cuyler
Nicolaes Bleecker
John Depeyster
Hendrick Fondyck
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler

Severall River Indians Appeared At this board And Complimented the Comiss.rs with A present of Venison

This board in Return gave them 25 ℔ powder 56 ℔ Lead. one hundred flints. 1 ℔ Salt and some bread.

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The Indians desired of this board That they might not be disturbed in the possession of the Land At Canomeek — That if they were not Left in peace there, They would be obliged to Leave their Colony and go Among the New England people. That they desire Had to know whether they may have it to themselves or not.

This board Answered them

That the Land they mention belongs to Coll.o Jer. V. Rensselaer and All that this board Can do is to Speak to Said Coll.o Rensselaer About it, and that they would do it As soon As An Opportunity offered.

Ordered that the Clerk Write A Letter to Mark V. Deusen About A Hatt Rahout the Indian Says the s.d Van deusen took from him by Violence, that if it be so. he Return it.

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs the 6 Decem.br 1743

Present

Cornelis Cuyler
Myndt Schuyler
John Lansingh
Coll.o Phil Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Hendrick Fondyck
Nicolaes Bleecker

The Following Letter Was wrote to his Excellency

May It please your Excellency

Yesterday We received a Letter from Capt. Sinderay Commander at Oswego and from Mr. Abrah.m Wendell, whom we sent up there to be Interpreter between the Commander and A party of Indians we ordered him to procure to Assist that Garison in Case of Need. We send here Inclosed Copies of said Letters Whereby your Excellency will perceive That several Articles will be Wanted in the Spring. We think It Very necessary that the Cannon should be sent up there next Spring, Lieut. Govern.r Clarke sent up some to this place for that purpose but die Not in the Garison here for want of Money to send them up. We Remain

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This Board sent two Indians to Crown point.

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Present
Philip Livingston
John Lansingh
Myndt Schuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
Cornelis Cuyler
Cheyer Bleecker
Hendrick Fondey
Nicolaas Bleecker

Att a Meeting of the Commiss.rs of Indian Affairs 28th Decem.r 1743

The following Letters were wrote

Mr Abraham Wendell

Your Letter of the 16th Nov.r last we have rec.d and are glad to hear you have got safe to Oswego We have Nothing particular to write to you only to recommend to you to use your Endeavour to fullfill your Instructions and keep the Indians Quiet. By all the Notes from Europe Affairs are yet in a Very Unsettled State Now it will Turn out at best we know Not If any thing Extraordinary Happens we will Informe you thereof. We do Not however Apprehend a French War will breake out this Winter We wishe you a happy New year and remain

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Mr Lindesay

We rec.d your Letter of the 16th Novem.br last wherein you Say you Judge it Necessary that Cannon Should be sent up to your Garison in the Spring. which we have Communicated with the rest of your Letter to his Excell.y. The Cannon will Accordingly be sent up. You write us Also that you want some Rum for the Indians, As it is Not possible to send up Any Now, We desire you that you will use ~~your~~ a Barrel of your Rum for the Indians But We desire you will use it Sparingly, and We will send you up another

Barrel in the Room thereof Early next Spring.

In the Letter Rec.d of September Affairs were yet in a Very Unsettled posture in Europe, what Will be done in the Spring We know Not, if in the Mean time any thing Extraordinary should happen we will Informe you thereof. We would however Recommend to you to be Always on your guard. We wishe you a happy New year and remain

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Present
Philip Livingston
Hendrick Fondey
Stephanus Groesbeck
Ruth Bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck
John Depeyster
Nicolaas Bleecker
Myndt Schuyler
Philip Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Edward Collins
Peter Winne
Reyer Gerritse
Johann.s Lansingh

Att a Meeting of the Commiss.rs of Indian Affairs 30th December 1743.

The Commissioners have thought proper to recommend Jacob Glen of Albany as a fitt person to be Commissary at Oswego for the ensueing year and wrote the following letter to Acquaint his Excellency therewith

May It Please your Excellency

Sir

We are honoured with yours of the 21st Instant whereby we are glad to see your Excellency Approves of what we have done, As to what remains yet to do we will pursue your Excellency's directions, and will Accordingly send up to Mr Lindesay in the Spring what we judge Necessary And Doubt Not but your Excellency will strongly recommend it to the Assembly at their next Meeting to raise Money to pay the same.

We have Also pursuant to an Act of the General

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Assembly passed in the Sixteenth year of his Majestiss Reign Intituled An Act to support the Trading house at Oswego &c. mett Together in order to Recommend to your Excellency a fitt person to be Commissary at Oswego the Ensueing year and We beg Leave to take this opportunity to Recommend and Nominate to your Excellency Mr Jacob Glen of Albany as a fitt Person to Execute that office and Doubt Not but your Excellcy. will approve of our Nomination.

Att a Meetg. of the Comrs. for Indian Affairs the 2d. January 1743/4

Present

Rutgers Bleecker
Hendrick Teulyck
Cornelis Cuyler
Myndt. Schuyler
Nicolaes Bleecker
Sionr. Rolling
Dirck Ten Broeck

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The two Indians sent to Crown point the sixth of December being returned Say that the Garison at that place Consists of forty Men who are All New Clothed And That a patrool is Constantly kept between Fort and the Wood Creek And That they Could not hear Any Extraordinary News at Crown point.

Ordered That Mr. Teulyck pay the Indians for their Trouble Each a Stroud Blanket and Lap. a Shirt and a pair Stockings. And small keg of Rum for both.

The following Clause was Added to the Letter wrote to his Excellcy. the 30th. Instant

We sent two Indians some time ago to Crown point a strong French fort About fifty Leagues to the North Ea[st]ro. of this place to see in what State that Garison is, they Returned this Day and Informs us that the Garison Consists of About forty Men well Clothed and That the French keep a patrool Constantly going backwards and forwards from Fort to the falls upon Wood Creek

We Remain

Att a Meetg. of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany 14 January 1743/4.

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Johannis Lansingh
Edward Collins
Hend.k Teulyck
Nicolaes Bleecker
Rutg. Bleecker
Peter Winne
Dirck Ten Broeck

The following Accounts were this Day Allowed and a Warrant on Philip Livingston Esq.r to pay the Same was Signed.

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To Cornelis Cuyler his Account	£16:18:4½
To Myndert Schuyler	1:10
To Rutg. Bleecker	1:15
To John Lansingh Junr.	:5:6
To Hendrick Cotes	2
To Nicolaes Bleecker	9:11:9
To Abraham Cuyler	11:6:8
To Andries Meeks when he Swears his Account upon Interrogatories	20:10:6
To Hendrick Teulyck	7:02:6
To Daniel Ab. Schuyler	3:16
To Philip Livingston	10:18:1
To Ed. Collins	8:19:3
To Jacobus Redliff	:3
To Dirck Ten Broeck	11:07:9
To Joh.s Bleecker	:3
To Anna Ketchings	30:2
	£136:06:6

This board propose that a resolve be made that all the Commissioners in the County shall pay their Equal share to the Expences of the Commissioners except the Com.rs at Schenectady

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Mynert Schuyler
Ridgert Bleecker
Cornelis Cuyler
John Lansing
Dirick Ten Broeck
Philip Lwingston

Alb.y Jan.y 16 1743/4

A Letter Was Rec.d from ye Sinnickes Country and the Following Answer was wrote them —

UE: brief van den 4e Jan.y is ons ter handt Gecoomen Wy syn Verblyt dat te hooren dat UE: In Gesontheyt Syn toy Hebben UE: in december Laest geschreven in hoe het hier gelegen was het Welk wy UE: nu Weeder UE: bekent Maken dat het nogh geen orlogh is En Wy Verwaghte dat Het Van de winter niet fallmyt breekan Het is heel goet Dat de willoen UE belooft hebben het Kasteel te Verleggen

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UE: Moet UE: devoir doen om haer Meer en meer Reede Moedigen dat sy het dogh in het voorjaar doen sullen Wy hebben de wilt betalt Voor Syn Toght tot Syn ~~Geriae~~ Genoegen UE: moet Continueren om UE: devoir Te Doch onder de wilden Voor Het best Van het Goverment. UE: moet de Sachemakers Seggen dat Ingevall dat het orglogh Meughtt Worden tusse ~~ons~~ Ons Ende de franse dat Wy Verwaghte dat Sy het Huys op oswego Sullen Helpen defendeeren tegen de franse Ende dat wy Verwonderd Syn dat Sy haer Twee Man Niet gesonden Hebbe na oswego Volgens Het Versoeck Van M.r Abraham Wendell.

Ordered that M.r Lansing pay ye Indains a full Suit & a keg Rum & a Small kettle

Albany the 28 Jan.y 1743/4

May it Please your Excellency

We had the honour to write your Exl.y the 30 Last past this day we Rec.d the Inclosed for your Exl.y from Lew.t Lindesay we had also one from him with a Speech he Made to Some Sachims both which we Send herewith For the Exc.y perusal we hope that what may be necessary Shall be Sent to oswego Early next Spring that that Impor=tant place may be Secured & defended against att attempts In Case of a french war and our Indians guarded aga=inst the false insinuations of the french interpreter who Resides in the Sinnekes Country we are humbly of Opinion that he nor no french Should be permitted to be there or among any of the Six nation from them proceeds

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That the Indians are wavering and Incline to the ~~by~~ ~~Presents~~ french Interest which may be of Dangerous Consequence if not timely prevented which we hope may Be Soon Effectually done your Exl.y mentioned in the Form.r letter that cannon Should be Sent to oswego but Here are no Powder nor ball Sent for ym with our best Regard we Remain

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Present
Peter Winne
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Hendrick Ten Eyck
John depeyster
Nicolaes Bleeker
John Lansing
Myndert Schuyler
Philip Livingston

Com: meet f: 24th febu 1743/4

Appeared at this Joh: Bratt of Schonectandy Who Complained that Some Schawena Indians Had a Cow of Him at Canajoherie which they Refused To Deliver Back the foll:g Letter was wrote To Mr Henry Barclay . . . . . .

Sir

The bearer Joh: Bratt of Schenectandy Complains to us that he lost a Cow ab: three years Since and that he heard Lately that some Shawena Indians were Come to Schoharie with a parcell of Cattle to feed them out this winter Among which He Suspected his Cow to be, there upon he went to Schoharie to See those Cattle one of which he Says is his Cow with 2 Calves the one two years the other a year old which he also Claims as being Come for his Cow he Tells Us that Lawrence the Indians wife told him That She had Seen the Squaw have a Cow Bell the Mark of which She Described which is the Same Bell His Cow had on when she was Lost he Likewise tells us Those Cattle Are Since Carried up to Canajoharie Cattle he Says that Lawrence the Indian Was His wife of Schoharie know how their Affair of his Cows stands, we Desire y: Favr: of you ~~that~~ To use y: Endeavours ~~with the Indians~~ with the Indians to procure This Man his Cow back and If you think you Cannot do It without hav:g Lawrence & his wife We Desire you To Send for them & we will pay the Expence . . . . The following Lett:r was wrote to His Excellency We have rec: ye Exc:y Favours Of the 12th Instant wherein ye Exc:y Directs us to

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Write to the Sinickes to Remove the french out of the County, which we Never neglect to desire them and what they Have Frequently promised in their Publick Treaties with our Govr: But Not with Any Intent to perform the Same, we Conceive They will never drive those French out of their Country themselves But If a party of men were Sent by to bring them Down here We Think It Might Succeed, the Most proper time to do that Will be ~~when the~~ your Excellcy is here at the ~~Congrence~~ Conference with The 6 Nations, our best Endeavours to Secure the Indians In Our Interest Shall Upon No Occasion be want:g Mr Lindsayes Meaning by the Germans Regiment not being Of Any Service we Take to be that they Can be of no Service To his garrison In Case of An Attack by Reason of the great Distance and Impossibility of ~~they Lay~~ the passage in winter Season By reason of ye Snow & in Summer for want of Battoes To go up with We Remain

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Present
Cornelius Cuyler
Mr Schuyler
N Bleeker
Dirck T Broeck
Hendrick T Eyck
John Lansing

Att a meetg. of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany 19. Mar. 1744

This d received a Lettr from Oswego one from Ab Wendell and one from Lut John Lindesay
This board allowed Each of the Indians a full Suit and Desired Mr Hendrick T Eyck to advance it with some Provisions viz a bread a peck of pease and a Shoulder of Bacon & a hef Rum

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May it please your Excell.y

We this day recd two Letters from Oswego one from Lieut Lindesay and another from Mr Wendell the Interpreter there Lieut Lindesays we Send here Inclosed for your Excellencys perusall your Excell.y will perceive thereby that one George Swan a Trader at that Place and a man of a Bad Character is Very abusive in his behavior and Has Even Threatned to go to Cadaraqui a french garrison for People To take Oswego which Mr Wendell also Confirms and further Says that he "called all the Comrs of Indian Affairs a parcel of Rogues" your Excy will perceive that Mr Lindesay is of opinion ~~that he called all the Comrs of Indian Affairs Speak Gross~~ It Should be best he Should be removed from thence, which Also is our sentiment, severall Complaints agt him have been made to us here to Yore by the Indians whom he often abuses, of which we have Informed Lieut Gov.r Clarke. Mr Collins one of our body & the favour of whom we send This will further Inform your Excell.y of this fellows Character & Behavior

your Excell.y will perceive what Mr Lindesay Says Concerning a Certain the fort wants which is no Doubt very necessary and without which Cannon Can be of Service to him, but all that is Not any of our business were for It to your Excell.y

We Remain

Mr Lindesay

We recd your 1 of the 4th marc this day, whereby You Inform us of Swans Ill behavior we Do now Acquaint his Excellancy with that as well as the rest of your Letter and as soon as we Receive his ans: we will acqt you therewith, we are very Sensible how Necessary It is that Curtains Should be made for the Cannon, as that It is of great Consequence that the Indians should be well Used But all we Can do is to Lay out our allowence from the goverment where we Judge it will be most Effectual, and as for the rest we Can only Recommend it to the gov.r assem.y The barrel of Rum we will send up in the Spring.

We are

Mr Wendell

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UE: Van den 3 marc is ons ter handt gekoomen Aengaende wat UE Schryft Van Swan wy hebben het de Gov.r bekent gemacht Ende wannee hy Syn Antwort becoomen Hebben Sy Sullen UE daer van Informeeren wy Troyslen niet of UE dest UE dewou: Met de Wilden als wat aengaet tuee Carrels rom Ende andere goederen Opte Senden, UE syt well bewust dat wy hier Geerne Soude doen, dat wy De middelen Hadd maer het Most dat wy doen kannen is ofte Schryven na New York so als UE na order doet, En daer blyft het generelyk Steken, Wy Hebben hier geen nuys, van wegens UE blyfe wy Hebben Geen order om UE Langer te Huren, so kunt UE aff Comen als UE tyt Scheene is —

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Present
Rut: Bleeker
Hend: Ten Eyck
Cornelis Cuyler
Mynd: Schuyler
Nicol: Bleeker
John Lansing
Dirck Ten Broeck

Att a Com: Meet: the 4 may 1744

Mr. ab. Wendell being returned from oswego His time being expired

The follow: Acct: are upon Credit of the govern: Disbursed by the Severall Persons hereunder Named as p: their Acct: Appears by directions From his Excell: Gr. Clinton Esq: for the Charges of Mr. ab Wendell and 9 Indians

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Who were sent up to Reside at oswego by ord of his Ex: Excellency from the first day of Nov: 1743 to pres: may 1744

X To Nicolaas Schuyler as p: acct:		£ 10:—
X To Cornelis Cuyler as p Do:		11:15:—
X To Mynd: Schuyler as p Do:		1:16:10:
X To Peter Winne		3: 2:—
X To John Lansing		4: 10:—
X To Philip Livingston		9:17: 6
X To Johan I Herkemer	14/8.	4:19: 8
X To John De peyster		1:19: 6
X To Johan I Petri		7:01: 6
X To Nicolas Bleeker		4:13:—
X To Hend: Ten Eyck		14:18: 3
To Abraham Wendell		44: 4:—
To Rut: Bleeker for 1 p: Strouds to pay y: Indians		9:10:—
		£ 115:05: 3

May it please y: Excellency

We rec: your Excell: Lett: 24 April desiring us to Send up the Interpretor to bring down the Indians to meet your Excellency heer the 14 of June next we have accordingly ordered him to go up on Munday next

Abraham wendell the Interpreter who resides at oswego Last winter is returned from thence Inclosed we Send your Excell: an the acct: of the Charges that have Arrued on his the Indains being at oswego am: in the whole to £ 119:05:3 which we hope the assembly will pay this meet: g..

Mr. Lindesay has Sent us a Lett: acct: which we Send here Inclosed

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The Interpreter was sent up with the foll: Instructions

Mr. Jac. Bleeker to Invite them to Come Down you Are to Met Tuesday to all the 6 nations and Inform Them That the Gov: is to meet them twice on the 14th of June Next and you are to Come with them and Take Care you Have them here upon that day

Resolv: That Mr. Bleeker buy provisions at the fall for the Ind: to bring them down to Schonectandy. Resol: that he hire ~~2 men~~ a man to go up with him as the Charges of this board

The Interpreter was Sent up to the Six Nations with the following orders,—

Mr. Bleeker. you Are to go up next Monday to Invite all the Six Nations to Come Down to Meet the Govern: here on the 14th of June next. you Are to Come down with them & to Take Care you have them here upon that day.

Resolved that the Interpreter by provisions at the fall to bring the Indians down to Schenectady.—

And Also that he hire a Man to go up with him at the Charges of this board—

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Present
Corn: Cuyler
John Lansing
H T Eych
D T Broeck
Mt Schuyler
Ni Bleeker
Reyt Gerritse
J D Peyster
Rutg Bleecker

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Comrs meetg the 20 May 1744

Whereas the Comrs are Informed that 120 or 130 of The Mohacks Indians are going or gone to Freightg to yt Southward this Bd thought proper to Send up Johs Lansing one of this Board with a belt Of wampum to Stop them or Send for them Back with yt follg Instructions

Mr Lansing whereas we are Infor: that 120 or 130 of The Mohacks Indians are gone or going a fightg We Desire you to go to the Mohacks Castle and Represent to yt Sachims that we have had such Information and wd Desire Them in the name of the gov: that in Case they are gone to To Send for them Back Instantly and if they are not gone That we Expect They the Sachims will Stop them from Going that it Suppeles us that they the Mohacks who Live Amongst us and have been Instructed in the Christian Religion Should Suffer yt young Men to go a fighting and Especially As the gov: has acquainted them with his Design to meet here so Shortly. you are to represent to them all the argument you can To keep their people at home and upon That to give them This belt of Wampen - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

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Present
Rutg Bleeker
Ed Collins
John Lansing
Phil Schuyler
Reyer Gerritse
Philip Livingston
Ni Bleeker
Corn Cuyler
Lieu: Helling
Dirck Ten Broeck
Peter Winne
John De Peyster

Comrs Meet 25 may 1744

This board havg Recd a letter from his Exy George Clinton Esqr & dated yt 10 Instant That he Shall very soon order a Party of a Corporall & Twenty men to Oswego to Reinforce that Garrison, that yt Comrs provide Provision batoos & oyr Necessaries for ymn that ye Assembly have Resolved to Defray the Expence thereof in order To Effect ye Same yt Comrs have this day agreed with Mr Henry Beekman Jun to undertake yt Same for Six months from yt time yt Detachmt Shall be sent from Albany and to be pd In Such proportion and on yt Same terms as ye oyr Datachmt now there are provided & paid, the Comrs on motion of sd Beekman promise in Case yt Provision Shoud be Intercepted or taken by yt Enemy in ye voyage to Oswego that they Shall Recommend To ye Gov: assembly that it Shall be paid, and that yt Expiration of Six months yt many Shall be pd

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Copy

Assembly Chamber 17 may 1744
Resolved nemine Contra that if his Exy with yt advice of yt Councill Shall Send to yt trading house & fortification At Oswego for its defence another Detachmt of his majtys Troops this House will provide for ye Charge of transporting & victualling them in yt Same proportion as yt Troops already there Supported - - -

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Present

Philip Livingston
Rutger Bleeker
Peter Winne
Dirck T Broeck
H T Eyck
Ni Bleeker
J D Peyster
P Schuyler
Corn: Cuyler
Edward Collins
Minder Schuyler
John Lansing

Com: meet:g the 27 may 1744

The follow:g Letter was Sent to
Mr Joh: Knickerbacker

Mr Knickerbacker.

Wy Versoeke VE Twee Van de beste Wilden
Die VE kuygen Can Eite na de Cruyn pintte Steen
Over de wegh Van het Lack Van Sacrema om
Te Verspieden En Laet haer over de wagh Van
de Hout kill weder om Coomen So sey jet
Moeten Van nous so laet haer Eite weder heerm
Daer sey het news Hoozen om one te Informeeren
wy Ewaghtie die wilden hier weder Sullen waesen
in 10. Dagen wy sullen
En de wilden Door VE moyte te betaelen
Wy sochen VE de Schaahkooks wilden bekent te
Maha dat de gouv: hier Sall weesen de 15 van de
Naeste maent om met Haer te Spreekon

The follow:g Letter was wrote to ofwego To Mr Lindsay
In ymbent upon us
wd think to Inform you by this Express that Copy
of the Declaration of warr of france agt Eng land
England Agt the French are arrived by the way of Boston
But his majesties Express which we Suppose he has sent
is not yet arrived we Shelose you a Gazette Containing Copy
of those declaration, as it is no Longer disputable
but yt it is Actually war with the France we think it proper
To acquaint you that you may be upon yr Guard as soon as war
is here proclaimd we will again Inform you there of two Corp
men a Sargt & Corp: & all will be sent up to Reign
In a few days, and 6 month provision with them so that with your
Cannon & this new reinforcement you may stand a good argument
if you do not suffer yr Selfe to be Surprised

Mr Barclay

We desire Mr Joh: Lansing who went up to ye Castle
A few days since to gett 2 Indians there to Come down
here to go to Canada in our Service he Inf: us at his return that
ye Sachims had promised to send down 2 Indians as soon as
The messengers who are sent to bring the Indians back
from light: g returned but as it is uncertain when that will
will be we desire you to send down 2 good Trusty Indians
Imediately upon the rec: hereof. we send you herein Close
A Letter for Mr Lindesay which we desire you to
forw: by An Express for which We Desire you to gett
A mohack Indian who Can be trusted and to agree
with him for his Journey which we will see paid we must
II 273 Desire you to use all the dispatch you Can herein
The Copy of the 2 declarations of war the English &
french ag: Each other is in the news papers arrived by
The way of Boston in a merchant Ship but no Express is
yet arrived from our Court So that war is not yet proclaimed at
New York.

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Present
P L: P S: J D P
H F: & C: C: M S
J C: R: B R G
Nicolas Bleecker

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Alby 20th May 1744

The foll: g Letter was wrote to Henry I. Beckman

Sir

We send this Express to Inform you that the Comand is Come up from York and that is barr: of pork is Also Come which the gov: has sent up for the Indians But as gov: prosses us, that y: Com and Shall be Imediately Sent up to Ofwaego we have thought fitt to Take that pork for you & John Beckman Will Return time Enough to bring pork for y: Gov: so that we Desire you to use your utmost Endeavour To Gett ready That y: party may go for ofwego next Monday please to write a Line in Answ: when you Think you Can gett ready

We are of the Com: of Sw

This Day Rec: your Excell: favour of y: 18th Just Wherein y: Excell: desires us to provide Provisions at ofwego, we have accordingly Contracted with Mr: Henry & Beckman to provide Every thing necessary for the Carrying up y: party & provisions for 6 Months

Since which we rec: your Excellen: further Favours of ye 22 & 24 Inst: with Serg: Philips wherein Your Excell: recommend to us not to Loose a moments time but to give the party all the dispatch Poisible Mr: Beckman with whom we Contracted

This board received two Letters from his Excellency Dated 22 & 24 May. & wrote the following Letter to his Excellency. We have Received yours

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Contracted Informs Us No pork Can be had here & To have It from new york will take a fort nights Time which would be too Long to keep the party here At this Juncture wherefore we have made bold His maj: Services to take y: 15 Barrels pork which you sent up to Mr: Eghberts, for the use of the party & Mr: Beckman has Engaged to have as many ready For y: Excell: at your arrivall here, we hope y: Excell: will not take amiss the freedom we have taken herein which we judged necessary at this time

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The party will Gett out for ofwego next Monday the Cannon & powder have been gone to ofwego Some time ago. we are here in a great Consternation at the news of warr with the french, as being the frontiers of this Collony and not a penney at our Command and to Carry on the necessary affairs of the Country Amoutscore 25 or 30 man would be absolutely necessary has not raised any thing at which we are Surprised

P Sent
Mynd^t Schuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
John de peyster
Hendrick Eych
Nicol Bleeker
John Lansing

Att a meet^g of the Com^n of Indian affairs ye 30th may 1744

Mr Barclay

We rec^d yours of yesterdays date p^r Mr Butler Wherein you Informed us that the Sachims make Objections to Send an Express to Oswego which we thinke Entirely frivolous. This is the Sarvice which we did not Expect from them. Had it been proclaimed we would Have Acquainted them in form. but for us to Tell them that we daily expect it is needless. having done that very often Already. It surprises us that after they promised to send two of their people down here to go to Canada they now say they will not Send Any without the whole as he being Acquainted with the Errand, which is a very weake Excuse and Contrived only for an Evasion. We again send you the Letter for Oswego which we desire you to forward Immediately p^r John Bowen and desire him to hire Another hand to go with them. The best way will be to go Immediately to the falls and there to hire Abatto and gett provisions of Johan I Peter which we will see paid, as we write him in the Inclosed Letter, and he will Also pay them as John Bowen asks three pound^s Each. pray do your Endeavour to hurry Bowen Along as fast as you Can.

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P Sent
Philip Livingston
Mynd^t Schuyler
Edward Collins
John Lansingh
Peter Goelitse

Att a Meeting of the Commis^p of Indian Affairs the 13th June 1744

The following Letter was wrote to his Excell^y.

May It please your Excellency

As we are now In a State of war with the french we Think It our Indispensable duty to Lay before your Excellency the Absolute necessity at this juncture for Sending an outscout of forty men with proper Officers to the Carying place Leading to Canada to observe the motions of the Enemy and there to Act as they Shall be directed by your Excellency or Such other person or persons by your Excell^y Shall Impower to direct and order them as the Circumstances may require We do Likewise judge It necessary that a fort or place of Strength be built at the Carying place for a Rendez-vous for the said outscouts. This is an Affair of So much Consequence that should It be Left undone we may have the Enemy at our doors before we can have any notice of their approach, and more Especially Since they have a Regular fortification at Crown point at the South End of Corlaer's Lake about fifty Leagues from this place, and now building another at the North Side of the said Lake. We do Likewise judge It Absolutely necessary for the preservation of the Six Nations of Indians in their fidelity to his Majesty, that a fort be built in the Sinnekes Country and 50 or 60 Men be sent there to build the Same

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And to Remain there untill Relieved, that the Indians may have Reason to rely on his Majesties Assistance to defend them, and if this be not done, It will be of a dangerous Consequence

We do Also Judge It necessary that three or four Companies of the Militia out of the Lower Counties of this Province should be Sent up to this place in the pay of the Colony to Assist in defending this his Majesties frontier of the Colony of New York

At a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian Affairs the 14th June 1744

A French Indian Named Aquaresa appeared at this board and Says

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That He is Sent by the Sachems of Caghnawaga to tell the Comissioners, that they had Sent to this place in the Spring to know what news of peace or war and the messengers were told that there was no news And now a declaration of war was sent from Quebeck to Montreal 25 days Since, At which he Says the Caghnawaga Sachems are Surprized as the news from Europe is Generally here Sooner than at Canada, and that he was now Sent to Assure the Com.rs that the Sachems of Caghnawaga were Inclined to keep the Covenant and not to medle with the war but to live in peace and Keep Open the path in Assurance of this he Says he was ordered to give

A String of Wampum

He further Says that the Sachems are willing to Come either here or at Onondaga to renew the Covenant

The Indian being asked whether the other Indians Subject to the French are not Included in the Treaty and Wherefore they did not Send Here as well as the Sachems of his Nation, Whereto he Answers, that he was only Sent to know the Opinion of the English and If they were Inclined to peace That then the other Nations are All inclined to come to a place That should be appointed by the English to renew the Treaty and that in the mean time no Acts of hostility shall be Committed on their Side.

He further Saith That the Govern.r of Canada told them, at the time he proclaimed War That he was inclined to Live in peace in this Country and that he would not Commit Acts of Hostility upon the English unless the English began first.

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The Indian being asked whether he meant this neutrality Between this province or All his Majesties Subjects upon the Continent, To which he Answers, that they mean all ~~his Majesties~~ the Subjects of the King of Great Britain upon this Continent viz.t Boston Pensilvania and All the other Governments.

The Indian being asked whether they meant the Neutrality in Such a Manner That in Case the English should Attack the french in Canada That they Should then joyn the french against the English or not, to which he Answer, That the French Indians were determined not to Intermiddle in the war At all, And That they Would not Assist the french If they Should be Attacked by the English

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Present

His Excellency George Clinton Esq.r Gov.r of Nyork &c

Philip Livingston
Jauler Delancey
Daniel Horsmanden
Joseph Murray
} Esq.rs of the Council of this Province

Coll.o Hoddard
Coll.o Wendell
Coll.o Berry
M.r Choate
M.r Hutchinson
} Com.rs for the province of the Massachusetts bay

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The Hon.ble Roger Wolleott Esq.r Lieut.t Governr. of Connecticutt
Coll.o Hanley
} Com.rs for the Colony of Connecticutt.

The Comissioners of Indian Affairs for this province.

At a Conference Rechieved his Excell.y George Clinton Esq.r Gov.r and Commander in Chief of the province of New yorke &c. And the Sachems of the Six Nations of Indians the Mohawks oneydes. Onondages. Cayouges. Sinnekas And Tuskeroroes Att the City of Albany the 18th June 1744

Here follows the Governours Speech

Brethren

This Interview gives me the Greatest pleasure as I am perswaded we meet with Equal Sincerity in order to renew strengthen and brighten the Covenant Chain that has so long tyed you and the Subjects of His majesty the great King of Great Brittain your father and my master in mutual tyes of Friendship and Benevolence which I hope will for Ever be Inviolably preserved and Continued As long as the Sun and Moon Endureth

I have express orders from the Great King your father to do my Uttmost Endeavour that it should be kept

bright

Bright and Strong even unto the worlds end, and I do now Assure you on my part and in behalf of All his majesties subjects upon this Continent in North America that we will On our parts for Ever Keep It secure and free from rust and I Expect the same from you

Gave a Belt

Brethren

The King of Great Brittain my master and your father in pursuance of his Engagement by Treaty having last year sent an Army into Germany in maintainance of his Allies for the preservation of the Liberty of Europe his majesties Forces were Treacherously and Contrary to the faith of Treaty attacked by the French who by the Courage and Vigour of our Great King and his army were beaten and Obliged to retire Cross a River in which many of the Enemy were drowned and those who escaped destruction fled into their own Country

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That afterwards the French joyned their Fleet with that of his Majesties Enemies the Spaniards in order to attack part of his Majesties Fleet and our Ships beat them in Conjunction, but not Content with that, to Shew his malice, the French King Declared War against our King and his majesty Declared War against the French, which was published at Albany the 12th Instant. I would have sent a Messenger to your Severall Castles to acquaint you of this, had you not been on your journey so near this place — Gave a Belt

Brethren I do Earnestly recommend to you to be on your gaurd against the French who you know by woefull Experience to be a false and Treacherous people and that you

Stay

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Stay at home to Watch their motion, there to receive my Direction concerning the War, and to Transmitt Such Intelligence as you Shall Gett concerning the Enemy from time to time to the Comissioners of Indian Affairs

Gave A String of Wampum

Brethren

I Promise in the Name of the Great King your father to defend you against any Assaults or Attack from the French to the uttmost of my power and there are Comissioners here from Two of the Neighbouring Governments the province of the Massachusetts Bay & the Colony of Connecticut who are come to renew and Strengthen the Covenant Chain on their parts, and have Given me Assurance that they Will unite with me and you in promoting their Mutual Safety and Defence and the Annoyance of that Common Enemy. As you are a wise people you must be Convinced the French have always been Aiming at Nothing Less than to Enslave you and the King of Great Brittain has nothing more at Heart than to make all his Subjects and Children a Happy and flourishing people As you have Great reason to be Sensible of, to free you from the first and to promote the Latter, I Expect you will to the uttmost of your power Assist his Majesties Subjects in the Vigorous prosecution of this just War against the French King and his Subjects and All Such as do or shall adhere to them and joyn with us in the same both offensively & Defensively whenever you Shall be Called upon to It, and As well becomes the faithfull and Dutifull Children of our Great King. To this I Expect you will give me a plain and Satisfactory Answer

Gave A Belt

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Brethren

While we have a place of Defence At Oswego which you Cannot but be Sensible from Long Experience is a great benefitt and Advantage to you by having all necessaries brought to your Country and Sold to you At your own doors At Moderate and reasonable rates, whereas the French considering their Own private interest only Enhance the price of their Commodities and sell them dearer which you have found likewise by long Experience and they Would be Still dearer If you Should Loose this benefit of that place. I Acquaint you that I have Sent Six peices of Cannon up for the defence of Oswego and A Reinforcement of Soldiers with A Supply of Arms Powder And Ball And I Expect as that place is of such Importance to you in your protection And prosecution as well as to his Majestie's Subjects that you will readily and Willingly At All times with the uttmost Chearfullness and Vigour defend the same from all Efforts and Attacks which may be made by the French for by the Neglect of that place of Security, you may Enslave your Selves and put on Schackles which Neither you nor your posterity may be ever able to Shake off, whereas you are free and happy people Enjoying the Inestimable benefit of Liberty under the protection of the best of Kings and father, who has the Welfare of his Subjects and Children most warmly At Heart, he is a Strenuous Assertor of the Naturall rights and Freedom of Mankind in Generall and in the maintenance of the Common Cause & the defence of the Liberties of Europe, hazarding his invaluable Life in the Attack and Defeat of the French Army the Last Summer

Gave A Belt

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The Sinnekes and Cayouges promised at their Last General Meeting at this place to remove their Castles & reside together as formerly your Ancestors did which if you have not already done I hope you will Comply with as soon as possible for It is the more necessary at this Time of War. Settling together in a body will greatly add to their Strength and Heighten your reputation by rendring you more formidable. whereas a Scattered and divided people abate of their Strength and the Easier become a prey to their Enemies.

You likewise promised at the Last Interview not to Suffer the french ~~the~~ to reside among you and I hope and am fully persuaded you will Strictly observe these and all other your Engagements by Treaties so frequently and Solemnly renewed Ratified and Confirmed. Not withstanding now in actual War with the french and that you will not Suffer them to Settle on any part of your Land which may give them Such a footing in your Country as in time may Endanger the whole. I am well know their aim in their attempts to draw you off from the obedience and fidelity you owe to your father and Defender the Great King of Great Brittain, is your destruction, wherefore as you tender your own preservation and security I trust that if any of them should come amongst you for the future, you will Immediately Banish them or deliver them over to My Officer at Oswego

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Gave a Belt

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Answer of the Sachems of the Six Nations of Indians to his Excellency George Clinton Esq. at Albany the 20th day of June 1744.

Present
His Excellency George Clinton Esq. &c.
Philip Livingston
James de Lancey
Daniel Horsmander
Joseph Murray
} Esq. of the Council
The Commiss. for the province of the Massachusetts bay
The Commiss. for the Colony of Connecticut
The Commiss. of the Indian Affairs for this Colony

Brother Corlaer and Quedar

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You Spoke to us Lately and we Promised to give you an Answer which we now come to do. we have well understood what you have Said, but Cannot repeat it all as you Spoke it to us but we will however answer Every Article.

You told us That you was very glad to see us here to Renew and Strengthen the Antient Covant Chain made between our forefathers, and That you had Receiv'd orders from our father your Master the Great King to renew and Strengthen the Same which you have Accordingly done on your part. We the Six Nations do now also on our parts renew Strengthen and Brighten the Same

Covenant

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Covenant Chain, which we Will keep so As long As the Sun remains. We Will preserve It so Strong and So bright That It Shall not be in the power of the Devil himself With Any of his Wiles and Arts to break or dirty the same

Gave A Belt

Brother

You Told us That the Great King our father had sent An Army into Germany which Was Treacherously attacked by the French, And That our Great King defeated the french Army, Killed Some and Some Were Drowned in A River and the remainder fled, and that afterwards the french joyned their Ships with those of the Spanjard to Attack the Ships of the Great King our Father, but were Again defeated, And that the French Were then not yet Contented but proclaimed War against our father the Great King, which our King did then Also against them And That It has been declared in this place A few Days Ago. We the Six Nations Have well understood what you have said concerning the War. We Cannot answer to Every particular, but do promise that We will Keep All Our people At Home and there Expect orders from Our Brother, And Will be upon our Guard to Watch the Enemy. And We Answer you Our Brother in General. That We will do All things relating to this War As you have desired us, in Assurance of which We give

This Belt

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Brother

We just now told you that We would do as you as you desired us. We do yett well Remember that we went With you to Assist you against the french in the Expedition against Canada. We Look upon Our Selves

Selves to be A Very warlike people and never Entered into A War but in the End We Have Gott the better of them, but yet We Are Inclined to peace, till the Enemy Attack Any of his Majesties Subjects, And then we will joyn together to defend our Selves against them

Gave A Belt

Brother

Concerning the House At Oswego, you have told us that you Expected we would Assist in defending It against the Enemy. You also told us That you thought that house very beneficial to us, As It Supplies us with goods; We have Thought proper At this time to say something concerning the trade, the first year or Two After That house was built goods were sold Cheap, and It was A pleasure to Trade there, but now goods Are Sold so dear there, That we Can't say We Think it Advantageous to us upon Account of Trade. We would now desire of our Brother That goods may be Again sold at the same rate as the first Two years. And the Commanding Officer who is now At Oswego, We Desire of our Brother That he may Stay there; we Like Him better than Any Other. We Are Thankful that you have sent Cannon up to That Garrison to defend It against the Enemy. Brother It has Always been A Custom for the Govern.t to recommend to us to Keep up the Correspondance with the far Nations, which has At this time not been Done; We will however do All We Can to keep Friendship with those Nations, who Are United with us And Then We Can Overcome any Enemy whatever.

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Brother

You reminded us of a promise the Cayonges and Sinnekes made Two years since to remove their Castles and to settle in a body, and you told us how necessary this is — Especially at Time of War of which we are Convinced. We do now acquaint you That we are busy to do as was promised. And the Oneydes also promise to gather together and settle in a body.

You also Desired That we would not suffer any french to Reside Among us, and That if any come into our Country That we should either banish them or deliver them to the offr at Oswego. We Have just now told you That we are Inclined to peace And will Expect the Attacks of the Enemy, and Should we Now take Hold of Any French That come Among us. We Should be the Aggressors, wherefore we leave It y.rs to do with the French That Come into our Country as you Shall think proper

Geo: Clinton

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Phil: Livingston Secr.

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Present

Ut Ante, Eodem die

The following is Copy of what y: Comiss.rs of the Massachusetts Bay and Connecticutt said to the Six-Nations of Indians at Albany y.e 18th June 1744

Brethren

It was by Accident That Governour Shirley and the Great Council of the Massachusetts Bay, and Governor Law and the Great Councill of Connecticutt heard of the Intended Interview to be had at this place (the usual place of Meeting) and at this time; and Although they had short notice yet they readily and chearfully agreed to send us Hither to Visitt you. We Are Glad to see such a Number of you Safely Arrived Here after the fatigues of a long Journey. We present you with those Strings of Wampum to pave the Way to a free and open Conference Together

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We are Commanded in the first place to Remind you of the Long and uninterrupted Friendship That has Subsisted (Not only between his maj.y Subjects in General but) In particular between the Governments we represent and you the six Nations, which Friendship has been often Repeated and renewed in the most Solemn manner and the Covenant strictly observed on our part, and we readily with pleasure Acknowledge that It has in General been observed by you on your part. We are Specially directed to brighten the Chain of Friendship and to revive That Ancient amity and the Same to perpetuate

Geo: Clinton

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His Excellency the Hon:ble George Clinton Esq. Governour of New yorke has Already acquainted you that War has been Declared between great Brittain and the French and yt. there is a Necessity of your being United with these Governments against the Common Enemy. The french our neighbours tho' few in Number compared with the English in the several Governments and their neighbouring Friends, yet are a restless and uneasy people and delight in afflicting all about them and are almost continually at War with some nation or other. And It Imports us to Unite and by Joyst forces to oblidge them to a more peaceable behaviour of themselves. In former times the weight of the War has fallen more heavily upon one part and sometimes on Another and our Unhappiness has been that we have acted too Independent on Each other. We are All in one Interest and should we Closely unite and Vigorously pursue proper methods we might soon Render our Selves formidable to our Common Enemy. Our Union is our Strength. —

We are Ready in the behalf of the governments we represent to Joyn with the Neighbouring Governments and with the Six Nations in promoting our mutual Safety and Defence, and for the Annoyance of those that are in heart Enemies to us All. This being for your Advantage as well as ours and an Acting up to your Covenant Engagements. We Cannot doubt of your Ready and Chearfull Concurrence.

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Answer of the Six Nations of Indians to the Com.rs of the Massachusetts Bay and Connecticut Colonies — at Albany y. 20. June 1744 —

Brethren of the Colonies of the Massachusetts bay and Connecticut

You told us that you Accidentally heard that a Conference was to be here at this time, Between our Brother the Governour of New yorke and us, and that as soon as you heard yt. you determined to come here to this Antient meeting place to Speak with us. You told us Also that you was glad to see us here in health. We the Six Nations do Now Answer you that we are glad to see you here in health, so far from your habitations and that we have an opportunity to see you face to face.

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Brethren

We are glad to hear from you, that you and all the governments upon the Continent are now Strictly united together. We are very glad that you have renewed to us the Antient covenant chain which has so long Subsisted between us. — And we ~~do also hereby and on our parts~~ the Six Nations do Now on our parts likewise renew the same and make it bright and we are sure that no Breach has ever been in it we do Now by this Belt make it yet Stronger than ever.

A Belt

Brethren

We have all of us heard what our Brother the Gov.r of new yorke has Told us. That War is proclaimed between the Crowns of great Brittain and France. We are glad that you are Inclined to be Strictly United to us and the government of New yorke for we are Convinced that in the Unity of the Colonies Consists

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their Strength. you Also told us That That handfull of
Men Compared with us the french. Are A Restless trouble-
some people who Are Delighted in War.
We Are convinced That your Governments have Suffered
very much from the Enemy Heretofore. But now We Are United
together we Are not apprehension Free of So much danger. —
We the Six Nations do now Assure you That we will Act
by you, As we will do by our Brother of New yorke As we
have just now told him. That if the Enemy or Any of the
Indians their Adherents Attack Any of your people. you may
depend that we will joyn with you. against them.

A Belt —

Speech of His Excellency George
Clinton Esq.r Governor and Commander
in Chief of the province of New yorke
to the Senachkook and Rivier Indians
at Albany y.e 20.th June 1744 —

Children —

I am glad of this Opportunity to Assure
you of the Tenderness and Affection of the great King of great Brittain
my ~~father~~ Master and our Common father towarde you and to acknowledge
Publickly the Just Sence I have of your dutifull behaviour to him and the
Affection you have for your Brethren his m.ty's Subjects in those parts
I do now in the name of the great king your father renew the
Antient Covenant Chain which has so very Long Subsisted between
our fore fathers and I will do my Endeav.r to make it yet Stronger
If possible which I also Expect from you

give a Belt —

Children

I must now Acquaint you That war is proclaimed between
your father the Great king of great Brittain and the french king
In which I doubt not but you will readily joyn with us
Both offensively & defensibely against the Subjects of the s.d
french king and I do Expect that you will all Stay at home
to waitie my orders & directions Concern.g the prosecution of the
s.d war this is what you are obliged to do by the Covenant Subsisting
between us and I doubt not but your Answer hereto will
be Satisfactory to me

give a Belt —

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Speech of the Honourable The Commissioners of the Colonies of the Massachusetts bay and Connecticutt to the Schaachkooks and River Indians at Albany the 20. June 1744

Neighbours & Friends

We are Sent to this City from the two Governments of the massachusetts Bay and Connecticut to visitt their Antient friends the Indians that Live In these Parts. We have Seen and Spoken with the Six nations and we are now very Glad to See you. we Look upon you to be our very near Relations and Friends. We are Desirous of keeping the Chain of Friendship free from Rust. This is a very proper time to Brighten it as well on your account as ours The french have now without any Just Cause begun a War with the English and they would be Glad we And You too, were every one Destroyed They have been your old Enemys and you know you never Could trust them — We Expect they will be allaympting to molest us and we Depend upon it that you be on The Watch and give us Immediate notice of any Such Attempts And we doubt not you will be ready to afford your Assistance if we Should be molested. and if the french molest you and you Give us notice we Shall be Ready to help and Defend you —

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The french in These parts are but a hand full Compared with the English — The English Governments are now united and will Live and Dye together

And if the French behave as they appr to do by Sending Down their own men or the Indians that Live among them we are Resolved to Revenge it and the English and their Indians Friends are Strong enough to Drive every french man Into the Great Sea —

The Governments we Came from had but a few Days notice of this meeting or they would have sent you a ~~me~~ present from thence but we have their orders to procure Something here which Shall be Delivered You —

Present
as Supra.

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Answer of the Schaachkooks and River Indians to his Excellency George Clinton Esq. Gov. of New york and the Commissioners of the Colonies of the massachusetts Bay and Connecticut 21. June 1744 —

Fathers of the three Provinces

We are glad to see you here and bid you welcome. We are All Inclined to live in peace and Unity with the Three Governments and All the rest of his majesties Subjects. and are Very glad That we are All united in one Common Covenant Chain which we are resolved shall not Rust, wherefore we Wind it round with beaver Skins. gave a few Skins.

Fathers We are willing to promote good things, what our Allies the Six Nations have promised we will readily Concur in on our parts. — you have also Desired us to Stay at home, which we promise to do and as you are Greater and Stronger people than we, we hope you will Take Care That no harm Comes to us. —

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Fathers of Boston and Connecticut

Whatever you desired of us yesterday we engage to perform and we are very willing to cultivate a close friendship with you. And we will Jointly to keep the Covenant chain bright.

gave a small belt of Wampum and three martin Skins.

Present

Philip Schuyler
Cornelius Cuyler
Ruth. Blocker
Jo. Lansingh
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Jacob Glen
Jo. Depeyster
Nicolaas Bleecker
Myndt Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Edward Collins

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At a Meeting of the Comissioners of Indian affairs at Albany the 20th June 1744

The Comissioners answered Aquaraso the french Indian to what he said at this board ye 14th Instant. Viz.t

You told us the other day, that you was sent here by the sachems of the Caghnawagas to informe us, That they are inclined to keep the covenant Subsisting between us, and in consequence thereof not to meddle with the present war between us and the french, and That they are willing to meet here or at Onondago to renew the Covenant. You are to tell them for answer That we are inclined to keep a Neutrality as formerly agreed, and not to give any occasion to break it. But in order thereto we expect as we have always told you That all the Indians living in Canada the Schawanders, Onakongas or by whatever name they are called as well as yourselves shall firmly observe A neutrality with us. That is to say — not only with this province but with All his Majesties Subjects upon the Continent and not molest any of them. If all the Indians in Canada are inclined to keep the peace in this manner, then tell them to send some of their sachems of each Nation to this place

In forty days or sooner, if they can, where we will receive them kindly, and Confirm this neutrality with All

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Albany 21. of June. O. S. 1744

A message which Aquaraso an Indian of the Caghnawaga Tribe is directed to deliver to the Governour of Canada viz.t

The British Governments in north America have unitedly come to this Resolution. That If the Governour of Canada shall (Contrary to the practices of making war among All Civilized nations) Send forth his people, whether French Men or Indians, under his Government or Influence, inhumanely to murder and destroy Women and

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Children in cold blood or by torture, or to murder and destroy captives for the sake of their Scalps as has been the practice of French and Indians in former years. Then the said British Governments will revenge the same in like manner on the Subjects of the french King in north America

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Present

Myndert Schuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Johannis Lansingh
Phil. Schuyler
Hendk. Van Rych
Dirk Van Brescolt
Roger Gerritse
Ruth Bleecker

At a Meeting of the Comissrs. of the Indian Affairs y. 22d. June 1744 —

Seven Sachims of the Onondagos appeared at this board & Say

Brethren

When you first wanted to build a house at Oswego, you told us that it would be to our mutual advantage to have a Trading house at that place and you made use of such Arguments as made us think it highly reasonable to grant your request. Whereupon the Governour and you promised us that we should be ~~glad~~ paid for the ground which has not yet been done. We have often thought of this and what a great advantage it is to you to have that place. But we have as yet rec.d no recompence, wherefore we have now thought proper to ask for satisfaction

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gave a Belt

The Comissioners answered them

That this affair ought to have been spoke of to his Excellency and that they could not give any Answer thereto, but think it best that they refer it till they meet his Excellency again

The Com.rs ordered Ni. Bleecker to give them each a Shirt —

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany y: 22 June 1744.

Examination of Michel Houden a French Priest this day arrived from Canada by the way of Oswego.

Question What Induced you to leave your Country and Come here in time of War.

Answer. I did design to Come early Last Spring before war declared but was prevented by the Gaurd.

Quest. But what motive had you to leave your Country.

Answer If you please I will Tell you in a Smaller Company not caring to Say it before so many Gentlemen.

Quest. — As you are now under the protection of the King of Great Britain, we Expect a True Relation from you of the Resolutions of the french concerning this war

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Answer — When I Left Canada there was no other Account of the war but a Letter wrote by the Commandant of Cape Breton to the Governour of Canada, wherein he Writes that he had an Account from a friend in France that war was proclaimed against the English and Dutch, whereupon the Govern.r Immediately sent a Reinforcement to Cadaraqui and Onejagara of 36 men each and that there was great Talk of Taking Oswego, but that it could not yet be Attempted for want of provisions and Ammunition which were very Scarce. That the Traders had orders not To Employ any of the Six Nations to carry their goods over the Onejagara carrying place for fear they should take away their powder and then Take Onejagara. & that the french had been under great Apprehensions that Cadaraqui and Onejagara should be Taken by the English by reason they could not send a Sufficient number of men there for want of provi-

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-sions. He also Says That the Canada Indians are very much dissatisfied because the Governour will not allow any Indian whatever to be in the Town at Night for fear some of them might be corrupted by the English to fire the Town, and that he has ordered the House near the City Wall to be pulled down least they should be a means to fire the rest of the Town. That the Governour Generall came up last Winter from Quebeck to Montreal upon a report that 100 families of Scotch people were Settling on lands near Crown point within 7 Leagues of it. but the report upon Inquiry proved Groundless.

That the French Talk much of Taking Oswego which they think a very Easy matter, and only wait for Orders from France and a Supply of provisions and then they design to go against it with 800 Men. That the French Also Talk much of Taking Albany but know not which way to accomplish it, that some think the best way will be To surround it and Cutt off Supplies of Provisions.

That the Govern^r Monsr Beauharnois is a very old man and almost Childish and seems to be a very timorous man, and the Govr of Montreal he believes to be dead by this Time.

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That the Greatest part of the Captains and Officers are Old and Infirm, some Gouty, Some Sick &c. That One Monsr Michel by the name of Commissary Rules the Roast at Canada, who is a Conceited Fiery man, and not very Able To manage business.

That the Governour has sent Officers and Priests into all the Indian Townes to call their people together and that he would then give them the Hatchet. That he believes the French will make no Attack upon this Country this year, because the Regular Troops are unfitt for service in this Country, and their Indians it is thought Cannot be depended upon, and many of their young Men are up among the Indians to trade, and if they Should take the farmers, it would be a means to Starve the Country. So that he Cant think what people they can Send to Hurt us. But that they are determined to Take Oswego this Summer.

That the French are Cutting a Road to the River at St. Johns to facilitate the Carrying provisions to Crown point, and that there is a Sloop in the Lake Champlain.

He Further Saith. That there are 100 Men at Crown point.

He Also Saith That the Cannon which were in the fort at Chambley are Carried to Crown point, and that they keep only 5 or 6 men in Chambley Fort, thinking it needless to keep more since they have had a fort at Crown point.

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That the French Compute themselves to be Twenty Thousand fighting men in the whole. Among which are 28 Companies regular Troops consisting of 32 men each, but that the Companies are not full.

That he has not heard any Talk in Canada of a Neutrality between the Indians, but that by what heard the Indians are Willing to fight. But believes the French will not Animate them to go a Scalping.

That the people in Canada in Generall would willingly remain in peace, and Rather than Enter into a War they would Subject themselves to the English provided every man might keep his own.

That the best Way he Conceived to Take Canada would be to Take Cape Britton and then to Keep 3 or 4 Ships in the Mouth of the River St. Lawrence and then to take Oniagara, after which Canada must Surrender of Course not having any Communication with the fore or the far Indians.

That the Walls of Montreal are in a bad Condition and almost Tumbling down, that at Montreal there 18 Guns at the North End of the Town but not Mounted. That the Wall was Terrased with another Wall Inside.

That at Quebeck are 40 P^d Cannon and Two Mortars.

That the Country was Settled about 25 Leagues below Quebeck.

That the French had great Hopes of Persuading our River Indians to settle at St. Francois with the Abenackies, and that the Governour had ordered the priest residing there at the Arrivall of some River Indians, who were expected to come and Treat with the Abenackies, to kill a beef for them and to give them Tobacco &c^a and whatever they might want.

That News was Come from Cape Britton, That the young people of that place were gone on an Expedition against Canso.

A Letter was wrote to his Excellency with a Copy of the above Examination Inclosed ——.

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Present

Philip Livingston
John de Peyster
Cornelius Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Phil. Schuyler
Nicolaes Bleecker

Att a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs y. 29th June 1745.

David Schuyler being Returned from the Outscout Informs this board, That He had sent his people to the Wood Creek and up the River as far as the Schnectady Road, and That they had not observed Any thing of the Enemy.

The following persons were upon this Outscout

David Schuyler	10 days
William Hogan	10 days
John Lavis	10 days
Gerard Lansingh	10 days
Jacobus van Dolen	10 days
Michel Sharp	10 days
Johannis Fort	10 days
Jacob Quackenbos	11
Thomas Christiaensen	11
Gerrit Quackenbos	5
Richard Crawley	5

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This board wrote a Letter to Johannis Knickerbacker Desiring him to send ~~down~~ A Indian Spie to Crown point

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
John Lansingh
Geyer Gerritsen
John de Peyster
Hendrick Ten Broeck
Nicolaes Bleecker

Att a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany the 3d July 1744.

The following Letter was wrote To Mr Lindsay.

Sir

We received yours of the 26th Instant, wherein you writes us that the Governour has given you liberty to draw on Philip Livingston Esq. for £50:- to be laid out in such goods as you judge proper for presents to the Indians. Mr Livingston will doubtless send you the goods pursuant to his Excellencies directions. We will acquaint his Excellency by the first opportunity what you write concerning Mr Butler, that he does not care to stay with you as Interpreter. We have no directions from his Excellency to agree with or send up Any person, whatever his Excel.y shall order we therein shall be done, but he doubtless expects Mr Butler will stay till another is sent up.

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We are informed that your men are often drunk, you would do well to keep them sober at this time, which you can't tell how soon the Enemy may come to attack you, and It is a shamefull thing If true, That man at such a frontier Garrison should not at least be kept sober. We are of Opinion there was no Great Necessity to send down this Express, as several people were coming down in Batteaux, we have however paid him.

We doubt not but you will putt your selfe in the best posture of defence, and keep a good Look out, that you be not surprizd by the Enemy, and defend the place to the last. If attacked.

The Six Nations have promised in their Answer to the Governour, to defend any place, That shall be attacked by the French.

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At a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs 6th July 1744

The following Letter was wrote to the Governour

May It please your Excellency

We have received your Excellencies favours of the 29th of last Month relating the French priest. Mr Lindesay writes us that Mr Butler does not Incline to stay with him as Interpreter, and recommends three persons (to wittt) John Visher Jun.r Jacobus Myndertse and Henrt Stevens, as the Only men that are fitt for that Service we believe them to be fitt persons, as he mentions many others, but we doubt whether any of the Three would undertake to go at this Time, whatever your Excellency orders herein shall be punctually observed.

We send your Excellency herewith a memorial of what is evidently necessary for the Security of this County against the Enemy which we humbly offer to your Excellencies Consideration

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We hope the Assembly will have so True a sence of the Countries Interest as will induce them Speedily to take the necessary Steps to secure the province against any Invasion or Attempts whatsoever, to which we are convinced your Excellency will contribute All in his power, We Are

Memorial of what the Commissioners of Indian Affairs judge necessary to be ordered by the Government for the Security of the County of Albany against the Attacks of the French and to Secure the Six Nations of Indians in their Fidelity to his Majesty.

1. The Fort at Oswego to be better fortified the Wall being in a very bad condition, and platforms to be built to mount the cannon on, and ramparts to be made, and whatever wants repair in said fort to be repaired with All Speed. A Reinforcement of 40 men and an Officer of the Militia of this province with 10 Indians of the Six Nations to be sent to the said Garrison to defend the

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Same, with provisions to subsist themselves and the men that are Already there for a year, and a Sufficient Quantity of Powder ball and Granadoes &c. Also an Interpreter to be sent to that Garrison.

2. Thirty men to be sent as Outscouts to watch the Motions of the French between Albany and Canada, and as the Indians can go farther into the French Country unsuspected, we think it also proper that 10 Indians should be kept in pay for that purpose to Inform our outscouts of what they may discover in the Enemies Country.

3. An Outscout of 10 men and an Officer to be constantly kept out from the Township of Schinectady to the carrying place of the Lake St. Sacrement there to meet the other Outscouts. II 289

4. A Fort to be built at the Carrying place leading from Hudsons river to the Wood Creek, upon the banks of the said river and that it be Garrisoned with an Officer and Thirty men, who if they cant be spared out of the regular Troops then to be detached out of the Militia of this Province, and all houses & places of Strength near said fort ought to be removed.

5. A Fort to be built in the Sinnekes Country to be Garrisoned with 40 or 50 men together with a Smith Armourer and Interpretor, this and the securing Oswego, we conceive to be the only methods, that can be taken or put in practice, to secure the Indians in their Fidelity to his Majesty which is Rendered Wavering by reason they have not any place of Shelter to secure themselves from the Attacks of the French. before this be done it will be proper to Acquaint the Indians and to let them know it is for their Security only.

6. That Three Companies of the Militia of the Lower Counties be sent up here to Assist and defend this City.

7. Our Allowance ought to be augmented to £300:- P. Annum Ay.t Lest. which will hardly be Sufficient to defray the Expence which we will of necessity be putt to, at this time for presents to the Indians and other necessary charges.

8. Whereas we are informed that the Assembly have raised a sum of money for Powder, for the defence of this Colony, and as we are on the Frontiers, we doubt not but your Excellency will order us our proportion.

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9. We understand that there is but a small Quantity of powder in this Fort, and no ball for the Six pounders, a quantity ought to be provided, and also for the Cannon which the Corporation of this City are about mounting in the Block houses for which Gunnors ought likewise to be provided. The Fort at Schinectady and fort Hunter are likewise without powder or ball.

10. The City of Albany is at present destitute of a Field Officer the Collonel. Lieut. Collonel and major all live out of Town so that Should this place be attacked we know not who is to Command, which would occasion the Uttmost Confusion Amongst us. Wherefore with Humble Submission to your Excellency, We think it Highly necessary that one of the Field Officers may be ordered to Reside here or otherwise one Appointed who dwells in this City. We think it Also Very proper that 20 or 30 Troopers should be Always ready in this City and as many at Schinectady, to go to the relief of any Neighbouring Village, that may be Attacked by the Enemy at a minutes warning.

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11. That a strict Discipline should be kept in the militia of this City and that the Collonell be ordered that Each Captain review his Company at least once Every month.

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs at Albany the 10th July 1744.

Present
Philip Livingston
Mynd. Schuyler
Peter Winne
Cornelius Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck

Andries Brett Esq. having resided at Oswego, as Commissary being returned, brings the following Account

That an Onondago Indian told Lieut. Lindesay that some french men with some Cagnawago and Schawenidis Indians were Expected to pass Oswego in their way to Onondago to Speak w.th the Sachems there, and desired Lieut. Lindesay that he would give them Liberty to pass Oswego unmolested whereupon Lieut Lindesay Answered that as to the Indians he would not molest them, But If Any french came that Way He would take them Prisoners or Kill them as It was his duty to do, War being actually declared Between the Crowns.

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Mr. Brett Also says That some Ottawawa Indians went from Oswego to Canada, to Treat with the governour there, and desired him Brett to Tell the Commiss.rs That If they were sent for by a belt of Wampum to Come to Treat at Albany they would readily come down, and that in their Return from Canada they would go to the Sinnekes to Speak with them and to tell them what has passed at Canada.

Mr. Brett told this board That he was Come down somewhat before the usual time, but as all the Traders were gone home he thought he needed not Stay Any longer.

The Commissioners told Mr. Brett That they were of opinion That he had done the Duty required of him by the Act of Assembly.

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Present

Myndert Schuyler
Nicolaas Bleecker
John de Peyster
Hendk. Fonda
John Lansingh

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs y.e 11. July 1744

This board recd a Letter from his Excellency dated the 5 Instant and wrote the following Answer

May It please your Excellency

The Company which was sent to the Sinnoke Country last fall being returned from thence, Mr. Bradt the Commissary at Oswego Informs us that the Sinnoke Sachems who mett him Potowcen this and Oswego desired him to Acquaint us that they wanted a Smith and Armourer very much and speedily Especially the first to mend their hatchets which they will want to build new Houses when they remove their castle as they have promised your Excellency and unless a Smith and Armourer should be soon sent up, they were Apprehensive that some of their nation who are Inclined to the french Interest would go to Canada to gett them from thence which would be of very dangerous consequence, and as It has been usual that a Smith and Armourer resided there with Two or three more men. We hope your Excellency will give us orders to send them up Accordingly. But as there is no place of Strength there people seem to be very Scrupulous to go to a place where so many of the Indians are Inclined to the French Interest, which makes the necessity of a Fort there very Evident.

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We recd your Excellencies favours of the 5.th Instant, wherein your Excel.cy orders us to send up Two Indians of Every Nation to Oswego and to provide provisions for them. We will send up the Interpreter to y.e Indian Country to gett the Indians to go up, but we are dubious who that he will be able to perswade any of them to go, Except some of our people whom they know, are also sent there with an Interpreter.

Pork is the chief Article for their provisions which is not to be had here, so that we must Export It from New york, the other Articles can be had and shall be provided in ~~the~~ time, hoping the Assembly will provide for the payment thereof.

Present

John de peyster
Hendrick Fonda
Dirk Ten Broeck
Nicolaas Bleecker
John Lansingh
Reyer Gerritse
Myndt. Schuyler
Ant.y Bleecker

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs y.e 12.th July 1744.

The following Instructions were given to Mr. Jacobus Bleecker the Interpreter.

Mr. Bleecker

You are to go to the Six Nations, beginning with the mohawks and so to all the Nations up to the Sinnokes Country, and in Each Nation you Are to Convene the Sachems and Tell them, you Are Sent by the Governour to desire them to Send Two of their men to Oswego to Assist the Garrison as Butcouts and to remain there for Two months, That they Shall Have provisions and such pay As you can Agree with them for, and If you Cannot perswade the Mohawks or Onoydes to go, you Are to proceed to Onondago and use your Endeavours there, And If you cannot gett any of them to go then you Are to Come back, but If the Onondagos consent to send men then you Are to proceed to the Sinnokes Country and gett 12 men of the Onondagos, Tuskaroras, Cayougos and Sinnokes.

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A Letter was wrote to Lieut. Lindesay to provide the Indians till the Commissioners send up Provisions.

Resolved That Anthony Bleecker go with y.e Interpreter to y.e Sinnokes Country for y.e Sum of £8:- and If he return back at Onondago then to be paid in proportion.

Resolved That the Interpreter take with him 8 Shirts to Lay out among the Indians As he thinks proper.

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Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs y.e 13.th July 1744.—

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Nicolaas Bleecker
Johnes Pegytor
John Lansingh
Rutgor Bleecker
Peter Wiano
Cornelius Cuyler
Hendrick J. Eyck

Severall of the Schaachkook Indians who lately went to Aschicantecook this day returned from thence and appeared at this board, give the following Acct. of their Journey, in the presence of Waliliwit an Aschicantecook Sachim, and Gray Lock a Massesquick Sachim and severall other Indians of that Tribe.—

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Fathers

We are glad that we had your Liberty to go to Aschicantecook and are very glad to see you at this day in Health.
The Aschicantecook and Massesquick Indians were very glad that we came among them to keep open the road and to renew the Covenant, and say that they will more frequently come down to this place. Severall of the Eastern Indians were at Aschicantecook waiting our Arrivall and they heard what passed between us and were glad that there was so strict a friendship between us and gladly joyned with us in the Covenant.
When we Arrived at Aschicantecook three hundred Indians in Arms fired a Volly to Wellcome us, and the Priest at Trois Rivierres, ordered four Cannon to be fired.—
When we came to Montreal the Govern.r was glad to see us, and made us each a present of a suit of Laced Cloathes.

Tho—

The Governour of Canada Spoke to us as follows

Children

Your Fathers before you were my Children, and I am very glad that you come to renew the Covenant and to keep open the road for all your people, which I will also gladly do.
We have formerly been at War with your province and are glad to see you here at this time in a friendly manner, but how long it will last, I can't tell, however I will not begin Hostilities first,
When you come again bring your Children with you, and then I must be Convinced that you are Sincere.
My People will very soon come to Albany to renew the Covenant

Children

Believe not any reports you may hear whatever may be said, you may depend as sure as the sun shines that I will not suffer any of my people to disturb or hurt any of yours, nor any of the English, unless they begin Hostilities first.—

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The following Indians are in the Abovementioned Covenant Included.—

Massesquock
Aschicantecook
Wenlenack
Nalanchewack
Mataghquetack
Panawaemskack
Mechkemak

Turn over

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May It please your Excellency

In our last we Informed your Excell.cy of the necessity of sending up a Smith and Armourer to the Sinnekes Country, Since which Myndert Wemp, Philip Freyley and Nicolaas Vander Volgen have offered their Service to go there with another man for one year, One as Smith, Two the as Armourer and the Last to serve as Interpreter for the Sum of £100:— and not under, and then to be paid for their Extraordinary Trouble to build a Logg house, which We have ordered them in Case they go, to build, where the Sinnekes have promised to make their Castle which Will also be an Inducement for them to perform their promise. If your Excell.cy Approves of this and will be pleased to Signify your Approbation the people shall be Imediately sent up. We hope your Excell.cy will recommend the payment thereof to the Assembly and for £30:— which It is necessary they should have for presents to y.e Indians.

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Seven all of the Schaghticoke and Skiver — Indians who went to Treat With the Ochsicantecook and Missesquack Indians are this day returned from Canada, and Informs us That they have renewed the Treaties Subsisting between them and those Indians, and that they have made a Treaty with several Tribes of the Eastern Indians, the Substance whereof is That they will observe an Exact Neutrality in the War between y.e English and French. They Also Say That the Gov.r of Montreal has told them That the Indians under his Government shall not disturb any of the English unless the English begin Hostilities with them. and that in a short time several of the French Indians will come down to Albany to Assure the English of their Sincere Intentions with Respect to the Neutrality.

At a meeting of the Commis.rs of Indian Affairs at Albany y.e 24th July 1744

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndt. Schuyler
John Lansingh
Nicolaas Bleecker
John de Peyster
Com.rs Cuyler

The Province of New yorke Deb.r to the following persons who by order of his Excellency George Clinton Esq.r went upon y.e Outscout, and the Charges Attending the same.

To David Schuyler as Cap.t 10 days at 8/	£	8:—
To William Hogan 10 days at 4/		2:—
To John Lewis 10 days at 4/		2:—
To Gerard.t Lansingh 10 days at 4/		2:—
To Jacobus V. Dolen 10 days at 4/		2:—
To Michel Sharp 10 days		2:—
To Johannis Fort 10 days		2:—
To Jacob Quackenbosh 11 days		2: 04
To Thom.s Christiaensen 11 days		2: 04
To Gerrit Quackenbosh 5 days		1:—
To Richard Crawley 5 days		1:—
To John Cuyler for a Brick Canoe for the House of the Outscout		4:—
To Nicolaas Bleecker for 23 ℔ bacon at 9d.		0: 17: 3
To Hendrick Teuniek for 6¼ ℔ Kettle at 3/		—: 18: 9
To Dirk Ten Broeck for 56 ℔ bread	£0: 6:	
3 Galls. rum at 4/6	0: 13: 6	
1 Skipfas	0: 3:	
		1: 02: 6
	£	28: 06: 6

The above Acc.t was sent to his Excellency with the following Letter.

May It please your Excellency

We recd your Excellencies favours of the 17th Instant and Will According to your Excell.cy directions send the people to the Sinnekes Country in a few days.

The Interpreter is not returned from the Sinnekes Country

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upon his honors back, we will Inform your Excellency what Success he has Mett with.

We Inclose your Excellency an Acct. of the Charge & Expence of the Outscout, which was sent to observe the motions of the Enemy by order of your Excellency, Hoping your Excellency will recommend the payment thereof to the Assembly, we have Nothing further of moment to Communicate to your Excellency.

The following passpoes Given to Seconondo an Indian

The Commissioners of Indian Affairs in the City of Albany.

To All Whom It may Concerne.

The Bearer hereof Seconondo a Saghnawaga Indian arrived here yesterday from Canada and Tells us, that he is Going to Speak with the Honourable Collo. Stoddard at Northampton and desired us to Give him a Lett-pass, We do therefore by these presents Certify that We do believe his business to be as above is Sett forth, Given under our Hands in Albany the 24th July 1744

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Present &c.

At a Meeting of the Comrs. of Indian Affairs the 30th July 1744.

The following Letter was wrote to his Excellency

May It please your Excellency

Since our Last to your Excellency of the 24th Instant, we have not received any of your Excellency's Commands so That this serves Only to Inclose an Account of Mr. Henry Beekman for Supplying provisions for 24 men your Excellency ordered up to Oswego, we agreed with him to supply them at the same rate as the Act of Assembly Allows the Victuallers of that Garrison which Amounts to £210: 9: 3. Other part of the Account is for One half of the Charge accrued on transporting the Troops thro he being Only to pay half that Charge as he supplies those men but for Appears and he has disbursed several Sums for Other Services as by his Account will Appear. We also Inclose an Acct. of Mr. Dirk Ten Broeck for Sundry disbursements for the Fort at Saraghtoga which Accounts We hope your Excellency will recommend to the Assembly for payment.

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Att a Meeting of the Comrs of Indian Affairs at Albany 31. July 1744.

Present
Edward Collins
Nicolaas Bleecker
Myndt. Schuyler
Jo: Lansingh
Dirck Ten Broeck
Rutger Bleecker
John Depeyster
Cornelius Cuyler

Mr Bleecker the Interpreter being Returned from the Sinnekes Country Informs us That he has sent Three Mohawks & Two Onondagos to Oswego. That the Onondagos were not at home and the Cayougos promised to send Two More there Very soon. the Sinnekes promised the Same but believes the Latter are not much to be depended Upon.

He Says On his Arrivall at Onondago there were Eleven Cagh-nawago Indians, and a french man who had Spoke with the Indians That day. That All that he could find Out to have been Transacted between them was the condoling the death of a Principle Sachim Called the Bronto. That the Cagnawago Indians had given the Sachims of the Six Nations 11 belts of Wampum in the Conference. and That the french man had given them near the Value of £200:- pro Sento.

He Also Informs us that the French Interpreter from Niagara had been in the Sinnekes Country and Told the Sachims there that the french designed to take Oswego and desired that the Six Nations Should not Intermiddle in that business. That the Sinnekes Told him they had not thought it Worth their while to give him any Answer, looking upon him as a lying fellow.

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Present
Myndert Schuyler
Reyer Gerritse
Cornelis Cuyler
Hendrick Van de Poyster
Dirick Ten Broeck
Nicolas Bleecker
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Utgart Bleecker

Comrs meeting y 1 of august 1744

This board agreed with Myndert wemp Philip Reyley and Nicolas Van der Volgen to go to the Sinnekes Country and if the Assembly raise £100:- for them then they will Stay a year and if they raise for them but £80:- Then they will Stay but 9 months

The Commissioners allowed them
£ 20
1: 2: Iron
50 ℔ Steal
12 files
1 grind Stone 1 Broad ax 1 Hand Saw
2 Sides Leather
1 flagg which they are to get of Andries Bratt & the Commissioners will pay Peter wiane for y Same

The Commissioners resolved that they have for present £20:- ordered that mr Cornelius Cuyler furnish the Same

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Instructions for myndert wemp Philip Reyley and Nicolaas Vander Volgen

Whereas his Excellency George Clinton Esqr has ordered us to send you up to the Sinnekes Country to Reside there for one year the one as Smith the other as Armourer and the Last as Interpreter, you are therefore as Soon as Conveniently may be to repair thither and to Serve Each in your Respective Station according to the best of your Capacity

You are Likewise to do your utmost Endeavour to keep the Indians firm to his Majesties Interest, and those that are wavering in their allegiance To his said majesty you are to use your utmost to bring

Bring them back to their former friendship to the English nation and you are to try all ways and means to undermine the french Interest among them, ~~the Sinnekes & Sachims have~~ and to prevent their residing in the Sinnekes Country, the Sinnekes Sachims have at Sundry times promised to remove their Castle to a more Convenient place and to gather together and Settle in a Body which they have yet promised the Governour at the Last meeting. They have severall times Told us that they only wanted a Smith to make hatchets which they wanted to build a new Castle, you must now Tell them that you are Sent to them and are ready to make their Hatchets for Them you are to observe the Instructions y^d Govr or we Shall send you from time to time and if any thing material happens you are to acquaint the Govr or Com^r of Indian Affairs therewith.

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May it please your Excellency

The Interpreter is returned from Sinnekes Country and Informs us that he has sent 5 Indians to Oswego & that he has the promise of 4 more to be sent there Mr Lindesay Informs us that he has 2 Indians with him now & Expect 2 more which will make in all 13 Indians for which it is necessary Provisions should be sent up as soon may be, we Shall want at Least 12 barrels pork for this and other Services which we hope your Excellency will gett the Assembly to Send up and also to make provisions for the payment of those Indians & all the Charges to accrue thereon, we enclose to your Excellency a letter we this day rec^d from Mr Lindesay

Wherein he writes of Severall matters which we Could not So well Inform your Excellency of, any way as to send the Lett^r It Self. the Interpreter Informes us that when he Came to onondaga there were 11 Caghnawage Indians and a french Interpreter who went away from thence the next morn^g Early after he Came there, he tells us that he made Strict Enquiry what they had been doing there but all y^t he Could Learn is that they Came to Condole the death of a great Sachim Called the Bort, and that no other matters had been treated off, that the french Interpreter had made a present to ye 6 nations at onondaga of ab^t £150:— Value as the Indians Could not be prevailed upon to Stay Longer the Interpreter tells us he has agreed with them to reside at Oswego 2 months, at three pound per month & when that time is Expired, it We think it will be best that Mr Lindesay makes a new agreem^t with them or Send for others, as Mr Lindesay has now Indians with him and Mr Butler being on the way Comeing down it is of great necessity that an Interpreter be Immediately sent to him.

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Present
Nicolas Bleecker
Cor: Cuyler
Hen: Ten Eyck
Dirk Ten Broeck
Ed: Collins
Jo: Lansing
Jo: De Peyster
myn: Schuyler

At a Meeting of the Com:rs of Indians Affairs at Albany y:e 15th of aug:t 1744

May it please your Excellency

We have received your Excellencies Lett:rs of y:e first 7th & 9th Inst: by the 2 first your Excellency Informs us That you have recommended to the Assembly the paym:t of the Several acc:ts we sent down.

Since our last to y:r Excellency m:r Butler arrived here from Oswego who Left that place y:e 24th of last month and Informs us that all the Indians he Left with m:r Lindsay were three Mohawks, which the Interpreter Sent up & that no more were yet Come, we will do our Endeavour to get an Interpreter to send up to m:r Lindsay Assoon as possible which is absolutely necessary, we hope the Assembly will Think proper to send Speedily a greater force to Oswego to defend that place, as for Indians they can only be depended upon as Scouts but not to defend the Garrison. We do now write to our members of y:e Assembly to send us pork Assoon as we receive which we will send it with the other provisions to Oswego for the Subsistance of the Interpreter who is to go up, and the Indians. m:r Butler Informs us that a young Indian of oneyde who came Lately from Canada to Oswego told him That the gov:r of Canada had Infor: the Indians that he designed to take Oswego this fall and Desired the Indians to send 30 of their men with his people only as Spectators to see the fort at Oswego Taken, which they promised To do

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Gentlemen

The gov:r has ordered us to send provision To Oswego for y:e Subsistance of the Indians, and tells us that he takes it to be our business as Comm:rs of Indian Affairs to provide them upon Credit of the Goverment which we do not know how to do, we Shall want 10 barrells of pork which we desire you to Send up to us p:r first and Assoon as we receive it we will provide the other necessaries and send it up.

The gov:r has ordered us also to send an Interpreter To Oswego and we find it will be difficult to gett a good one, but the best that we can gett Shall be sent up Speedily. We hope you will not forget to send us up our proportion of the powder your house bought at the publick Expence, it is very much wanted here at this time Especially as not ~~one~~ is to be bought here, we would have been glad of an ans: to the Letter we send you and to know what your house designs to do for the frontiers. We are

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Present
John De Peyster
Rutg: Blecker
Mynd^t Schuyler
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Reyer Gerritse
John Schuyler
John Lansing
Cornelis Cuyler
Ed: Collins
Nicolas Blecker
Dirck Ten Broeck

All a Meet^g of the Commissioners of Indians affairs in Albany ye 15th of august 1744

The Com^rs agreed with m^r Thomas Butler to go to Oswego as Interpreter and there to reside till the fifth day of may next, and for the payment thereof this board Engage themselves to recommend to the gov^r & assembly to give him a handsome allowance as well for ye time past ~~past~~ as the Time to Come —

Albany ye 18 august 1744

Present
Abraham Cuyler
Cornelus Cuyler
Ed: Collins
Dirck Ten Broeck
Nicolas Blecker
John Lansing
Mynd^t Schuyler
John de Peyster
Hendrick Ten Eyck

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The Com^rs ordered Garet Lansing to buy the follow^g Articles for Captn Butlers Voyage to Oswego & that they will se him p^d —

1 Barrel Pork
3 w^t Bread
6 ℔ pease
28 ℔ sugar
1 peck Salt
14 ℔ Tobacco
1 grose pipes, bags for bread & peases to hire
2 Tents
3 gall Wine

All a Meeting of the Comissioners of Indians affairs in albany ye 24 aug^t 1744

Two Mohawks Indians who we sent as Spies to Canada Being Returned back acq^t this board that when they Came to Caghnawage They told the Sachims that they were Come ab^t the Meeting that they sent Agwarasa about, who Told the Com^rs that the Caguawage Sachims had Sent him To acq^t them That they were ready To Come To onondage or at Albany where the Comm^rs pleased To Appoint to treat ab^t & Confirm the neutrallity & that ye Comm^rs appointed. Albany. That now they Came to See when they would Come

That the Caghnawage Sachims after their Priest had wrote a Letter to the Govr and received an answer, answered them that what they did design to do ab^t: The Meet^g was already done that they had been

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They say further that the day after this happened they mett the Sachims again and the Sachims Asked Them if they had any thing further to Say whereupon they answered that what they had to say they had Allready said then they asked the Sachims wether they had any thing farther to Say and they answered that they had nothing further to Say but that the Governour had offered them the Hatchet but that they had not taken it up, but they believe that to be false because they heard Severall Say that they had taken up the Hatchet and by all they Could Preceive they Believe that was the Truth

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Present
Corneelis Cuyler
John de Peyster
John Lansing
Edt Collins
Nicolas Blecker
Rutg Blecker
Myndt Schuyler
Hendrick ten Eyck
Dirck Ten Broeck
Royer Gerritse

At a meetg of the Commrs of Indian affairs
y 25 August 1744

The Commrs ordered mr Dirck Ten Broeck to pay The two mohawks who have been to Canada a peice Strouds for their trouble at £10:10—

Some Caghnawage Indians appeared at this Board to whom the Comrs Said as follows
~~of friendship~~ You know that a Covenant of friendship has been made between our fore fathers and yours which has Long Subsisted and from time to time been renewed between us and Especially 2 years Since with a Large belt of wampen which rests among your Sachims and it is but a few days ago Since the war Between us & the french broke out that aquarasa one of your Castle came here with a String of wampm as a messenger from your Sachims to acqt us that they Intended to keep the Covenant and were Inclined To renewe it Either here at this place or at onondage where we Should be pleased to appoint & we then told him that we appoint: this place and as we did not hear of their Comeing we sent Two Indians Seth & Luykas to know when they would Come and the answer they received from your Sachims was that they had done what they designed to do & that they did not design to Come here which is Contrary to y message Aquarase brought us we are now Informd That the Governour of Canada has offered the hatchets to his Indians and that your nation as well as Several other nations have taken it up against the English Subjects

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which is obsolutely a Breake of the Covenant between us & Contrary to what Schenondo had ~~[illegible]~~ at Boston we would now only ask you what your Sachims and the other nations Living in Canada Intend whether to keep The Covenant or not. and desire that they would Lett us know their Resolution herein that we may know what we have to depend on. and that we Expect their Answer in 25 days

The Indians Answered

That what y Comrs told them about the Covenant is well known to them all it is true that The Govr of Canada has offered them the Hatchet and that they have taken it up but not within an Intent To use it unless they are first attacked. they say further that the Sachims of Caghnawage had a meetg with the fighting men of their nation & told them that altho they had taken up the Hatchet they were not to use it Contrary to the Covent with y English but might go and fight as they had Long Since Intended agt the flatt heads

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Present
Myndert Schuyler
John Lansing
Nicolas Bleecker
Henderick Teerick
Abraham Cuyler
John de Peyster
Rayel Gouverie

Att a meet.g of ye Comissioners of Indian affairs the 27th August 1744

The following Letter was wrote to Coll.: Stoddard

We rec.d your favours of the 14th Instant and am obliged to you for the Prints you Sent us Inclosed therein, we have now to Inform you that we Sent 2 mohawks Indians to Canada to gett Intelligence who returned ye 24 Instant and Informed us that the Caghnawage Indians as well as onagonges Schawenides & have at the desire of the govr. of Canada taken up the Hatchet against the Enemies of the french, and that the Sachims of Caghnawages behaved very Coolly to them and owned to them that they had sent aquarasa the Indian who was here when you was in this place, but Told them they did not Intend to Come to albany, to renew the treaty as they then promised, by that messenger

The said Indians also acquainted us that a great number of Schawenide, and onongonges were at montreal Signing and dancing as it is usual for Indians who go to war to do, that the Govr. of Canada would not Suffer them to stay Longer than one day at montreal, and upon the whole they Verily believe that the Indians in the french Interest will not observe the neutrality, but will go a fighting, this we thought proper to acquain you with, for our parts we Judge that no dependance is to be made upon Indians who are So much under the Influence of the french and therefore it will be best that we be upon our Gaurd. if any thing further Comes to our knowledge we will Inform you we Remain

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Rutgert Bleecker
Ryd.t Schuyler
John De Peyster
John Lansing
Nicolas Bleecker
Henderick ten Broeck
Angelus Cuyler
Henderick Teerick
Edward Collins
Rayer Gouverie

Att a meet.g of ye Commissioners of Indian affairs ye 27th August 1744

May It please your Excellency

Since our last of the 13th Instant we rec.d your Excellency fav.r of ye 9 & 15th Instant in the first of which your Excellency orders us to provide Capt.n Butler with ye necessary accommodations for his Voyage to Oswego, which we have done and he is accordingly gone up from hence ye 21 Instant. your Excellency Cautions us to keep Capt.n Butler's going to Oswego as Secret as possible but it Seems it was So publick at new yorck that people Comeing from thence had told it in this place before our Letter was opened. We have sent young Mr. Butler as your Excellency desired with his father to Oswego as Interpreter upon ye Credit of ye Goverment. In your Excellencies favours of the 15th Instant your Excellency Informs us That the Two officers here had Complaind that the forts here and at Saraghtoga wanted repair and your Excellency is pleased to Order us that they be Imediately made proper and well secured for the accommodation of his maj.s Troops. we Take Leave Humbly to Inform your Excellency that repairing forts and barracks has always been done by persons specially appointed thereto and not by the Com.rs of Indians Affairs, otherwise we would with much pleasure Execute your Excellencies orders herein. we also rec.d your Excellencies further favours of ye 21 Instant wherein your Excell.cy orders us that an Interpreter & the whole Compliment of Indians

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Indians your Excellency has ordered before hitherto sent to Oswego we have done all we Could to gett Indians to Go up to which it Seems few are Inclined Mr. Bleckel the Interpreter has been sent up to the Sinnekes the uppermost of ye. Nations & has used his utmost Endeavour to prevail upon 2 of Each nation To go up To Oswego, and by our Last acc.t from thence 5 only were arrived and we believe more will Shortly Go, but Think that the full Compliment will not go up and if they Should we are Still of opinion that they would be of Little Service unless a number of the Militia — with ammunition & provisions Go Sent there very Speedily, without

— which, we Look upon that place to be inevitably Lost

We Lately Sent 2 Mohawks to Canada for Intelligence who returned from thence ye. 24th. Instant and Informs us that the Sahaunawage onongongas and Scharoundes have at the Instance of ye. Governor of Canada taken up the Hatchet agt. the enemies of the french and that a Great number of Indians are at montreal Singing Dancing as they usually do when they go to War, and that they Judge by the posture and behaviour of the Indians that they will Shortly go a Sighting, our Indians also Inform us that by what they can Learn at Canada from some of the Indians there they believe that the french will Shortly attack Oswego.

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Present
Col: Collins
Mr: Cuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Syndert Schuyler
Johnde Peyster
John Lansing
Nicolas Becker
Meyer Gerritse
Andrew ten Eyck
Abr: Cuyler

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs ye 6 Sept.r 1744

The following Letter was wrote to John Knickerbacker

Mr. Knickerbacker

De Comissinaers Versoecke U weder so Goedt te Zyn om Twee Wilden te huren om te gaen Verspieden nae de Cruynt punt Gelieft Haer te Seggen dat sy moet haer gaen by het Lack Van Sabrama Ende Weeder om Commen by de wegh van de hout hill. Ende so haer yets Extraordinaer voor mogh komen op de wegh, dan moete Sy weeder om Commen voor notitie te geven.

Wy denken dat het goet sonde Zyn, dat zy haer Canoe by Tienonderoge Late Blyven, Ende Dan over Landt Loopen voor het fort op de Cruynt punt beheym te Spieden.

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At a meet.g of the Commr.s of Indian Affairs ye 6 September 1744

The foll.g Letter was wrote to the Govr.

O May it Please your Excellency accor.g to your Excellency orders to us In your Letter of the 1st august last to provide Capt. Butler with Every thing necessary and Suitable for an officer for his Journey To Oswego we desired Mr. Gerrit Lansing to provide what we thought necessary and proper for that Voyage, of which we Inclose your Excellency the acc.t amounting in the whole £39:19:4 since our Last to your Excellency nothing of moment has Occured here, so that we have no more to add at present But that we are

Ey.r

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Nicolas Bleecker
John Lansing
Dirck ten Broeck
Abraham Cuyler
John de Peyster

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs the 14th September 1744

This board agreed with
Jan Fort
Jacob Quackenbos
Abraham Fort
Andries Van Franken
To Goupson the outscout to the wood Creek & the Lake of Sacrama and there to Stay 20 or 30 days Jan fort is to have 5/6 & the rest 4/ pr. diem

At a meeting of the Commissioners y. 16th Sept. 1744

This board rec.d Information by 2 Indians that an Army of french were sen Last friday on the Cadaraghqui Lake which is presumed were to take Oswego where upon this board Sent Anthoney Blecker John Abeel and John Hogan, to go with 3 Indians to gett Intelligence of this affair with orders that they go Immediately towards Oswego and if they gett no Intelligence on their Journey to proceed quite to Oswego and soon as they hear the true account of this affair wherever they are that they Immediately return to acq.t us there of
They are to have 4/ p. diem

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At a meeting of y.e Commissioners of Indian Affairs y.e 12th September 1744

Mr. Jan fort, wy beneen gainformeert dat Vg. Gepresenteert heeft op de Brant waght te gaen so Vg. Genegen Zyt om te gaen So Versoeck Vg. morgen in de Maatt te Comen, Ende brenge mett Vg. Jacob Quakenbos Soon Van Joh.s Quackenbos Ende noch 2 Goede man meer dat Vg. hiee mett Vg. 4 moet Comen de Rest Vant Volk Sullen wy beschicke Ende ook 6 Maquas Wilden om mett Vg. te gaen voor Een maent so Vg. niet Genegen moght Syn om te gaen So sendt dogh het Volk

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Present
Philip Schuyler
Cantrich ten Eyck
Myndert Schuyler
Nicolas Bleecker
Cornelius Cuyler
Li Collins

At a Commissioners Meeting y.e 17th September 1744

Mr. Jan Fort

you are to go the Carying place Lead.g to Canada with the 5 men we have got to go with you and there you are to Serve as outscouts, To Cruise to the wood Creek and to the Lake of St Sacrament and so To the Schenectady road to Spy the motions of The french and if you find any french there or any Tracks you are then Immediately to Send down an Express to Inform us there of and altho you do not Espy any thing Extraordinary you are to Send down one of y.r people Every 10 days to us, that we may know how it is with you
ordered that fort have a Quarter bread & 2 galls Rum —

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the following Letter was wrote to Capt. Winne & Robert Lidingston Junr

Gentlemen

we would hereby desire Capt. winne to Call upon the Treasurer for our Last years Allowance as Comm.rs of Indian affairs and when he has rec.d that money we desire he would buy one hundred w.t good powder and to pay it out of that money and because Capt. winne may ~~be~~ possibly have Left n:york before this Letter Comes to hand we direct it also to Mr. Livingston whom we desire in that Case to do for us what we desire of Capt. winne and we Inclose herein a order on the Treasurer to pay the money.

an order was drawn on the Treasurer accordingly

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May it Please your Excellency

We received your Excellencies favours p.r Coll. Schuyler wherein we have rec.d the agreeable news that your Excellency had ordered 50 men to Oswego, we have advice from Capt. Battler that he was Safe Arrived at Oswego, and that by accounts he had from Indians there he is Like ~~to~~ to be attacked By the french this fall, we had an Express here Last week from the oneydes that one of their nation had Seen a Large party of french on the Lake ab.t 16 miles from Oswego which they said was going to take that place, but by the Circumstances of the Story we Believe it to be Groundless, we hear a Report that the french are building a wooden fort

att the Crown point on the East side of the river opposite to the Stone fort already there, which is almost finished and that they have a great number of men there at work, we must again acq.t your Excellency of the absolute necessity of a wooden fort upon the Carrying place Lead.g to Canada and do Intreat your Excellency To recommend it once more to the Generall Assembly to Raise money to build the same and to maintain a Sufficient garrison therein if this be not done it is not possible to keep outscouts as near our Enemy as we ought by reason they have no place of Retreat to Shelter themselves in Case of need and we Expect our farmers will Break up if this be not done for as the Case now Stands they are Entirely at the mercy of a Subtle & Enterprising Enemy which a fort in the place we mention would in a great measure prevent

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Present
Nynder Schuyler
Gerrit Bleecker
Abr de peyster
Nicolas Bleecker
Cornr Lansing
Hendrick ten Eyck

att a meeting of y.e Commissioners the 27th September 1744

Two Indians haveing been upon the Scout ordered that nicolas Bleecker & Hendrick ten Eyck Pay Each one of them

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Present
Philip Schuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Edward Collins
Cornelius Cuyler
Hendrick ten Eyck
John Lansing
Reyer Gerritse
Mynd.t Schuyler
Peter winne
John de peyster

At a meeting of y.e Commissioners of
28 September 1744

About 30 Indians of the mohawks onaydes, Came Down to Speak with this board and made the following Speech by ohosonont an oneyde Sachim

Brethren it is Some time ago that you have Thought proper to make Some of your young people Sachims and when you made them Sachims they were Told that if any thing happend they were to acq.t you therewith we have now Thought proper to Bring them with us old Sachims that they may hear & See what passes between us gain Some Experience Brethren as we said before we have Told that we Should always, Inform you if any thing of Consequence Came to our Ears ands, we Have heard very bad news we Come to ask you about it, we have Long been Brethren of which we are the Eldest your fore fathers Came to this Country and have made a Covenant with our fore fathers and by degrees we have been Linked Together in a Silver Covenant Chain of friendship which is now Broken by you and had never been So from since Coll.o Schuyler's death as it was in his Life time but Since his death all things are altered, you have delivered us over which we have the more Reason to be Convinced of as we Cant get a hand full of powder

Give a Belt of Wampum

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Brethren the oneydes are the occasion of this meeting we do now again Say that you have Broke the Coven.t and that you have delivered us over, we are not afeard but only desire you to tell us now what your Intentions realy are

give a Belt of Wampum

you are Two Nations of Christians you and the french you always tell us that the french are a false people and we Think now the Same of you we design to go to Canada and tell that the Gov.r the Same we are not a sort of the white people there are a great many Indians in this Country who are Linked together so that we have no reason to be ~~affeard~~ Afraid

Then he Shewed A Belt Wampum which he says The king of great Brittain had Sent to the 6 nations To acquaint them that it is war between him and The french but that he desired that the 6 nations Should not meddle in this war but remain Quiet & This Belt he Says was sent them from the 3 gov.rs of Virginia mary land and pensilvania so that They do not design to meddle In this war that The 6 nations are no more Taken notice of than Dogs, that when they are at war they never send To us a sift them with Scouts and Spies as we do To them, The Com.rs asked them what they meant by Their breaking the Coven.t Chain & giving them over and that all they had y.e Said were only reflections on Gentlemen without Comeing to particular & we desire To tell ~~them~~ us the particular & from whom they had ~~Com~~ heard It

They ans.d they had heard it from the flatheads

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The Commissioners answered

Brethren

You have Always been Looked upon by us as men of Sence and we are sure many ~~of you~~ of your people here are so which makes us the more Astonished and Surpriz'd that you Should Come to us with Such news for which you have not the least Colour or Reason to believe you Say that we must Speak free and open to one another wich we will do to you and therefore we tell you that this News is Contrived by Some wicked person who has been Set up thereto by the devil himself and we are Sure that there is not a man of Sence among you who believes one word of this Story you tell us That the young Sachims are unexperienced and That they might Learn something but we are Sorry That they hear Such foolish Stories from men who are old Sachims and ought to know better than to give Credit to Such falshood which are Contrived by the devil on purpose to make divisione between us and you, who You know are so Strictly united as you your selves Told the gov.r in the last meet.g that the devil Should not be able to divide us, You Charge us That we are Coven.t Breakers and that we have delivered you over and that you Come to us to know the truth of this matter we do now tell you that the Story you Tell us is false and that we have not Even had any Such Thoughts but are determined to keep to our Engagem.t ~~and such~~ and To preserve the Covenant Invi'olable Inspite of the devil & Expect the Same from you upon which we give you the Belt of Wampem

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You Say we Tell you that the french are a false people we say the same yet you have no reason to Say that we are false, we are a true people and keep all our Covenants and notwithstanding all the Stories you have often heard you know and see that we are people who have no falshood In our mind and have Deluded you but you have often Experienced the Contrary of the french and therefore we Expect that you will not have any thing to do with them

A Belt

You have Showed us a Belt of wampum which you say The king of great Brittain had sent to you to acq.t you That it was war between him & the french & that you Should not middle in the war, we must now tell you That the king does never Send any message to the 6 Nations but what Comes to our Gov.r and then he sends It to us which you know that this is the place where The fire burns and where the Business between us and you is always Transact.d so that you ought not To beleive that ~~that~~ that Message was sent you by the king What the king desired of you he has wrote to our Govour.r & he has acquainted you with that desire in his last proposition which is that he would Lett You know when he Thought proper that you Should take part in the war and desired you not to go far from home but to take care of your fainilies untill you receive his message which y.e 6 nations they promised To do & we Expect & doubt not but they will be as Good as there words

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You tell us that we use you Like dogs, for which we do not know that we have Given you any reason but are used Like Brethren

You say we Send Letters to Oswego without acquainting You with the Contents we never have any news of Importance but we acq.t you therewith but can you Expect that we Can Lett you know Every Letter we send there upon any Trifling occasion

You Say that you ask you ab.t Spies & Scouts which is a thing that has always been practised and is necessary as well for you as us

The Cour.r gave them a Cash powder & c. w.th lead

Then the Indians answered —

The news we have told you we had from some of our Young Sachims who say they had it from the Flatheads

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you told us yesterday that we had promised To assist In the war But now we not said so, what we said is that in Case any of our people were killed that then we would defend our Selves & assist you which we will do — Brethren

what we Said yesterday we preceive is false by what you have Told us wd therefore bury the Same in oblivion That it may not be Thought of for the future —

Gave a Belt of wampum

We have heard your reply to our answer of yesterday wherein you tell us that this news you had from ye Flat heads had it been from a white man & we Could have got him into our Custody we would have punished him Severely & we Expect for ye future You will in no wise give Credit to any Such Flatte Story because you must be Sensible that the Covenant Chain Subsisted between us Can never be broken and we do now bury that news In Oblivion in the Same manner as you have done whereupon we Give you this Belt of wampum

Brethren you just now tell us that you had not promised to assist us in the war ~~not~~ before one of your people Should be Killed we will now Repeat to you what The Gov.r told you & your answer to him whereby you will preceive that what we said was Right and we Expect that you will not vary from that but be punctual to your promise as you have always been — whereupon part of the gov.r Speech was respected relating the war

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