

**The Records of the Commissioners for Indian Affairs at Albany
in Chronological Order, 1723-1755**

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Numbers with no prefix are from volume 1.

Numbers starting with **II-** are from volume 2.

Numbers starting with **III-** are from volume 3.

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originals also have occasional other numbers that were probably added by copyists and clerks as the documents were used over time by a variety of government officials.

Notes: Portions of the records have been printed in Brodhead, Fernow, & O'Callaghan's *Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New-York* (Albany: Weed, Parsons, 1853-87). In most cases the printed portions have not been transcribed, but the cite in DRCHNY has been included. The text has been checked against *An Abridgement of the Indian Affairs Contained in Four Folio Volumes ...*, by Peter Wraxall (Charles H. McIlwain, ed., Cambridge: Harvard U. Press, 1915) through 1725 and from 1729-1732. Between 1726 and 1728, comparison is difficult because of the jumps in dates in the original. I have included notes on what Wraxall summarized and what he omitted. Even where he summarized an entry, the original usually has more details.

Material in brackets includes anything not in the text, such as my own numbering system for the digital images, references to related materials, comments, and words or portions of words that were so hard to read that I knew I was making a judgment call about what they said. I have roughly followed the line breaks of the original manuscript in order to make it easier to compare the transcript to the original. I have tried to approximate the layout of the original at least enough to make it easy to find blocks of text. I have also followed the spelling and punctuation in the original as much as possible and included crossed out material whenever it seemed to be more than the mere correction of an error. At times it is hard to distinguish the punctuation used by the original scribes from stray dots and lines that are the result of aging or artifacts of the microfilming and digitization process. In case of doubt, the reader should consult the images.

Inevitably, my own typos have crept in here and there. Corrections or alternative interpretations of the text are welcome! Send them to me at ahunter@indra.com.

1723

[1-0006] 3

Att a meeting of the Commission.^{rs}
of the Indian affairs in albany
the 7.th day of January 1722/23

[Roughly covered by Wraxall p. 143 et seq.]

Present

Henry Holland

Hend. Hansen

Joh^s Cuyler

Peter van Brugh Esq.^{rs} Com.^{rs}

Evert Bancker

Ph. Livingston

John Collins

Johs Wendell

Johannis Bleecker

Lawrence Claese

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 In
dians Interpreted unto them by Lawrence Claese
and Josiah Kellach whereby they are guided
to believe that the people of Boston have
just Reason to make War on the Said Ind.^{ns} and
do not think that the English have been the
first Aggressors because they have hitherto kept
all the Treaties and Engagements made by y^r
Ancestors in behalf of that Governm.t w.^{tt} the
five Nations and are Surpris'd that those Ind.^{ns}
Should be so Insolent as to take
up arms against the Brethren of N England
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 Ind.^{ns} they cant make a
positive Judgment of the Controversie they having
heard Some of those Ind.^{ns} are hunting near the
Lake they intend to Send Messengers on y.^e 10.th
Instant to Enquire if they psist in y.^t Resolution

which they have Declared in their paper that
was afix'd on their Church to continue y.^e War
So long as the Sun and Moon Endures, if so, the
five Nations have Determined to Chastise
their

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their Children, in making War upon them
till they be utterly destroyed, they Intend [to]
give notice to all Stragglng Ind.ns that ma[y]
be among the Eastern Ind.ns belonging to his
Maje.^s Govern.^t to return to their Habitations
which if they refuse they well look upon
them as Enemies & treat ym as Such
That assoon as the Sd Message is pformed they
[will?] acquaint the Com.^{rs} what Success they have
had with the Said Ind.^{ns}

The Sd Deputies add further that they told
the Governour of Boston in the house of Re
presentatives before the Gen.^{ll} 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 [y^e]
other three Govern.^{rs} Spoke w.^t them this Sum
=mer & desired to know what prevented it.

The Govern.r answered he had been hindred
to come and treat w.^t them this Season but
designed to add to the present w.^{ch} was at
Albany & intended to meet them early
next Spring. The Said Deputees Replyed yt
he could meet them at Albany which was y.^e
place appointed by y.^r Ancestors to treat
about publick affairs. The Govern. told y.^m
he was to resolve w.^t his Council & assembly
where he should meet them & would send
them a Message Early in the Spring to ac=
quaint them w.^t y.^e time & place where hee
Intended to Speak with them

Lawrence Claese informs y.^{ec} Com.rs y.^t Hend.^k told
him at Boston y.^t a Minester who talk^{td} with
him in the Eastern Language enquired of
him if it was not possible, he might be their
Teacher in y.^e Mohogg's Country to w.^{ch} Hendk
reply'd it seems y.^t y.^e Govern.^t of N York & Bos=

ton cannot agree about y.^e Intended meet=
ing w.th the five Nations, when they adjusted

[Side of page] and agreed on the time and place for their meeting he would be able to
give him an

Answer was Signed Lawrens Claessen

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Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs} of
the Indian affairs in albany
the 9th day of Jan.^{ry} 1722/23

[Wraxall briefly summarizes the situation p.143 but does not discuss the conflicting
agendas of the various parties.]

Prsent

Peter Schuyler

Henry holland

Hend. Hanson

Johs Cuyler

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

Philip Livingston

John Collins

Johs. Wendell

Johs Bleecker

Resolved that the following Letter be write to his Ex.^{ye} W.^m Burnet Esq.^r etc.
Albany the 9th January 1722/23

May it please your Excellency

We are honoured with your Excellencys favour
of the 20th December whereby we perceive that
your Exel.^y thinks no news from our parts com
-monly good News, we hope what we now intimate
by your Exc.^{ys} Directions will bear y.^e Same
Character

Inclosed is the Relation of y.^e Deputies
of the five nations who are returned from New
England with Laurence Claese.

We observe your Excel.y has Consented y.^e
Governm.t of Boston Should treat with y.^e Ind.^{ns}
of the five Nations and desire to know from
us when that may be done. and that if y.^e Ind.^{ns}
may be advised to Send what fighting men
they can Spare to go the the people of Boston
a fighting against the Eastern Ind.^{ns} and begg
your Excel.y 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 Ind.^{ns} come from their
hunting

With all

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With all due Submission we are of opinion
(in regard to the Circumstances of this gov[ern^t ?]
that advising our Indians to go a fighting
against the Eastern Ind.^{ns} & Engaging the[m]
in that War may be of Dangerous Consequ[ence]
to the Inhabitants of this Province and
may be a Means to Involve this Governm[ent]
in a more desperate War with the Easter[n]
and the Canada Ind.^{ns} then it has been a[t]
the Eastw.^d for it is very visible to us that
as soon as our Ind.^{ns} are Joyned & Engaged in
that War the Governor of Canada will ~~send~~
use his Endeavour to Send ~~his~~ the Ind.^{ns} living
near him (who at his first application Re
=fused their assistance to those Ind.^{ns} but after
our Ind.^{ns} are Engaged by this Govern^t he will
if possible compel his Ind.^{ns} to Joyn y.^e Eastern
Ind.^{ns} which we have reason to believe he'll
get affected and then we may naturally con
=jecture that our five Nations, and the Canada
Ind.^{ns} will be in an actual War together, and
we by the treaties of peace not able publick=
=ly to assist the Sd. five Nations according to
our Engagements at the several Treaties
betwixt us. the most proper means to pvent
this Inconveniency, we humbly propose will
be that our Ind.^{ns} may be privately advised to
Send Some Deputies to the Canada Ind.^{ns} to
[be] neuter and not engage themselves in this
War when our Gov.^{nrs} have undertaken it, &
this can't be done but at y.^e particular Ex=
=pence of the Governm^t

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

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Interpreter accompanies their Messenger when they Invite the Ind.^{ns} to meet them, that nothing be offered to the Ind.^{ns} beyond what yo.^{re} Excel.^{cy} and that Govern^t Shall agree on

We must begg your Excel.^{cy} for the se=
=curitie of this City and County to advise the Governor of Boston to Send a Sufficient quan=
=tity 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
Pieter van Brugh
Evert Banker
Philip Livingston
John Collins
Johannis Wendell
Johan Bleecker

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Att a meeting of the Com.^{ers} of
the Indian affairs in Albany
the 15.th day of January 1722/3 [not in Wraxall]

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. W^m. Helling ---

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs} of the
Indian affairs in Albany the 17th
day of Jan.^{ry} 1722/3

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Henry Holland
Hend. Hansen
Peter van Brugh
Ph. Livingston
John collins
Johs Bleecker

The Commissioners Received this day
a Letter from Cap^t Scot by an express dated at fort
Hunter the 16th ultimo wherein he Intimates that
Some french Indians two from Canastoque & 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 fitch them back and are Still at fort Hunte⁷

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

Albany ye 17th Jan.^{ry} 1722/3

Cap^t Scot
We have Received yours dated yesterday and do
Return you thanks for your Care concerning the prison.^{er}
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 Coll.^o Spotswoods Servant, he ought to be Released from them in order thereto we write now to Lawrence Claese to go to you with this oppertunity to assist you in adviceing the Canada and our Indians who took him to come forthwith hither to us with two or three Sachims of the mohoggs and the Prison.^{er} they have with them that we may Inquire further in this affair your good offices on this and the like occassion 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 Printhop when he comes to Town.

Albany 17th Jan.^{ry} 1722/3 [not in Wraxall]

Lourence Claese

We are Informed by a letter from Cap^t. 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 Coll.^o 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 bussiness may be Effected, we send you Seaven hands of wampum to be made of [sic] on this occassion & ~~a messenger is~~

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

Att a meeting of the Commission.ers
of the Indian affairs in albany
the 18th day of January 1722/3

[not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

Hend. Hanson

Peter van Brugh

John Collins

Joh.^s Bleecker

This day came the Canada Indian from
Saraghtoque to whom the Com.^{ers} Sent a messenger
to come to Town to be present when the Rest of his
Company and the Indian Prisoner they have taken
[off?] and brought from virginia who is at fort
Hunter come down in order that y^e prisoner may
be Released & 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 --

[1-0014] 7a

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of ye
Indian affairs in Albany yee 19.th
day of January 1722/3 [not in Wraxall]

Present

P^r Schuyler

Henry Holland

Hend. Hanson

Joh.^s Cuyler

P^{van} Brugh

Evert Bancker

John Collins

Ph. Livingston

Joh. Bleecker

In pursuance of a letter y.^e Com.^{rs} write on y.^e 17th
Instant to Lawrence Claese the Interpreter to go to
ffort Hunter and bring down y.^e Indians who have
been fighting to virginia, with the Indian prison.^r --
they have taken with whom he came to Town
and appeared ~~this day~~ before the Com.^{rs} this day who
told the said Indians, that they are Surprised to See

that they have been So Insolent as to go fighting
and take prisoners from the frind Indians of virginia
Since a treaty of peace has been so Lately
Concluded between the gov.^{er} of virginia & y.^e 5 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 the virginia Indians
before the governour of virginia was here to make
this treaty of peace that is Sayd 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 frindship they have promised to keep for themselves
and sundry other nations and Included the Indians
of your Castle of Cacknawage as a bransh 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 hostilities in time of peace on our frinds

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 Com.^{ers} 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.^e s.^d
Indians to their Sachims of Cachnawage to desire them
thereby to Send the said prisoner back being he is
taken from a nation of Indians who are in frindship
with the Governmt of virginia and the five nations
this Last Summer who have Engagd for the Cachnawage
Indians.

That your Sachims Send us word whether
they do Stand to what the five Nations have Engagd
for them and keep their young men from fighting ag.st
y.^e Indians Liveing in virginia or any other Indians
Liveing in frindship with y.^e English which thee
Indians promised to Communicate to their Sachims --
on Examination of y.^e prisoner Says to belong

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

[1-0016] **8a**

albany y.^e 14 february 1722/3

May it please your Ex.^{ly} [not in Wraxall]

We have Received your Ex.^{ys} Letter of ye 31st ultimo
Inclosed we Send our minutes Since our Last whereby
your Ex.^{ly} will perceive that Some Canada Indians
brought here on the 19.th past an Indian Prisoner from
virginia we used our uttmost Endeavor to Redeem
him after all our trouble found that the prisoner was
more willing to go to Canada then to Return home
tho we have good reason to beleeeve 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 Es.^{ly} was Inclind
to have the five nations to Joyn in the Eastren war
against y.e Indians we would not disoblidge them
for that would naturally make them Imbrace the
governour of Canadas proposall to war ag.st 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 Eastren 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 - crossed out] are of opinion that it will be
Impracticable to Engage our Indians to war ag.st y.e
Canada Indians being a part of themselves are
gone and Removed thither by y.e Inducements of
the french priests and y.e misfutures of the two Late
unhappy Expeditions

we are thankfull to your Ex.^{ly} for the good
news which makes us Rejoyce. we have acquainted
the Corporation of their neglect --

[1-0018] 9a

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of
the Indian affairs in albany
the 23th day of March 1722/3 [See Wraxall brief summary p. 143]

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

A letter from the Leiet. Govern.r of the Province
of the Massatuchsetts Bay dated the 15.th Instant with
his Resolve in Councill of ye 12.th d.o was Communicated
to this meeting by [m.e] 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 as soon as the Com.ers Receive direction
from his Es.ly our govem.t to Send for y.e five nations by
our Interpreters

Att a meeting of y.e Com.es of yee
Indian affairs y.^e 24.th day of march
1722/3

[present]
Henry Holland
Hend. Hansen
Joh.s Cuyler
John Collins
Ph Livingston
Johannis [wendell]

The Com.es Received a Letter from his Es.ly
our governour of ye [21.th] Instant wherein his Es.ly
advices them that he has Consented the goverment
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 Gentle
=men 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

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Att a meeting of the Com.^{es} of the
Ind.^{ne} affairs in albany the 26
day of March 1723

Present
Henry Holland
Hend.^k Hanson
Joh.^{es} Cuyler
Evert Banker
John Collins
Ph. Livingston
Joh.^s Wendel

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Att a meeting of the Com.^{es} of the Indian
affairs in albany y.^e 2^d day of April 1723 [Not in Wraxall.]

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

By the Commissioners of the
Ind.ⁿ affairs at albany

Instructions for Lourence Claese Interpreter

Whereas we have received advice from his
Excellency William Burnet Esq.^r Cap.^t Gen.^{tl}
and Governour in Chief of the Province of
New York [Etc.] 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

[1-0020] 10a

That they will defray the Expen^{ce} of the
Message to the Indians, and their Charges
while here during the said Treaty directed
[to - crossed out] us to Send a Messenger to Summon them
(that Government having given us Sufficient
assurance to defray the Charge of y.^e Treaty [Etc.])
Wee do therefore hereby Require & Comand
you to go up to the Several Castles or Setle

=ments of the five Nations and tell the Sa=
=chims that his Excellency our Governour
has Consented to the Treaty which has
been sometime on foot between the Go
vernment of Boston and them which is
the Sole Reason of Sending for them now
and that they are desired by a String of
Wampiom. You are to be here precisely on
the twenty day of May next, to meet the
Boston Commissioners to deliver each Na
tion here on that day You are also to ac=
=company the Ind.ns hither in their March
or the greater Number of them to [take]
care that the number of them do not ex=
=ceed Seventy persons including Men Wo
=men and Children and hereof you are
not to fail given under our hands in
Albany the 2.d day of April in the ninth
year of his Maje.s Reigne A.o D.o 1723

was Signd
Henry Holland
Hend.k Hansen
Joh.s Cuyler
Ph Livingston

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Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Ind.n affairs in albany the 6.th day
of april 1723 [Not in Wraxall]

Present
Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Pet v. Brugh
Ph. Livingston

D'Canassore Sachim of the Onnondages came
before the Com.rs who said: the Last fall our Govern[.t]
together with the Gov.rs of Virginia were [sic] and made
a treaty with the five Nations that the Should
not go to War ag.te the friend Ind.ns 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 ag.t Ind.ns who are not Included
in the s.d Treaty gave a String of Wampum --

May it please your Exce.ly Albany 23.d April 1723 [Not in Wraxall]

Your Excel.les Letters of 21.th and March came
to our hands, and are heartily concerned any
Conduct of ours Should disoblige your
Excellency when our Intentions and
Endeavors were design'd to have the
Contrary Effect

The Ind.n Prisoner the ffrench Indian[s]
took at Virginia near Christiana, we
thought it our Duty to Release and
Endeavour'd it as far as presents & Civil
Treatment would do Declining fforce as
believing it would Create so great dis=
=turbances amongst the Ind.ns as might be
attended w.t very ill Consequences

We are pfectly well assured your
Excellency

[1-0022] **11a**

Excellency would not oblige y.e five Nations in
any thing unreasonable. but any act of your Exce.ns
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 - crossed out] Esteem him as an English Prisoner
and as we before informed your Excel.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 Enclind to go
to Canada then to return to his own Country --
We have Sent positive [Orders] by two Sachims to Cachna=
wage 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

[1-0024] 12a

Att a meeting of the Commis=
=sioners of the Indian affairs
In Albany the 8.th day of May
1723 [Wraxall p. 144]

Present

Lewis Morris Jun.r Esq.r
one of his Maj.es Council

Henry Holland

Peter v Brugh

Evt. Banker Esq.rs Com'rs

Ph Livingston

Joh.s Bleecker

Twenty Indians of the far Nations being
arrivd at this City to trade with the Inhabitants
of this place who in their coming down from
the Ind.n houses built for them on the Hill
played with a Calumet pipe of Peace and
Sung after their Custom which being done
appeared before the Com.rs and made the following
Speech

Father Corlaer

We are come to this place to
visit you our ffather meaning his Excellency
our Govern.r and hope we may be Civily and
kindly [Entertained - crossed out] 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 ffather 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

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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 Commissioner[s]
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 En-
courage many of their Nations to
come and trade here

Answer to the Sd Indians
Children

We are glad that you are
come to visit your ffather you do well
not to hearken to the bad Council
of the ffrench you have already had
Sufficient proof of our ffriendShip
and the Civil and kind Treatment
towards you and other upper Nations
who have been here. we Suppose
you can Easily distinguish the
Vast

[1-0026] **13a**

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 Govern.r has ordered
houses to be built for your Conveniency
and accomodation to Lodge in [that] you
may goe with your Skins where Ever you
please and buy 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 - crossed out] their Peltry hither
gave them a present of Strowds Shirts
Rum & Provisions to the value of
ten pounds ten Shillings

[1-0027] 14

Att a meeting of the Com.r
of the Indian affairs
in Albany the 21.st day
of May 1723 [not in Wraxall.]

Present
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Ph Livingston
J. Bleecker

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[er] as also other
goods gave a few be.vr 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 orderd houses to be
built on this Hill on purpose for
you to lodge in that you may goe
with your Skins where you please

22 3/4th Bacon at 6 S L 11-9
[9] Skeple pease 3--
1 D.o Indian Corn 1-6

L --- 16-3

4 Kegs Rum 4 Ga.ll Each - L 2-8 ----
3 Shirts 6 ----

[1-0029] **15**

Att a meeting of the Com.es of
the Indian affairs in albany the
23.th day 1723

[Out of chronological order in original, probably because received by the commissioners
at the May 1723 onference. Not in Wraxall]

Present

Peter Schuyler
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Banker
Philip Livingston
Johannis Bleecker

William Dummer Esq.r Lieutenant Gover
nour and Commander in Chief of his Majesties
Province of the Massashusets 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 - crossed out] 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 Impowred, 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
Government

[1-0030] **15a**

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 [Rutifying?] and Confirming
the Ancient Friendship 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 S.d Treaty the In=
=structions 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. Govern.r was Sign'd
Command Wm Dummer
was Signed
J Willard Secry

[1-0031] 16

Att a meeting of the Com.es of the
Indian affairs in albany y.e
27.th day of may 1723
[Wraxall p. 144 gives this date as 21 May 1723]

Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
Joh.s Wendell
Joh. Bleecker

Lowrence Claese the Interpreter being Returnd this
day from the Severall Castles of the five Nations
Relates to this meeting that pursuant to his Instructions
by order of his Ex.ly Wm. Burnet Esq.r & from the Com.es
dated the 2.d of april last he has Invited the Sachims
of ye s.d nations to come hither to meet the Gentlemen
Impowerd by the Govermt of Boston to meet them
at albany the 20.th of this Instant about Some publick
affairs

That the mohoggs onneydes Cayouges (and
the Tusquarores being Setled near oneyde & Reputed
now as a nation) accepted the message and Said that they
would be here at the appointed time, that the onnon=
=dages and Sinnekes declind to be present at s.d meeting
and said they were yet in mourning for three of their
Sachims who dyd Last fall whose deaths are as yet not
Condold to take away that ptence Lourence borrowd three
blankets of Shrowds and a Shirt, and Condoled their
deaths, (after their manner) which being prformd
acquainted the Sachims of ye Sinnekes the Second time

that he was Sent by his Ex.y Gov.e Burnet Esq.e Etc.
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 onnondage
(Some of them being then pre[s]ent) Replyd that they had

[1-0032] **16a**

Concluded not to be present at said meeting
unless it ~~is to~~ be Referred to ye next Spring on which they gave
Seaven hands of wampum. and that in the mean
time they where to have a generall meeting at
onnondage to Consult about Some affairs
Relating the five Nations

Whereon Lourence gott some of ye best & truest
Indians to know from them the Reason why the
Sinnekes & onnondages would not come to be present
at S.d meeting told him that Jeun caur the french
Interpreter had made [abreath] among ye five Nations
and Enjoynd the sachims of s.d two Castles not to go to
albany on any message to be Sent y.m to meet y.e
Com.rs from Boston till he Should Return from Canada
which would be when the Straw berries where Ripe
and have promisd him to Stay at home as had also
the fighting men

After Lourence Saw that his Endeavors
~~prov'd~~ in perswading the Sachims of the Sinnekes and
onnondages to Come hither to be [pr]sent at s.d meeting
prov'd uneffectuall. Returnd to Cayouge
and dispatchd one of the sachims of that
Castle to the Sinnekes Country to See whether he could
prevail on them who being come at y.t Castle
desired them to go to albany with them on ye message
Sent to all ye nations by this Govern.t who Could gett
no direct answer from them on which y.e Cayouge
Sachims gott three Sachims who We know to be true
to the English and [?] y.m to tell him Sincerly what
ye Reason was the onnondages & their Sachims --
Refurd to be p.nt at s.d meeting Told him as they
had done above to Lourence that they had promist
Jeun Coeur ~~that~~ not to go

[1-0033] **17**

That Jeun Coeur had also desired from the Sachims
of the Sinnekes to build a Fort at onjagera which
they have declind 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 Lourence from Cayouge at
onnondage with ye assistance of ye Sachims of Cayouge
prevails on the Sachims of that Castle to come
down and Some of them are now in Town as
also ye Sachims of Cayouge onneyde Tusquorora
& mohoggs. after the above Relation was given
the Com.es Bing Informd that Seaven Sachims of ye
Sinnekes are arrived. the Interpreter being Sent
out to See if it was so when Returnd Said he had
Spoke with them. who Told him they [expicted] by ye [additional words crossed out]
rest of y.t nation to be psent & treat at [ye sd] meeting to [?] with ye other
nations / with ye gentlemen from Boston

[1-0034] **17a** [The opening sequence of this conference is printed in the Livingston Indian Records p. 236 et seq. Wraxall p. 145 has a brief summary of the conference as a whole.]

Propositions made by William
Tayler Spenser Phips & John Stodder
Esq.rs Commissioners appointed by his
Maj.e's Governmt. of the Massachusetts
bay. to the Sachims of the five
nations (to witt) the Mohoggs oneydes
onnondages Cayouges and Sinnekes
as also to those of Tusquaorora
in Albany the 28th day of may 1723

Present

William Tayler
Spenser Phips

Esq.s members of his
maj.es Council of ye
Province of massechusetts
Bay

John Stodder Esq

member of ye house
of Representatives of
Do Province

Peter Schuyler
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph Livingston
Johs. Wendell
Joh. Bleecker

Esq.s Com.es

Interpreted by Lowrence Claese

after it was Translated into
Dutch by Philip Livingston

The Sachims being convind Said first

Brethren

yehahowanne and Kinne the first in the Indian
tongue is A Broad way and the last Signifies
Pingeon which they take from Coll.e Pingeon who
has formerly treated with them in behalf of the Govermt
of [Boston - crossed out] the Massachusetts Bay.
You have [desired - crossed out] Invited us to come here we the
Sachims of the five Nations & of the Tusquaroras
being Eighty in number and Impowerd by the [sd. Servt]

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 favoeur of you. and acquaint you that as
it has from ancient time been the Comon practice
of all Govern.ts to gett our guns hatchetts & ketles mended
~~which we desire~~ ~~may~~ you may also order to be done now
The Gentlemen ~~Replied~~ answered that as they are Sent by
the [sd] Govermt [of Boston - partly crossed out] to treat with them they
desire to Speak first and shall take Notice of what they
Said afterwards

[1-0035] 18

Brethren

We are well Pleased that after our and your Long [? - crossed out]
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 Gouvrenment of the Massechu=
=sets Bay recalling to mind that firm Friendship
that hath / long Since been Contracted often
renewed and Inviolably maintaind between
them and your Tribes and considering that
by reasons of your great Distance from them
they have not frequent opportunity of Con=
=versing with you and thereby increasing
mutual Respect and Friendship therefore
they thought proper to send three Gentlem.n
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
that Government, and gave them an Opportu=
=nity 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

[1-0036] **18a**

By order and in the name of yt Governt.
to brighten the Chain of ffriendship/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 the Respect and Friendship and that
they will endeavour by all proper methods
to Cultivate a good understanding between
them and your tribes and Endeavor 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 an=
swer we Shall have Something furdere to
offer to you

That the psent just now deliverd you is given
you by the Governmt of the [? - crossed out] Massachusets bay
and is as a token of their frindship and Renewing
the ancient Covenant Chain which has always been
kept Inviolable on their side

This being the Brith day of our Sovereign Lord
King George we have orderd a Barrel of beer for you
to drink his health

There are also fifty keggs with Rum fild
for you which you can see and are to be [brought - crossed out] carried up
above Schinechtady where you are to Receive them
which you may Carry to your own Castles to drink
with the Rest of your Sachims

[1-0037] **19** [printed in DRCHNY 5:693 et seq. See Colden's History of the Five Nations part 2 for more on the Denighcariages.]

Att a meeting of the Com.es of the
Indian affairs in Albany ye 29.th day
of may 1723 [Wraxall p. 144 et seq.]

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

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

Interpreted by
a Sinneke Indian
who lives among
them and renderd
into Dutch by
Low: Claese

It was askd them how many nations they belong to,
where they live and on what Bussiness 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 our arrivall. here have been Severall Nations
who have given themselves out for the Nation of --
Denighcariages (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 ~~hence~~ you

They being askd where abouts they live and
how the french Call there Settlements they Say
(by what ~~ean~~ could be understood) it is Called Monsiemakerac

Brothers Corlaer, Quieder, 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 reveile ~~their~~ our Secrets. we compare
Deceitfull heart by a dark Sky but we hope that
we Shall with a Clean & pure heart in a fair Sun Shining
day discover to one another what we know and --

therefore desire y.t according to our Custom we may
take each a whif out of a Calumet Pipe in toaken
of peace & frindships, which being done said

[1-0038] **19a**

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

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

Brethren Corlaer and Mohogs

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, Onnigh=
=siesanairoene, Kajienatroene & Tienonoat=
=deaga and what we have further to
offer we shall then desire the Gentle
=men to meet together to hear us.
The Com.rs told the sd. 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 and answer
if they have nothing further to offer
on what has been Said, and that a sa
=chim Shall be pitchd upon out of
each of the five Nations to be psent
to hear what shall be Transacted.

[1-0039] 20

Answer made by the
Sachims of the Six Nations
Viz / the Mohoggs Oneydes
Onnondages Cayouges Sin
nekes & Tusquaroras to
W.m 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 [Wraxall p. 145 et seq.]

Present

William Tailer Esq.rs of his
Spencer Phips Maj.es Council
of ye Massa
chusets Bay

John Stoddard Esq. one of the
Representatives
of sd. Province

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

Interpreted by Lourence Claese
into Dutch & rendred into Eng=
lish by Philip Livingston

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

Brethren Yekahawanne & Kinsie
You told us that you were
Rejoiced that you mett us here in
albany at the place where Quider
lives and where you appointed to treat
with the five Nations We are very
glad that you [? - crossed out] three Gentlemen

are arrived here in good health
and

[1-0040] **20a**

And it is very acceptable to us to
see [them - crossed out] you here. the Contents of your
Proposition we have rightly un=
=derstood but shall not distinctly
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 w.t us here at Albany you
told us also that you were appointed
by the Govern.t of the Massachusets
Bay and that you [could] Speak in their
name & Rehears'd 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 Sachims & of our Nations, who are
at home

[1-0041] **21**

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 - crossed out] went by our order
and on Request of our Brother Cor
=laer his Excel.cy Gov.r Burnet you
said also that you rejoiced to See
them in yo.re 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
[Enter - crossed out] treatment they met withal

which we acknowledge they have
done 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

Brothers

You have also noticed yt. Since
the Disappointment of the former
Com.rs at one year and half agoe you
have Intended to Speak wt. us to put
one

[1-0042] p. 21a

to put one another in Remembrance of
those things which have been transacted
by our [? - crossed out] ancestors wherefore we return
you thanks that you [? - crossed out] persisted in that design
ever Since

Brethren

You moved also Concerning the
antient Covenant made between our ances=
tors time out of mind that yt. Coven.t Chain
wherein they entered themselves & putt
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 [it - crossed out] you did Clear
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 man=
=ner in name of the Six Nations Re
new & Strengthen ye Coven.t Chain &
hope that our Childrens Children may
live in Such Amity and agree so friend=
=ly as we do

Brethren

We desire you not to hearken to
any false Stories for in the Comon
Course of the World w.n Brethren live

peaceably Envious people will endeavor breed
Discord -

[1-0043] 22

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 had any objection against ym we would
have [made - crossed out] answerd y'm but finding none Return you
thanks for your friendly & kind Ex
=pressions You told us also in ye Conclu=
=sion of your Proposition yt after we
had given you our answer you had Some
thing further to [propose - crossed out] offer unto us
We have now done for ye present what we have to Say
and hope you will excuse us for the
Small present we [can - crossed out] give. we wish
it was greater but since we are only poor
we desire you to accept it --

The Gentle.n replied

That what answer you have
given is very acceptable to us & doubt
not but it will be so to the Govern.t
as for the Smalness of the present
is what we doe not regard but your
Sincerity in what you have Sd and yt.
will be most Acceptable to our Gover.t

That in the afternoon or to morrow
we will make you our further Proposi=
tions ---

[1-0044] 22a

Fur[t]her Propositions made by
William Tailer, Spencer Phips &
John Stoddard Esqrs Com.rs Appoin=
ted by his Maj.es Govern.t of the
Massachusetts Bay to the Sa=
chims of the five Nations / to witt /
The Mohoggs, Oneydes, Onnondages
Cayouges & Sinnekes as also to
those of Tusquarora in Albany
the 30th day of May 1723

Present

William Tailer Esqrs Members
Spencer Phips of his Maj.es Council
of the Province
of ye Massachusetts
Bay

John Stoddard Esq.r member of the
house of Repre=
sentatives of s.d
Province

Peter Schuyler
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh Esqrs Com.rs
Evert Bancker
Ph. Livingston
Joh.s Wendell
Joh.s Bleecker

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

Brethren

We have according to our Directions bright=
ened the Covenant Chain and Shall proceed
agreeably to our Orders to Enform 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 [too] behave themselves peace=
ably towards his Maj.es 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 thoroughly 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

[1-0045] 23

Yet notwithstanding those people have / for divers years past / behaved themselves Insolently toward the English Inhabitants, by biting those parts, by killing their Cattle, and by threatening their persons, upon which (although it was a manifest breach of Covenant, and resented by the Government / we took no other measures with them, then to Send Commissioners to remind them of their renewed promises, and to tell them of their perfidiousness in Such Acts of Violence Committed 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 Skins they had promised as Satisfaction for Damages they had done to the English, and as Sureties for their good & peaceable behaviour; afterwards they proceeded to attack an English Town, fired at a Garrison, wounded a young Man, who afterward died of his wound. the Government / who had long suffered Multiplied abuses from the Eastern Indians, and had not

till now revenged their Wrongs / considering
these outrages, and Murther, thought them=
selves bound and accordingly did proclaim
them Rebels to King George, & Enemies
to

[1-0046] **23a**

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 En=
=deavour to prevail with the five Nations,
to prevent the Merrimack, and Meserskeek
Ind.ns Confederating or Acting with the Eas-
=tern 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 fit 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 & chear=
=ful acceptance whereof they don't allow them
=selves to doubt, considering the firm alli=
=ance between them & your Tribes, as also the
- great Justice we have on our side in enter=
=ing into a War with those faithless people.

[1-0047] **24**

The Govern.t have likewise
sent a present much more Considerable th[an]
that we have already delivered to you, w.ch

we are Comanded to lay before you, upon
your assuring us that you will Immediat[ly]
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 fur
ther Encouragement of your Warlike peopl[e]
they have resolved that the following Sums
be allowed, and paid out of the publick Trea
=sury for the Scalps of our Enemie Ind.ns / Viz /
for every Male of twelve years old & upwar[d]
one hundred pounds in New England Money
and for the Scalps of all others that Sha[ll]
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 priso=
ners be Women, or Children under the age
of twelve years, they shall likewise have
the Sole benefit of such prisoners, togeth[er]
with the plunder they shall take

That for your better accomoda
tion 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 ammuni
=tion for that Service they Shall be Sup=
=plied from the English Garrisons, the
value whereof whall be deducted out of
what may be due to them for any Scalps
by them brought.

[1-0048] **24a**

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.t that there be two
Englishmen at least to Join with ten [Ind.ns - crossed out]
of them that shall go out [& ? - crossed out] in [with - crossed out]
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 Hatchetts 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 com=
=ply with your desire, provided you chear=
fully come into the proposal now made
to Confirm what we have [now - crossed out] said give
you a belt of Wampum as a Token of the
Hatchet.

[1-0049] 25 [Printed in DRCHNY 5:694]

Att a meeting of the Com.r[s]
of the Ind.n affairs in alb[any]
the 30.th day of May 1723 [not in Wraxall]

Present

Peter Schuyler

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

Ev.t Bancker

Ph. Livingston

Joh.s Wendell

Joh.s Bleecker

Com.rs of
ye Ind.n affairs

The far Indians that Spake yes=
=terday having brought a Letter from Maj.
Abraham Schuyler dated at the great
Lake the 19.th Instant Said y.t 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 Sd Maj.r Schuyler
and used all their Endeavours to per=
swade them to goe to Canada but that
they would not hear him to what they

said. The Indians said By their Speaker called Sakiema [Sahiema?]
of Denigeariages Nation

Brothers Corlaer & Quider

We have long Since Intended
to come and See you here but the ffrench
have

[1-0050] **25a**

have hindered and Stopped us in ye 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 be=
=haviour that live here and withal to
present the Six Nations [of Ind.ns - crossed out] with
two Calumet pipes of peace & friendship
which [we have - crossed out] they delivered to the Onnon=
=dages and thought [by - crossed out] wt our Selves yt
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
ffrench 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 - crossed out] which has Encou=
=raged us to break thro' & not hearken
to what the ffrench say

[1-0061] **26**

Brethren

~~Here are Indians of two Nations
who I have pswaded 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 Toghsaghrodie we
found some of the Ind.ns who live there
at home to whom we told that we
design'd to goe to Albany who psently
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 ffriendship we can Express

A Calumet Pipe of Tobacco
is used when Brethren come together
to visit one another and we hope to
receive such kind & Civil [? crossed out] [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 [is - crossed out] are Sold here & gave
a Calumet pipe as a Token of their
Sincerity and desire that it may
be

[1-0052] **26a**

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 Enter'd into an alliance with
Several Nations and agree friendly
with each other, hunt together &
goe a fighting with one another against the
fflatt heads. but we that are so remote
from you have not had such an
Opportunity and acq.t you also y.t
we have always Endeavour'd to go to
Corlaer & Quider but we heard from
a Nation called Aghsiesagichroene
who Endeavour'd to hinder us and told

us many Evil Stories concerning
you but would give no Credit to them
and resolved to come and See

It is 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 Coven.t
a Calumet pipe of peace & friendShip
and as the Mohogg are the furthestmost 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 Negiariages
now

[1-0053] 27

Now call our Selves the Seventh Nation[n]
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 prserve it

A Sachim called Oniestoenis Stood up & said

Brother Corlaer & Quider

Last year I was here & told
you I was a Messenger Sent from Tugh=
=saghroende

Brother Corlaer & Quider

I am but a ~~Servant~~ messenger & Speak
in behalf of all those who are here
psent and desire you to have Compa
=sion over ~~them~~ us. We have Spoke with
one another last year & had some dis
=course together & Entered into a Co=
venant ~~together~~ with one another and promis.d 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
drest Deer

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We Speak now in the psence
of Several Nations of us & the Six Nati=
=ons, that you may have Compassion on us
and

[1-0054] 27a

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

I have pformed the Engagem.t
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 Wag=
=goners who Impose on us by taking an Ex=
=travagant price for a Waggon freight.

We desire that you may not
be very nice in the trade when we dis=
=pose of what we have to purchase your
Merchandise 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 penny worths
that those who are now here of the Several
Nations may be fully Satisfied / and I not
be ashamed when I return home / which
will Encourage all ye farre Nations to come
& trade here

[1-0055] **28** [Printed in DRCHNY 5:696 et seq. Wraxall summary p. 145.]

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Ind.n Affairs in Albany the 31st day
of May 1723

Present

Peter Schuyler

H: Holland

Peter van Brugh Esq.rs Com.rs

Evert Bancker

Philip Livingston

Joh.s Wendell

Joh.s Bleecker

Answer made by the Com.rs
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 haveing been here will be
very pleasing to his Excell.y our Govern.r
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 hether and to assure you of
that you shall meet with kind treatm.t
and

[1-0056] **28a**

& friendly Entertamm.t from us / and ye people
of this place / and as a Token thereof here
are [two] Wooden Houses built on purpose
for yo.r 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 Chiefest Motives for you not
to hearken to any [Dispervasions] of the
ffrench not to come here who oblige
you to pay Extravagant prices for [yor - crossed out] their
Goods they have few or no Strowds &
used of late to buy them here but
at the Request of the Brethren of
the Six Nations / with whom we
exhort yhou to keep a friendly corre=
spondence / his Excel.y our Govern.r 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 deceit=
=ful heart to a dark Sky So we hope

[1-0057] **29**

you will with a Clean and pure
heart Endeavour to the utmost of yo.r
power to come often hither to trade &
pswade all Nations 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 peo=
=ple you should not Regard what they
say w.t an Intent to pvent your coming
here, for all what they have hitherto
told you & other upper Nations in disre=
spect 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 [yt-crossed out?] 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 conclud
=ed / 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 Nations who have been here
have done us the Justice to Enform you
of

[1-0058] **29a**

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 man=
=ner renew the Covent. Chain w.t you
that was made in your behalf by
Oniestoenis [Owiestoenis?] & yesterday confirmed. &
as you in the behalf of the Six Several
Nations you belong to have Ingrafted
your selves as the Seventh Nation
to this Govern.t 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 & ye
Covent. Chain Inviolable for Ever, w.ch
we do not doubt but will prove to our
mutual Satisfaction & Advantage

We return Owiestoenis thanks
for pforming the message we Sent him
upon and are glad it hath taken Effect
by yo.r coming here and hope before yo.r
Return you shall be so well pleased w.t
the market you meet with for your
Skins that it will not only Encourage
you

[1-0059] **30**

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 & [.ct?] wherefore we give you
Sufficient Provisions for your Jour=

=ney Viz two fatt hoggs
 4 1/2 bush: pease
 4 1/2 bush: Ind.n Corn
 90 loafs Bread

In Goods 12 Blankets of Strowds
 18 Shirts
 26 Gallons Rum

[1-0060] **30a**

Propositions made by
an Ind.n of the Castle called
Agiehantikook [Agiehhantehook?] near the
Saint Francois -- in Canada
(who says he is Deputed by
the Eastern Ind.ns / to the
Sachims of the Six Nations
of Ind.ns called Maquase
Oneydes Onnondages Cayou=
=ges Sinnekes & Tusquaroras
in Albany the 31th day
of May 1723 [Wraxall summary p. 146]

Present
Peter Schuyler
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
Joh.s Wendell
Joh.s Bleecker

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 - crossed out] 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 har=
dened heart I do by this String of Wam
pum Soften & purifie it that you
may Speak to me w.t a pure heart
void of all Evil gave a String of wampum

[1-0061] **31**

This being the appointed place
to treat ab.t peace and tranquility
If there should be any blood Shed any
where through Rashness or misunder=
=standing I do wipe it [off - crossed out] 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 mett one another gave a String of Wam[pum]

I Condole the Death of the Sachim
who went last fall ab.t Some publick
affairs to Boston [that - crossed out] 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
[they - crossed out] you may [be- crossed out] put them in Everlasting
Oblivion gave a Belt of Wampum

Brothers Corlaer & Quider & 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 Corlae[r]

and

[1-0062] **31a**

And the Six Nations, without doubt you
have Endeavourd to be the mediators
between ~~Boston~~ the people of N. England & us because we were
in open War one ag.t another We ack
knowledge we waged War ag.t ye people
of that Govern.t & because you found
us not at home you at the Return
of your Delegates Sent others to per=
form 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 if
they were Informed that they had
taken up the hatchet ag.st their Bre=
thren of New England which was a
great grief to them and desired the
S.d 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 ag.t their Brethren
of N. England and desire them to awake out of their
giddy Sleep

[I] Achjamawat Messenger that
went from the falls to the Eastward
acquainted those Ind.ns what Sd Dele=
=gates told us who after they had
Consulted order'd me to Return
to

[1-0063] **32**

to Return to this place and withal
gave me full power & ample authority
[in their Names illeg. - crossed out] to lay down the hatchett of War
in a most Solemn & publick manner [illeg]
lay down that Hatchet of War wh now
the Eastern Ind.ns held in their hands
against the [the - crossed out] 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 ye Mohoggs
Owanagonga, Kwepowanne, Onjana=
warea and come weeping to brother
Corlaer & our fathers to complain
that Some of our People are priso=
ners at Boston who we desire
may be Released give a Belt of
Wampum

[1-0064] 32a

Propositions made by Wm
Tailer, spencer Phips &
John Stoddard Esq.rs Comrs
appointed by his Majesties
Government of the Massachuset
bay to the Sachims of
the Scaahkook
Riverer & Kattskill Ind.ns
in Albany the 1.st day of
June 1723 [Not in Wraxall]

Present

William Tailer Esq.rs Members
Specer Phips of his Maj.es Couns
cil of the [Mas - crossed out]
Province of ye
Mass.tts Bay
John Stoddard Esqr Member of
ye house of Re=
presentatives of
sd. Province

Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Ev.t Bancker Esq.rs Com.rs
Philip Livingston
John Collins
Joh.s Wendell

Brethren

We are come hither as Com.rs
from the Govern.t of ye Massachusetts Bay
to visit the Several Tribes of Nations yt
live in the Neighbourhood & to brighten
the Chain of ffriendship between us
and them, we have already Seen and

Spoken w.t the Six Nations & are like=
=wise glad to See you, who are our
nigher Neighbours, and in ye Same
Covenant wt. us, as the Six Nations are,
and we are to let you know ye regard
yt our Govern.t bear to you; and to renew
the ffriendship that hath long been
maintain'd between them & your tribes
which they will Endeavour always
to Continue And as a Token of yr kind=
=ness for you we shall forthwith in yr name deliver
you a Present.

[1-0065] 33

We doubt not but you are very Sensible
of the Disturbance yt ye Eastern Ind.ns
have very unjustly given us; and that
we have tendered the Hatchett to ye [Six]
Nations upon which proposal they have
not yet given their Resolution but
in as much as your tribes doe not usually
engage in a War w.t out the Six Nations
therefore we do not offer you ye hatchet
at present but don't Doubt but if ye Six Na=
tions do receive the Hatchett, that you
will be as ready as they to accept the
Same, which will be pleasing to the
Govern.t. and an Evidence of yo.r friend=
ship to them and if you so do we
shall make an Additional present to
you, and you Shall be entituled to the
same Preemiums as they are for the
Services you shall pform.

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 - crossed out] the Rum now given you but to keep
it till you are going home

[1-0066] **33a**

Answer of the Schaah-
=kook, River & Katt Kill
Ind.ns to the forgoing
Proposition [In Albany
the first day of June
1723 - crossed out] made by Wm Tailer
Spencer Phips & John Stoddard
Esq.rs Com.rs appointed by his
Maj.es Governt. of ye Mass.tts Bay
in Albany ye 1st day of June
1729 [1723?] [Not in Wraxall]

Present

The Same as to ye propo=
sitions

They said by ye Speaker named [blank in document]

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 w.ch we re=
turn you Thanks, you [fall'd] in one thing
you call'd 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 ag.t ye Eastern
Ind.ns 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

[1-0067] **34**

Father

We were the Natives of this Country
when the English came first hither
they entered into a Covent. with us
& the five nations w.ch has hitherto
been kept Inviolable by us, and do
now fasten yt 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 tendring 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 Join & act in Conjunc=
=tion wt. them

The Gentlement replied
as to the mistake in calling you
Brethren Shall be Rectified for
the future what you have now said
is very acceptable to us for w.ch we
Return you thanks & have ordered
a barrel of beer for you to drink
the Kings Health

[1-0068] **34a**

Answer made by ye Sachims
of the Six Nations to W.m Tailer,
Spencer Phips, & John Stoddard
Esq.rs Com.rs appointed from the Govern.t
of the Massachusetts Bay
In Albany the 3.d June 1723

[Wraxall summary p. 146]

Present

Wm Tailer Esq.rs of his Maj.es
Spencer Phips Council of the

John Stoddard Esq.r a member of
ye house of Repre
sentatives of said
Province

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

Esq.rs Com.es

Brother Yehahowanne & Kinsie
We have some days agoe heard

the Propositions you made unt[o] us, and
have rightly understood & Considered
the Same concerning the War you have
with the Eastern Ind.ns how they have
from time to time broken their Engage
ments made with you. it is needless for
the psent to repeat any thing about
that, for our Delegates who have been
at Boston last year have fully Infor=
med us how pfidious they have been
killing our Brethren in New England.
we shall not add further about that
matter You have acquainted us that
you have Design'd [to] speak with us
here at Albany about one year & half
agoe

[1-0069] 35

And you have in your last Proposition de=
=sired us to take up the Hatchett against
your Enemies ye Eastern Ind.ns now Bre=
=thren we must first acquaint you when
our Delegates arriv'd first at home what
we have done in that affair, we did then
privately Send messengers to ye Eastern
Ind.ns, who we had Enjoined to Speak in
name of us the Six Nations, that they
should lay down the hatchett of War
w.ch they had taken up against you
our Brethren of N England, where upon
an Eastern Ind.n was Sent Messenger
from the lake to those Eastern Ind.ns
who being Returnd, delivered us
his [answer - crossed out] 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 w.ch
they flung down at the feet of us their
fathers. Therefore Brethren Yehaho=
=wanne and Kinsie we have had a Con=
=sultation about that Hatchett you
tendred us, as also the Hatchett they
have

[1-0070] 35a

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 Yehahowanne & Kinsie that you appoint a place in your Govern.t wherever you please, where we shall meet you, and the Chief Sachims of ye 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 gave a belt of Wampum

Brother Yehahowanne & 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

[1-0071] **36**

Time we think for us to goe from hence and be at sd. Meeting will ~~require the space of~~ be about Sixty or Seventy days at ~~least~~ longest, 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 Yehahowanne & Kinsie
We have Just now desired yt you might have patience till the time above mentioned to meet the sd. Ind.ns. We now desire you to accept of this small psent, 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 Proposal of their takeing up the hatchet against the Eastern Indians 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 --

[1-0072] **36a**

~~Answer of the Sachims of the Six
Nations of Indians to--~~

Further Proposition made by Wm Tailer
Spenser Phips & John Stoddard Esq.rs
Com.rs for the Govern.t of the
Massachusetts Bay to the Sachims
of ye Six nations in Albany ye 4th
of June 1723 [Wraxall summary p. 146 et seq.]

Present

William Tailer Esq.rs of his Maj.es

Spencer Phips Council of ye Pro=

vince of ye Massa=
chusetts Bay

John Stoddard Esq.r member of

the house of Represen=
tatives of ye Province

Peter Schuyler

Henry Holland

Peter v Brugh

Ev.t Bancker

Esq.rs Com.rs of
ye Ind.n Affairs

Ph. Livingston

John Collins

John Wendell

Joh.s Bleecker

Brethren

Five Days [agoe] we did in the
Name of our Govern.t offer you ye Hatchett w.ch
you have neither accepted nor refused, but in
stead there of you propose to accomodate the
Difference between us & the Eastern Ind.ns

You know that / some few days agoe /
we renewed the Antient friendship between
us and your Tribes to our Mutual Satisfaction,
but what doth such an alleance 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 Ind.ns have been guilty of and of
the Murthers by them committed, must not
Justice be done on such pfidious People?

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

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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 inclinable to Shun it

As to the proposal you make
of our being at peace wt. the Eastern Indians,
it is forraign to our Bussiness, we have no
Instructions in that matter, therefore we can't
Act therein however since you have men=
=tioned 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 murdered
our People; and why should we expect
better of them now

They have kill'd 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 Sufficent to oblige those people to
a Suitable behaviour of themselves, but
blows may do it. [W - crossed out]

We can't imagine yt ye Governt / if
they should be Inclinable at any Time
for peace / would make peace w.t them, un=
=less the Six Nations would firmly Engage
to

[1-0074] **37a**

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

Upon the whole we desire you once
more to take into Consideration our Pro=

=posal of taking up ye Hatchett and give
such an answer as may be kindly ac=
cepted by the Govern.t we did / on the de=
=livery of this Speech lay down Six Blan=
kets in stead of a Belt of Wampum

Answer of ye Six nations
by their Speaker Thanninsorowee
to the forgoing
Propositions made in the
Morning

Present

William Tailer Esq.rs of his Maj.es

Spencer Phips Council of ye Pro

vince of ye Mass.ts

Bay

John Stoddard Esq.r a member of

[ye] house of Repre

sentatives of sd Province

Henry Holland

Pet. v Brugh

Evt Bancker

Esq.rs Com.rs of ye

Ph. Livingston Ind.n affairs

John Collins

Joh.s Wendell

Joh.s Bleecker

Brother Yehahowanne & Kinsie

You have Spoke unto us this
morning, the Contents of your full Pro
=position 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 Governmt to meet
and

[1-0075] **38**

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
Yehahowanne and Kinsie think the
could be better [be - crossed out] prevail'd 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 Acquainted
them to lay down the Hatchett they had
in hand against you, & they [have - crossed out] forth=
with on our Comands, Sent a Messenger
and delivered the Hatchett unto us,
the Six Nations and promis'd never
to take the Same up again against
the English

Now Brethren

You say unto us yt 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 [yt - crossed out] in
the

[1-0076] **38a**

The presence of some of the Chief of the
Eastern Ind.ns to give a Satisfactory An=
swer.

Brethren

You know well that a few
days agoe we renewed the Covent. with
one another and promis'd 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 Conven.t 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 - crossed out] Selves, and therefore we
shall forwarn them in ye 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 - crossed out] Ingage to be their
Sureties that they shall perform
whatever

[1-0077] **39**

Whatever they promise

We hope you will excuse
us perhaps you might Expect a belt
of Wampum, in Confirmation of yt we say but as we have none, we
desire our Sincerity may be Esteemed as a Suf=
=ficient Token-
[illeg. crossed out]

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 unit=
ed to us

We told you before that we
were not Instructed to say any
thing of Peace, and indeed there
seems now [to be - crossed out] 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 fin=
=ish the Treaty w.ch we have begun

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

[1-0078] **39a**

Care shall be taken that you may
be suetably provided for in your
journey to Boston

We doubt not but this
negotiation will tend to advance
his Maj.es Interest, and will be finish'd
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 Yehahowanne & Kinsie

We return you thanks for yo.r 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 yr. usual Manner

[1-0079] 40 [See Wraxall p. 147 for a summary.]

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs}
of the Indian Affairs in Albany
the 5th of June 1723

Present

Henry Holland

Pet. v Brugh

Evert Bancker Esq.^{rs}

John Collins Com.^{rs}

Ph: Livingston

Joh.s Wendell

Brethren

We Shall first tell you that Lourence
was Directed by us to Condole the Deaths of
the three Sachims that died last fall belong=
ing 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 concern=
=ing some affairs of great Moment in Respect
to this Governmt but before we proceed it is
necessary to tell you that we think you can't
[have] forgott with how happy an agreem.t

firm assurances and hearty Resolutions
the meeting with your Brother Corlaer the
Govern.rs of Virginia and Pennsylvania
Ended, that if they be well observed we shall
always meet wt. Joyful Countenances

You then promis'd Solemnly that
you would not Correspond with the ffrench
of Canada but adhere & cleave Strongly
to the English, that you would give all the
Encouragem.t and Assistance that lay in your
Power

[1-0080] **40a**

Power to the far Ind.^{ns} to come hither &
not only so but that you had sent agents to
Invite those far Ind.^{ns} who trade with the
french to come here. In behalf of his
Excel.y our Govern.r we come to tell you y.t
you have not been Sincere in yo.r promise
and Engagemt.s in this Respect. Since
we have received an accn.tt that you have
harboured Jean Coeur the french Interpreter in one
of your Castles all last Winter, and have
Consented that he might build a trading
house at Kaskeghsago near Theronde
=quatt on Land you Long since Resigned
for the Crown of great Brittain. Consider
how this agrees w.^t ~~a free passage~~ the
Repeated ~~Promises~~ Assurances you have given of
a free passage for the far Ind.^{ns} to this
place w.^{ch} 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 Ind.^{ns} from coming
hither but also gett all the furr your
Selves bring from hunting, and be a
means to make themselves master of
all your Country. how can you Expect yt.
this will be well taken by his Excel.^y yo.^r
Brother Corlaer. We do therefor in his
name Require you not to suffer the
french to make any Settleme.^t in your
Country

[1-0081] **41**

Country nor to let any come among you
who only breed Division among you. His

Excel.^{cy} desired you two years agoe that
when the ffrench came among you again
to let them know that you disapproved
of their Coming into your Country and
living on 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 psons are that offend after
the regular Notice given by his Excell.^{ys}
order, but we do not hear from you that
you have given such Notice or are displeasd
at their Settling on your Land, tho for=
merly you used to make your Complaints
that the ffrench Ind.ns annowyed you in
[their - crossed out] 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 Excel.^{cy} hereon gave
a large belt of Wampum

Att a meeting of ye Com.rs Same day
Present
The Same as befor
except Ph: Livingston

Two of the Oneydes, Cayouges & Tusquarora[s]
come & inform us yt they expected Lead & Powder
from ye Boston Gentle.mn but gott none & desire
ye Com.rs to have Compassion on them &
Supply them

[1-0082] 41a

Att a meeting of the Com.rs
of Ind.n Affairs in Albany
the 5th day of June 1723 [Wraxall summary p. 147]

Present
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Ev.t Bancker
John Collins
Joha.s Bleecker

Esq.rs Com.rs
of the Ind.n
affairs

The Six Nations by Thannintsorowee
their Speaker say

Brother Corlaer

You have made a Proposition
to us this Morning in his Excellencys Name
and told us that you thought we could not
forgett what we formerly promised to his
Excellency that we should have no Corre=
spondence with the ffrench, and that
we would Comand the ffrench to break
down their House at Jangerah, and if
they refused to do it, that we should Im=
medeatly Inform his Excel.cy who would
represent it to the great King George

Brethren

We hope you will excuse us at
this Juncture, we shall when our Deputys
goe to Boston send you a full answer and
now take the [Band - ? crossed out] Belt you gave us to our
Country

[1-0083] 42

Att a meeting of ye Com.rs of
the Ind.n Affairs in Albany the
5th June 1723 [Not in Wraxall]

Present
Henry Holland
Pet.r v Brugh
Ev.t Bancker
John Collins
Joh.s Bleecker

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 Bre=
thren of N England 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 pform 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
think yt 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. w.t the Brethren
of N England, w.ch we will always keep &
maintain. We acquaint you that we are
one Heart, one Blood and one Body, there=
fore 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

[1-0084] 42a

What Reason they had to War against
our Brethren and desire that they do
not neglect to appear on our appointed
places and if they are negligent to [ap= crossed out]
come at s.d meeting it will take no good
End, Our Delegates shall be there att
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

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian
affairs in Albany the 16th day of June 1723
[See Wraxall p. 147 for summary.]

Present

Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
John Collins
Philip Livingston
Johan.s Bleeker

Esq.rs Com.rs

Ten Far Indians being arrivd to this City
Liveing in a Castle Called by them [blank in original]
[? crossed out] say that they are come on purpose to See
how goods are Sold here, desire the Com.rs they may
be [well cmd] by the [traders] and have goods Cheap. that
[that - crossed out] 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 y.t they would find a vast difference
in the price of goods here & that they [?] to buy of the french
that his Ex.ly our gov.r takes nothing more to [heart - crossed out] his Consideration
[than]

to Incourage y.m that they may not be Imposd upon
for w.h and he has Causd houses to be build on ye hill
for their Conveniency to lodge in that they may go
and buy where they can [buy - crossed out] gett the Cheapest penny
Worth, & gave them Some Rum. Indian Corn
peace etc.

[1-0085] 43

Att a meeting of ye Com.rs of Indian
Affairs in Albany y.e 19th June 1723

[Wraxall p. 147 has brief mention of the act against trading Indian goods to Canada.]

Present

Coll. Peter Schuyler

Capt: Holland

Capt. v.n Brugh

Capt. Banker

Capt Collins

Mr. Ph Livingston

Capt. John Bleecker

Mr Joh.s Wendell

Mr Evert Wendell

A Letter from his Ex.ly governour Burnet dated ye 15th Instant being
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 ye last [oct] in ---
[Hidience ? ye Province?] thereto it was Resolved to [Secarence? Sumonce i.e.

Summon?] [send for - crossed out] all
persons Suspected & those who have traded for Christians
goods toi Canada to tender the Said oaths unto them

The persons to whom this oath was tenderd this day
are hereunder (vizt.)

Jacob Wendel Son of Harmanus Wendell

Johannis Schuyler Refurd [Refusd?]

Philip Schuyler Refusd

Cornelis Cuyler Refusd

Nicolas Bleecker

Harmanus Wendell

Samuel Doxsie

Pursuant to an act of gen.l assembly of ye Colony of new
york Entituled an act for the further & more effectuall --
prohibiting of ye Selling Indian goods to the french [?crossed out] Executions
for Committing [Coll] John Schuyler & j Philip Schuyler were directed to the [sherrif?]
of ye City & County of [Albany]
[were directed - crossed out] till they Shall pay each one hundred pounds
[were directed to the Sherrif - crossed out] to be applyed towards the building
and Repairing [the - crossed out] such of the firtifications of this Colony as
the gov.t or Comanders in Chief for the time being Shall think
fit

[1-0086] **43a**

Att a meeting of the Comes
of the Indian affairs in albany
the 20th day of June 1723

[Wraxall p. 147 has brief mention of the act against trading Indian goods to Canada.]

Present

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker Esq.s Com.rs

John Collins

Philip Livingston

Johan.s Wendell

Joh.s Bleecker

Evert Wendell

The Commissioners Sent this day for severall
Persons suspected to have traded or Trafiqued with the Subjects
of ye French King, or unto any other person for y.m contrary to ye
meaning and Intent of an act of general assembly of ye
Colony of new york Entituled an act for ye Encouragement of ye
Indian trade and Rendring it more Bnificiall to the Inhabitants
of this Province and for Prohibiting ye Selling Indian goods to ye.
french and tendred unto them the oath to be taken by Such
Suspected persons precribed in one other act of gen.rl assembly
of the s.d Province Entituled an act for the further & more Effectuall
Prohibiting ye selling of Indian goods to the french the
persons who take ye said oath are hereunder named vizt

Stephanis Groesbeck

Jeremy Schuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Johannis J. Cuyler

John Roseboom Jun.r

Gerrit Roseboom

Johannis Roseboom

Johannis Lansingh Jun.r

Hendrick Bleecker

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Jacob Lansingh

David Schuyler

Robt. Roseboom

Jacob Beeckman

Hendrick Cuyler

Hendrik Roseboom

[1-0087] 44

Att a meeting of the Commission.^{rs}
of the Indian affairs in albany
the 22th day June 1723 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

John Collins

Philip Livingston Com.^{rs}

Johan.s Wendell

Joh.s Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Albany 22d June 1723

May it please your Excellency

We have received your Excel.^{ys} Letter of ye 18th

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

[made?] Since and more others expected but

[we] hear that they have not been well used at

Schenectady, 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 Waggon

are ready to ride away their Effects, that

often do not know what is become of them

and throw ye packs in particular houses

As the Assembly hath resolved

to make a further Provision for ye Encourag.^t

of those Pno.^{ns} , we hope it may have ye desir'd Effect

in promoting & preserving this new Trade

[1-0088] 44a

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 tender'd unto Coll. John Schuyler

and his Eldest Son who have both refus'd

on w.^{ch} Warrants are drawn to be Issued

according to the Directions of ye s.^d Act

but the Sherif being out of Town Sur=

veying Land for the Palatines and is expected in a Day or Two

Inclosed your Excel.y has an affidavit of Jacob Wendell who has been att Canada Son of Mr. Harmanus Wendell whereby it appears that Strowds has been Transported for [Canada - crossed out] the use of the ffrench. We had most all psons in Town that have traded w.t Canada for Christian Goods before us who have taken the Oaths [for Christian - crossed out] M.r Cornelis [Sch - crossed out] Cuyler & Cap.t Goose van Schaick have refused and Warrants are Issuing when we had them all before us we Shall Send your Excel.y Certificates how it has happend

We desire your Excel.y to be assur'd that nothing shall be Wanting on our part for ye Effectual putting yo.r Excel.y's Order in Execution Yesterday arriv'd here three ffrench Men with a pasport 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

[1-0089] 45

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

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

The Commissioners now psent took the oath precribed

to be taken by an act of generall assembly of ye
Colony of n: york Entituled an act for the further &
more Effectuall prohibiteing ye selling Indian goods
to the french, as also did Myndert 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 the Sherrif of ye Citty & County of Albany
for Committing the S.d Cornelis Cuyler & goose van Schaick
till they Shall pay each one hundred pounds to be
applied towards the building and Repairing Such of
the fortifications of this Colony as the Gov.r or Comanders
in Chiefe for the time being Shall think fitt

[1-0090] **45a** [Entire page is crossed out but legible]

Att a meeting of the Commissioners
of the Indian affairs in albany
the 25th day of June 1723 [not in Wraxall]

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

Fourteen Indians from Twightwighs
by the ffrench called Miamies being arriv'd to
this town Say by their Speaker Called Dewa=
=dirho 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 ffrench 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 com=
passion on us that we may have goods

Cheap We lay down the Calumet pipes
as a Token that we have been here to
be kept by you to Smoke out of in case
there should happen any misunderstand=
=ing 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
[? crossed out] provision that when we come home we
may Say yt we have been well used & Civily
treated by our Brethren

[1-0091] 46

Att a meeting of ye Commissioners
of the Indian affairs in albany
the 25th day of June 1723
[Not in Wraxall except brief mention of the act p. 147.]

Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins Esq.rs Com.rs
Ph. Livingston
[Joh. Bleecker - crossed out]
Joh.s Wendell
Evert Wendell

This day the Com.rs Sent for Severall persons
Suspected to have traded or trafiqued with the Subjects of
the french King, or unto any other person for them
contrary to the meaning and Intent of an act of gen.l
assembly of the Colony of new york. Entituled an act
for the Encouragement of the Indian trade and Rendring
it more beneficiall to the Inhavitants of this Province
and for Prohibiting the Selling Indian goods to the
french, and tendred unto them the oath to be taken
by Such Suspected persons precribed in one other act of
Gen.l assembly of ye s.d Province Entituled an act for
for the further and more Effectuall Prohibiteing the
Selling of Indian goods to the french. the persons
who take the sd. oath are here under named vizt.

Hendrick DeRidder
Johannis van Bergh
Niecolass Schuyler

Daniel fort
Dirck Ten Broeck
John.s Peyster
Philip Verplank
Jacob Glen
Johannis Myndertse

Whereas Hans Hansen and John Schuyler Jun.r are
Complained of to have traded with the Subjects of the
french King for Indian goods contrary to the [? crossed out]

[1-0092] **46a**

True Intent and meaning of an act of generall
assembly of the Province of new york Entitled an act
for the further and more Effectual Prohibiting y.e
Selling of Indian goods to the french Resolved
that Sumonses pursuant to the directions of the said act be
Issued to the Sherrif of the City and County of albany
Commanding him Imediately to bring the s.d Hans
Hansen & John Schuyler before one or more of the
Com.rs 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

Magepanans a River Indian going to the upper
nations was given by the Com.es 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 Incouregment
& assurence that they Shall be well Come [and - crossed out] ye s.d
Indian was promist [a g - crossed out] to be well Rewarded [if he - crossed out]
if at his Return he brings down a large Company
with him

[1-0094] 47a

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Indian affairs in albany y.e 12th
day of July 1723
[Wraxall summary p. 147-148.]

Present

Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Ph: Livingston
Joh.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell

Esq.rs Com.rs

Fourteen indians from Twightwights by the
french called Miames being arriv'd at this Town
say by their Speaker called Dewadirko native
of Onnendage Settled among Sd Indians being for=
=merly taken prisoner by them

Brother Corlaer and Quder

We are arrivd here & have undergone great diffi
culties for the ffrench 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 you our Bre
=thren, 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 pipe
/ 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 re
=conciled 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 & Civily
Treated by our Brethren

[An entry identical to this one but dated June 25 can be found on p. 45a.]

[1-0095] 48

An Indian Native of Onnondages Called [ye]
Oquaront who has been on hunting two year
and been with a Nation of Indians called by
the Indians Agottsaragoka being Scituated
beyond the Twightwighs who are inclind
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 Tughsaghronde by the
ffrench called Detroit Say Brethren here
is the place where the Covenant between
you and us is made under the Tree of [Peace and - crossed out]
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 ye Twightwighs

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

[1-0096] 48a

Say for they will use all means to pvent yo.r
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 - crossed out] gett the best penny worths for
w.ch purpose his Excel.y our Gov.r has caus'd
two houses to be built on ye hill for yo.r
Conveniency 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.y's name two blankets
Strowds & 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 Oguttsarahake
Nation We desire him to assure those
Indians yt they need not fear coming
hither to trade, We promise they shall
be kindly receivd & have Goods as Cheap as can be afforded
and the more of the upper Nations come
here the more plenty [here - crossed out] will be pro=
=vided here for them, the five Nations
have promised to give a free passage
to you give for sd Nation 2 blankets Strowds
& three large Keggs Rum

[1-0097] 49

Answer to the Tachsaghrondie 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 Skeple Ind.n
Corn & pease & loaves of bread

Then the Com.rs told ye far Indians that
his Excel.y our Gov.r is well pleasd 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 Reply'd y.t it was too late in ye
year to go down to N. york being [far from - crossed out] Come
a great way but ye next Spring Some of them
Should go to his Ex.cy.

[1-0099] **50**

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian
Affairs in Albany the 9th of Aug.t
1723 [Wraxall has partial summary p. 148]

Present

Coll. Peter Schuyler

Henry Holland

John Collins Esq.^{rs}

Ph: Livingston Com.^{rs}

Joh.s Bleecker

Evt Wendel

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

Brother Corlaer & Quider

Last Summer were here three Gov.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
[Annatseineiin ?] in his Head [and - crossed out] 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
we & our Childrens Children shall follow the
Steps of our Ancestors give a blt of Wampum
Brother Corlaer & Quider

When his Excell.cy our Gov.r & the Gover.r
of Virgin.a & Pensylv.na were here his Excel.y
gave

[100] **50a**

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

* & also to break down the house he made at Jagara on which he made answer [by - crossed out] with a belt of Wampum as a Token that his Excel.y Gov.r Burnet was but a Servant of the King of England & ye Gov. of Canada of the King of ffrance [and - crossed out] that he would acquaint his Master the Gov.r of Canada with the Proposition they Delivered him [and - crossed out] if he Comanded that the house Should be demoli-shed it should forthwith be done

Brother Corlaer & Quider

You told us this Summer yt we did not pform what we had promisd to his Exel.y our Gov.r We thought that the answer from ffrance would come sooner to you then to us for we know the Kings of England & ffrance have a Correspondence

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We have long since Complained to y.o that the ffrench Ind.ns called the Waganhas annoy'd us on our hunting and now they are become as our Brethren & come to trade at this place [and - crossed out] We are now Entirely Recon= ciled with those Ind.ns since they are Entred into the Covenant Chain with us. You are not pleasd that the ffrench have a house at Jagara what they do is for their Interest as our Bre= =thren do among us, and we will not Suffer the french to keep our Land.

* As soon as we came home we told Jean Coeur w.t the Same belt of Wampum we received not to come any more among us nor to make any Settlements on our Land

[1-0101] 51

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We were Desired two years ago by his Excel.y Gov.r Burnet to let the ffrench know that --- might come among us again that we disapprov'd of their coming into our Country & Living on our Land at Jagara or anywhere Else We [hav - crossed out] have given Jean Coeur 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 [y.o]
that Jean Coeur will not take away y.t house
till he has Orders for so doing from the
Gov.r of Canada give a Belt of Wampum

We think it our Duty to acquaint yo
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 psent
at the Treaties w.ch are to be held at Boston
and we have appointed Coll. John Schuyler
to go [along - crossed out] with us and it would likewise
be Convenient that Laurence Should go

Answer made by the Com.rs to the
foregoing Propositions

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

[1-0102] **51a**

pleas'd with Annutseerie who is appointed
instead of the Blewback We hope this
Man [may - crossed out] will follow the Example of his pre=
=decessor for the English Interest and pro=
=sperity of the five nations in general &
that you will appoint other good Men in
the Room of the other Sachims

You tell us that when his Excel.y Gov.r Burnet & the Gov.rs of
Virgn.a & Pennsylv.na were here; he desired you
to tell the ffrench to break down ye house
at Jagara & not to come any more amongst
you that as soon as you went home you
performed the Message and that they an=
swered that they would Send his Excel.y
Belt to the Gov.r of Canada who would
Send it to the [Regent] of France and if
he Order'd them to pull down the House

they would Imediatly do itt, but that his
Excel.y and their Gov.r were both but Serv.ts
to their respective Princes You tell us
further that you sent us this y.r Answer
We must tell you that we never rec'ed their
Answer on that head, but since you now
repeat that their Answer to us and Com=
=plain of their not complying with your De=
=mands, We shall acquaint his Excel.y of it,
who will no Doubt take proper measures
about the Affair

We are glad that the Waganhas are
come into the Covent. Chain and yt. you are
in an Entire friendship w.t them w.ch is
very agreeable to this Governm.t and the
Cleaner and more Open you keep that
path, the more your fidelity & good design

[for]

[1-0103] **52**

for the Service of this Govern.t [will appear - crossed out] and your
own Strength and Security 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'l
Act like wise Men, but we cannot Inter=
=meddle in that affair having no Direc=
tions from his Excel.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 Excel.y our Gov.r with it and known his
pleasure on that head

[1-0105] 53

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian affairs in Albany the 20th
day of August 1723

[See Wraxell p. 148 for partial summary.]

Present

Henry Holland

Peter v. Brugh

Evert Bancker Esq^{rs}

John Collins Com^{rs}

Philip Livingston

Joh.s Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Resolved that the following

Letter be write to his Excel.y W.m Burnet

Esq.r Gov.r of &ct

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 ad=
=vised the Chief Justice Relating y.e tendring
the Oath again to those that have Refus'd
The allowance your Excel.y 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 16.th Instant we reced a Letter from
Lawrence Claese the Interpreter that an
Ind.n from Canada in 22 days Inform'd him
that 20 Eastern Ind.ns were gone out with a
Design to cutt of a Town in N England 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 Stopped by two Men from Boston
who told him the Melancholy news --

as

[1-0106] 53a

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 [ye?] Irish was cut of Scituated about 10
Miles north East from of Town Called
Quaback being the next to Deerfield the
particulars they do not know We sent on
the 10th Instant by these Men s.d Letter to
Show that we did advise them of their
Approaching Danger from ye Savagges

As we have had Sufficient proof of the
many Outrages committed on his Maj.es
Subjects in America by ye Indians thro'
the Insinuations of the ffrench yt are
among them in Canada & do not know
how the Ind.ns may be prevail'd upon to
attaque us and perhaps first ye Block=
house at Mount Burnet wherefor we
humbly propose that his Excel.y 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. Gov.r
Council & Assembly & one of ye Lieut. Gov.r
directed to Coll.s 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.y to Judge what the Ill
Consequence thereof may be In Respect
to this Governm.t [W.th] great Respect
we remain was Sign'd Henry Holland Pet.r v. Brugh
Ev.t Banker John Collins
Ph. Livingston Joh. Ble[ecker]
Evert Wendell

[1-0109] 55

Albany 29th August 1723 [not in Wraxall.]

May it please your Excellency
We take leave to inform yo.r Excellency that
Montour an Ind.n being Sent / by Order of the Late
Lord Viscount Cornbury when Gov.r of ye Province
of N York / in August 1708 to treat with the Ind.ns
of ye far Nations about their Commerce with the

Inhabitants of this Province at the earnest Be
=quest of ye sd Montour the Com.rs of the Ind.n affairs
at Albany brought his Son Michell to ye Reve=
rend Mr. Thomas 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 disoursed
the Sum of fifty five pounds as may appear by
the acco.tts & Vouchers ready to be produced and
it is but Just that he should be Reimbursed
by this Province out os some publick money
in the Treasury Wherefore we humbly hope
your Excel.y will be pleased to take ye Case
of this Gentleman into your wise and Serious
Consideration

[1-0110] **55a**

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

May it please your Excel.y
Yo.r Excel.ys most humble & most
obedient Servants --

Sept. 3d 1723 [Not in Wraxall.]

May it please your Excel.y
Having Just now received the inclosed Letter
from Lawrence Claese the Interpreter with the
Surprising news that the greatest number of
the ffrrench Ind.ns were making themselves ready
to Join with the Eastern Ind.ns to goe out
fighting against N England w.ch we thought
in duty to forward to y.r Excellency without
loss of time a Bloody War is to be feared
with those Savages We lately Examined on[e]
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

[1-0113] **57**

The Gov.r of Canada was Master whether they
should take up the Hatchet or not, that they
were under his Comand & oblidge'd to obey what
he Ordered. He doth Certainly Incourage those
Infidels in their attempts & outrages against

our Brethren & fellow Subjects of N England
their Condition is to be Lamented for an Indian
War is the most barbarous & dangerous we
ever heard off this County having the Smart
thereof in the former War if not timely
Stop'd will be the Ruin of our neighbouring
Government and none can tell what our fate
will be for we dread to be Involv'd into it if
so we are most miserable having no manner of
Defence & lye open to their mercy which is
nothing less then Cruelty

att a meeting the Com.es of Indian affairs in albany in Ev 8.7.1723

[The 7 stands for September.]

having Rec.d Intellingince that 50 Indians are gone from Canada to attempt
[some] of our neighbours in N England Resolved to Send an Express with ye
following letters [not in Wraxall]

Psent

H: Holland

Peter v. Brugh

Ev.t Banker

John Collins

Ph: Livingston

Ev.t Wendell

Com.es

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

Gentlemen

Just now received the Surprising news
that fifty Indians from Canada were about 8 days
ag in the Lake at the Otter Creek w.t 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 ffrontiers 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 murdered and fall
as a prey to those Salvages, and that this
Intelligence

[1-0114] **57a**

Intelligence may be of Service to the Publick
We beg you to Satisfie the bearer [for] this
Trouble and to favour us with what hopes you
have of Concluding a peace with the Eastern
Indians or Subdueing them we are Sorry for
what happened at Northfield & Rutland on
the 13 and 14th past which we Conclude has
been Comitted by that party we advised you
of in our Last the Express we Sent was Stop'd
by one Hezekiah Philips who told us Rutland
was Cutt of and Destroyed --

on his Maj.ys Service
To Coll.s Sam.l Patridge
or any Justice of peace
in N: England

[1-0115] **58** [Brief mention in Wraxall p. 148.]

Albany 12th September 1723

May it please your Excellency

Our last to your Excel.cy was the 3d
Instant Since w.ch we received Intelligence that fifty
Eastern Indians from Canada were gone out fighting
towards N England and that their Design is against
those Settlements bordering on us we Sent Immedi=
=ately on the 6th [8th?] Instant thither an Express to
advise them to be on their guard; By what we
hear the Gov.r of Canada publicly Incourages
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 ffrench King to Assist and
Incourage 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 Ingageing his Indians in this
War, and if our Nations should be Engaged
in our part against them will in Course
Involve this Province in the Same neither

can

[1-0116] **58a**

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 Stopping the Road for the far Indians to this
Province for they will leave no Stone unturn'd
to prevent their coming hither

We Submit to your Excellency whether it would
not be proper to write w.t the other Gov.rs on the
Continent to the Gov.r of Canada to make such
Resentments of his base 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 w.ch is humbly
Submitted to your Excel.ys 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 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Henry Holland

Joh.s Cuyler

Peter van Brugh

Evert Banker

John Collins

Ph: Livingston Com.^{rs} of Indian

Joh.s Bleecker Affairs

Evert Wendell

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
w.ch is supposed they Intend to keep very private It
is thought fitt by this board fitt Ind.ns be sent to Canad[a]
to observe ye motions of those Ind.ns & pswade ye Cachnaw[ages]
& other ffrench Ind.ns not to join w.t the Sd Eastern Ind.ns in
this War their principal Sachims having Engaged to
keep their young Ind.ns at home and not suffer them
to assist the Sd Ind.ns against N England

[1-0117] 59

Att a meeting of ye Com.rs of Ind.n affairs
in Albany the 7th of October 1723
[Wraxall summary p. 148-149.]

Present
Henry Holland
Ev.t Banker
Pet: v Brugh
Jn.o Collins
Ph: Livingston
Ev.t Wendell
Lawrence Claese
Interpreter

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

Brethren

You Just now bid us welcome [said that - crossed out] and said
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 Coll.
Jn.o Schuyler has [it all - crossed out] in writing [of - crossed out] all [the - crossed out]
our transactions
and thought you were throughly acquainted with the
whole affair and that his Excel.y our Gov.r has an
acco.tt of it therefore we desire that [that- crossed out] 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

Com.rs answered

We are sensible you have good memories to retain
and repeat what you have said & Acted at Boston and as you
are great men who Represent yo.r Respective Nations
so we will not give Creditt 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
Coll. Jn.s Schuyler ~~is gone~~ went to Boston without the know=

=ledge of our Gov.r & of this Board so we are not to take
any thing from him relating yo.r Treaties at Boston
but desire you to repeat it to us that his Excel.y our Gov.r
may be acquainted w.t the Truth of yt affair

Answer

Since we find you are Enclin'd to hear from us what we
have done at Boston we Shall Inform you of it as
well as we are able

Brethren

[1-0118] **59a**

Brethren

That in our Journey to Boston before we arriv'd
there several people were murdered by ye Indians
& when we came there the Govern.t offered us the
Hatchett of Warr by a Belt to fight against the
Eastern Indians whereon we took a Consultation
and thought proper to take Coll. Jn.o 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.t of
New York to take up the hatchett of War & then
we all in behalf of our 8 [sic] Nations mutually Con=
=sented to take up each a hatchett of War ag.t
the sd Eastern Ind.ns, He took up one & then we
took up each one / after the Speaker had said
this he was Stop'd and they equivocated that
Coll. Jn.s Schuyler had not taken up the Hatchett of war /
Nevertheless we desired that the Govern.t of
Boston Should acq.t the Kings of great Bri=
=tain and ffrance 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 - crossed out] 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 En=
=clined to go out which we promised & before we
departed from Boston 6 Men of our Nations went
out in 2 Troops ag.t the Sd Ind.ns That when we
go out a fighting we shall be provided w.t ammu=

=nition from Coll. Jn.o 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.t drawn Hen.'k ye Ind.n In=
=form'd this Board yt ye 8 [sic] Nations have not acted any
thing at Boston without the Consent & Approbati=
=on of Coll. John Schuyler

[1-0119] **60**

Co.ll John Stoddard

Albany the 14th October 1723

[Not in Wraxall]

Sir

We have Received yours of the 11th Instant where=
=by 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 dispatch'd 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
Sd Nations were in Town and had Canoes provisions
and Ammunition Ready and Immediately dispatch'd
might probably do some service, but as here are not
about 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 Enter=
prize that it would have no Effect, We hope your
forces may have defated the Enemy we Remain
with Respect Sir

Your humble Servants

was Sign'd

Henry Holland

Joh.s Cuyler

Evert Bancker

Philip Livingston

Evert Wendell

John: Collins

Joh: Bleecker

[1-0120] **60a**

Att a meeting of the Comissioners
of the Ind.n Affairs in Albany the
14th Day of October 1723

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Ph: Livingston
Joh.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell

Esq.rs
Com.rs

Taquajanott one of the Sachims of the Mohoggs
and two young Ind.ns of that Castle being in Town to
whom this board Communicated that they had
rece.d a Letter from N England dated the 11.th Instant
by w.ch 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 num=
ber of the Six Nations together with some of
the River Ind.ns 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 Effectuated that is propounded
in said Letter

The Ind.ns say that they can't give a direct
answer but they are going to their Castles and
will acquaint their people with what this
board told them

[1-0121] 61

Oct.r 19

Albany the 19th: October 1723. [Not in Wraxall.]

May it please Your Excel.y

We have been honoured with your
Excel.y's Letter of the 13.th 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.y will be Convinced that ye Indians
on the 11th Instant did attack two Small forts att
Northfield in N England not far from Rutland
they kill'd 3 or 4 Men and wounded two and were
firing at sd fforts when the Express came away w.ch
are not at above 50 or 60 Miles distante from the Settle=
ments of this County, so that this Ind.n War is
approaching us w.ch creates a terroure in many of
our Planters who are under great apprehensions
of danger, their fears are not without some reason
for the Ind.ns from Canada in the late Wars have
committed several murders & barbarities upon
many of his Majesties Subjects in this County
when there was more dependence [up - crossed out] on our Indians
then there is at present. We are much concerned that
your Excel.y is not pleas'd to agree in our Opinions
we humbly psume to Confirm what we Intimated
in

[1-0122] 61a

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 neighbour=
ing Gover.nt 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

As Coll.o John Schuyler has made so bold a Step
as to take up the hatchett of War against ye Eastern
Ind.ns in behalf of your Excel.y's Govern.t at Boston
as your Excel.y may perceive by the Enclosed minutes
and Confirm'd by several trusty Sachims to be [?]
by w.ch Actions we may be drawn into this terrible

War w.ch is of the greatest Consequence to these Fronteers, and tend to the utter Ruin & Destruction of this County wherein our Lives & Fortunes and what is dear to us is Concern'd what Orders or Directions he may have had we are Strangers to; with all due Regards to your Excellys Sentiment 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 Excell.y that we are Convinc'd that nothing can Ensur these Strain'd Actions of Coll.o John Schuyler but an Indian War in the Bowels of your Excellys Govern.t & begg leave to assure yo.r Excell.y that this Opinion of ours does not proceed from any pussillanimous or manly fears, but from a Just sense of the honour Interest and safety of his Maj.es People & Govern.t under your Excell.y Administration & these Considerations have

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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 Indians having then taken up the hatchett on their own accord that the Indians now say that we not they have made the War

That the French now have their aim in our Indians going to war against the Eastern Indians upon w.ch they are assured as well as we yt the far Indians 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 Indians to Canada to observe the motions of the Indians there that Coll.o Jn.o Schuyler sent two belts w.t those Indians unknown to us at that time will Induce the Eastern Indians to believe yt he & we go hand in hand, it not being Impossible that our Indians may discover that they were with the Com.rs

That Philip Schuyler & John Groesbeeck are gone to Canada [to - crossed out] w.t a pass from the Gov.r of Boston as is Reported to Redeem prisoners, w.t our best respects to your Excell.y we take leave to subscribe our selves

May it please your Excellency

Your Excellys most Obedient & most
humble Servants

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

Joh.s Wendell Joh 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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Att a meeting [of ye Com.rs - crossed out] of ye
Com.es of the Indian Affairs in
Albany the october 1723

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Att a meeting of the Com.es of the
Indian Affairs in Albany the
Nov.r 1723

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Att a meeting of the Com.rs of
the Indian Affairs in Albany
the 17th day of November 1723

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Henry Holland
Johan.s Cuyler
Peter v: Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
Johnn.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell

Com.^{rs}

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 N England And told
them they have given some Relation of it at

their arrival but Lourence 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 Coll.o John Schuyler gave them a
Belt of Wampum to bring the following Message
to the Cachnawage Kanighnoghquadee and
Rondaxis three Indian Castles in Canada to tell
them in the name of the Governmt of New York
& Boston & the Six Nation's desiring them to
lay down the Hatchett of War against N England
to use and Cultivate the Road from Canada
hither 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 arriv'd at Cachnawage the sd Indians
found but three Sachims there to whom they
Comunicated the above Message who told the said
Messengers that the other Sachims were gone a
hunting and their young men were gone to War
w.ch 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 to far advanced they
can

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Can not come now and gave a String of Wampum
w.ch the Messengers have delivered to Coll. John
Schuyler

Att a meeting of ye Com.rs of the
Indian Affairs in Albany the
18th day of Novem.r 1723 [Wraxall brief summary p. 149.]

Present

Henry Holland

John.s Cuyler

Pieter v Brugh Com.^{rs}

Evert Bancker

Philip Livingston

Johan.s Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Whereas this Board is Credibly Informd
that the ffrench at Canada or the Indians in Alliance
with them are in Actual War with our friends and

Brethren in N England 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 Eastren Indians for carrying on the s.d 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 Maj.es Subjects of N England and be a motive to draw the Sd far Ind.ns from trading w.t the Inhabitants of this Province w.ch has been Endeavour'd to be promoted at a Considerar=ble Expen=ce of the publick This board are therefore of Opinion that Lourence Claese the Interpreter be forthwith dispatch'd with a Belt of Wampum to the Sinnekes Country & there to get two trusty Indians to go to the far Ind.ns w.t a Message as mention'd in his Instructions here underwritten

By the Com.rs of the Ind.n Affairs at Albany
Instructions for Lourence Claese the Interpre=
=ter to the Sinnekes Country

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

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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 N England w.ch we have
good Grounds to give Credit to and may be of dan=
gerous Consequence to his Majesties Subjects
in those parts

You are therefore hereby Required & Com=
=manded to go from hence w.t all Speed to the
Sinnekes Country taking for your assistance
& Company a trusty Indian from the Mohoggs
Country who shall be paid by us

Att your arrival at the Sinnekes Country you
are to acquaint the Sachims there or as many
as you know to be true to his Maj.es Interest
that you are sent by us who represent his Excel.y

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 [illeg. crossed out] next Spring to assist the Eastern Ind.ns in the War against our Brethren of N England that you have a Belt of Wampum w.ch 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 and to acquaint them w.t the above Intelligence adding that as they [are - crossed out] have Ingrafted and made themselves a Nation to the other Six they are Esteem'd 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 Manufactury fitt for their use; and that Goods are more plenty

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plenty & Cheaper now then Ever they had them we having had good success this last Summer & several Ships from Europe laden w.t Goods

That we have an Entire peace here and that the unfortunate War between our Brethren of N England and the Eastern Ind.ns will soon be laid aside & a [solid?] peace Concluded the Gov.r of Canada having sent Messengers / who are gone through this City / to Boston w.t orders to make a peace in behalf of the Eastern Ind.ns So that the said far Nations may be assur'd yt the Road from their several abodes throug the Six Nations will always be kept clean & 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 sd two Messengers to pswade as many of the sd 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 pd. for their Departure from the Sinnekes Country Given under our hands in

Albany this 18th of November in the tenth year
of his Maj.es Reign A.o D.o 1723

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

[1-0130] **65a** [See Wraxall's very biased account p. 149 including fn.]
Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the Ind.
Affairs in Albany y.e 21th day of nov. 1723

psent
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
E. Banker
Ph: Livingston
John Bleecker
Joh.s Wendell
E. Wendell

The Commis.rs haveing on the 30th ultimo desird
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 Surprizd 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 - crossed out]
at Schaahkook under whose Shadow you promisd 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 yt. tree of frindship

We are Informed by Indians who we sent to
Canada to observe y.e motions of ye french & Indians there
that they mett ten Indians and Eight Squas of your nation
in the Lake going thither we want to know what
mov'd them to Leave their Native Country, we propose yt you
do Joyn with us in sending for them & 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 livd
[amicable together and did Eatt of one meat when we had
cut one slice we handed the knife over to them to Eat,
we do Still presist to do the like with you and are Resolved

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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 beleeeve that if the Gov.r of Canada Invites us to go &
Live there & would give us Land we Should not go but
Stay here in this plentiful Country --

Our Nation that did Live & Shelter themselves under
the tree of peace & of frindship at Schaahkook were very numerous but
are now few in number. we have brought you Some
vinison the fruits of our plentiful Country as a present wch
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 fitch back those who are gone to Live thither we cant
give you an answer to that a[t] psent but Refer it till
to morrow morning.

Albany ye 22.d novembr 1723

The Schaahkook Indians answer to the Com.rs -

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 Saraghtogue
and do think that it will be but fruitless to send for ym.

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

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As we have but litle Land at Schaahkook we do
propose that part of our number shall live there and
part at Sinchijack where is good Land & a plentiful
Country for [g--- - crossed out] hunting give a String of wampum

We have some of our arms & hatchett here that are
out of repair which we desire ye fathers to gett Repaired
for us to Enable us to go ahunting gave a String of
wampum

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

The Com.es answerd

We have heard your Speach 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. nanratakieta
aspenoot, Wapelanrie, Kakaghsanreet, 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 proper that nansasant 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
forgiven

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 ye Comforts of the Shadow of the tree of
peace & frindship. you may do your pleasure to setle part
of your people at Sinkhajick for [your - crossed out?] better hunting

We Shall order your guns & hatchetts to be mended & do Return
you thanks for the psent of vinison. to Enable you to hunt
for your Selves we give you 20 ld powder 40 ld Lead a Barl
Strong beer a keg with Rum to drink the King's health [& a keg - crossed out] for Each of

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[the sachims a Shirt and for ye old Sachim nanratakelam
a Blanket & one d.o for Waleghlanret]

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Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of
the Indian Affairs in Albany the
7th day of January 1723/4 [not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

Joh.s Cuyler

Peter v Brugh Com.^{rs}

Philip Livingston

John Collins

Joh.s Bleeker

Evert Wendell

Lourence Claese the Interpreter being
returned from the Indian Country where he
went by Order of this board pursuant to his
Instructions dated the 18 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 Communicated to
them his Message / as he also did to ye Sachims
of the other Nations in his going thither / who
Consulted several days before they gave an
Answer and then said they returned the [sd]
Com.rs thanks for the Message he brought
to be sent to the far Ind.ns that they have
for some time had bad suspicion that the french
would Use all artefices to prevent those
Indians Coming to trade with the Inhabitants of this province
and Could give no Credit that the ffrench
[illeg - crossed out] would to have them come to Canada in
the Spring to assist the Eastern Ind.ns
against N England since they are alone
able to keep them in alarm; but think
that

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

That on the 23.d Decem.r three of the prin
cipal Sachims of the Sinnekes accepted to
go to the far Nations & added six belts of

Wampum to the belt delivered them alleadg
ing one was not Enough there being several
Nations to speak with to bring the Message
delivered them by Lowrence [Claese - crossed out] to the
far Indians and to come down w.t a great Num
=ber of them Early next Spring to Albany
and would meet Cap.t 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 Sinnekes Country to
Montreal & promis'd to come there again
early the next Spring to build a house at
Therondequat by Consent of the Indians
& a small fort

Albany the 7th Jan.ry 1723/4 [not in Wraxall]
May it please your Excel.y

We have not much to add to our last of
the 19.th October which we hope your Excel.y has
received, only that we thought fitt for his Maj.es
service to send Lowrence Claese with a
Message to the Sinnekes Country & your Excel.y
will perceive by the Enclosed Instruction
he returned to day & delivered his Messages
as appears by the minutes here with

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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 ffrech Ind.n taken from
Virginia belonging to one Cap.t [H]icks who was
here w.t Coll. Spottswood & has suffered by them
formerly the Charges am.ts to £ 5:16.--
which we hope will be p.d on his delivery 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

Pieter van Brugh
Joh.s bleecker
Ph: Livingston
Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Evert Wendell

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Ind.n Affairs
the 14th Day of ffebruary 1723/4 [not in Wraxall]

Present
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Banker Esq.^{rs}
John Collins
John Bleeker
Evert Wendell

This day came before us Schonondoe one of the
Sachims of Cogneuagah 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.tt as they term'd it That they had
news that the Ottowawas had a design to fall upon
the five Nations who answered them that he was
Entirely

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Entirely Ignorant of any such design, but advised
them to go to Mons.r Vandeuil at Quebeck to
Inform themselves further, but when they arriv'd
there he declared also he had heard of no such
thing Nevertheless the great world told M.sre
Vandreiuil that he suspected the Wagonhas, [and - crossed out]
design'd to stop their path thro' the five Nations
to Albany Upon which the Gov.r of Canada told
him he heartily thank'd him & hop'd he would
keep his word, which performed he should Em=
=brace 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 Schonondos
Return, Now send to the Cognewaghas Schawenedis
Erimdax & Schosowanaho three belts of Wampum
desiring them to lay down the hatchett against
N England 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 N England were our Brethren & under the same
Crown, that if the hatchett was not now layd down
against N England, 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 / w.t
Orders may be sent from King George to that
purpose. That we wonder how they can be assist
=ing 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

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That soon after they lay'd down the hatchet at
this place before the Com.rs and the five Nations
last Sumer, they went to N England & Comitted [fresh]
Insults & murders on the subjects of that Country
We desired them to Consider the Strict allyance
and friendship w.ch is between the two Crowns of
England & ffrance who are in a profound peace and
cannot approve of either of their subjects being
murthered in such a barbarous manner
then Schonondoe told us he was rightly possessed
of our meaning & would use his utmost Endeavour
to bring it to good Effect & would bring us our
answer in the Spring
He told us at the same time that he desired he should
not be named as giving an acc.tt of the great World's
designs being a matter of moment, and what he has
discovered is out of a particular friendship for
this Government

Before he went from hence he desired a Gen.t of
this Board to Inform us that he was assured the

Sachims 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 N England last fall therefor
desires the path hither may be clear that they
may come free from any Danger of the N England
partys & that your Excel.y would acq.t the Gov.r of
Boston of it that they may not be destroyed
on their Journey design'd to a good End.

Albany the 24th ffeb.ry 1723/4 [not in Wraxall]

May it please your Excellency

We are honour'd with your Excel.ys Letter
of the 27.th Ultimo it is acceptable to us that your
Exc.y is pleased we sent Lowrence Claese to the
Sinnekes to dispatch Messengers to Invite the far
Ind.ns We are Concerned to see your Ex.y supposes we
should

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Should have given private Instructions to pswade
the Indians not to let their young men go to the
Assistance of Boston Governt. 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.ns 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.ns are much Influenced by the
ffrench, the method your Ex.cy proposed to break
the ffrench making a ffort at Theorondequat
we are humbly of Opinion will not take Effect
We wish your Ex.cy will be pleas'd to pass more
favourable Constructions on our Actions and
behaviour in the publick Affairs, which we endea:
=vour as much as we are able for the publick welfare
and the Safety of his Maj.es Subjects, the Intelligence
we Sent your Ex.cy the 10 October last may yet prove
true. Since the Eastren Ind.ns make it their Interest
daily to draw off our Schaahkook Ind.ns over to them,
we Should be glad that the pannick frights of the
farmers of this County could be removed by having
sufficient fortifications on these fronteers for
the Safety of themSelves & families in case of a
Rupture wt the Ind.ns 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 sent your Ex.cy copy of our minutes, this
day we received a Letter from Cap.t Verplank --
wherein he tells us that six far Ind.ns 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
Acc.tt that 50 ffrench are to lye in the Cadarachqui
Lake

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

May it please your Excel.cy
Your Excellencies most humbel & most obedient Servants

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

[P:] S
Mr Hend Hansen depart in
this life on ye 17.th Instant & Coll.
Peter Schuyler on ye 18 D.º

Att a meeting of the Commissioners of
the Indian Affairs in Albany this 25th
day of february 1723/4 [Wraxall p. 150]

Present
Henry Holland
Johans Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker } Esq.rs Commrs.
Ph. Livingston
John Bleecker
Evert Wendell

This Board being Credibly Informed that Some persons
either from the Government of the Massatuchsetts Bay or
Connecticut are at present in Kinderhook in the County
of Albany who have Sent for and mett with Severall

Indians in order to purchase Land contrary to the
Severall Proclamations from his Exc.y William Burnet
Esq. Capt. Gen.l & Govern.r in Chiefe of the province of new
york etc. in Councill that no person or persons within the
said City & County presume to treat or negotiate with any
native owner of any Lands within the said Province without
Lycence from his S.d Ex.ly in Councill.

Resolved that awarrant be Issued by Some Justices
of ye peace within this City & County to Cause the Persons
acting Contrary to the above proclamation to answer
what on this behalf shall be objected against them.

[0142] **71a** [Wraxall p. 150 gives the date as May 4, 1724. Like this mss., he has a gap
between Feb. 25 and May 4]

Att a meeting of ye Comrs of ye
Indian affairs in albany 11 day
of may 1724

Present

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

John Collins

Ph: Livingston } Comrs.

Joh.s Bleecker

Evt. Wendell

Canakadrichha and Sagonadayane two principall Sachims of the Sinnekes
appeard before this meeting give ye following account

That last fall the Sachims of onnondago 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 - crossed out] that they will kill some of their people either on their
hunting or fishing places, in Case Such open acts of ---
hostillities Should be Comitted 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 Senceless & 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 Entrance of Cadaraghqua
Lake. then you will be at Ease and free from all assaults
you apprehend from ye far Indians. and then y.t y'e come
hither as usuall. and gave ye s.d messenger a belt
of wampum to [y.r - crossed out] Carry to their country to desire ye Consent

of ye five nations for building ye sd. forts.

That on a Sumonce of a publick meeting to be had at onnondage 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 Cayouge (the onneydes & maquas being absent) took in Consideration & reminded how deceitfull the french of Canada have been to them

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when they were yet in their Infancy and ever since. what advances & opportunities they have taken and y.t they are not to be trusted now, It was Resolved by ye s.d Sachims that ye. belt of wampum Should be Returnd to ye Gov.r of canada and that he Should not be admitted to build or make any Settlement on any [of their -- crossed out] Land belonging to ye five Nations. [and -- crossed out] yt he be told, not to use any means to prevent or hinder any of the upper nations in their passage thor ye 5 nations to Albany. and if he had any thing to propose [illeg] Concerning makeing of forts or Settlements he should apply to their Governour & Brother Corlaer [illeg.] who could Give him a proper answer on this Subject

That is [it] was Concluded at s.d meeting in onnondaga that messengers Should be dispatchd to Canada in behalf of ye 5 nations with the s.d belt of wampum (and are to meet one another at ye 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. oneydes & [onnondages - crossed out] Maquase, who approve of what the other nations have done in this affair and Returnd y.r thanks. ---

The s.d two Sachims ad yt _ [illeg. crossed out] Some french men in a Canoe went up early this Spring who were seen by some of their people at Jagara. they Confirmed the news Received from hence that JeanCoeur was to go up with 50 men to build a fort there --

That as ye s.d two Sachims came from their Castle they heard news of ye messengers who were Sent last winter by order of the Com.rs 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 ym. as they were makeing a Canoe. So yt. they would be at home in a few days

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days, that they had Spoaken to Severall nations of ye.

far Indians with ye. belts of wampum & goods Sent ym.
and those they had added. but could not hear what
number of far Indians were to come. that they were
all orderd by mess.r Fontie 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 agreat number
of ye. sd. far nations) the sd. Sachims Desire to [Some] of our
number may go to their Country to hear this message
and Enquire what Jeancour is going to do with ye 50 men

The Com.rs Returnd ye s.d two Sachims
thanks for their fidelity in giveing ye foregoing acct --
wh. they think will be pleaseing to his Ex.cy our
Gov.r & 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.r of
Canada. and yt they denyd him to build on their
Land. wh. he Intents for no other purpose yn to debow [debauch?]
them of their hunting & keep ye far Indians from
them. by yt mean's to keep [you - crossed out] them poor and at last
when he Sees a fitt oppertunity to drive you into ye sea
they were given Each a Blanket Strowds a Shirt & a [hatt]
& a Small keg with Rum.

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Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of the
Ind.n Affairs in Albany the 29th day
of May 1724 [Not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

Peter v Brugh

Ev.t Bancker

John Collins

Ph: Livingston } Comrs.

Johs Wendell

Johs. Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Two Ind.ns one from Cachnawage and the
other from Skawiennadie Say by Seven hands of
Wampum wch. they Show as a Token to be sent
as Messengers from the Sd Ind.ns to make the
following Speech

That the Governmt. of ~~Boston~~ N England
have desired to Speak wt. 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 psent to hear what propositions
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

this Last Winter we sent [blank space] 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 N England, It is very agreeable
to us that the Gentlemen of N England have
desired to meet yo.r sachims here to treat of
some publick Affiars, We are glad that
Some Gentlemen from N England are now in
Town and as we Suppose are Sent on purpose

to make some Propositions to yo.r Sachims
As our Gov.re knows not of this meeting We
Can't 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 1724

[not in Wraxall]

May it please your Excel.y

We presume your Excl.y has been Informed
that some time since three Gentlemen arriv'd
here from N England wt. Directions from that
Governmt. as we Suppose to treat wt. the
Cachnawage Ind.ns to whom Coll. John Schuyler
sent a Belt of Wampum last fall to be here
this Spring wt. an Intent to engage them to Stay
at home & not to Join wt. the Eastren Indians
ag.t our Neighbors [blank space] at the arrival
of sd Gentlemen were here three Ind.ns from
Canada wt a Message that the Cachnawage
Sachims were to be here in a few days and
desired that the Sachims of ye five Nations
might be present at ye meeting on which
a Messenger has been dispatched by them to
Invite them hither Inclosed we send your
Excel.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 rece.d an Acco.tt tha a party
of Seven Cachnawage Ind.ns were 13 days since
at the Otter Creek in the Lake w.t an Intent
to go Skulking to N England & yt sev.ll parties
of ye Eastren Ind.ns are out we could wish this
dangerous War could be brought to a happy
Conclusion

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Att a meetting of the Com.rs of ye Ind.n
Affairs in Albany the [18th] day of
June 1724 [Wraxall p. 151]

Present

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

John Collins Esqrs

Philip Livingston Com.rs

Joh. Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Interpreted by Lawrence Claese

The Deputed Sachims from four several
Nations living in Canada called Cachnawages Sha=
=wiennadies Adrerondax & Skightquan appeared
before this meeting and by their Speaker named
Cachnarodie made the following Proposition

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 [illeg. crossed out] habitations to this place
we Confess that we have taken up the hatchett of
War ag.t the People of N England 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
wt. the five Nations and the Governmt. of N England
have taken the Hatchett of war in hand against
us and the Eastren Ind.ns which We desire you
in like manner to bury wt. us

You informed us by the sd Belts that it was
very disagreeable whilst the two Crowns of great
Britain & france are in a firm alliance & good
agreement [illeg. crossed out] w.t each other that the people
under their Subjection should wage War aga.st
each other, We are of the same Opinion & come
now

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Now & promise solemnly for our four Nations to

to Stop up the path to N England and desire yt
both hatchets may be buried in everlasting obli=
=vion and that it may be thrown in a swift Curr.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 Governmt. of Boston to take the hatchett
of Warr out of our hands w.ch the Eastren 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 ye Ind.ns Inhabiting at St. Francois
as you did us to lay down the hatchett of War
w.ch was Communicated unto them by [the - crossed out] your Belts
to w.ch they Replied that our four Nations
might act in this Affair as they should con=
=ceive 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
Veaudruil bid us to tell you that as soon as ye Ind.n
prisoners at Boston are at Liberty he will on
his Word of honour Comand the Eastren Ind.ns to lay
down the hatchet & make peace w.t the People of
N England

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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 Eastren Ind.ns in
those belts some of their Sachims would have been
here w.t us to treat of a Peace [crossed out: then said they
had done 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 Mon=
=treal we recd. Intelligence that some Ind.ns living
near Quebeck were preparing themselves to
go out to war ag.t the English at the Eastward
on w.ch it was Concluded to send the prin.tt Sachim
of Skawinnadie to those Ind.ns who was dispat=
=ched to order them to stay at home till we should return

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

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Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Indian affairs in Albany y.e 20th day of
June 1724 [not in Wraxall]

Resolved that a Letter be writ to his Excellency
w.h is as follows

Albany the 20 June 1724

May it Please your Excelley
our Last to your Ex.ly was on y.e 12.th Instant Since wh--
the Sachims of four Several nations Setled at Canada
arrived here who on the 18.th Instant made a proposition
minutes whereof are here inclosed by which appears yt. the
belts we sent Last winter to those nations had a good
Effect. it Seems they are inclined to make peace or be
neuter, w.h we Suppose is as much as the Boston Comrs
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 Coll John Schuyler
& Coll. Stoddard to Cultivate a good understanding with
this Board. we have given ye last firm assurance that we
Shall not be wanting in any thing for Effecting a good &
Solid peace with the eastren Indians, to w.h the Govern.t
of Boston are now more Inclind then 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 y.e
Indian Complaints made against the traders who defrayd
them in their trade we wish [sic], we could be Impowerd
to Compell any Christians against whom any Complaint
is made to purge themselves on oath whether Such
Complaint be true that y.ee 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 y.r Ex.ly
that we Conceive it would be
of great Service that we were
Enabled to take Cognisance of all
Reports Spread among ye Indians
detrimental to the [hon.r] & Interests
of ye governm.t and yt ye Delinquents
may be oblidgd to purge themselves as above

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of ye
Indian affairs in albany y.e 23th day
of June 1724
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

Peter v Brugh

Evert Bancker } Esq.rs

John Collins } Com.rs

Ph: Livingston

Ev.t Wendell

The Sachims of Cachnawage having desired to
meet this Board when Conveen'd 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 dead son is
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 a mother to part with

her Child but to Show our Regard for you we
have prevail'd 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 Com.rs Answer

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

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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

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of Ind.
Affairs in Albany the 26th day
of June 1724
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

Peter v Brugh

Evert Bancker

John Collins } Esqrs

Philip Livingston } Com.rs

Evert Wendell

Hend.k Renselaer

David van Dyck

The Com.rs answer to the Cachnawage
Shawiennadies Adirondax & Skightquan Sachims

Brethren

We return you thanks that at our Instance
you have laid down the Hatchett of War against our
Brethren of N England w.ch the Eastren Ind.ns had
given you, It is Certainly for your Interest to main=
=tain 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 N England, and as long as you keep
these promises you shall always be kindly accept[ed]
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 Accord, As for our taking the hatchet from
our Brethren of N England & the [froze] Nations
is what can't be done at this time, Since fresh Inhu=
=mane Murders have been lately Comitted there

But

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But we promise to use our best Endeavour to be
Medeators to End this War. We expect that you
are sincere in your Engagemt. in laying down the
Hatchet against our Brethren of N England
and that the same may be buried in Everlasting
Oblivion

The Ind.ns Inhabiting at St. Francois we Esteem'd
as part of the Eastren Ind.ns We are Concern'd that they
have not delegated some of their Sachems to Con=
=clude a Setled & Lasting Peace. And as they have
Impower'd you to Act as you Judge for the best
of you all We expect yowl 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 N England should sett them at
Liberty till the peace be actually Concluded
And its surprising to us that Gov.r Vaudrill should
Encourage the Ind.ns in that Demand & sending
an Errand by you & giving his Word of honour that if
the Sd Hostages were delivered he would comand
the Eastren Ind.ns to be at Peace & lay down the
Hatchett

It Concerns us that while you came on
purpose to lay down the hatchet yt that treacherous
felon Skononda wt. six other Ind.ns went out from
Cachnawaga to fight toward N England and has
since as we are Informed Comitted fresh hostilities
We Expect you'll show your utmost Resentment
of this base Act, and that at your Return
home you'l 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

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We return you thanks that before your
Departure from Montreal you dispatched a

Sachim of Skawinnadie to prevent the Quebeck
Ind.ns from going a fighting against our Bre=
thren of N England

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 Inticeing 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 maintain'd between Us

The Sachims answer'd that we shall discoun
=tenance our young Men [in their Conference? - crossed out]
from debauching or Enticing Negro Slaves
to Run to Canada that Schononda with his
party went a fighting ag.t their Order and
Resolution of all the Sachims

Then the Comrs 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
Sachims of the five Nations & yo.r several
tribes now here Then they gave four [Shouts]
in Confirmation of what has been transacted
at this Meeting

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Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of the
Ind.n Affairs in Albany the 28th day
of June 1724 -- [not in Wraxall]

Present
Henry Holland
Evert Banker
John Collins
Ph: Livingston } Com.rs
Joh.s Wendell
Joh.s Bleecker
Ev.t Wendell
David van Dyck

The Delegated Sachims of the Sinnekes being
arriv'd, it was Judg'd necessary to acquaint them and

the Sachims of the other five Nations with the Message
Sent from hence last Winter by three belts of Wampum
to the Cachnawage, Schawinnadies, Adierondax, and
Skaghquan Indians in Relation to lay down the hatchett
they had taken up
against our Brethren of N England which was
Repeated to them as also their Answer and the
Com.rs Reply thereto, w.ch being done it was told them
that they have now heard how this Board has Acted
to make a Solid and firm Peace

The Sachims of the Six Nations by their Speaker
named Thannoghsaront Said Brethren We return
you our thanks for your unwearied Endeavours in pro=
=moting a good Understanding between our Brethren
of N England and the sd. four Nations to bring the Eastren
Indians to terms of Peace and put an End to that War

Att a Meeting

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Att a Meeting of ye Com.rs of ye Ind.
Affairs in Albany [pr.mo?] July 1724 [probably Wraxall
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Present

Henry Holland

E.t Bancker

Ph: Livingston

Joh.s Bleecker } Com.rs

Joh.s Wendell

Hend.k Renselaer

David v. Dyck

The Com.rs having propos'd to the Com.r
now here appointed by the Govern.t of the Massa=
=chusetts Bay to have a private Conference with
the Sachims of the Six Nations to Endeavour to
prevail with them to Send one Sachim of Each of their
Nations [Sachims - crossed out] to the Eastren Ind.ns to bring them to
terms of Peace w.t our Brethren of N England
w.ch being approv'd by the s.d Com.rs [on wh.ch - crossed out] this Board
made the following Speech to them

Brethren

We heard your Proposition to the Cachnawage
and other Sachims living at Canada & their Answer
but Can't understand that any thing has been yet

transacted to bring an End to the War the Eastren
Ind.ns have so unjustly Engaged & taken in hand
against our Brethren of N England, 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.tt [Gen.ll?] 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 Governmt
of the Massachusetts Bay that you send one
Sachim of Each of your several Nations to those
Eastren Ind.ns w.t positive Orders that they forth=
=with come to Terms of Peace & Submission
w.t

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with that Governm.t & dispatch Expresses to their
several Schulking parties on the ffrontiers at
N England to return home without Comitting
any further Acts of hostility, and that they
appoint Sachims to go w.t you to Boston to Con=
=clude this Peace in the best manner it can
be done that you be Witneses thereto & Engage
to be Guarantees for them and in Case they
do refuse to Comply w.t this your Reasonable
Request to Compose this Matter, that you do
plainly tell them that you will Compel them
to come to terms of Peace w.t Sword in hand
The Answer of the Sachims of the Six Nations to
the Com.rs [which - crossed out] being delitory & not Satisfactory
[to which - crossed out] a Reply was made and after they had
a Consultation they Return'd & Said

Brother Corlaer

We have heard & Deliberately Considered of
your Proposal made to us this morning that
afterwards According to our [Manner - crossed out] Custom we have made
Propositions to the Sachims of Cachnawage
and others now here from Canada and thought
every thing would be brought to a happy Con=
=clusion 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 vigo=
=rously Carried on by the Eastren Ind.ns against [our]
Brethren of N England and for that purpose have
appointed three of our most able Men to perform
that

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That Message named Tarighjoris Jacob, alias
Adatsondie, & Assredowax, 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

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of the
Ind.n Affairs in Albany the 2.d
day of July 1724
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Peter v. Brugh

Evert Bancker

Ph: Livingston

Joh.s Bleecker } Com.rs

Joh.s Wendell

Ev.t Wendell

Hend.k Renselaer

David v Dyck

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
appear'd before the Com.rs give the following
Account.

That they have undertaken to perform
the Message delivered unto them by Lawrence
Claese w.t much fatigue in their Journey arri=
=ved at a Settlement of the far Ind.ns called by
them [blank in original] to whom they delivered
their Message by the belt given them, that
they desired them not to hearken to ye ffrench
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 - crossed out] that Settlement they pro=
=ceeded to five other Nations, but having but

one belt they added five others & Spoke to
them to the same Effect [~~& - crossed out~~] who promis'd 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 Indns who never had been
here before came in Company with them
who were Stopt by five Canoes with young Men
[~~who - crossed out~~] that mett them Just about the Palatines
Land at the ffalls, 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 ---

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Albany 6 July 1724 [not in Wraxall]

Sir

We come to acknowledge Receipt of your honours
favours of the 9th and 27.th past, w.ch we should answered
ere now, had we not been prevented partly by our not
knowing when your Com.rs dispatched Expresses to you
and the uncertain Circumstances of the Critical
Affair, that has been transacted w.t 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.y Gov.r Burnet
in Council with much freedom and readiness to put
an End to the Dangerous War the Eastren Ind.ns have
Commenced against his Majesties Subjects under your
Governm.t The Sachims of Cachnawage & others
having Confirm'd their Engagement made to us, to
your Com.rs 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.t the Eastren Indians
of which w.t many Arguments we Convinced them
of that unreasonable Demand & Insinuation, and
in a Conference w.t 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 Messen=
gers to the Eastren Ind.ns with positive Orders that
they forthwith come to terms of Peace & Submission
with

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with your Governm.t & dispatch Expresses to their
several sculking parties on your ffronteers to return
home without Comitting further Acts of hostilities
that they appoint Sachims to go w.t 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 w.t this their Reasonable Demands
to compose this matter that they do plainly tell
them that they will Compel them to come to
terms of Peace w.t sword in hand, w.ch 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 Eastren
Ind.ns into terms of Submission and Peace with
your Governm.t and in failure thereof / w.ch God forbid /
We shall observe such Orders as we shall from time
to time receive from his Exc.y our Gov.r w.t respect
we remain

Sir

was Sign'd Your most humble and
most obedient Servants
Pieter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
Evert Wendell
Hend.r van Renselaer
Dav.d V: Dyck

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Albany ye 6th July 1724 [not in Wraxall]

May it please your Excel.y

We have been honoured with your Excel.y's favours of
the 20.th past and the Copy of the Instructions from
Gov.r Dummer to his Comrs 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 Sachims
of the Six Nations to no other Conclusion but to send
Deputies to the Eastren Ind.ns to Comand them to be
at Peace and to send Sachims with them to
Boston to Conclude it as may appear by our Minutes
and Letter to Gov.r Dummer here [in - crossed out] Enclosed

Cap.t Holland went from hence a few days agoe
with whom we sent the Negro Boy belonging to Cap.t
Hicks of Virgin.a M.r Ph: Livingston tender'd the
£ 6:- for his Charges but it being augmented since
the Acco.tt sent down w.ch we desir'd Cap.t Holland to
receive from your Excel.y as also the Charges laid out
on the Ind.n Prisoner from Virgin.a we redeem'd

Here have been no far Ind.ns since last April those that
Intend to come are Stop'd 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 w.t great Respect

Evert Wendell
Hend.r van Renselaer
Dav.d V. Dyck

May it please y.r Excel.y
Your Excel.y's most humble
and most obedient Serv.ts
Pieter v Brugh
Evert Bancker
Phil: Livingston

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Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Ind.n Affairs in Albany the 14th
day of July 1724 --- [Wraxall p. 152]

Present

Peter v:Brugh

Ph: Livingston

Joh.s Bleecker } Esq.rs

Ev.t Wendell } Com.rs

Hen.k Renselaer

David v Dyck

Several far Ind.ns being arriv'd at this
City appear'd 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 ffrench have us'd their

Endeavours to prevent them Coming here but they
would not hearken to them therefore desire
they may be pity'd & have Goods Cheap

The ffrench told them to go to Canada and
not to this place for they would Certainly be
poison'd here but we have taken no notice
of what they Say, but they have prevail'd
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 neighbouring
nations, and they do now in like manner bury
Coll.o Schuyler for w.ch they lay down a few drest
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 ye 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 - crossed out] are Come a great Journey and
have undergone a great fatigue & are poor
and

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and Lean therefore desire a Supply of
Provisions. --

The Com.rs told them they should
provide for them and give them an Answer
tomorrow. ----

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of
the Ind.n Affairs in Albany the
15.th day of July 1724 ---
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Evert Banker

Ph: Livingston

Joh.s Bleecker

Ev.t Wendell

Hend.k Renselaer

David v Dyck

} Esq.rs

Com.rs

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 endeavour'd 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 assur'd 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 poison'd 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 Encou=
=rage all the upper Nations who are Enter'd in
the Covenant w.t this Governm.t to come to trade
with the Inhabitants of this Province you
may be assur'd that the path from your several
habitations shall be open and free for you to pass
and repass as you shall have Occasion It con=
=cerns 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 w.t
the plenty of goods you will be able to show
them, and they sad for the skarcity they
have bought at Canada

It is acceptable to us that you have accord=
=ing to your ancient Custom bury'd Coll.o 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 reception here as if he was
alive gave them a fat Cow 3 L Bread
10 Blankets Strowds 21 gall Rhum pipes

and tobacco

They return'd the Com.rs thanks for the
Present.---

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Att a meeting of ye Commissioners
of the Ind: affairs in Albany
ye 4th day of august 1724 [not in Wraxall]

p.snt
Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Peter van Brugh }
Ph Livingston
Evert Wendell
Dav.d v Dyck

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

Instructions for Lawrence Claese ye Interpreter
Whereas his Excellency William Burnet Esq.r Cap.t Gen.ll
and Gov.r in Chief of the Provinces of N York &.as has signified
unto us by a Letter dated the 25th day of July Last that
he has fix'd on the tenth day of September to meet the
Sachims of the Six nations at this place, and has order'd
us to dispatch you to them, Wherefore we do by his
Excellency's directions Require and Comand you
forthwith to go through all the Six Nations to
acquaint them that his Excellency will meet their
Sachims here, on the sd 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 ye last
and use your utmost endeavour to be here w.t the
s.d Sachims at the day prefixed and hereof you are
in no wise to omitt at your peril Given under
our hands his fourth day of August in the
Eleventh year of his Maj.es Reign A.o D.o 1724--

was Sign'd Henry Holland
Joh:s Cuyler
Pieter van Brugh
Philip Livingston
Evert Wendell
Dav.d vandyck

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Att a meeting of the [Indian]
Commissioners of the Indian
affairs in albany ye. 07th day of
aug.th 1724
[Wraxall p. 152]

Present
Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
[Ph: Livingston - crossed out]
Johns. Bleecker } Esq.rs Com.rs
John Collin
Evert Wendell
Dav.d van Dyck

This day came here seven of the Kenondadies Say
they have no news. but come on account of trade
that by the way they heard of Coll.o 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 dearskins two Cubs two beaver & alap
and five Raceowns to burry them

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Indian affairs in Albany the 15th
day of august 1724

Present
Henry Holland
Johans Cuyler
Ph: Livingston
John Collins
Evert [Bancker - crossed out] Wendell
Dav.d v. Dyck

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[0172] **85a**

Att a meeting of the Comrs of the
Indian affairs in Albany ye. 16th day
of aug.st 1724
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

Ph: Livingston } Esq.rs Comrs.

John Collins

Evert Wendell

Hend: van Renselaer

Dav.d van Dyck

Jacob the Indian and other messengers

Sent by the Sachims of the Sic Nations to the

Eastren Indians being returnd. Give the following ---

Relation

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Att a meeting of the Comrs. of the
Indian affairs in albany the 17.th day
of august 1724
[Wraxall p. 152]

Present

Henry Holland

John Cuyler

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

Philip Livingston } Esq.rs Comrs --

John Collins

Evert wendell

Johs. wendell

Hendrick van Renselaer

Dav.d van Dyck

Whereas it is thought very necessary
for the publick Safety and welfare of his Maj.es
Subjects that the Indians Lately deserted from Schaahkook
and places adjacent to a place on the north end of Corlaers
Lake Called Missiesqueck 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 frinds
and be out of the way to be Inticd of doing mischief
to our neighbours. and Strenthen our fronteers.

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 Employed to dispatch ye.
messengers who at their Return Shall be pd. for their
trouble.

Johannis Cuyler Philip Livingston Evert Wendell
Abraham Cuyler Nicolas Bleecker Gerrit Roseboom
& Robt. Roseboom were tenderd ye. oath mentiond in
an act of Gen.l assembly of the Province of new york --
Entituled an act for the further & more Effectuall prohibiteing
the Selling Indian goods to the french who Severally took
the Same

It is also tenderd unto John Schuyler but he
Refureing [refusing?] whereon an Execution was Issued directed to ye
Sherrif of the City & County of albany for Levying the
forfeiture of one hundred pounds pursuant to the directions
by the sd. act --

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[Page 87 through the first part of page 96a contain the records of a conference between Governor Burnet and the Six Nations and Schaghticoke Indians that began on September 14th 1724. It is printed in DRCHNY 5: 715-724 in essentially the same language as in these records.. The second part of **p. 96a and page 97a**, record a meeting of the governor with the Commissioners of Indian Affairs that is not printed in DRCHNY and is transcribed below. A second copy can be found on page 99.]

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Att a meeting of ye Com.rs of the
Ind.n affairs In Albany ye 19th
day of September 1724
[not in Wraxall]

Present

His Excel.cy Wm. Burnet Esq.r Capt
Genll. & Gov.r in Chief of ye Province
of New York
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Philip Livingston } Esq.rs
John Collins } Com.rs
Joh.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell
David v Dyck

His Excellency was pleas'd to appoint
and Restore Mr. Rob.t Livingston Jun.r to be one
of the Com.rs of Ind.n Affairs in his former Station
& Mr. Joh.s Wendell to be left out of ye Comission
His Excel. was pleased to lay before this board two affida=
=vits of Maj.r Goose van Schaick & David van der
=heyden whereby appears that the Oneyde
Carrying place is sufficiently clear'd up & mended
and that the Wood Creek is Clear'd up & ye trees
Cutt & Carried away out of the Same, So that it's
Navigable for about Six miles as the Sd van --
Schaick & Vanderheyden have pass'd

Whereupon his Excel.y has promis'd ye Under=
takers Jan Wemp & Jacob Glen to Endeavour
to procure a Warranty 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 Excel. likewise mentioned to have
promis'd the Sd Undertakers £25-- more on
Condition that they make a Sufficient Cart

way

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Way from the End of the Road already made [from - crossed out] to ye Wood Creek from thence to the place where the Canada Creek falls unto the said Wood Creek which is Naviga=
=ble all Summer, and that they should likewise make a sufficient Bridge over the Sd Joint Creek near the place where the Oneydes usually pass the Creek when they are going a fishing w.ch is said to be about four English Miles lower then where the Sd two Creeks Join, And that likewise the Sd Undertakers do remove those few Trees that lye a Cross the Channel of ye Mohawks river So that there may be a sufficient Channel to come to the Carrying places And that the bridge be made of a sufficent 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 w.ch his Excellency order'd to be delivered him.

His Excel.y was pleas'd to acquaint this Board that he has Appointed Harme Vedder to be Cap.t of that party to lye in the Sinneckes 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 [Esplank] & Company had last year purchas'd w.t the Countries Money who are hereby ordered to deliver the same up unto
the

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the Sd Vedder in such Condition as they now are or if they have dispos'd of any to pay the Value of them to the Order of the Com.rs

His Excel.y likewise acquainted this Board that he had promist 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 Juriaen Hogan have ye preference
to be ye Smith, or Else that the most sufficient
Smith that can be found be Employ'd if he
will accept of it and that five pound be
allow'd for Tools to be left w.t the Onnondages
for the Use of ye publick All which his Excel.y
is pleas'd to Endeavour to get Confirm'd by his
Maj.es Council at New York

His Excel.y acquainted this Board that he
could not for ye future allow any Money for ye
Journey to the Interpreter unless it be his
Excel.y's own Ordering. --

[The remainder of this page through p.98a is the September 20 1724 Answer of the
Sachims of the Six Nations to Burnet's propositions, which is printed in DRCHNY 5:720-
721. DRCHNY 5:723-725 contains minutes from a conference between the
Massachusetts Bay Commissioners and the Six Nations at Albany, including propositions
made by the Mass. Bay dated Sept. 16 1724 and the Six Nations' answer of Sept. 18,
1724, which are not included in these records.]

[0205] **101** [See Wraxall p. lxxv et seq. for McIlwaine's extensive analysis of the
Canada trade controversy, in which he draws on what he calls Original Indian Records, ii
as well as other documents such as Burnet's correspondence and the NY Council
Records.]

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Ind.n Affairs in Albany the 2.d of
October 1724 -- [Wraxall p. 155 et seq.]

present
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Rob.t Livingston
Peter v Brugh
Evt Bancker
Philip Livingston } Esqrs
John Collins } Com.rs
Joh.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell
David v Dyck

Cap.t Holland delivered at this Board a Letter from
Lieut. Edmund Blood dated at Mount Burnet the 1.st Instnt.
wherein he Signifies that he being out a hunting that
day mett about 5 or 6 Miles from his Garrison in the woods a parcel
of Strowds being 58 [p.s] and between 20 or 30 or so Ind.ns 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 assoon as they heard & saw that they spoke to the Ind.ns who Immediately packt up and Carried the Strowds away --

Resolved that a Warrant be directed to ye Sherrif pursuant to an Act of gen.l Assembly of the Province of N York Entituled an Act for the further & more Effectual prohibiting of ye Selling Ind.n Goods to the french for bringing Cap.t Philip Schuyler & Har. Wendell before this Board or any of them to purge themselves on Oath as prescribed by the Sd Act The Sherrif brought Cap.t Philip Schuyler to whom was tendred the Sd Oath w.ch he took. Harmanus Wendell was also brought before this Board to whom the Sd Oath was tendered w.ch 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 Tuchsachrondie w.t them, then the Oath was read to him

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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 alrady discovered & Incouraged him to take the Oath & that no question ought to be ask'd him, nor he needed not to Enter into any Arguments, on w.ch he replied he could [not?] take the Oath; The Rest of the Com.rs us'd all their Endeavour to Explain the Act of Oath to him, and acquainting him w.t ye Nature of it; and after said Harmanus Wendell was ordered to withdraw for about a half hour. He was call'd in again & then Mr. Evert Wendell urg'd him to take ye Oath that he could safely do it on w.ch he took the Oath Now whether Mr Harm. Wendell took ye Letter from Lieut. Blood or his telling to have sold the Strowds to [P] Schuyler & his Son & phaps knowing where they were going to be the Discovery is unknown to us & seems very Mysterious

The Rest of ye Com.rs notwithstanding ye many Arguments Mr. Evert Wendell us'd to pswade said Har: Wendell to take the Oath, told him what had yet appear'd to this Board relating this affair is no discovery by ye Intent of ye Act in that Case made & provided but only an Information --

Att a meeting of ye Com.rs of the Indian
Affairs in Albany ye 3.d Day of October
1724--

psent
Henry Holland
Robt. Livingston Jun.r
John Cuyler
Ph: Livingston } Esq.rs
John Collins Com.rs
Joh.s Bleecker
Hend.k Renselaer
Davd v Dyck

Resolved by this Board to write a Letter to hi[s]
Excel.cy Gov.r Burnet Esq.r &.cet acquainting him of ye Seizure
made by Lieut. Blook & Serg.t Buckley of 50 [p]s of Strowds on
the first Instant & to Enclose ye minutes of 2d. Instant
as also Affidavit of sd. Buckley w.ch Letter is in the
Words following ---

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

We hope your Excel.cy arriv'd safe at ffort George We take
leave to acquaint your Excel.cy that the Sachims of the
Six Nations have Declin'd to take up the Hatchet in
favour of ye Governm.t of Boston, but told the Com.rs
that they would Still be their friends & adhere to
them desiring & Recommending them to make a peace
w.t the Eastern Ind.ns by Restoring them their Land
and sending them their hostages. --

Inclosed we send your Excel.cy a Letter from Lieut.
Blood dated the first Instant as also an Affidavit of
Serg.t Charles Buckley Relating a Seizure of 50 [p]s
Strowds near Mount Burnet in Custody of Nicholas
Schuyler & Jacob Wendell w.t Copy of our proceedings
touching that Affair and the Tender & Taking the
Oath by Har: Wendell prescribed by the Act of
Assembly w.t our Observations on y.t Subject. It is
reported that this parcel of Strowds is Carried Via
Schinectady mostly by Ind.ns of ye Mohoggs Country

Capt. Schuyler came to Town on purpose to [take -- crossed out]
offer the Oath to take away all Clamour or Suspicion

w.ch might be laid to his Charge who took ye same
frankly

was Sign'd	Henry Holland
	Rob.t Livingston Junr
	John Cuyler
	Peter van Brugh
	Evert Bancker
	Philip Livingston
	John Collins
	Joh.s Bleecker
	Hend.k van Renselaer
	David van Dyck

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Albany the 3.d day of October 1724 Appeared before
Peter van Brugh Esq.r Mayor of ye City of Albany
Serg.t Charles Buckley who declared on the holy
Evangelists of Almighty God that on the first
Instant Lieut. 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 sd 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 Schuy=
=ler Son of Philip Schuyler who had there lying
a parcel of Strowds, the sd Lieut. ask'd them
where they were going w.t the Strowds, said
Nicholas Schuyler replied to Coll. [Jns.] Schuylers
then he order'd the Deponent to Count ye Strowds
and found to Consist of 50 ps. w.ch ye Lieut seized
in ye Kings Name by putting ye Broad Arrow
on them, and Charg'd the Christians not to [meddle]
w.t them if they did it was the same thing as to
break up the Kings Store, On that sd Schuyler said
they belonged partly to him, then the Lieut. ask'd 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 & Lieut.
Blood seiz'd the [goods - crossed out] Strowds over again in ye Kings Name &
put ye broad Arrow on almost every p.s, After yt ye Ind.ns
Immediately took up ye Strowds & carried y.m away, The
Depon.t at first meeting this party sd to Jacob Wendell I'm
sorry to see you here, who replied if it had not been for

my father I had not been here & further saith not
was Sign'd
Jurat Coram me Charles Buckly
was sign'd Peter van Brugh Mayor

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Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Indian Affairs in Albany ye. 10th.
day of october 1724:

Present
Hend: Hansen
Rob.t Livingston Jun.r
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph. Livingston
John Collins
Evert Wendell
Hend. Renselaer

[several inches left blank.]

Albany ye 10th day of october 1724 Then appeared
before Peter van Brugh Esq.r Mayor of the City of
Albany Lieut 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 surpriz'd to see
the Deponant who ask'd them where they were
going. they answer'd down the River, on which the
Deponant inquir'd of them whether they had a
permitt, they said not, and found lying near the sd
tent a parcel of Strowds. then the Deponant and
Serg.t Buckley counted how many pieces of Strowds
there lay, and found to Consist of fifty Eight pieces,
and

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and seized them in the Kings Name, By putting
the Broad Arrow on several pieces w.t Chalk, and ask'd
the Serg.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 sd Nich.o Schuyler & Jacob Wendell
speak to the Ind.ns in the Ind.n Language, whereon
the Ind.ns went about to ty up the Strowds, then

the Deponant seized the sd Strowds over again
and sd have a Care what you do, I have seized
them in the Kings Name, not being able to carry
them off the sd Deponant went w.t the sd Buckley
to the Block house, when come there sent [an]
Corp.ll w.t a Detachment of Six Men to the
afores.d place, who went to the sd place & found
the sd party was gone w.t the Strowds and
further saith no

was Sign'd Edmd Blood

Jurat Coram me

was Sign'd Pieter van Brugh

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

Present

Henry Holland

Rob.t Livingston

Joh.s Cuyler

Evert Bancker

Philip Livingston } Esq.rs

John Collins Com.rs

Joh.s Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Hend.k v Renselaer

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.ys pardon
in omitting to acquaint your Excel.cy of the arrival
of three french Men from Montreal who went
to

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To New York [by] Mr. Coenraet Ten Eyck last Week

Inclos'd is Lieut. Blood's affidavit in Relation
to the Seizure lately made of 58 p.s Strowds

Mr. Hansen & Cornelis Cuyler are return'd from
Canada & since their Arrival are brought to this place
117 packs Bev.rs besides dr: Deer, several Canoes yet
expected, w.ch we Suppose can't be for Christian
Goods only, the Sherrif has a Warrant to
apprehend the sd Hansen & Cuyler to bring them
before this Board, in order to tender the sd Oath

provided by Act of gen.l Assembly for pventing
Illegal Trade w.t the Subjects of ye ffrench King
the first has been brought before us who has
taken the sd Oath. the last keeps Close & not
yet to be Taken, until / as we suppose / he 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 quanti-
=ties of Bev.r for it's plain the french covet no=
=thing more then Strowds, and by what we can
learn will sufficiently be supplied for the next
Season w.ch will wholly evade your Excel.ys good
purposes to promote a Trade w.t the far Ind.ns how
to prevent this pernicious Trade is a great Mystery
to Us, but find its 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.l tho' we shall Resolve to
tender the sd Oath to whole families among
whom any may be Suspected, and if it cannot be
found out & pvented 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 p.s of Strowds in his
passage to Canada, but knew not from who
the Ind.ns had them. Adds also yt he saw
at Canada one Ind.n from hence deliver'd to
a french Man 6 or 7 blankets of Strowds at
one time, Since your Excel.ys Departure from
hence we have enquir'd of the Sherrif abt
the Recognisance of Mr Ph: Schuyler taken
by Coll. Morris Jun.r for his £100:-- fine of
last year & Transmitted to the Treasurer
and since Reflections are made by those [that - crossed out]
who have paid their fine yt others do not pay
if the Recognizance were return'd & refus'd
then the Sherrif may proceed to execute his
Warrant

was Sign'd
Henry Holland
Robert Livingston
Johs Cuyler
Evert Bancker

Philip Livingston
John Collins
Joh.s Bleeker
Evert Wendell
Hend.k v Renselaer

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Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Indian affairs in albany y.e 28th day
of october 1724.

Present
Hend. Holland
Robert Livingston Junr
Jns Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston } Esq.s Com.rs
John Collins
Johs Bleecker
Hend. v. Renselaer
Davi van Dyck

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 traffiqued with any Subject of ye French Kings or with any other person for them [illeg. -- crossed out] Contrary to Severall acts of Gen.ll assembly of y.e Colony of new york made & provided and prescribed to be taken by an act of Gen.ll assembly Entituled an act for the further and More Effectual Prohibiteing of the selling of Indian goods to the french which oath the said Cornelis Cuyler Refused. so y.t he is Convicted of being a trader for Indian goods with the french and forfeited the Sum of one hundred pounds to his maj:ty for which he has given a Recognizance for the payment of ye. Same

Two Letters from his Ex.^{cy} Govern.^r Burnet Esq.^r &c dated ye 12th & 17th Instant as also a minute of Councill of ye [5] d.o being read as had been done before at this Board on w.^h is Resolved to write a letter to his Ex.^{cy} which is in the words following

Albany ye 28th 8.bre [October] 1724

May it please your Ex.cy

We are honourd with your Ex.cys Letters of ye 12 & 17th Instant
with ye minutes of Councill. 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 ye £100.-- in may next with bond to he [illeg.] for £200.--
in Case

[0214] **105a**

Case your Ex.cy doth disapprove of his proceedings herein
we dont doubt but your Ex.cy 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 theyl make time will
Learn, with our best Respects to your Ex.cy we Remain --

Att a meeting of the Commissioners
of the Indian affairs in albany this
29th day of october 1724.
[not in Wraxall]

Present
Henry Holland
Rob.t Livingston Jun.r
Joh. Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
John Collins
John Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Hend. van Renselaer
David van Dyck

This day a Letter from his Ex.ey dated
the 22.th day of this Instant was Read.
wherein was Inclosed a Petition of Severall
Merchants of London to his Majesty against
an act of Gen.l assembly passed in n: york
the 19 day of Nov.r 1720 and an order of his
Majesty in Councill upon y.t Petition Referring
the Same to the Lords of trade and there Report thereon
with ye Chief allegations made by the s.d Merchants before
the said Lords desiring Us to Contradict as many of sd--
allegations mentiond in the sd Petition or [allegations - crossed out] hearing
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

[0215] **106**

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Indian affairs in Albany y.e 30.th day
of october 1724.
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

Rob.t Livingston Jun.r

Johs Cuyler

Peter van Brugh

Evert Banker

}

Resolved to write a Letter to his Ex.cy

Ph: Livingston

John Collins

Johs Bleeker

Evert Wendell

Dav.d van Dyck

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Resolved that Rob.t Livingston Jun.r John Cuyler

John Collins Ph. Livingston & Evert wendell

Esq.rs or any of three of ym be appointed

a Committe to make observations on the Petition of 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.

[0216] **106a**

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Indian Affairs in Albany the 12th
November 1724
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

Robt. Livingston Jun.r

Joh.s Cuyler

Pieter van Brugh

Evert Banker

Phil: Livingston

}

Esq.rs

John Collins

Com.rs

Evt Wendell

Hend.k Renselaer

David van Dyck

[A copy of the remaining text on this page and all of pages 107 through first part of 109,
images [0217]-[0221], is printed in DRCHNY 5:740 under the heading "Report of the
Commissioners of Indian Affairs." [New-York Papers, Col, 157.], with minor
differences.]

[0221] **109**

[First part of p. 109, see previous page.]

Albany 12th November 1724 [not in Wraxall]

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 Exce.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.t your Exce.ys
Approbation, we offer'd to the Merch.ts here trading
directly to Europe to Sign a Certificate as your
Exc.y required who refuse to Sign any Instrument
whatsoever their Names are here Enclosed

Capt. Joh.s Bleecker has Declin'd of being a Com.r
any

[0222] **109a**

Any Longer. We have been labouring to gett the
Accounts of what Beaver have come have come [sic]
yearly for four Years before the Act, & four years
since from Canada & from the Ind.n Country but
can only gett an Acco.tt what has come to Schenec
tady & brought hither by Waggoners, and what
is come from Canada since Mr. Helling [Holland?] went to Mnt
Burnet, the traders here refuse to give an Acc.tt
what they have rec.d in these years. These Acc.tts
from Schenectady, Lieut.s Helling & Blood, of
the Numbers of Beavers &c are here Enclosed

The only pson in Town who has been last
Summer at Montreal is Mr. Corn. Cuyler who
declin'd to give such an Acc.tt on Oath as your
Exc.y requires, the other psons that have been
there are gone to N York We take leave to
Subscribe our selves that we are w.t great
Respects

May it please your Excel.cy
Your Exc.cy's most humble & ob.t Serv.ts
Signed

Evert Bancker

Ph: Livingston

John Collins

Evert Wendell

Hend.k van Renselaer

David van Dyck

Henry Holland

Robt Livingston Jun.r

Pieter van Brugh

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Albany the 7th January 1724/5

[not in Wraxall]

your Excellency

We have had the honour to receive your Excellency's Letters of ye 12.th & 26th Nov.r the Warrant that has been Issued ag.t Nicolas Schuyler & Jacob Wendell to take their Oath is recall'd So that no Oath is to be tender'd them, Since we perceive your Excel.y takes them to be already discover'd 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 apply'd our Selves to the Act mention'd in the Sd Minute by w.ch

Law

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Law, the Com.rs are so far from being Authoriz'd to Act that they are not once mention'd in it, We are sorry your Excel.cy should suspect us to have Acted Contrary to your Excellencys Directions when at the same time we Use our outmost Endeavours to behave our selves Conformable thereto, and ye Acts of Assembly which are our Rule to direct us

We are glad your Ex.cy has been pleas'd to do us the honour to send our report home, We made it the best we could at yt time, it's very agreeable to Us that your Ex.cy has made some Observations on ye same, where we have not made Use of such expressions as are agreeable to your Excell.cy with Submmission we take leave to say that a Settlement at Tierondequat would be of Service for if any misunderstanding should happen between the french & farr 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.es Interest, We return your Excel.cy thanks for ye new printed Book relating ye Act, w.ch we find well done and are glad to see your Ex.cys measures & Just Endeavors for his Maj.es Interest will take Effect, Wishing your Ex.cy a happy new Year & many to come We remain wt great Respect ---- Sign'd

Henry Holland
R.t Livingston
Johs Cuyler
Ph: Livingston
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Evert Wendell
Dav.d van dyck

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May it Please yr Ex.cy Albany ye 11th feb.y 1724/5 [not in Wraxall]

We have been honoured with yr Ex.cys of ye 27th ultimo. on ye
Receipt whereof we acquainted Coll Thaxton & Coll.o 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
Coll.o John Schuyler on the 6th Instant

We Lately Received a letter from Capt Harme vedder
out of the Sinnekes Country who tells [me -- crossed out] us yt Jean Coeur
the french Interpreter and four men with him are at ye
litle Sinnike Castle Called onnahec to winter there and
that in the spring he is to go to Jagara. he had Reported
that vedder had orders to kill him. the Indians Inquird --
whether it was true. he Replyd he had no Such orders, but
if he deservd it he would dispatch him. we have no
More to ad at psent but that we are with much respect

May it please your Ex.cy

Your Ex.cys Most humble
& most obed: Servants
H: Holland
Evert Bancker
Ph. Livingston
Evert Wendell
H. v. Renselaer
Dav.d van Dyck

[Feb. 15 1725 Affidavit of John Groesbeck & Dirck Schuyler at London DRCHNY 5:743
- not included in the Minute Books.]

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Att a meeting of ye Commision.rs of ye Indian affairs
in Albany the 13th of March 1724/5
[Not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

Rob.t Livinston J.r

Peter van Brugh

Evert Banker

John Collins } Esq.rs Com.rs

Philip Livingston

Evert Wendell

Henry van Renselaer

David van Dyck

Five Sachims of Cachnawage & Scanrinadie
in Canada being arrivd here made the following
Speech before ye Com.rs by ondatsagto their Speaker

Brethren

We are now mett together and desired that some
of the Maquas Sachims might be present. [and-crossed out] at this meeting
and are glad to see [some-crossed out] a few of y.m here, we hope you
do not Expect yt we Shall Speak in fine polishd words. Since
we are but youngsters. our ancestors understood affairs
better than 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 Some time Since, So hope
youl Excuse us, it Seems that our frindship and amity
Declines [and-crossed out] as if we were no Brethren, therefore
we do now come to renew it, at this place wh. is the
seat fixd to treat about publick Matters & do now kindle
the fire up. gave a belt of wampum

Brethren,

There has long since been a Strict frindship between
your and our ancestors and now is between us wh. we now Renew
we tell yow
there are Six Sachims att ye Castle,
of Cachnawage two whereof have been accepted as
Children of this Govern.t to devulge & make known
unto you what mischief ever Should threaten you, one
whereof is Since dead in whose Stead you have appointed
another who is now here to acq.t yt what he knows
Concerning matters of moment gave a belt

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Brethren

Last year the Gov.t mett ye Sachims of ye Six Nations here and did Renew ye Covenant with ym. and Spoake in a peaceable manner which was very welldone you desired us to that we Should use our uttmmost Endeav.rs to appease ye Eastren Indians to be at peace with N England at our Return home we did what lay in our power till we were prevented by [ym-crossed out] ye news we heard yt ye English had cut aff a Castle of those Indians. then we were ashamd to act further in yt. affair. Since we were taken as Spies of our Country and were pointed at by those Indians who told us we were at peace, and [illeg.-crossed out] went there dayly.

whilst they are in a Bloddy war. if you had write to ye. Gov.r of N 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 have not kept your word to acqt: ye. people of N England. gave a belt.

Brethren

When you appointed D Cannihogo to be a Child of this Government, you desired him to let you know whatever Should occur in Canada in Relation to ye publick affairs and now he is Come on purpose to tell you that we are Informd then when his Ex.cy your Gov.r was here last Summer, he desired ye Six Nations for Liberty to build a tradeing house in ye Indian Country, the Indians appointed the place at ye west end of ye onneyde lake, on w.h his Ex.cy ye. Gov.r Said it was no proper place and Insisted Strongly to have it built at ye mouth of ye onnondage River near ye Cadarachqua lake w.h at last ye. Indians Consented. now if that tradeing house be built at that place (which is the only passage of ye french to go [to ye-crossed out] from Montreal to ye. farr Indians and land first possesed by y.m) [illeg.-crossed out] therefore we are come to acquaint you on purpose that [illeg. crossed out]

[sidebar] the Gov.r of Canada is Strongly Resolved to break down that house and yt. may create a quarrel between y.o & him. [illeg.-crossed out] to prevent that we would advice you to keep ye trade within your walls as formerly and then you may gett some Bev.rs for otherwise youl gett none for this may Interrupt your trade. therefore its best that there be no house built and y.n ye. french might be prevaild on not to [be-crossed out] build a fort at [Ochniagara] -- gave a large blak belt of wampum

[Crossed out portion continues on first part of next page and appears to say:
"we acquaint you that Certainly a war
will Issue between [ym] and you [so if] you be Inclind

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peace keep the trade within your walls as formerly, then
you may gett Some bevers. but Else none for there will
be no longer pease then untill that tradeing house be
built, and then youl gett no more bevers. [illeg.]
youl be ye occasion of it yourselves gave a large belt of
blak wampum]

Brethren We are wittnesses that ye. onnondages Some
years Since accepted Mons.r D Longuiel Govern. of Montreal
as a Child, but as they had no Convenient place for him
to Reside in, [illeg.=crossed out] he went thither & built a house
there, on w.h Coll.o Schuyler went thither & demolishd
that house, Since it was a breach of ye. Covenant Chain
in ye onnondages for Consenting that building, and so
agreed it Should be broaked open again w.h ye Indians
In Canada took [illeg.], that ye french Should not dwell
among ye. Indians, now if you build a tradeing house
at ye mouth of ye onnondage River you may Expect ye
french will break it down as Coll.r Schuyler
did that at onnondage w.h we likd all very well
gave a belt

Then the sd. french Indians Said the Maquase
Brethren

our ancestors livd all in one Country and were
one people but it seems Every one is gone were he pleasd
and its fallen our lott to be Setld in Canada. you
sent us lately a belt of wampum that we Should
keep ye Covnant Chain [illeg.-crossed out] inviolable w.h we promise
on our Side to do. and do Expect youl pform it on your
Side according to your promises

[0261] **129** [Not in Wraxall. Gap in pagination.]

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of
the Indian affairs in Albany ye. 16th
day of [13th] March 1724/5

Present

Henry Holland

Robt Livingston Junr

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

John Collins } Answer from the Com.rs to the Sachims of
Ph. Livingston } Cachnawage & Schawanadie

Evert Wendell

Henry VanRenslaer

David van Dyck

Brethren

We heard the Speech you made to
us last Saturday. We are glad you explaind your Selves
yesterday, and clear'd up the mistake that happen'd, 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 pleas'd 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 ---

Brethren 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
our of which number two have been accepted by us as
Children of this Governmt. 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 rela=
=tion to publick Affairs, and do thank you for Informing
Us

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Us of the Designs of the Gov.r of Canada to demolish the
house our Gov.r has leave from the 6 Nations 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 plead'd
to give Directions for building of it, You know he has
liberty for so doing, and it's 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 Account of Trade where
they please without giving any molestation to them
either from the English or the 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 Monsieur DLongueuil
had built at Onondage Since it is Land belonging
to the five Nations who are Subjects to the King of
Great Britain, We can't think that the Governor of Canada
will presume to offer to demolish a house our Government
designs to build on Land belonging to the English which
if he did would be in him a breach of the Peace which
he will not offer to do tho he does tell you so, We shall
acquaint our Governor 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 Indians to forbear any further Acts of hostilities
against our Brethren of New England, We remember you
promised to do so, but not that we made you any promises
to write to the Governor of New England to keep his
people at home, which was absurd in you to think
[whilst] there was no agreement of a Cessation of Arms
and that the Eastern Indians did daily murder of our
Brethren without Intermission, We do renew the
ancient Covenant and friendship that has always been
between us & your Nations, and desire Monsieur D Canehogo
to continue to be an Obedient Child to Inform us of
whatever designs there may be in Canada against
this Government for which he shall be well rewarded
Gave a Belt

After

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After the Commissioners had ended this Speech they ask'd
whether they had no other news, Monsieur D Canehogo said --
I am come hither and have undertaken this Journey
on purpose to Inform you the Commissioners of the Designs of the
French that they will break down the trading house

your Gov.r intends to build & withall to 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 employed 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 Convey
d to Montreal and that he designs to build
a Strong ffort at Ochjagara and another Vessel above
that ffall to bring Beavers & Skins thither

Albany 16th March 1724/5

[Not in Wraxall.]

May it please your Excellency

We hope this may find your Excel.y in pfect health
do Imbrace this Opportunity to acquaint your Excel.y that
a few days since arriv'd here five Sachims of the ffrench
Ind.ns from Canada who Inform us that the Gov.r of Canada
designs to break down the house your Excel.y intends to
build at the Mouth of the Onnondage River, and yt.
he has sent Carpenters to build two Vessels at Cadarachqua
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 ffort at Ochja:
=gara, and a Vessel above that ffall as may appear by
the enclosed minutes. We have answer'd them in the
best manner we are able, which we hope your Excel.y
will be pleas'd 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 Excell.y's good Intentions
for promoting the Interests of this province, If the Gov.r
of Canada puts his designs in Execution in building a
ffort at Ochjagara the ffrench 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 cant be prevented to be made where=
=fore hope your Excel. will be pleas'd to use proper
reasures wt. our Sinnekes not to Consent any fortifi=
=cation to be made by the ffrench at that place, wt.
Submission to your Excel.y 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 ye 7th Jan.46 last that a Settlement at Tierondequat
would be off 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.ns
and then in Course all the trade with due Respect
we remain --

Att a meetting of the Com.rs of the Indian
Affairs in Albany the 11th of Apr. 1725
[Not in Wraxall.]
Present
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker } Esq.es Com.rs
Ph: Livingston
Henry v Renselaer
David v Dyck

Five Sachims Vizt two of Onnondage one of Cayouge
and two of the Tuscaroras being as they say Deputed by the
Sachims of the Six Nations arriv'd here who say to have a
Message which is as follows

That they are sent to Inform this board that a Lieut.
from Cadarachqua came this Spring at the Sinneke Castle wt.
Letters from the Gov.r of Montreal to Jean Coeur directing him
to acquaint the Sachims of the Six Nations that Mons Vaudreu=
=ill Gov.r of Canada was Inform'd by a N England 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 N England Man to tell the Gov.r of N York to build the
ffort Strong [this Spring - crossed out] for he design'd to build this Spring
two Vessels at Cadarachqua and a ffort at Jagara, and when
those Vessels & ffort are built he intended to Demolish
and Destroy it

Whereon the five Nations answered Jean Coeur
that the five Nations and the french have been in a bloody
War together w.ch Continued for Eight years very hott on both
Sides, at last the ffrench offer'd Terms of peace & accomedation
on that we sd. we could not well trust them that after

our

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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 furs, for if he should break down this house a bloody Warr may Ensur 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 & ffort at Jagara, but to live in peace with his neighbours & to use his Endeavours to gett what Beaver & peltry he can w.t out 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 ffort at the Side of the Cadarachqua Lake that you may live in peace & Amity together, for if a War should Ensur 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 [if-crossed out] our proposall be taken in any Regard or not to this the Sachims 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 sd. Sachims also say that the Sachims of the Six Nations Sent by them a String of Wampum as a Token that they desire to meet his Excel.y 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'll send an Express to [find] a Certain Day

The Com.rs Answer

We have heard your Answer w.ch is surprizing to Us, and cant but wonder that the Sachims of the Six Nations Suffer themselves to be impos'd upon by the ffrench at this

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[Report from New England representatives May 3 1725 - see Wraxall p. 157. The first part is missing.]

And forts bult by Order from home & some of it possessd upwards of fourscore Years, Although the same has been fairly purchas'd & posses'd as aforesd.

And on asking those Ind.ns how far their Demands
were Eastwards their Answer was in the psence
of Gov.r Vaudreuill the whole Country of Lacadie
or Nova Scotia Excepting only the fort of Anapolas
Royall notwithstanding the sd. Country of Lacadie
belongs to the British Crown & these unreasonable
Ind.ns was Countenanced by the sd. Gov.r & a Numerous
Company of ffrench who heard all the Discourse
The sd. Indians told us plainly that they would have
no peace wt. the sd. two Governmts. unless all the said
Land was deliver'd up the ffort demolishd, the Church
at Norridgewalk rebuilt, the plunder there taken
returned & their priest restored to them who was
kill'd in that Action at the head of our Ind.n Enemy
as he hath often been before
Wee demanded an Answer to our proposal made
to the Gov.r of Canada in writing to prevent any
mistake, he answered he would not give any
such answer under his hand, Tho, at the same
time he had not Encouraged the Ind.ns in the Warr
notwithstanding the Contrary was proved by many
Letters of his to the priest Ralle & other papers
and Letters taken by the English at several times
The sd. Gov.r on our demand of the Captives answerd
as for those in the Ind.ns 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

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Their Master was pleas'd to Demand and the
purchase Consideration in many Exceedingly
advanced from the Original or first Cost by all
which it plainly appears what hardships and
Intolerable Burthen his Maj.es Good Subjects lye
under, being used more like brute Creatures than
Men & Christians & call alowd upon all Men
under the Same [same - crossed out] King to lend a helping
hand to gett the aforesd. Governm.tts out of this
Unjust War

Sign'd Sam.l Thaxter
Wm. Dudley
Theodore Atkinson

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of Ind.n Affairs
In Albany the 6th May 1725

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Henry Holland

Joh.s Cuyler

Pieter Van Brugh } Esq.rs Com.rs

Evert Bancker

Phil: Livingston

John Collins

Resolved to writ the following
Letter to his Excel.y the Governour

Albany 6.th May 1725

May it please your Excellency

We have the favour of your Excel.ys of the 27th
March & 22d. April, As to the Intelligence we rec.d from
the Canada Ind.ns we Submitt it wholly to your Excel.ys
Observations. but think it our Duty to send it your
Excel.y 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 bussiness /
discountenance the ffrench Ind.ns in transporting Strowds
and acqt the first that come of your Excel.ys pleasure
in

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In relation to that matter and Capt. Holland will exactly
execute your Excel.ys Comands as Occasion requires

As to the Bussiness 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 Conveniencies
of life in the Goal. as they went along together Mr.
Schuyler made his Escape, We have acquainted Mr
Evert Wendell of his Dismission

We shall Enquire for a proper Smith to go to ye Ind.n
Country to go from hence assoon as possible

The Boston Gent.men returned from Canada on 2d Inst.
they delivered us the Inclosed Observations of their pro=
=ceedings there, We are apprehensive of the Ill Conse=
=quence 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 & bussiness

is to draw ye Ind.ns from their Allegiance to his Maj.ie &
fear they have to great an Influence over them
already And may be pass'd Cure if not soon pvented
We begg your Excel.ys pardon for not writing sooner
no Sloop having Sail'd from hence this fortnight
With great Respect we remain

May it please Your Excell.y
Your Excel.ys most humble & most
Obedient Servant
Sign'd

Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Pieter van Brugh
Evert Bancker

John Collins

PS

As to the Gov.r of Canada
asserting that our Governmt
pray'd him to retain his Ind.ns
from meddling wt. ye Inhabitants
of this Province we never heard
of it till now neither do we
believe it to be true

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Att a meeting of the Com.rs of ye
Indian affairs in Albany ye 20th day
of May 1725

[Not in Wraxall.]

psent

H. Holland

J. Cuyler

E. Banker

}

Ph Livingston

J. Collins

Whereas his Exl.y Govern.r Burnet Esq. &c has been
pleased to write a letter to the Com.rs directing them
to acq ye Indians that he cannot possibly meet them this
year; The Kings Bussiness 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 Noted 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 wt. his Excellencys Pleasure
and that he will meet them here the next year
The sd. Interpreter is hereby directed on Creditt of the
sd Letter 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 ye quieting
the minds of the Ind.ns who are dayly debauched by
the ffrench [that-crossed out] who come daily among them Endea=
=vouring to draw them from their fidelity to his
Majesty and that his Excel.y does not design 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 Egbertse Smiths to go
up to Onnondage to work there at that Place
for the Indians till the first of October next who
are to be pd. by his Excel.y the Sum of thirteen
pounds to Van Slyck & Egbertse the Sum of
twelve pounds being the twenty five pounds
allowed

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Allowed by his Excel.y & Council for a Smith
and his Man for Six Months but in Consideration
that they are both Smiths this Board allow'd
them that Mondy and five pound for tools
to be left there

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Ind.n Affairs in Albany the 5th of
June 1725 --

Resolved to write the following Letter
to his Excellency Vizt.

[See Wraxall p. 158]

May it please your Excel.y

We have been honour'd wt. your Excel.y's favours
of the 19th May In Obedience thereunto We sent Lawrence
Claese the Interpreter to the Onnondages to acq.t the Six
Nations that your Excel.y can't possibly meet them here
this Summer but that your Excel.y will certainly meet
them early next year at this place as may appear
by the Inclos'd minutes. Two Smiths are also sent to
Onnondage to work for that Nation & allow'd them £25:--
& £5:-- for tools to be left there

Mr. David van Dyck has excus'd 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 wt great Respect

May it please your Excel.y
Your Excel.ys most humble & most
Obedient Servants

Pieter v Brugh	Henry Holland
Hend van Renselaer	Joh.s Cuyler
	Evert Bancker
	Ph: Livingston

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Att a meetting of the Com.rs of the
Ind.n Affairs in Albany ye 11th June 1725 [See Wraxall p. 158]

Present

Henry Holland

Johan.s Cuyler

Peter v Brugh } Esq.rs Com.rs

Evert Bancker

Ph: Livingston

Hend.k Renselaer

Lourence Claes the Interpreter being return'd from
Onnondage where he arriv'd the 27th of May & found there
Sachims of the Onneides Tuscaroras Cayouges & Sinnekes
who with those of Onnondage had treated wt. Mons Longuill
Lieut. Gov.r of Canada and acquainted the sd. Sachems wt.
Seven hands or Strings of Wampum for each Nation that
he was Sent by Order of his Excel.y Gov.r Burnet Esq.r &c
from the Com.rs to acquaint them that his Excel.y can't
possibly meet them this year but will the next and
what he was farther order'd to tell them as pr the
Instructions Deliver'd him.

The Ind.ns seem'd well pleas'd wt. the Message he deliver'd
and said they were very glad that his Excel.y their Brother
Corlaer Stood by his work, only to Erect a trading house
and not a fort as they were Inform'd 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 Excel.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 sd. Interpreter that
Mons.r Longuill had been there and departed from

Onnondage 25th 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 comanded 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 dy'd at home Gave a Large [black-crossed out] Belt of black Wampum

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Children

I have heard that you are very Jealous of Us w.ch is the Chiefest Reason of my Errand, and that the Gov.r has Sent me hither I hope that the Old Grudge that has been between Us on the War we had against each other of Eight Years Continuance may be over & forgott for Since that time the two Crowns have been pleas'd to Conclude a peace & do live amicably together, as we have done ever since that time and do now promise 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 w.ch 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 promise on our Side to -- Imprint in the memory of our Children to observe the treaties of Peace & friendship w.ch have been between Us & we are oblig'd to pform lay down a Belt. --

Children

As it is peace as well at home as abroad, So hope that the friendship 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 Gave a belt
I acquaint you that I am going to Tierondequat
from thence to the Sinnekes Country, thence
to Jagara where I'll have a good Strong house
built for Trade, and design to sell Goods
Cheaper

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Cheaper then formerly, You as well as the farr
Ind.ns 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 Com.es of ye
Indian affairs in Albany this 11th day
of June 1725

[See Wraxall fn p. 159 for mention of resistance to the act against trading with Canada.]

psent

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker }

Philip Livingston

Hend: v. Renselaer

Resolved by this board that Sumonces be
forthwith Issued and directed to the Sherrif of the
City & County of Albany to Cause the following
persons vizt. John Schuyler Stephanis Groesbeck
Nicoles Bleecker Cornelis Cuyler Hans Hansen Edward
Collins Dav:d Schuyler Jun.r Joh.s Roseboom Jun.r &
Gerrit Roseboom Jun.r to appear before any two or
more of the Com.es in order that they may be tendred
the oath Mentioned in an act of Generall assembly
of the Colony of n: york Entituled an act for the further
and more Effectuall prohibiteing the Selling of Indian
goods to the french, the sd. warrants were Sign'd &
Deliver'd to ye sd Sherrif who brought [illeg.-crossed our] before this Board
the said psons (Except John Schuyler & Gerrit Roseboom Ju.r)
who all took the said oath as also Jacob verplank --

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[Wraxall summary. p. 159.]

Att a meeting of ye Com.es of ye
Com.es of the [sic] Indian affairs in albany
this 19th day of June 1725

Present

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker } Esqrs. Com.es

Ph: Livingston

Henry van Renselaer

A Sachim of the Indians Called Jenondadies
named Schaojiese Liveing near a french Settlement
Called by them detroit appeared before the Com.es 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.ly the
Gov.r therefore I desird to see you. and tell you yt. 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 Sachims of my nation knowing of my Intention that
I was Resolved to go hither on purpose to trade have
desired me to deliver you a message from them [we-crossed out] & that they have
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 Concernd for the Loss of a
good frind & Brother, you are Sitting as weapeing
for that great Loss. 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 Sachims 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 yt. the More of ye sd. nations come hither with beav.rs
& peltry to trade ye more Merchandise would be here
to Supply them withall & ye Cheaper, which we do

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now find to be so. and are perswaded yt
you keep your Promises for which Return you thanks

gave a belt of wampum

That the Sd. Sachims are Informd that Coll.o Peter Schuyler & Mr. Hend. Hanson are dead who were true frinds to the Indians. wherefore they desire that their Eldest Sons may be accepted in their places that the tree may grow under w.h all ye upper nations may Shelter themselves gave a belt

That you may Injoyn 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 wheather before we can gett home becomes of little use to us gave a few Skins.

Answer of the Com.ers

We are very glad to see you here and that you are come on such a good Errant from the Sachims of Jenondadies we desire you to Return them thanks for ye 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 pleasd that your Sachims have taken notice of ye message we Sent to Encourage them & ye far Indians to come hither to trade with the Inhabitants of this Province. we do in behalf of his Ex.ly our Govr Promise & Engage yt. the path he has opend for all ye. far nations Shall always be kept Clean & open for ym all and do assure you that Shall be always wellcome 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 ye 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 base people who Cheat & deceave 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 Surprisd at the desire of ye Sachims of the Jenondadies to have the Sons of Coll.o Peter Schuyler & Mr. Hendrick Hanson in Room of their dec.d fathers as Commissioners. its 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 tree of peace & frindship Shall Stand as fast as ever and it Shall be Cultivated that it

may sen[d?] Strong Roots in the ground and you & all upper nations Shall be welcome to Shelter under the same gave him a [pistol?] for ye use of him & those Sachims who Sent him

The Said Sachim was very thankfull & Said he would acquaint the Sachims of his Nations of the kind Reception and treatment he mett with at this Place

Jean Fafar alias Maconte and Joseph Montour the first being nephew & ye last Son of Montour who was murderd by means of the french for Incouraging the far Indians to come & trade with the Inhabitants of this Province, appeared before this Board who Informd the Commisiones that they Sett out in Company with nine Canoes of Twightwigh Indians (among whom they live & are marrd to Squas) with an Intent to come hither, but by the way meeting with some people of this place at ye falls of onneyde who Stapd them there. They Say yt ye sd. Indians have directed them to tell their Brother Corlaer that it seems as if the path is Stopd, that they can come farther then that fall by Reason yt: ye people of this place Stopd them. So yt. they cant Come any more

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to this place to Renew their former treaties & Engagemts. and desire to know the Reasons. gave a few dr. deer & a Calamet Pipe.

That when those Sachims are Informd yt. ye path is open & free theyl 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 [illeg.-crossed out] hear yt. ye Twightwighs design to Carry on their trade with the Inhabitants of this Province. and that You are come to bring that Errand which we take as an Inclination & affection you [Show - crossed out] have for [our-crossed out] th English Nation. We [illeg.-crossed out] wonder at ye

Long Stay

our [sic] ye Sachims of Twightwighs, Since they linkd them[selves] in ye Covenant Chain we might Reasonably Expect they would have Come before now to Renew their promises. that they suffer themselves to be stopd & prevaild on to trade with our people at ye onneyde falls must be their own fault for they may freely come hither & none can hinder them ag.t their Inclinations. we desire yt for ye future

they do not hearken to [any-crossed out] 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 & Strowds for the Sachims

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Att a meeting of the Com.es of
the Indian affairs in Albany ye 27th
July 1725 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Joh.s Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Ev. Bancker }
Ph. Livingston
H. v. Renselaer

Albany ye 27th July 1725

May it Please your Ex.ly

We have been honoured with your Ex.lys favours
of ye 9th Instant we hope your Ex.lys will not accuse us with
Concealing ye 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.lys Expectation tho
with Submission to yr Ex.ly we are Still humbly of opinion
yt. the trade will not be Effectually brought thither
only with ye. Cheapness of goods we Shall as soon as Conveni=
=ently may be procure Such an account as yr Ex.ly Requires
from us as fully as possible that it may be Ready to be
Laid before ye Assembly. Wee hope yt. our apprehensions
of the french power will never be of Ill Consequence to
this Province this new trade w.h we wish all
Imaginable.

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[Wraxall p. 159.]

Albany the 12th August 1725--

May it Please you[r] Excellency

Since our Last of the 27th July we are In=
=formd that Severall Sachims of the Six Nations are gone
& going to Canada to treat with the Gov.r 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 Schaik 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 misseing from Mount Burnet Some time
Since, its Said the Cachnawage Indians are much Con[cerned]
at this base 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 Eng[lish]
& virginia Indians.

We have Issued Severall Sumonces to the
Sherrif to bring Sundry Suspected psons as ye 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
onnondage River as directly from hench [sic] to Mont[re=]
al . Several 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 Excell.ces orders Shall be
Known about them

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We Shall have ahead Strugle 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 Carried to the westward we can not pro=
=cure for many will not tell what they had. but we
are well Informd their profit is Considerable and
the number of Skins Exceeds above tribble of what
has Come from Canada Since Spring and Severall
Companies are yet up in the Indian Country trading
is the needfull at psent from who are with great
Respect

May it please your Ex.ly
your Ex.ly most humble and
most obedient Servants
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Hendr:k van Rensselaer
Philip Livingston

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Att a meeting of the Com.es of the
Indians affairs in Albany ye. 2 Sept.
1725 [Wraxall p. 159 et seq.]

Present
Peter van Brugh
Ev: Bancker
Ph: Livingston
H: v: Renselaer

May it Please your Excellency

In obedience to your Excell.cys Letter of the 9th July
we have made Inquiry what quantity of Skins
have been brought hither by our peope [sic] from the
Indians Country and have not been able to gett
a more exact then the Inclosed. whereby it appears
that 738 boundles [sic] are brought beside 50. od boundles
Since the account was taken; Some Comy.es are yet
in the Country what they will bring is uncertain
we are Imformd that 43 Canoes with far Indians
have been here & at Schinectady this Summer
who by Compation have brought 200 Boundles

Harme vedder & Comp.y are Returnd who have as is
reported 60 packs, we are gett no exact accot. of
what goods has been Carryed up So hope that this
Generall Acc.t may be of Service to your Excell.cy it
exceeds that from Canada from whence are only
come to this time 176 boundles beaver & DDeer a
Leiut. Blood Imforms us. we are assured that is
noted above near 200 boundles. we take no notice
of what has been traded here & at Schinechtady
neither do we think it Justice that we Should
Conceale that we are Informd that part of these
Skins have been traded [here - crossed out] from ye Indians of the
5 nations with great Respect we Remain

May it Please yr. Ex.ly
your Excel.y most Humble
& most obedient Servant
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
Hend.r van Rensselaer

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A List of the Names of the Several persons who have gone & trade with the farr I nations of Ind.ns since Last Spring & the number of their Canoes & Bundles of Skins besides small furs which they brought Down [McIlwaine fn in Wraxall p. 160 notes this list.]

1724 [1725]			Canoes	Bundles of skins
March	27	Jochim Matthys David & Johan.es van der Heyd.n Jochim Kettelhuyn & Dowe Fonda with an Indian and Squa	3	75
		John Fairly with a hird man	1	11
		Cornelis, Joh.s Adrian & Hend.k v: Slyck Barn.dus Brat Jean Montour & 1 hir man	3	40
		Ahasueris, John, & Gerrit Marselis, Arent Stevens & Sam.l Hagedoorn	2	16
		Juriaen Hogan Jochim Bratt Gerrit Bratt & William Hogan	2	22
		Aukus and Harme van Slyck	1	12
		Peter Groenendyck Johan.s Beekman Jun., Gerrit Marselis & a hird man	2	19
		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 Schuylr Luykas wyngaert & a hird man	2	32
		Hen.k Robert Johan.es Roseboom Gerrit Lansing & Richard Hansen	2	28
		Jelles Fonda Daniel Danielse, Isaac Trueax Wilhelm Vedder & Peter Clement	2	23
April	21	Johan.s G. Lansingh and Abraham Lansingh Jun.	1	14
May	1	Ahasueris & Jan Marselis NB for a second time	1	11
		Arent Stevens & Sam.l Hagedoorn NB for a Sec. time	1	10
		Jeremy Schuyler, Nich. Schuyler & Jacob Wendell with a hird mand & Ind.s	4	93
	12	John ffairly with a hird man NB for a Second time	2	47
		Jacob Lansing & Jacob Glen	2	28
		Jacob Trueax, Reyer Wemp & Sander Lansing	1	7
		Johan.es vedder Jun. & Gysbert van Brakel	1	11
		Nich.s wyngaert Luykas wyngaert & Adam Condie	1	19
	18	William Hall and Arent Stephens	1	11

	24	Peter winne Guillien Verplanck & 3 hird Men NB a Second time to G planck	2	63
[May	24]	Benjamin van vlecq, Jacob Brower & William Mareus	1	7
June		Andries Nack Isaac Kip Ephraim Wendell & Johan.s Wyngaert	2	18
	21	Cornelis Verplanck Abr.m Schuyler Jun. & Gerrit Lansingh Jun. NB a 2d time	1	14
		Johan Lansingh Harm.es Schuyler Gerrit Brat & a hird man	1	17
		Jacob Glen Jun. & nich.o Bleecker Jun. NB for a Second time	1	10
			47	701

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		Carried Over	47	701
		Gerrit Rooseboom & Abraham Lansingh	1	10
		Luyckes wyngaert & Dan.l Bradhead NB sd. Bradhead hird a man for himself	1	7
		David vander Heyden & Symon Vedder NB for a Second time to sd. vander heyden		
		Hend.k Rose boom John Roseboom & Rich. hansen	1	8
		Isaac Graveraat & Ahasweris Roseboom	1	
				730
		Jochim Kettelhuyn and Jelles D Garmoy NB a second time		
		Johim Bratt and Barnardus Brat		
		Jurian Hogan William Hogan Jun. & Joh.s Beekman		
		Johan.s G Lansing & Peter Schuyler NB a Second time to sd. Lansingh		
		Benjamam van Vlecq and Brower NB a Second time to sd. van vlecq		

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 boundles Beaver & D D[eer]
Skins they have brought hither
taken from the best Information
that Could be got by
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
Hend.r van Rensselaer

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[Not in Wraxall.]

Att a meeting of ye Com.es of ye
Indian affairs in Albany ye. 6th
Sep.r 1725.

Present

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

Ph: Livingston

Henry vn: Renselaer

We take Leave to Inform your Exce.ls that on
Satarday last Collo: Mynd. Schuyler & Capt D'Peys.r
Returnd from Canada, who where this day tenderd
the oath Provided by act of Assembly to be taken
by psons Suspected to have traded with the french
Kings Subjects for Indian goods w.h oath they took
they inform us that ab.t three weeks ago 150
Indians are gone from Montreal fighting tow=
=wards N:England and that they came through
the Camp of the Indians near Chambly who
Design'd to go thither, but thought those Last
would turn bak 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 arriv'd in 20 Canoes at Montreal who at
their arrivall were Saluted with the Discharge of ye.
Canon That the french are Strongly fortify:
ing the Town of Montreal with a Stone
wall. that great Quantities of Strowds are
Plantifully Sent from hence to Montreall
they having Seen Severall ps.
Harne vedder & Comp.ns are Returnd from ye.
Sinneks Country and the Smiths from onnondage
as for particulars we beg leave to Refer your
Ex.ly to Coll.o Renselaer & Schuyler with our best
Respects wee Remain,

Hen: Holland

Peter v: Brugh

Evert Bancker

Ph Livingston

Hend: van Renselaer

May it Please

your Ex.ly

your Ex.lys most humble

and most obedient Servants

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It is Resolved yt. a letter be write & an Express be
sent to n:England Informing the people their of [ye-crossed out]
two parties of Indians that are on their march to their
fronteers

Att a meeting of y. Com.rs of ye
Indian affairs in albany this 7th day
of September 1725:

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh }

Ph. Livingston

The Sachims of the Sinnekes appeard before
the Com.es who Informd them that Eleven Sachims
of their castle Canossodage & Six from onnahee are gone
to montreal
with Sachims of ye other 5 nations to Condole ye death
of ye Lieut Gov.r [illeg.-crossed out] of Canada mon.r D Ramsay
yt. they would not go

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[Wraxall p. 160]

Att a meeting of the Com.es of ye
Indian Affairs in Albany this 10th
day of September 1725

Present

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh }

Evert Banker

Philip Livingston

Leiut: Coll:o Stephanis Groesbeek being arrived from
Montreal Informs this Board that as he was
past Laprerie on his Journey hither an Express Came
to him from the Sachims of ye Cacknawage Rondax &
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 his Ex.ly Gov.r Barnet the Bov.r of Boston
and the Sachims of ye Six Nations.

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[Not in Wraxall.]

Albany 10 Sept 1725

Gentlemen

Since our Last of ye. 8th Instant, we are assured by one of this place who arrivd last night in 13 days from Canada that ye. 140 Indians we Informd you lay Encampd near Chambly with a design to go out ag.t your fronteers are actually Returnd home partly by ye psuasions of people of this place and partly by their Sachims that ye 150 Indians Said to be out are gone to ye Eastwd 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 wta design to be Skulking about y.r westren fronteers of ye last gray Lock is Leader. we hope these two parties may be discoverd & defeated by your outskouts to prevent their future attempts we hear ye Indians are weary of ye war and would long Since have Come to terms of peace & Submission if the Gov.r of Canada & his priests did not Encourage & Sett them on ag.t ye people of your Govern.ts it will be a great Satisfaction to us to hear yt. our advice be of Service to ye publick as we heartily wish it may be. the Inclosed is [illeg. crossed out] for ye Gov.r w.h we desire you to forw.d to him with all possible dispatch (as also this letter for his perusall) it being as we suppose of Consequence with Respect

We Remain

To ye Justices of peace at Westfield

[Wraxall p. 160]

Albany 10 Sepr 1725

hon.ble Sir

We should think it a neglect of our Duty as we have ye hon.r to be appointed by his Ex.ly Gov.r Burnet Esq. &c. to Represent him here in Relation to Indian Affairs not to Inform you without [loss] of time of a message this day Brought [illeg.-crossed out] us by one of this place (who arrived last night in 13 days from Canada & who deliverd us Seaven hands of wampum from ye part

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of ye Sachims of ye Cachnawages Rondax & Skawinnadie Indians Living in Canada desireing thereby to Speak with you or some deputed by you, his Ex.ly our Gov.r & ye Sachims of ye 6 nations at this City by ye first of octobr next but about what Subject this proposed meeting is to be

we Cannot Inform you. tho he Said yt Some Sachims
of ye Eastren Indians were at Cachnawage so that its
Conjecturd 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
[illeg.] we hear yt. ye. Indians themselves are weary of
this war but are vigorously Sett on & supported by
the Gov.r of Canada & their priests. we write by this
Express to y Justices of westfield Informing ym. of ye
motion of ye Enemy. w.h we desire ym to forwt to you
[illeg.] for ye better Information. we intend to advice
his Ex.ly Gov.r Burnet of our proceeding in this affair
which we flatter ourselves will be approvd of by him
we Remain with Respect
To ye Hon.ble Wm Dummer
Esq. Leut Gov of ye Massch. Bay

your very humble servants
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Banker
Ph. Livingston

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[THIS PAGE HAS A LARGE X THROUGH IT BUT IS STILL LEGIBLE - Likely a
draft of the entry that follows this one, which starts p. 146a.]

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of Ind.n
Affairs in Albany the 26th of
Sept.r 1725

Psent
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Evert Bancker
Henry Renselaer
Philip Livingston

Twelve of the Sachims of Onnondage Cayouge
and Tuscaroras being arriv'd 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 can't prevent such Stories

We made a Treaty with the Gov.r of Virg.na
in 1722 in behalf of the Christians and Indians
in that Government, in which Treaty we
engaged to be Security for the Ind.ns 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 Limitts preserved by our
Treaty in 1722 and should be taken prison.rs
we desire they may be sent home as those
two persons have been sent to

We desire that you will keep that peace

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[Document has been edited in a different hand. Wraxall has partial summary p. 160 et seq.]

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of
the Ind.n Affairs in Albany the
26th of September 1725

p.sent

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

Henry Renselaer

Philip Livingston Twelve of the Sachims of Onnondage

Cayouge and Tuscaroras being arriv'd 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 wee cant prevent such Stories

first we desire you to Repeat unto us the treaty that has been [made] between ye
govern.t of virginia & his Indians and our severall nations. which [smear] done they

[said] [smear]it

so agreed on, as it was Enterd. then they said by DKanasore their Speaker

Brother asharigo

We made a Treaty with ye the Gov.r of Virgin.a

in 1722 in behalf of the Christians & Indians

of that Governm.t in which treaty we engag'd

to be security for the Ind.ns living in Canada, who

have to our great grief and without our Consent

or knowledge since that time twice done mis=

=chief there once they [have taken - crossed out] took an Ind.n & 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 Consent & Order, and if perad=
=venture any of our people should come over the Limitts
prescribed by our Treaty of 1722
and should be taken prison.rs We desire
they may be sent home as these two prison.rs
have been sent back [you (here gave a belt.-crossed out)]

We desire that they [you-crossed out] will keep that
peace and Treaty which was made between
[you - crossed out]

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them [You - crossed out] 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 charg'd in a Gun we can't
fire it;

Brother Corlaer We desire you not to sell us such bad
powder for the future we have often com=
plain'd on that Subject and now all the Six
Nations in General Join'd in it that there
may be good powder sold them, for it is a
great Deceit to sell a Comodity 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 Com=
=passion 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 gett must
all come to be Sold here Gave a few Skins

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Brother Corlaer We desire you to extend and continue
your favour on Us in Sending us a Smith this

fall to work for the Onnondages 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 on their hunting those Smiths
that have been last at Onnondage have
made but indifferent work for which if
you think fitt you may reprove them
but please to send any that is good if
it be the same we shall be glad to accept
them or other that is good

[ones?] Gave Seven hands Wampum

Brother You desired our Consent to build a trading house
on the Onnondage River which we have
Consented to We see now some inconveniency
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 comit some mischief to our
Brethren or they to [us-crossed out] them w.ch should grieve
us very much, If you are inclin'd to keep
this trading place and build such a house
while [for-crossed out] our your Ind.ns [go-crossed out] often to there w.t an
Intent
to buy powder but find none & then buy Rum
with those Skins they design'd to lay out in
powder [wherewith-crossed out] but instead of that they get drunk &
are

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are troublesome to prevent any mischief
we desire you will for the future bring
there powder instead of Rum which we
might fetch here Gave seven hands of Wamp.m
We beg you to supply us with provisions
during our stay here

Att a meetting of the Com.rs of
the Ind.n Affairs in Albany the
27th Day of Sept.r 1725

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

Hend.k v Renselaer

Philip Livingston

Seven Sachims of the Cachnawage
Skawinnadie and Rondax being arriv'd 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 arriv'd at this place
while many accidents might have hap=
=pen'd 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 bussiness
that we are come about is to treat with the
Gov.rs of N York & Boston, Wherefore we desire
you to provide us with a Convenient Room
to lodge in and to meet about the Bussiness
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'll excuse Us.

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The Comiss.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 five 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 Division 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 bounda=
ries fix'd and agreed to by the Treaty &
peace you made with that Governmt. in 1722
and that will prevent all Jealousies you have
of the Brethren of that Governmt. for we
are Certain they will never molest you if
you do not excite them to it and it will all=
ways be expected that you answer for the mis=
chiefs that shall be comitted either by your
people or those for whom you are become
Security

[0303] **150** [Continues from 148a]

Security, so keep them all from going
over the boundaries Stipulated, and you
will then do what is expected from you
by the Governm.t of Virgin.a

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
Gov.r 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 occasion'd 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 Gov.r of your
Request for a Smith to reside at Onnondage
he will no doubt send one to work for you
and as many Nations as he can supply
[and yt. he be pleased to prove a good bellows for you-crossed out]

We are glad to see that you have such a

Concern for the peace and good understanding
that is between us and you & to pvent all
mischiefs that might insue by occasion of
your people in Drink at the new trading
place on the Onnondage River, We shall desire
our Gov.r to pvent traders to sell any Rum
to any of ye five Nations but only to the
far Ind.ns but they shall supply you there
[with-smudged]

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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.t our people, they being
able to supply them much Cheaper then
the french can do

In Expectation that you will be Civil to all
our people that may come among you we
shall supply your psent 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 beginns to be cold the sooner
it be done the better before winter Setts in.

We expected that you would send our proposal
about Virgin.a to our Brother Corlaer & desire him to forward ye
Same to the Gov.r of Virgin.a. 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

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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.ns 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 ask'd the Ind.ns what propositions
Mons.r Lequele had made to them in their
Country

DKannasore 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 Mr Longuille
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 butt Set Still smoke & be neuter
DKannasore sd. 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 surpris'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

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notice of it, how he could expect it whilst
he makes no mention of his Ind.ns who are
numerous whether they would stay at home
or be concern'd in any quarrel that shall arise
if you have a mind to fight go to sea and fight
where you have Room

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Indian Affairs in Albany the 28th
Day of Sept.r 1725

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

Philip Livingston

Hend.k v Renselaer

The Sachims of Cachnawage Rondax and
Skawinnadie Ind.ns came this day before this Board
and laid down seven hands of Wampum to wye 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 entring of peace & the Covenant of friend=
=ship together, that when any accident or
mischief should happen [on-crossed out] either on the one side
or other, should be no breach of the Covenant
and friendship but that it should be reconcil'd
and made up by the aggressors in the best
manner it can be done

Brethren Our people have Comitted 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'll
forgive

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forgive it and pass that fault Over, and desire
that you'll put the vail from your faces & be
Joyfull and Sitt 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 comitted

Brethren You Sett as one who is sick of excessive
[grief - crossed out] Drinking 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 Comitted on the

Score of going to fight ag.t N England, for the
young Men are unruly & can't well be kept
from assisting the Eastren Ind.ns ag.tt N England
therefore we desire you to use your uttmost En=
deavour that an End may be put to this War.

Brethren We have had several Conferences Concerning
the wellfare of us all, and you have allways
given us the honour to [be-crossed out] Call in the chiefes & Indians
living in Canada, and therefore we desire you
to forgive us that murder that has been comitted
by some of our vilest people & bury it in everlasting
Oblivion and that it may be forgott & 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 friendship
Give a Belt of Wampum

The Com.rs told the sd Ind.ns to have receivd
seven hands of Wampum from them whereby
they

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They desired to treat w.t the Gov.rs of N York and
Boston & the Six Nations at this time, that they
had sent Notice according to their desire to Boston
but the Gov.r there has sent word that he is to
have a Treaty with the Ind.ns engag'd in the War
about this time, and he desir'd the Com.rs to
receive the Message they had to deliver in
Relation to that Governm.t w.ch this Board was
now ready to receive

To which the sd. Ind.ns mad answer that they
would deliver their Message to this Board in Case
they would send for Coll.o John Schuyler Agent
for the Governm.t of the Massachusetts Bay, that
they had done in Relation to the Governm.t of
N York, and they had agreed to treat w.t him
alone in Case he could not be psent here, The Com.rs
told them they would not hinder Coll. John Schuy
=ler from being present but had reasons to suspect
he would not come, and if they would not deliver
their Message as desired by the Governm.t of Boston
they might expect this Board would acquaint
him of it, and they might do their pleasure to
treat w.t Coll.o Schuyler alone, that no pson would
hinder their so doing, but had one thing more

to offer, to desire them that if any of yr people
were inclin'd to go to Boston to pay the Gov.r
their a Visit they would be well entertain'd
and kindly received

Att a meeting of the Com.rs
of Ind.n Affairs in Albany
the 29th of Sept.r 1725

Present
Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
Henry v Renselaer

Brethren

We have consider'd on the propositions
you made yesterday & can't forbear to reproach
you

[0229] **113** [Not in Wraxall. This is the second part of the September 29 1725 entry that begins on p. 152a.]

You for the base & perfidious Action comitted
this Summer by some of your people in murdering
One of his Maj.es Soldiers & Subjects at a time when
we thought no ill of you, Especially since we
had not long before cultivated a good understand
=ing between our Brethren of N 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 Comitted 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 Surprise
or in heat of blood, but this base Action has
been done deliberately and with a Design as
we suppose to break the Amaty and good
Understanding thas [sic] has 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 blkt
But such base Murders as this should be
punished on the Comitters of them, w.ch 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
Comitted by some of your vilest people & wt out
your Consent, We shall at your Instance, Desire
our Gov.r 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 pro=
=mises and engagements your several tribes
made so lately to this Governm.t & in particular
to the Governm.t 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 [of-crossed out] that your people on pretence of going to
War [with-crossed out] [to] N England to assist the Eastern Ind.ns
they came on our fronteers and killed on of our
people, by which we plainly see that there is no
Dependence 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
Accord enter'd into with this & the neighbouring
Governm.ts & in particular that of Boston, So if
you will have a free & open Road we expect you to
demean your Self peaceably towards all his
Maj.es Subjects and pform your promises w.ch we
have allways done on our side Give a Belt.

They answer that they have w.t Attention
heard what we have s.d and do faithfully promise
to pform their Engagements, that they are not fully
Impowered

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Impowered to promise to become security to
deliver up to Justice those of their people who

transgress for the future, but that article in particular they shall communicate to their Sachims when they gett home and bring an answer as soon as possible

Albany 29th Septem.r 1725 [Not in Wraxall]

Sir

We have been honour'd with yours of the 17th Instant [yt] your Messenger whom we have detained four days expecting the arrival of the Cachnawage Rondax & Shawinnadie Indians with whom we had a Conference yesterday in Relation to this Governm.t w.ch being ended, We told them to have rec.d seven hands of Wamp.m from them whereby they desired to treat w.t your Governm.t w.ch they did acknowledge, on that we acquainted them that you are to have a Treaty about this time at Boston with the Ind.ns engag'd 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 wrould deliver their Message in presence of Coll. Jn.s Schuyler & not to us wt out him alledging that he is your Agent, perceiving they were not inclind to deliver their Message w.t out him, We must take leave to refer you to him who we doubt not will by this Opportunity acquaint you w.t what they came to say. We heartily wish it did lye in our power to serve you in Relation to this Ind.n War, We have propos'd to them that some of their number should go and pay you a visit at Boston but can't find that any are inclined to go tho we assur'd them of your friendship & kind treatm.t tow.ds them, We hope you will have success in making a firm and lasting peace w.t the [illeg. blot] Ind.ns w.t respect we remain

Henry Holland
Philip Livingston Peter van Brugh
Henry Renselaer Evert Bancker

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[Summary Wraxall p. 161]

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of Ind.n
Affairs in Albany the 10th Day
of October 1725

Psent

Henry Holland } Esq.rs Com.rs

Evert Bancker }

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
Grievances & Inform you of the Inconveniency
of that trading house at the Onnondages River
by Reason of the Strong Liquor brought thither
by the Traders, One of our principal Sachims
called Sogeanjawa is Stuck Dead w.t a knife
and several have their Noses and Ears cutt off
& likewise nine of the farr Ind.ns 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 & Ind.ns & 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 Ind.ns 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 w.t any Sort of Goods you please
but are utterly against your carrying any more Strong
Liquor among Us

Brother Corlaer It is Good pleasure we live in peace
and quiet Yet are alway [sic] uneasie lest you and
Gov.rs of Canada differ about the Trade, for
we perceive you cannot very well bear one
another

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Another, therefore we pray you not to be
the Occasion of Shedding blood in our Land
where you may trade and converse all along

the Onnondage River and Cadarachquas Lake
to Thierondequat, and should any of your
people chance to meet w.t any french, desire
they may kindly love & friendly greet one
another, We our selves have said ye Same
to the Gov.r of Canada, that he should not
be the Occasion of any blood Shedding 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 Stop'd the Way to
Canada, that no Strowaters [sic - s.b. strowds?] should be carried --
thither, Yet we find that this Summer the
Strowds have been carried to the Onnondage
River & sold there to the french, w.ch we shall
further declare to our Brother next Spring
when he shall please to call a meeting, Upon
w.ch we give a Belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

This place was of old appointed for us to meet & speak w.t one another, We have heard y.t your people who trade in our Country, report that they encourage & draw the far Ind.ns 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 acq.nt you that we have gaind five Nations to come & trade at this place from year to year, w.ch they will not decline except the Gov.r of Canada delude them, We have now our Ambassadors ready to send to the farr Nations of Ind.ns to request them to come & trade at Albany. We are the Nations that lye nearest the far Ind.ns And we must always bear the Charges of Belts of Wamp.m & Blkts, Therefor Brother we pray
you

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you to assist us w.t Strowds powder & lead. Else
we shall not be able to speak w.t ym any longer

Brother Corlaer We have heard yt. you sent this Summer
to Onnondage to acq.t the Six Nations you could
not meet us this year because the Kings business
hindere'd you, Which Message was not rightly
brought to us from Onnondaga, 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 y.t [a good Smith - crossed out]
Myndert Wemp may be sent up to us w.t all Tools
fitting for his business, And we should be very
glad if he might go w.t us now, We were in hopes
to have mett a Smith by the way

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of Ind.n
Affairs in Albany this 11.th of October
1725 [Summary Wraxall p. 161.]

Present
Henry Holland } Esq.rs Com.rs
Evert Bancker

Answer of the Com.rs to ye proposition
made yesterday by ye Sachims of
the Six Nations

We heard your proposition yesterday w.t Attention
wherein you laid before us your Grievances. Occasi=
=on'd by the Selling of Strong Liquor at the Trading
house on the Onnondage River. the great want
you are in of a Smith, & likewise your Uneasi=
ness in Case any difference should happen
between our people and the french, who come
thro' your Country to trade, all w.ch we shall
carefully acquaint his Excellency our Govern.r
with by the first Opportunity

You

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You say that you are the Nations who ly nearest
the far Ind.ns by reason of w.ch you are put to great
Charge of Belts & Bltkts to speak wt. them
to draw them hither to trade, We heartily
thank you for your Care & Diligence in that
particular & shall acquaint his Excel.ey of it
w.ch no doubt will be pleasing to him. We
now give you 50 lb of powder 100 lb of lead
6 blks of Strowds & 2 kegs of Rum to be
kept in Store to speak wt the far Ind.ns on
Occasion

It was resolved at this meeting to write
the following Letter to his Excellency Viz.t

May it please your Excellency Albany 11.th October 1725

We take leave to inform your Excellency
that on Saturday last arriv'd at this City Six
Sachims of ye Six Nations w.t Lowrence Claese
the Interpreter who appear'd before this Board
Yesterday & made a proposition Minutes
whereof & also our Answer thereto is Inclosed
with our best Respects we remain

May it please your Excellency
Your Excellencies most humble and
most obedient Servants
Sign'd Henry Holland
Evert Bancker

[0236] 116a [Not in Wraxall.]

Att a meeting of the Com.rs
of Ind.n Affairs in Albany this
4th Day of Nov.r 1725

Psent
Henry Holland } Esq.rs Com.rs
Evert Bancker

Having this Day rec.d from Jos: Willard
Esq.r Secretary of the Massachusetts Bay
a Letter writ by Order of the Lieut. Gov.r and
Assembly of that Province

Resolved by this Board an Answer thereto should
be sent to s.d Secretary Willard w.ch is as follows

Albany 5.th Nov.r 1725

Mr. Livingston being from home, Am Order'd
by the Com.rs of Ind.n Affairs here to acquaint you
that they rec.d your Letter without Date, acquainting
them that your Lieut. Gov.r & Council has rec.d
from Coll Stoddard their Intelligence of the setting
out & March of the Ind.ns from Canada towards
your frontiers w.ch they hope has prevented --
their Cruel Designs, This Week arriv'd here
some Gentlemen from Canada but bring no News
save that Gov.r 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 Sign'd James Stevenson

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Att a meeting of the Com.rs of y.e
Indian affairs in Albany y.e 25th of
Nov:r 1725. [Not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

John Cuyler

Peter van Brugh } Esq.rs Com.rs

Evert Bancker

Ph. Livingston

Henry van Renselaer

Whereas his Ex.y Wm. Burnet ye Capt. Gen
and Gov. in Chiefe of ye Provinces of new york [&] Jersey [met]
in Councill has directed ye Com.rs of Indian affairs at Albany
to send Smiths among ye 5 nations of Indians to work for [ym]
in Pursuance whereof they
[illeg - crossed out] have this day agreed with Jacob Browe[r]
Smith and Harme vedder Jun.r to go to onnondage to work
for the Indians Such Smiths work as they have occassion
for from the date of these psents untill ye. 15th Septem.br
now next Ensueing for which they are to be paid by the
Governm.t [illeg. - crossed out] when they shall have p formed yt
work the Sume of thirty five pounds and necessary [toils]
Steal & Iron.

The Com.rs have write ye Jacob Brower ye
following letter to Jurian Hogan Smith at psent Resideing
at ye Sinnekes Country

Albany 25 Nov.r 1725

Mr Jurian Hogan

His Ex.cy the Gov.r in Councill have allowd
for a Smith to Stay in ye. 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 and
Lansingh to have the ten pound between them, which
the Com.rs do hereby offer unto you and them. on Condition
that you and they Stay there till ye 15[th] of September next
to perform Such Smiths work as Shall be necessary for ye Indians
but in ye mean time Lansingh or your Brother have
Liberty to Come hither on their Lawfull Business if
Either of y. do desire it. is the need full at psent from

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Att a meeting of ye Com.rs of ye
Indian affairs in Albany ye [16th - crossed out]
[Dec.r 1725 - crossed out]
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Att a meeting of ye. Com.rs of ye Indian
Affairs in albany ye [16 X.ber] 1725 [Not in Wraxall]

Present Copy
Phil. Livingston
Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
[H.] van Rensslaer

Having this day Received a letter from Capt. Jno
Collins of Schinectady. Informing the Com.rs that there
came a Christian boy from the maquas Country who has been
taken by some of our upper nations and brought to
Canajohahare [sic] 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 traders horses were taken at ye same time
and also

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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 Claese 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 Securd from ye fury
of the Indians till his Ex:cy Govern.r Burnets pleasure
shall be known.

Copy Albany ye 20th Dec.r 1725 [Not in Wraxall]
In pursuance of ye Com.rs Letter of ye 6th Instant to Capt
Collins he has Sent ye English boy who [has] been
taken by our upper Indians he being almost naked
Resolvd y.t [that - crossed out] he be Cloathed and Logd at Capt. Banckers
till next Spring

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[Not in Wraxall]

Att a meeting of ye Com.rs of ye Indian
Affairs in albany ye 4th Jan.ry 1725/6

Present

Phil: Livingston

[Henry Holland - crossed out]

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

Henry van Rensslaer

The Com.rs this day ye following letter to
his Excellency [sic]

Albany 4 Jan.ry 1725/6

may it Please your Ex.cy

Your Ex.cys favours of ye 3. 9.ber [November?] we Read. and Shall observe your Ex.cys directions therein Contained. we have at psent nothing of moment to Comunicate unto yr Ex.cy only that we have had ye good fortune a few days [illeg.-crossed out] since to gett an English boy who is Run away from y.e Maquas at Fort Hunter whom we have Cloathed & Shall maintain & keep here till your Ex.cys pleasure Shall be known. this Boy by what we Can Learn from him has been taken by our five -- Nations at ye Same time they Robbd Capt Hicks in virginia they took then this Boys father but Sett him at Liberty -- but took five Squas along with them. one they killd by ye way. two they burnt in oneyde & did Eat them. and the other two are among ye 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 hope to Compass it. this is a sufficient proof of ye Case & falsehood of ye 5 nations. Such base actions we Conceive would in a great measure be prevented if some able psons did Continually Reside at onnondage with great Respect we Remain

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[Not in Wraxall]

Copy

Att a meeting of ye Com.rs of ye
Indian affairs in Albany ye 9th
Jan.ry 1725/6

Present

Ph. Livingston }

Evert Bancker

This day arrived here Two Indians with a
Letter from Jacob Brower Smith at onnondage
dated ye 3th Instant, wherein he signifies that ye old smith
Bellows is Rotten & of no use So yt. he cant make any
good work without a new bellows Its Resolved that a
new Bellows be forthwith made yt. ye Indians
may be Supplyd with such Smith work
as they have Occasion for.

[0242] **119a** [Not in Wraxall.]

Copy

Att a meeting of ye Com.es of ye
Indian affairs in albany ye 15 Day
of Jan.ry 1725/6

Present

Ph Livingston

Henry Holland }

P.v. Brugh

E Banker

H v Renselear

This day the Com.rs write a letter to Jacob
Brower Smith at onnondage with a smiths Bellows
as also to Jurian hogans at Sinnekes Country
which last is as follows.

We have write you & Jacob Brower Smith at
onnondage if you would work as Smith for ye Indians
at ye Sinnicke Country, till Sept. next and Credit ye
Governmts. but have Recd now manner of answer
from you. in ye mean time we hear [from - crossed out] that you wife
has Recd a letter from you wherein you mention
that there is a french smith in ye Sinnekes Castle with his --
wife & Children and other french with their wives
that they [illeg. crossed out] or ye Indians have [broaken] ye [Beche]
[Iron] 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 ye
Indians. Send your letter to Jacob Brower and he
will forward ye same unto us. we are.

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Att a meeting of ye Com.rs of ye Indian
affairs in albany ye 25th Jan.ry 1725/6

Present

Ph. Livingston

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh }

Evert Bancker

Henry van Renselaer

The Com.rs being Informd yt. ye. Sachims of ye
five nations expect an answer to their Propositions made unto them,
last fall in Relation to their Prohibition of Rum sold to their
people at ye falls on ye onnondage River & ye lake that in Case they
gett no [satisfactory] answer they have [Resolved - crossed out] Concluded to put in
Execution

their Resolution in Relation to that affair

Whereon It is thought [fitt for - crossed out] Proper for ye safety &
Tranquility of ye traders who design to go to trade next Spring
that Lawrence Claes ye Interpreter be sent to onnondage. order a
Letter be wrote unto him to appear be fore this meeting to Receive
Instructions in Relation to that affair

[0244] **120a** [Wraxall p. 161 gives date as 12 Feb.]

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Att a meeting of ye Comrs of ye
Indian affairs in albany ye [1st]
day of feb 1725/6

Present

P L.

H H

Jons Cuyler

P. V Brugh }

E Bancker

J Collins

H V Renslaer

It is Resolved by ye Comrs to give Lowrence
Claese ye following Instructions

By the Com.rs of ye Indian
affairs at albany

Instructions for Lowrence Claese the Interpreter

Whereas ye Indians of ye five nations have sent two
Severall messages to ye Com.es Last fall Complaining of Rum being
Sold unto their People by ye traders at ye falls and ye lake near ye
onnondage River which they Conceive will be very pernicious (if not
prevented and whereby many unhappy accidents may [Ensue - crossed out] arise.
they acknowledge to have given Liberty unto his Ex.cy their Brother

Corlaer Gov.r Burnet to Sett beaver Traps at ye lake, but they alleadge that ye bait his people ye Christians use meaning ye Rum will Catch Men and therefore desired that no Rum might be Carryed up thither for ye future. but that ye Traders Should only carry up [f-- crossed out] dry goods to Supply ye far Indians to wh. messages ye S.d five nations Expect an answer as soon as may be and on failure thereof [they - crossed out] we are Informd yt [ye - crossed out] they have Concluded to Execute their Resilution in Relation to ye affair and since its Impracticable to prevent ye young Traders to Carry up Rum to ye lake to trade with ye far Indians and in order to quiet ye minds of ye Indians You are here by Required and Directed forthwith to go to onnondage (takeing a Christian with you) at your arrival there you are to Inform ye Sachims of ye 5 nations in name of his Ex.cy Gov.r Burnet Esq.r &c. that he has Received their Propositions
In Relation

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in Relation to the Rum not to be sold & Carryd up to ye lake. that he has given orders that none of his people under his Government Shall Sell any Strong Liquor unto any of ye 5 nations at ye falls or Lake but that they are only to Sell it to ye far Indians for Promoteing & Encouraging ye trade with you that his Ex.cy earnestly desires that none of ye Traders be any ways Molested or hindered in their trade with ye far Indians that his Excy at his next meeting Shall Settle that and other affairs with you, for ye gen.le good and welfare of us all. In ye meantime its Expected that they and their young men will behave ymselves peaceable to All his Maj.es Subjects and not allow any french to Reside in any of their Castles on w.ch you are to Lay down [illeg.] a belt of wampum herewith delivered you

You are to use your best Endeavor to Release an English Boy which we are Informd is in Some of ye Indian Castles and taken from virginia by some of ye 5 nations or Canada Indians wh Charge Shall be paid you

as We are Informd that a french Smith with his family & Some other french men from Canada are at ye Sinnekes Country wh. if Confirmd to you at onnondage you are to proceed to that place where you are to make the Same Proposition as you are directed to do at onnondage which you are also to Communicate unto ye other nations as you go along. you are to Inform your Self how & in what manner ye french are posted there and by whose directions and what their Chief [Business] is [If] ye Beck Iron belonging to this Government be broake & if Jurian Hogan accepts to work as smith [illeg.- crossed out] at ye Sinnekes Country according to the Letters write unto him by ye Com.rs, how ye Indians are generally [afflasted] what number of ye 5 nations are gone out a fighting & agts what nations and Generally what news you can learn of any moment among ye Indians of all which you are to keep a Journall in Writeing. Given under our hands in albany -- [illeg.] day feb.y in ye twelfth year of his Maj.e Reign an Do 1725/6

[0246] **121a** [Not in Wraxall.]

Albany 8 feb 1725/6

May it please yr Excy

Your Excy's favour of ye 23rd Jan.ry we recd according to your Excys Directions shall send ye English Boy p the first Sloop wt an Recott of the Charges we have disbursd, Indeed the base behaviour of our Ind.ns towards Virgina is very provoking of wch we are ashamed wt Submist we humbly are of opinion yt it can't be pvented, unless some able psons of Distinction be posted among them to dissuade them from such ill practices & keep ym firm to yr allegiance to his Maj.ie for they are very waver= ing & much Inclind to ye french Interest

We shall not be wanting to Encourage as much as in Us lyes all those yt are inclined to trade next Spring at ye Lake & advise ym from your Excel.y to behave themselves diferectly towards [y - crossed out] our Ind.ns in Case any Disputes do arise & not to give any Cause of Complaints, & yt they only sell Rum to the far Ind.ns on this Occasion we have thought fitt for his Maj.e service to make an Answer to ye Proposition of ye Indns mad last fall through Lawrence Claese ye Interpreter Copy of his Instructions are herein Inclosd We hope he will be able to quiet ye minds of ye Ind.ns for ye Safety of those who are going to trade at ye Lake We are glad ye peace is concluded between Boston & ye Eastern Ind.ns wen wch we wish may be lasting wt our best Respects we remain

May it please your Ex.cy

Sign

Your Ex most humble and
most Obedient Serv.ts
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
Pieter van Brugh

[0247] **122** [Wraxall p. 162 et seq.]
Att a meeting of the Com.rs of
Indian affairs in Albany the 16th
Day of March 1725/6

Present

Philip Livingston
Henry Holland } Esq.rs Com.rs
Evert Bancker
Peter van Brugh

This Day Lourence Claese the Inter=
=preter Appeard before this Board and Said that he

had Pursuant to y.e Instructions Deliverd him dated the first 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 5.th of s.d month he arrived in y.e maquase Country where he Communicated to the Sachims that touching the prohibition of ye 5 Nations of Rum to be Sold unto y.e Indians at ye falls or Lake his Ex.cy had given Strict orders that no pson 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 Trders [sic] --

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 faithfully 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. 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 y.e 6th feb. he Left fort hunter and arrived y.e 13th dit.o at onneyde where he Communi[cated] to the Sachims there y.e 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 Sachims were Sent to y.e 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 & Arriv'd at Onnondaga the 17 Ditto, where, when the Sachims were Conveen'd, 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 Sachims were gone to the Sinnekes Country, that they should give him and Answer, and what they Concluded or Consented they would approve.

On the 18th went from Onnondage and arriv'd at Cayouge the 20.th D.o & having call'd the Sachims to meet acquainted them with Contents of his Instructions who immediatly answer'd him that they had sent Deputies to the Sinnekes Country & what they should resolve with the rest of the Sachims they would Confirm and approve off

He arriv'd at the Sinnekes Country on the 22.d of s.d month and found there the Deputed Sachims of the four Nations, who he desir'd Immediatly to meet together, and when they were Conven'd acquainted them what he was directed by his s.d Instructions & found Jurian 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

On the 26

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On the 26th he being call'd before the meeting of the Sachims of the four Nations they said that they were resolv'd to send two Deputies of each Nation to his Excel.y at New York, because they suspected that the Com.rs were negligent to acq.tt his Exce.ly with their prohibition of the Rum being sold to the Ind.ns in their Country at the fall of Onnondage River; the same Day he reply'd that his Excel.y has been fully Inform'd w.t their Desires, and that his Excel.y has there upon given Orders, that no Rum shall be sold to any of the five Nations at the fall of Onnondage river but only to the farr Ind.ns to promote a Trade w.t them, and further what he was directed by his Instructions, on w.ch they s.d that they fully approvd of every thing he had s.d Except that Rum should be sold in their Country w.ch they will not allow off, and in Case they or the far Ind.ns have Occasion for Rum, that they may go & buy it at Albany or at Schinectady, as they have formerly

done then they & we shall be free from being
the authors of any mischief or murther yt 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 wt this
Belt of Wamp.m as as Token from the 5 Nations
that the Gent.mn Com.rs will be pleas'd 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.y 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 yt Strong
Liquor is the root of all Evil, w.ch we our Selves
have many times had sad Experience off. and saw last
year some Christian Ind.ns of ye 5 Nations & far Ind.ns
lying drunk to excess among one another at ye fall
who then gett in Quarrel together by w.ch many
sad Accidents may arise & if any do we clear our
selves of the Guilt

The french Smith came here in a deceitfull manner
We had sent Deputies to Canada to Condole the
Death

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Death of Gov.r D Ramsey & they have brought him
along wtout our Order or knowledge, but we return
our Brother Corlaer our most hearty thanks for
sending us a Smith

The Sachims desire that his Excel.y will be pleas'd
to meet them at Albany [early-crossed out] in the Spring, they
have to treat ab.t matters of great moment Con=
=cerning the welfare of us All, They desire a good
Beek Iron for ye Smith that is w.t them & some
tools w.t out w.ch he can make no good work

The s.d Interpreter is Inform'd that ye ffrench
have finish'd and rig'd one Vessel at Cadarachqui
and another is to be lanchd this Spring

That the five Nations have Concluded to Send
of each Nation two Messengers to the Waganhas
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 inform'd from trusty Ind.ns that the
Gov.r of Canada has last year obtain'd 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.sr Longueill the present Gov.r of Canada has been there last year to view the place, the french are to have sd house built this Spring

That there are gone out a fighting this last Winter 21 Mohoggs 40 Onnondages 20 Tuscaroras 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 married w.t a Sinneke Squa

[0251] **124** [Wraxall p. 163 has excerpt.]
Albany 18 March 1725/6

May it please your Excel.y

We have been honourd wt. your Ex.y's favours of ye 8 Inst. with Submission to your Excel.y we are humbly of Opinion that it is a matter of the [last] Consequence to the province that no Care be taken to prevent the ffrench to reside among our Ind.ns and that no person of Ability wt a Number of Men be sent to dwell Continually among them, We hope the Assembly will pleast 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 wch. at last may end in our Destruction

We are very glad your Ex.y is pleas'd to approve of our sending the Interpreter to quiet the minds of the Ind.ns he is Return'd. Inclos'd is his Journal wch. we refer to your Ex.y's Consideration, by wch. 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 wt. 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 ffrench Interest greatly sways the Indians to prevent the Selling of Rum

The ffrench we see are not Idle in Obstructing our Trade, for we hear they will now build a trading house at the place where we Imagen'd we had one, & what will be the Event of the [Essecs] in the lake is uncertain Yet it may be Conjecture'd 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 ye Subjection of ye ffrench
who keep them in awe

It is with no little Concern & without precedent that
we see the Ind.ns have sent Deputies to the Sinnekes
Country to the ffrench 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.es Service yt Some pson of Experi=
=ence wt. the Interpreter be sent among ye Ind.ns at Onnondage
to stay there (till your Exc.y sahll meet the Sachims here)
to quiet the minds of ye Ind.ns & keep them from molesting
our Traders, [for - crossed out] wch. we hope your Exc.y will be pleas'd to di=
=rect 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 [&c]
amt to £ [blank in original] as p Acco.t here inclosd

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Jan Wemp & Jacob Glen have produc'd affidavits
unto Us whereby it appears that they have sufficiently
clear'd up & mended the Road on Oneyde Carrying place
and that they clear'd & Cutt the Wood Creek & Carried
away the Trees So that the same is Navigable to the
Onneyde 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 sd Wood Creek, but the
bridge over the Wood Creek they Could not Compleat
last Summer, tho' have given Bond to pform 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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[Apr. 21, 1726]

[Wraxall mention p. 163]

By the Commissioners of the
Indian Affairs at Albany

Instructions for Major Abraham Schuyler
Whereas his Excellency [sic] william Burnet Esq.
Cap.t Generall and Governour in Chief of the
Provinces of New York New Jersey &c. has been pleasd
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 forth-

=with to go to Onnondage on your Arrival there,
Desire the Sachims of the five Nations to meet, &
when they Shall be Conven'd, you are to Desire
them in the name of his Excellency our Governou[r]
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 [be-crossed out] 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 we 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 Cadaracqui Lake, off which
if your have Certain Intelligence, you are forthwith
by Express to Inform 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

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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 Present 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 [space in original] Blankets of
Strowds

You are to Reside Some Time at the
ffalls where our Traders Lye to see that they do
not abuse the farr Ind.ns 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 Journey [sic] Not Doubting but his Excellency Shall Sufficiently Reward you for your Service.

Given under our hands in Albany
this 21th day of April in the twelfth Year of
his Maj.es Reign Annoq. Domini 1726

Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
Pieter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Hend. van Rensselaer

[0256] **126a**

[Wraxall quotes this letter p. 163.]

Albany 27 April 1726

May it Please y.r Excellency
yours Ex.es favours of ye 25th March on ye Receipt
whereof we sent for major Ab.m Schuyler who as soon
as he Came to Town we acquainted him with your
Exce.ly[s] pleasure. for his Going in ye Indian Country to
Quiet their mines [sic] he accepted to go on Credit of your
Exce.ly[s] Letter we thought it Necessary to give him
Instructions Copy whereof is here Inclosed hoping
his Message may have ye Desired Effect. and yt. ye.
Assembly will Provide for the Charges he has £25.-- in
Presents to the Indians besides 5 blankets Strowds
to be Imployd Instead of belts of Wampum Its very
acceptable to us yt. yr. Exc.ly Concurs with us yt. its
Necessary to have persons of Experience among ye
Indians with out w.h they will Certainly allinate in
their affections & fidelity to his Majesty ---

We hear of many that are gone to trade to ye.
westward even to Number of 50 Canoes. People Incou
=rage that trade now to Emulation even those who were
at first ag.nt it. if our People be not Interrupted by ye.
french they will gett a Large Chear of their trade
this Sumer --

We are Informd ty. a number of men

are gone from Montreal to Jagara Some Say to build
a ffort there what there Design may be theyl Conceal
from us as Long as Possible -

Inclosed is a Petition to your Ex.ly from the
Inhabitants of ffort Hunter Desireing a Law for
Restraining People to buy ye. Corn from ye. Indians
there & Selling ym. Rum w.h has been found by Experi
=ence to very Destructive to ym. it would Conduce
much for ye benefitt of ye. Inhabitants there to obtain
Such a Law but they ought to debar as well as others
from buying Corn from ye Indians & Selling Rum

[0258] **127a**

[Not in Wraxall.]

Att a meeting of ye Com.rs of
the Indian affairs in albany
the 5th of June 1726.

Present

Ph Livingston

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh }

Evert Bancker

Henry [Holland - crossed out] Renslaer

The Com.es Recd this day two letters
from maj.r Abraham Schuyler [dated at onodage - smudged or crossed out]
the

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[0259] **128**

[Wraxall p. 163 et seq.]

Att a meeting of ye Com.es of ye
Indian affairs in albany ye 8th of
June 1726

Present

Ph Livingston

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh }

Evert Banker

Henry Renslaer

May it Please your Excellency

It is with no Litle Concern that the Intelligence
we had from Montreal and we Informd your Excel.y
with that the french were Sending up a Number
of men to Jagara proves ture [true?] there are now 120 men
as major Abr. Schuyler advices us, and now we have

an account that the 2 vessels build by the french at Cadarachquis passd by the mouth of the onnondage River bound to Jagara with Lime &c. to make the above building this may and we humbly Conceive will prove of fatall Consequence to this Province in Particular, and very distructive to the fur Trade by what we are assurd that this building is to be at the South Side of Jagara River. where is a good harbour for Vessells and Conveniently Scituated to Intercept all the fur trade of the upper nations and even of our Sinnekes 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 larger Store of goods there for Supplying the Indians

We hope your Ex.ly will be pleasd to take Such proper measures as your Excellency in your great wisdom Shall Seem most proper to frustrate the french Pernicious Designs, in put=
=ting up this building on Land belonging to the, Indians we are assurd that 400 men of ye. milita at mon=
=treale are Detachd to be Ready on the first notice to go up to Jagara, 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 Setled above Jagara or about the Lake of Cadarachqui how this agrees with the treatie of Commerce your Ex.cy may be best Judge. Received this Day a letter from Maj. Abra.m Schuyler of the first Instant brought by three onnondage -- Indians who Say to be Sent by the Sachims to know the Contents of the S.d Letter w.h was accordingly explaind unto them, it Seems that the Indians Intertain very Sus=
=picious & Jealous thoughts of us. and w.h never will be otherwise untill men of Experience & Conduct be posted & Live [and-crossed out] among them. here are also two other Letters from M.r Schuyler Rec.d ye. 5th Instant we have no more to add at present but that we are with great Respect
May it Please your Exce.ly

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Att a meeting of the Commiss.
of the Indian affairs in Albany
23th June 1726

[REMAINDER OF PAGE IS BLANK]

[0310] **153a**

att a meeting of the Comissioners
of the Indian affairs in Albany
the 21st July 1726 [Not in Wraxall.]

Sir

We just now received ye. Enclosed by an Indian
who Brings the news of the Death of Maj: Abraham
Schuyler we Design now and are met accordingly
to write ye. Interpreter to Say [sic] there and bring ye.
Indians down according to your Excel.lys appoint
=ment. Mr. Livingston this minute took his Leave
of the Commission.ers in order for Canada we
have no further to Informe your Excel.cy but
begg Leave to Subscribe our Selves your
Ex.cys most obedient humble Servants

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albany ye. 22.th of July 1726 [Not in Wraxall.]

Came before the Commissioners an Indian Named
Poquin from assekontoquoq 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 all ways in Danger ---
2d.ly formerly he Says they used to have a great
tree at Schachtekoke where they Could Shadow
themselves under
3d.l the Lower Indians had threatened them
which was ye. Reason they Came not Sooner, they
had taken their Refuge place in mesixque
in the Lake where they formerly Lived ---

In Anser 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

[Not in Wraxall.]

Sir

We Received yours of the 21st of this instant
and in answer there to these are to Informe
you that we have had no news Since our first infor
=mation but you may assure your Self we Shall
allways behave our Selves as neighbours and
brethren Towards your assistance to all ye.
news that might or may Come this way. we
having nothing more but our hearty wishes
for ye. well fare of your Self & Government
and begg Leave to Subscribe our Selves
your Hon.s most
obediant Humble Serv.ts

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[Not in Wraxall.]

By his Exc.ly William Burnet
Esq.r Capt. Gene.l and Gov.r in Chief
of the Provinces of New York New
Jersey &c.

A Proclamation

Whereas I have Summoned the Indians of the five Nations to
meet me at this place to treat with them about publick affairs Some
of them being arrived 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 and Rum
or other Strong Liquor to any Indian or Indians Dureing my
Residence in this City and County and that no person or pesons [sic]
Shall Receive buy or take in pawn any goods to be given as presents
to the Indians on penalty to be prosecuted with ye. uttmost Severity
for any Such misdemeanons [sic] 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 13th year of his Majesties Reign
Anno Domini 1726

W. Burnet

[0316] [Pages **156a through 169a** contain the records of the conference held with the Six Nations in Albany on Sept. 7, 1726, by Governor William Burnet. The version in these records is nearly identical to the version printed in DRCHNY, beginning at 5:786. The version in the AIC records appears to be a copy, slightly imperfect in that it leaves out a word occasionally as well as the last part of Governor Burnet's speech on Sept. 7. The notes in the margin identifying terms used in the treaty are briefer in the AIC version, but substantially the same. The governor of South Carolina, or possibly South Carolina itself, is not in the DRCHNY version, but is given in the AIC version as Troskrohare, and the Governor of Virginia as Assarigo and Assorigo. (p. 154a, image 0332). The records contain another complete copy of this conference on pages 218-230 and a fragment on p. 248-248a. In the DRCHNY, the treaty is followed by a Sept. 14 1726 Deed of Trust to the King from the Seneca, Cayuga, and Onondaga for the hunting country around the Great Lakes. The deed is not in the AIC records, which go on to additional proceedings between the commissioners and the governor. See next page. For Burnet's thinking on the fort / trading post see his Dec. 20 1726 letter to the Lords of Trade DRCHNY 5:810 et seq. specifically p. 812.]

[0465] **230a** [Another copy of this meeting between Gov. Burnet & the AIC can be found on p. 170.]

Att a Meeting of Comissioner
of Indian Affairs in Albany
the 14th day of Septemb. 1726

Present

His Excellency William

Burnet Esq.r &c

Philip Livingston

Henry Holland

John Cuyler

Peter Van Brugh

Evert Bancker

Myndert Schuyler

His Excellency thought fitt to Appoint

Capt. Lancaster Seyms to be one of the Comissioners

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 Raizd by act of
Assembly

It appeard that £25 on Credit of a minute
of Councill of October Last was
allowed by the Commissioners to Jacob Brower
and Harne Vedder Jun. Smith at Onnondage
and £5.10 for their towls &c £35:-- to Jurian
Hogan & Comp.ny as Smiths at Sinnekes Country
Last year & £5: for a Smiths Bellows at onnon=
=dage

It is further observd that Major Abraham Schuyler Deceasd has been in the Indian Country by his Excellencys order Dureing the Space of three months till the time of his death for which his Exce.ly in Consideration of ye. Misfortune of his family his Execly. would Recomend it to the Council at New York for the Allowence of £50:-- there was Likewise producd on acc.t of presents furnish'd by Philip Livingston Actually given by Major Ab: Schuyler Amo.t to the Sume of £31:7:6--
[On] Accot

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An Account for two men his Attendants £22:-- by his agreement a bursh Canoe from M. Cornelis Cuyler agreed for £10:-- provisions £8:19. 1 1/2 Jurian hogan psents given by Lourence Clase amo.t £4:7:-- an Acc.t of D.o for Carying up an Anwill &c. £6:19:-- a Smith's anvill from Philip Livingston for the Sinnekes Country amounting to £7:13:6 An acct. of Lowrence Claes[en] for his Journey to the Sinnekes Country in bringing down the Sachims now with horse here & Charging in 4 fitching Sachims from hunting amounts to £32:2:-- all which his Excellency Informd the Com.es he would Recommend to the Councill at New York for their Consent that warr:t on the Treat.y [treasury?] may Issue for Payment of Said Severall Accts.

His Exc.ly 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; y his Exc.lys further Instructions & that his Exc.ly will Recomend to the Gentlemen of the Councill & that he be allowed £100:-- for his years Sallery on Condi=
=tion 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 Allow'd £25:-- for psents 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 allowed £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 Attest'd Acct. 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 be in the Sd. years Service

That his Exce.ly further will Recomend
to the Gen.t of ye. Councill yt. 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 yt. £12:-- be allowd unto Capt
Evert Bancker in full of all Provisions
Necessaries whatsoever dureing his Stay
among ye Indians

Att a meeting of the Com.rs
of Indian Affairs in Albany
the 15.th September 1726

Present

His Exc.ly William Burnet

Esq.r &a.

Philip Livingston

Henry Holland

John Cuyler

Myndert Schuyler

Hend.k Renselaer

Lancaster Seyms

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 Canosedague 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

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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 famillar acquaintance with the
Principall men among the Indians . and per=
=swade them with all your might to be faith
=full to ye Brittish Interest and do your Endea
=vor to bring aff those that are Inclind to
the french --

You are to find out with all poss=
=ible 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 Concern=
=ing the french or the Indians and Transmitt
accounts of what is most Matteriall to me as
Likewise to ye Com.rs of Indian affairs at Albany
and 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 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 mishifes
the french ffforts have Allways done them and you
are to perswade 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 yee Com.rs of the Indian affairs at Albany
you are to use your best Endeavors to promote
the

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The Brittish Interest among any of yee farr
Indians with whom you Shall have any opper=
tunity of Doing it - and perswade as much as
in you Lyes to trade with yee 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 at 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 how much it is for their
Interest to have a free Intercourse & Strict
frindship 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 medle
of april next you are to Repair to the falls
at Onnondage River and there you may Expect
to Receive further Instructions for your
Conduct Dureing the Rest of ye Summer according
to what may be Enacted in the Generall Assembly
for Regulating the trade with the farr 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 thirteenth year of his Maj.st Reign Ao Do. 1726

Was Signd

W Burnet

[0470] **233**

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of Indian
Affairs in Albany the 20th Sep.r 1726

Present

Ph: Livingston

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh } Esq.rs Com.rs

Evert Bancker

Lancaster Seyms

Capt Evert Bancker Informs this Board that his Ex.cy has been pleased to appoint him to Reside among the Indians for one year and allowd him to go up in the Bursh Canoe which Major Abraham Schuyler decd. 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 Com.rs may furnish him with a good burch Canoe

The Com.rs Considering that the season of the year being far advand. that a good Canoe is Requird to go up with do approve yt Capt Bancker do buy a good Canoe and Sell the other for what it will yield. and they will Endeavr that the Residue be paid either by ye Province or Com.rs

That a belt of wampum be purchasd by Capt Bancker for his use to Speak with to the Indians and that ye Charge Shall be paid and that he take with him 5 gallon Rum for his Journey & 5 gall. d.o to drink his Ex.cys health with the Sachims

Capt Bancker is desired to See the Armourer & Smith sent by the Gov.r to work at the Sinnekes Country be put in Possession of ye Smiths Shop & toils

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Att a meeting of ye Com.rs of the
Indian Affairs in Albany ye 14th 8ber [October]
1726

Present

Philip Livingston

Henry Holland } Esq.rs Com.rs

Joh.s Cuyler

Two Cachnawage Indians Liveing near Montreal in Canada
named Sconondo &
Cahowasse being arrivd here Inform the Com.rs that
twenty days ago they overtook at fort La Mot in Corlaers Lake
a party of ojonngongee
Indians who Live at St. francois that were going with

a message to the Indians who are at hunting to Return to their habitations. the said party of Indians told ye above two Indians that they had been at quebeck and Seen the new Gov.r there who had Sent for the Chiefs of ye Eastren 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 turnd 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 occassion for. having Received a Ship Loaden with all sorts of goods fitt for their use and made them a present of 800 lb powder &c. And told them he had orders from the King his Master to furnish them with what they have occassion for to prosecute the war against the people of New England who possessd their Land to which they have no Manner of Right.

The Said two Indians ad that four parties of Indians who formerly Livd at Norrigewack were gone out fighting from St. Francois against New England. but do not know how ma[n]y days its ago Since they went out nor

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of how many men each party doth Consists

Resolved that Govern.r Dummer be forthwith given Notice of this Intelligence by Express. in order to take proper measures to defeat ye designs of ye Indians who may be hovering or Skulking on his fronteers which was done accordingly as also to Coll.o John Stoddard at Northhampton --

1727

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[See p. 210a and 235 for additional copies of this entry. The one on p. 210a is dated 1727/8, which has to be an error because the fort at Oswego had been completed by then. None of the copies, including this one, appear to be originals. This copy omits a few words which have been filled in from other copies.]

Albany ye 4th february 1726/7

May it please your Exc^y

We had ye honour of your Exce.^{cys} favours
of ye 21 Jan.^r [copy on p. 210a says 13th Jan.^{ry}] with Capt. Banker[s] Letter acts of
Assembly &
news papers for which we Return your Exc.^{ly} [thanks. we'll acqt. Capt. Collins with your
Exc.^{ly}]s Directions
about ye Redelivery of ye rum which ye Indians Compa^{ind}
has been Imbezzled at Schinechtady we wish Such vile
practices could be prevented it has done much mischief Al=
=ready according to your Ex.^{ly} Commands laid as for our advice
about applying ye 300 lb providing by act of Assembly we
Shall do in ye best [as] we are able

The most Convenient place & Scituation for ye
building we are Informed is at ye South Side of ye Cadarach=
=qui lake on the west Side of ye onnondage River were it
Impties it Sell into Said Lake or Such proper place there
Adjacent as Capt. Banker Shall think fitt to pitch ye ffort
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 & ye upper 14 foot Square of good 1/3
timber within a Chimney in act ye roof Coverd 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 & ye Canoes or batoes w.h
are Requird for ye Transporting the men &c. we Compute
will Cost abt £12÷ [Copy p. 235 says £125 ÷] the remainder of ye Same [Sum] allowed
may
be Applyd for provisions & Necessaries for the men but for
what time we Cant Calculate being a thing we are
Unacquainted with as for our part we Shall keep this
affair private but its no [Secret] in town we prosume it
to be necessary yt. Capt. Banker be directed about ye time
yt. ye. men are to go from hence yt. Such a building is to be
Errected for keeping the traders goods dry for wh

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Purpose it will be Necessary yt. he be Supply'd with Some
Small pSent to give Some Sachims who might Oppose this

work. as for his Conduct yt he Endeavours yt. the Indians
be not Cheated in their trade Especially in Rum by being
mixt with water & further to Regulasie himself according
to ye. Act of Generall Assembly in yt. Case providing
[with Respect we are

May it please your Ex.lcy
your Exc.cy most humble &
Most Obedient Servants

Philip Livingston
Myn: Schuyler
Peter Van Brugh
Lancaster Symes
John Cuyler

Rutger Bleecker
Harmanus Wendle
Nicolaes Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeeck
Reyer Gerritse]

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Albany 13 March 1726/7

Capt. Banker

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 ligis=
=lature & trade beyond ye place appointed in the Lake and
place's Remote wherefore we desire you as soon as you Shall
Receive his Excel.cys Letter & this to Send for all Such
Traders & Command ym. to Come at ye. place appoin=
=ted as they will Answer to ye. Contrary at their peril,
the Charge thereof Shall be paid you by ye Publick

By the next Convenient oppertunity we Shall
Send you to ye. Value of 20 pounds in presents to be gi=
=ven to our Indians as also 10 pounds in goods to be gi=
ven by you to ye. far Indians--

As soon as we Can gett ye. workmen to make ye.
ye. house they Shall be Sent up with all Speed.

Ph: Livingston

M: Schuyler

Peter Vn: Brugh

L: Symes

R: Blecker

St: Groesbeeck

P: Schuyler

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Albany 16 March 1726/7

May it please your Ex.cy

We have been honord with your Ex.cys
Letter of ye 10th Instans [illeg. - crossed out] with ye.
Inclosed minute of Councill and packet for Capt. wh. we for=
=warded Yesterday to ye. Sinnekes Country in Obedience to yr.
Ex.cys ord.r we have Inquird for palatines workman to make
ye. Stone house but are Informd yt. there are now above
ye. falls nor at Skohere we had a palatine mason here
who lives at Schinnecktady he demands 9/p diem on
his own diat from the day he Setts out to his Return
2 Shirts Blankets gun powder [blank space] we had likewise
Masons & Carpenters of this town who Demand 8/ p diem
they have from ye time they go [away - crossed out] to their return home
All Imploy here & this work being remote from their
Above Demand 12. more yn. their Usual days
hoe here we have made no agreemt. being limited
to palatines workman may probaly he [be] had Cheaper
at N: York So Shall not proceed till we receive y.r
Ex.cys further directions att this Affair ye. presents for Capt.
Banker we Shall Gett ready to be Sent with ye. workman
with Submission we think it to be Very Necessary as this
Juncture yt. Lourence Claese be Sent to the onnonda=
-ges to Capt. bankers Interpreter to Explain to ye Indians
ye. reason making this house for the use of ye. traders & it
being a Matter of Consequence if it Should be obstructed
& there is No depandance on any trader yt. Goes up to
Interpret for him,

We have Inquired of ye. Traders who agree yt.
there is Excellent Stone for building at ye. point of
onnondage

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Onnondage river but now Can Inform us Whether there
be Lime Stone or Not but ye. Measons tell us if ye.
Stone be Good as is Said the house may be made with Clay
& Sand. If So much lime Can but be had for pointing
ye Outside of ye walls wh. must be tryd we Cant learn
if a well Can be made in ye Most Convenient place
where ye. house ought to be Errected, but ye. banks of
the Lake & river being Very near so yt. water may be
had without Difficulty

We Shall gett horses to be Sent up As soon as ye.
workmen go up to buy two old horses will be Cheapest
Adam Smith appeard before this board demended

9/ p diem to Work at ye. house at Onnondage river
& 2 Shirts A blanket gun powder yt. Keth &, Wm. Waldran
Major Isaac Bogaert major & Nicolas Groesbeeck Carpt.
demand 8/ p. Diem to Work at ye Sd. house

Att a Meeting of the Com.es of the Indian
Affairs in Albany ye 20th March 1726/7

Present

Ph: Livingston

Myn: Schuyler

Hend.k Renselaer

Lancaster Symes

Rutger Bleecker

Stephanus Groesbeeck

Nicolaes Bleecker

Ryer Gerritse

We had the honour to receive a letter from his
Excel.cy of the 13 Instant in answer to wh. the Com.es write as
follows

Albany 20 March 1726/7

May it please yr. Exc.y

After ___ Haveing write the foregoing your Excellencys favour
of ye 13th Instant Came to hand whereby perceive that your
Excel.cy doth not think Convenient to Send any Soldiers till ye
house be finishd we do favourably hope yt. the french will not
Attempt to hinder this building in time of peace on our land
nor yt. ye Indians be agt. it Indeed ye. force of all the traders
& ye. 20 Men are but a trifle to what force the french Can
bring there if they design to obstruct it, your Excel.cys orders
to

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to Capt. Banker to go on with the work are very necessary
but while your Ex.cy is pleased to require our opinion in this
Matter with Submission we Suppose that it Would much
Conduce to ye. forwarding of the building if the 20 Men
went up with ye. Workmen who may be Assistant and Im=
=ployd Makeing the house while there is but litle de=
=pandance, ye. 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 ye. Soldiers & work=
=men up at One time ye. Indians Will be less Jealous yn.
yt. they Should Come afterwards the house may be So long
Makeing yt. the traders be most Returnd home & yn. 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 agt. Rapid Water Else they Cant Gett to the lake,
We have Imployd Carpenters to make forthwith four batoes
wh. we think more Convenient for ye. men yn. Canoes,

The further presents of £10[÷] for ye. far Indians
Shall Sent Capt. Banker as also ye. Necessaries for ye buil=
=ding wh. yr. Ex.cy has been pleasd to Send p Oot hout,

This Day agreed with Luykas Wyngaert Wm.
Barret to fitch boards at Mr. Coyemans for four batoes
& knees for ym.

Imployed Anthony Bogardus & Cornelis Bogaert
Carpenters to make four batoes

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Albany 25 March 1726/7

May it please your Excel.cy

We had the hon.r to write your Ex.cy on
the 20th Instant p [by] Peter Winne, Since sh. ave Rec.d ye.
Inclosed from Capt. Banker of the 21th Ultimo wherin we
are adviced yt. ye. Gov.r of Canada has been Speedily Informd of
the design of our building at Sweegue Even as Conceive before it
was determynd to be done by your Excel.cy the french are Certainly mad[e]
Alarmd at this building & will leave No means untrydd With the
five Nations to Oversett Our design if possible they Can Compass it
If they do yn. they again their view and become matters of our Indians
who Seem to be at. Errecting this house out of a vain Conciet they
Entertain yt. we Shall treat them as the french have formerly done not
Considering yt. we have always Supplyd & Assisted ym. & yt. is our In=
trest to Secure ym. future Insult of the french as we Conceive t
hat this Affair is of ye last Consequence to this province if it Should
Miscarry So we may humbly hope that Such proper Measures
Shall be taken yt. it may have ye. desird Effect and not leave ye.
work till prevented by force & Voilence of ye. french or Indians
as ye. Ex.cy has Already Orderd it will be Very Necenary yt. ye.
Indians be prevaild to Consent our Makeing that building for
wh. purpose it will be Absolutely necessary yt. Lourence be
forthwith dispatch to Assist Capt. Banker & withall Carry
up ye. Severall psents for ye Indians not being Able to treat
with ye. Indians ye men who has been his Interpreter is
Returnd hither & None left with him who Can Speak ye.
Indian tongue this men tells us yt. ye. Indians are Strongly
possessd agt. any building to be made by us,

Capt. Banker has Sent us an acct. of Charges one negro wench
he Releasd in ye. Sinnekes Country am.s to £20:1[÷] he has had much trou=
=ble to Gett her & prevent yt. She Should not be Sent to Canada &
make a path for other Slaves to desert yt. way we hope he may be
Repayd

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Att A Meeting of ye Com.es of Indian
Affairs in Albany ye 26 March 1727

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Hendrick Renselaer

Ryer Gerritse

Stephanus Groesb.k

Nicolaes Bleecker

This day Recd. a letter Coll.o Samuel Patridge
dated at hatfield of ye. 22 Instant & Copy of a letter from
Gov. Dummer to this board

Albany 27 March 1727

Gentlemen

Your Letters of ye. 22th Instant with Coppy to you,
from Gov.r Dummer we Rec.d desireing our Assistance yt. Gray
Lock Should be Made a frind to Come into ye treaty of peace as
also ye Cheifs of ye St. francois Indians we Could wish yt it was
Effectd to the end we have not been Wanting in Sending a
Message Janu.ry Last by Malalement Brother of Sd. Gray Lock
Inviteing him and other Chiefs who were hunting on our fron=
=teers Come hither, but Unfortunately missd him being gone home
but brought on ye. first Instant three St. francios Indians to
this place to whom we thought fitt to Communicate that
his hon.r Gov. Dummer had Confirmd & Ractifyd ye. peace with
ye. penabscutt & namywalk tribes yt. Much blood had been on
both Sides Lost in this Last War and Excepted yt. these
Indians In behalf of St. francios Should Ractify & Confirm
the Sd. 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: wh. if they do fathfully
perform they Should at all times be well Come to hunt
on these

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On these fronteers & Civil Tracted at this place on this we
gave ym. a present a belt am.s £11÷÷ promisd to use their unmo=
=st Endeavour to prevail on their Chiefs to Come hither on
our Invitation what success we Shall have in our under=
=takeing is Uncertain & precurious as soon as an Oppertunity
Shall Offer we Shall Send such a massage 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 yt. your Governmt. may not be Seen in this Message
for fear it Might Miscarry not to give ye. Indians ye Opper=

=tunity to Suppoes it Comes from you we Shall not Scru=
=ple to make our Selves Garrantees for ye. Indians Sivil
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 Consience We Shall at Altimes be
ready to do any thing wh. may Contribute towards Esta=
=blishing a firm & lasting peace between ye. Governmt. & ye Indi=
=ans Could with it was Already Accoplshd. we fear yt. ye fren-
=ch priests & their Govern.r will if possible Oversett all amicable
Measures yt. May be Sett on foot to Confirm or Conclude any
treaty with you

These Indians Seem to be Sincere they told us yt. last fall on invi=
=tation of Some of our number while at Canada Severall Sachims
of Sd. In.ian were in their way hither as far a[s] the Crown point with an
intent to make treaty of peace wt. your Gov.mt were prevented
by false reports Spread among wh. made ym. desist yt. design
ye. Sd. Indians have fathfully promissd us to use their best
Indeavors to prevent ye. Sd. Indians from going to do Mischief
on ye. fronteers tho the but litle depandance on wt. hey come to
promise is ye. Needfull at psent from who are with Esteem
Your very Humble Serv.ts

Ph: Livingston Reyer Gerritse
Myn: Schuyler St: Groesbeeck
Hen: Renselaer N: Bleecker
To Mr. Saml Patridge &
John Stoddard Esq.s

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Albany 28th March 1727

May it please your Ex.cy

Your has here Inclosed a letter from Coll. Samuel
Patridge proposeing our Intercession for bringing ye. Indians
of St. francois to an a micable disposition & Inclination
of ratefying ye. peace with N: England wh. we have done
already without their Knowledge as may Appear, by the
Inclosed wh. we hope yr. Ex.cy will be pleased to approve of
the Necessaries p oothout we Rec.d we are in Expectation
of yr. Ex.cys directions about ye. Workmen &c. is Needfull at psent
from

Att a Meeting of ye. Com.es of the
Indian Affairs in Albany ye. 3d Apr. 1727

[A duplicate copy can be found at p. 239 [0482].]

Present

Philip Livingston

Peter Vn. Brugh
Henry Renselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Stephanus Groesbeek
Harmanus Wendell
Nicolaes Bleeker

This day Rec.d from his Excel.cy William
Burnet Esq.r &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 ye best terms Can be done
to build the house at the Mouth of Onnondage river
Near ye lake and to Send up ye Interpreter to Capt. Ban=
=ker in Case we think it Necessary,

In Obedience to his Ex.cys directions agreed this day
with Isaac Bogaert & Cornelis Waldron Masons Benjamin Bogaert
& Nicolaes Groesbeck Carpenters to build Sd. house accor=
=ding to the Modle Sent by his Ex.cy 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

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Provided with Canoes or baties to bring up the Materialls
and towls Sent hither from new york for ye use of the Sd house

Agreed with Coenraet Becker & Chirstian [Christian?] Jans Saw=
=yers to Saw Timber & boards for ye. Use of Sd. 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.s Beekman
Ju.r & Nicolaes Wyngaert to lett their Servants work as
Laborers at the Sd. house at 4/ p diem for the days they Shall
Work, on their own diat and to be pd. for their Journey back
If they do not Come home with their masters

Its resolved that none of the workmen Shall Carry up any
trading Goods, that they may not be hinderd to Carry up the
necessaries & towls for Sd. building,

Bought from Capt. Peter Van Brugh two horses
and from Mr. Peter Schuyler at £5÷ Each to be Sent up to ye
mouth Of Onnondage river for drawing Stone boards beams &c. for
building Said house,

Orderd yt. a letter be Write & Sent to Lourence Claese
the Interpreter forthwith to Come hither to Receive orders to go
to Onnondage [river - crossed out] to be Capt. Banker Interpreter

Att A Meeting of ye. Com.rs of ye Indian
Affairs in Albany ye 4th. of April 1727

[A duplicate copy can be found at p.239a/ 0483.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Henry Renselaer

Rutger Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Stephanus Groesbeek

Har: Wendell

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 ye Mouth of Onnondage river yet
is to be under Command of Capt. Banker
Allowd unto the workmen who are to build ye Sd. house 12
Gallon rum above the Allowance of ye thirty Gallon sent for
ym. from new york all w.h is to be paid by ye Com.rs out of their
Allowance of two hundred pound p annum

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Albany 4th April 1727

Capt. Collins

Being this day honourd with a letter from his Ex.cy
who has orderd a Capt. two Lieut. 2 Serg.ts 2 Corpralss & one D[rummer]
to be sent to Osweege and has directed us yt. all the batoes Stores
& provisions be Sent with all Speed to your place in Order to
Imbareg we desire you to procure 26 waggons to Carry up
all at once if any person Should Refuze they must be
Imprest there will be 66 padles 15 Setting poles ye last Shod
with Iron Required wh. we hope youl gett made without
delay you also are Desird to Employ as many Carpenters as
Can be Employd to make three batoes with as much Speed
as possible not to [Refuse - crossed out] Lose one day & if any might refuse
they must be Imprest we want 50 Sk: boiling pease for ye.
Batoes 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 ye.
men favour us with a line in answer and youl oblidge
who are with Esteem

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[Another copy can be found at p.240 / 0484. It is substantially the same.]

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of ye

Indian Affairs in Albany ye 6th day of Ap.l 1727

Present

Ph: Livingston

Mynd:t Schuyler

Henry Renselaer

Rutger Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

St. Groesbeeck

Har. Wendell

Ph: Schuyler

This Board acquainted Lourence Claese

that his Ex.y had been please to approve of our Sending

him to Cap. banker at Onneyde to Serve as his Inter=

=preter to Communicate to ye Sachims of ye 5 Nations

that his Excel.cy Wm. Burnet Esq.r &c. good intention

and design to build a trading house at Sweege on ye

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 to hire on ye best terms he Can) three horses to the mouth
of Onnondage river to be Imployd for drawing timber
& Stone for the Sd. house, for the Sume of £20÷ to be paid
by the Sd. Com.es out of their Allowance of £200÷ but if he
be Obliged to Attend any time on Capt. Banker at the
building its agreed he Shall be allowd what
is Resonable above Sd. Sume

This board have tought [bought] powder to
Send Capt. Banker p Sd. Interpreter the following addi=
=tional 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 Sd. Ex.cy
for building a house at Sweege it being a matter of Great
Consequence

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Consequence to this Governmt. if it Should be Opposd by
the Indians, you are therefore to use your best Endeavours
to Obtain their Consent for wh. purpose, We Recommend
you that observe & follow such directions as you have & Shall
Receive from his Ex.cy as near as possible you Can in relati=
=on to your treaty with the Sachims of the Six Nations
Concerning his Ex.cys Intention for building a house at Osweege
Near Cadrachqus Lake you must tell them is for ye Conveniency

of the traders to Secure their Goods according to the leave & Con=
=sent given by the Said Sachims 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 wh. they Can have no ready Sale, and not be Obliged
to bring back hither

You are also to acqu.t ye Indians yt. the Chief motive wh.
Moves this Governmt. to build this trading house at Osweege
is that his Ex.cy is Informd that the french design to
Make a fortification at Sd place which will not Only ye far
Indians from Coming 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 ymSelves
of All the Indians and Surround ye brethren on all Sides, that
they have had Sufficiet proof of ye french fortifying near them
and on ye Contrary that they have had repeated Instances
of the Civil treatmt. and kind behaviour of this Government
towards ym for their Secureity and welfare for many years
past at this building will pVent the french from makeing
Any Attempt to fortify near it, and as it is done as well
for their Secureity as for promoteing the Sd. trade so we Cant
Suppose but that they [may-crossed out] will readily agree to approve of this
good Intention. that we Cant think yt. they do Entertain or
believe any report or Stories yt. ye. french of Canada may have
Spread am.g ym. to resentmt. yt. our Gov.r has Orderd to begin ye Buil=
=ding & 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
& protector would take it as the Greatest Affront that
can be done his Sd. Majesty and him Given under our
hands in Albany this 6 Day of April 1727

was Signd by these presents as
above

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Albany 6 april 1727

Capt. Banker

Wy hebben VE laest Geschreven p Mr.
John Cuyler & BPisger nevens Een brief Van Zyn Ea[f]
haar toe Gefonden,

Hier Nevens gaet Een andere brief van Zyn
Ex.cy p Lourence Claese als meede Instructer van ons
Jon.es Vedder heef De presente Van de Viff Naties &
Verre Wilde & Eerste £30÷ & de Laeste 20÷ beftaende

In Sulke Goederen als p inlegende Memorie om door VE
Vergeven te werden als V e. Goet Sall Ordeelin, voor best
Vant publick Wy & hoopen dat gy VE uysterste de voir
Sall Aen wenden dat D Wilde Gewilligh toe Staen het
Op bowen vant huys En ghy niet Mankere Sutt om Suloe
te Scygen willen wy niet aen twyfallen So Sullen
met Slangen D guntt te Uyt Slagh Van VE met patien=
=tie asisaghten

Lourence heeft drie paarden voor hout & Steen &c.
Meede te ryen voor het Opbenden vant huys modell
daer van sullen D'naeste week met het het week
volk opsenden & dan VE verder Schryven ondertusche
& blyde naer haer hartslyck Groetenisse

Albany ye. 10th April 1727

Mr. Lawyer

We have Rec.d your letters of Yesterdays date
that ye Indians have wounded three men at Skohare for
wh. accident of we are very much Concern'd & hertily Sorry
for those yt. are fallen under this heavy Afflection We Send
A letter to his Ex.cy Gov.r Burnet to Acqu.t him of this Mis=
=chief what measures he Shall think proper to take we
do not know, mean while We Send to Capt. Banker at
Onnondage that he may acqt. the Sachims of the five
Nations of this fatall Misfortune what will be done
in this Affair we Cant tell but ye. Most Moderable &
amicable means will be best for the best peace of our
Country. We remain

Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Peter V Brugh
Hend.k Renselaer

Reyer Gerritse
Stephanus Groesbeck
Harm.s Wendell

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Att a Meeting of the Com.es of ye,
Indian affairs in Albany ye. 11 day
of April 1727

Sedert onse Laeste p dese Gelegentheyt van
Lourence Claese ontfangen wy op gifteere het Onaenge=
=naem nieuws dat Enige wilden & wildinnen tot het
Getall Van 10-12 dewelke Laeste Sondagh aghtermiddagh
drunken asarren op Skohere Een groot onkeyl & oor=
=saakte driegende om d huyse & Schauren int brant
te Steeken om Sulkx voor te Coomen Stellen d.' palatines
haar tegen dat gedaen Synde gingen D' Wilden nae
haer huysen & quamen ti Samen met haer roers

peylen & boogen & Vielen aen op Een huys daer Ses man
in ware van wien Sy drie man hebben geschoten twe
daer Van doodelyck gequest, Een weert Gedoght Nu
doot te Syn de wilden niet beeter weetende of Sy waren
doot & daer op manen Sy D Vlucht wy hebben Zyn
Excel.cy daer kenniss van te geven maer wat order
hy dies aengaerde Sall Geven waten wy niet,

Ondertuschen oordelen wy noodigh Dat Ghy de
Sackemakers dit on heyl op D. Sagste Mannier bekent
Maakt om So van haar te hooren hoe Sy dit neemen
En wat Sy deer in willen doen wy Soude & wagh-
=ten dat sy Enige Sackemakers Deputere om hurte
Coomen dit onheyl vor te Verschonen & Indien Sy
dit Uyt haar Seff niet doen of pretendere so ordele
wy Noodigh dat Ghy op D' beste manier ghy Can te wegh
brengh door Enige principaele wilden dat Sy Sulx
te werk Stellen & Satisfactie doen door &soennig on
& der onheyl voor te Comen

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Albany ye 26th Apr. 1727

Capt. Banker

V E brief den 13 defer Ontfangen waer
by wy vernemen dat Ghy in Onnondage met D Sackema=
=kers hebt Gesproken wegen het Timmeren op Sweege
day Sy het niet willen toestaen dat het huys daer Sall
op gebout werden twelk ops Seer Leet is om tehooren
en Sy Excellency ongelwyfelt Sall het ter hearten
namen wy hoopen & verwaghten dat op D' Komst
van Lourence ghy D wilden beeter kunnen verstaen
& onderighen want hy verwaght dat Sy het Timme-
=ren niet Sullen tegen Staen maer vrywilligh ons Sullen
laeten vort gaen volgens haer Consent also het voor haer
besten is So als wy Alreede in VE Instructies met
Lourence gemett hebben, Syn Ex.cy heeft het aen ons
gelaeten voor een persoon van aensien Nae VE te
Senden tot VE Aensistenkie om het vry lof van D
wilden Soude Murmereeren te Obtineeren als Sy voor
dese gedaen hebben dat alles wreedigh magh toe=
=gaen also het Een Saach Van D'Groetse Conse=
=quensie is tot dat Governm.t Indien het niet Soude
Gelucken, so hebben wy goet gedaght dat Een of twe
pSoonen van aensien tot VE asustansie Sullen toe
gesonden werden onstants op VE Verder Schryven
dat de Wilde VE Affslaen ondertuschen Sullen
wy alles dat noodigh is voor So-Een Toght Claer

maken & gereert houden tot dien Eynde & Soecken
wy day ghy d Sackemakers by malkander houdt
om Een verdere propositie met haer te maken
So Zy

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So Sy VE Aftgeslagen hebben ondertuschen moet
ghy deprincipaalste wilden om Coopen & over reeden
want het werk moet gaan Laet d'Corter Syn wat
het will der halve verwagten wy VE Schryvens ter=
=post of ghy Consent hebt van d'Wilden of niet
D'Metselaers & Timmerlieden mosten met t'huys
Coomensonder Consent & verder Schryvens van ons
ondertuschen laet het volk geimployeert werden in
hacken planken Laghe Steen Ryen & putmaken &c.
d'wilden den brengeers deses hebben wy voldsen wy
Voldoen wat het Cruyt aengaet weet ghy kunnen
wy niet Indoen d' datum Van VE brief denken wy
is a buys en Ock het Jaer heb VE gestelt 1717 naer haer=
=telycke groetenisse & blyde

Myndert Schuyler	Philip Livingston
Rutger bleeker	Peter van Brugh
Harmanus Wendell	Reyer Gerritse
Nicolaes Bleecker	Stevanus Groesbeek

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Albany ye. 26th. april 1727

May it please your Excellency

Your Exce.lys most Esteemed favours
of ye. 10 & 12 Instant we Rec.d Inclosed find your
Ex.lys a letter Sent us by order of Gov.r Dummer
of ye. 13th. Instant whereby we Receive a Strange
Retaliation for our good offices & pains not
to Count yee. Expences we have been & Still are --
like to lay out for their Security & preservation
which we think however in duty & Conscience
bound to do to Save yee. poor Innocents on the frontiers
of Boston those in that Town we Suppose
think themseves [sic] Secure Enough

Inclosed your Excel.ly 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 bifferd but 2 a 3 days. the Sachims
Seem to have denyd him their Consent to Errect

the building at Oswego. but now while the Inter
=preter is with him we hope he may be able to
Inform them better & Convince them of yee. necessity
to have this house built for the Conveniency of
that traders & thier 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 yee. arrivall
thereof we Shall dispatch two men who have good
Interest among ye Indians to assist him with
further psents to onnondage and have desird
him to keep yee. Sachims together till Said Gentle
=men Shall arrive there mean while that yee.
workmen be Imployd to hew wood Saw boards
digging of the well &c. and on Rect. of this advice
Shall

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Shall not neglect to Send your Excellency
an account of it

We are very glad to See by yee. Minute
of your Excel.ly in Councill that our Conduct in
the agreem.t made with ye. workmen & others we
Sent up to build Sd. house of which is approvd
aff. makes us not a little ambitious we take nothing
more to heart then that this building Should be
Erected in a peaceable & amicable manner being
of ye. greatest Consequence to this Province.
and are pleased to See your Excel.ly becomes Security
for the further psents that may be Required the workmen
Sett out from hence yee 13th Instant in Two batoes
& one burch Canoe yee. former are much yee. best as
people tell us who mett them we had much
trouble to dispatch them

Here are three other Batoes finishd
for the use of yee men who are to be Sent up
think two more will be Required

The misfortune happend at Skohere first
arised from yee Indians who had killed a hogg
belonging to one of ye man who is wounded haveing
Chargd them with it, which yee Indians when they
were drunk Resented it tho the pork was found in
their wigwomb & Some of their Number had done
that mischief & ye Palatines not giveing way to
their humour was in Short ye. occassion of the
Quarrel & the indians are a mixture of ye Several
Nations we did not intend your Ex.ly Should

take yee. 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 ye. Transgressors of ye. late
Acts till our next meeting that we may have
a Compleat number of members. the master of
the Sloop presents to be gone haveing a fair wind

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Albany 2 May 1727

May it please yr. Exc.l

Inclosed your Ex.cy 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 Osweege we are much Rejoyced
with it while we think it will be pleasing to yr. Ex.cy Save
the Publick Great Expences and as much trouble we hope
Your Excellencys 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 Messengers who brought us
Capt. Bankers letter that french have Desird the
Sachims of ye. Six Nations to Come to Montreal we
Suppose they may Easy Stopd to go thither,

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Albany 2d. May 1727

Capt. Banker

VE ons seer aengenaeme van den 24 april
hebbe Wy met veel blyt Schap ontfangen & hoope dat
alles nu well gaen Sall dat het huys sonder [& blyden - crossed out]
& hindering Sall voltoyt werden D'Sackaemakers die
ghy by geoall [gevall?] Sall ontmoeten gelieft haer van Onsent
weegen te bedanken day sy haar belofte aen Syn Eecl.
Volbrengen dat hy de vener vall uns Een Goede plaets
Can Setten hy Sall het Seer weel Neemen & haer in
Zyn Gunst wegens dese Sack Sterker Continuere dat
de wilden Cruyt Loot & andere Goederen begeeren
geenrum is voor haer best het Can Alles op deie
tydt niet ter right gestelt worden maer als het huys
gemacht is Sall het Cruyt will bewaert kunnen
worden gelieft devoir te doen om D' Sackemakers te Stuyren om [illeg.]
Canedae te gaen wy hebben gehort sy Syn genodight om
daer te Comen wy leaeste volkoomen aen ue om
Lourence by Us te geven So lang als ghy noodigh Denck

Indien UE Enigh nieuw Cruygh geliest het ons te laeten weeten
wy hopen dat ghy So veelwerk volk Impleyeert als ghy noodigh
denk dat het op bowen vant huys Spoedigh magh voort gaen en
met UE wynigh Costen als Mogelyck is, man heartlyck groteniss &.

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Att a meeting of the Com.es of ye Indian
Affairs In Albany ye. 4th of may 1727

Present
Phil: Livingston
Langester Symes
Hend.k Renselaer
Reyer Gerritse
St: Groesbeeck

Being honoured this day with a
letter from his Excel.cy of ye 24 Ultimo whereby his Ex.cy
has pleased to direct a Capt. a Lieut. 2 Sargts. 2 Cor: 2 Drum[mers]
& Sixty Men of Greater Troops fourthwith to Osweege
in 11 Batoes to help fourthwith the work there and
to defend it ag.t any attack yt. Might be Made yt. We
Shall fourthwith Send for Waggonns 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 requird to dispatch the Sd.
Men for their further provisions if it be wanted wh.
his Ex.cy Ingages to pay,

Orderd a letter to be write to Schinechta=
=dy to Capt. Collins to Send fourthwith 26 Waggonns
to Carry up ye. batoes Stores & provisions sent up [to - crossed out]
by his Excellency for this Service and that all
Necessaries be provided with all Speed that may be
Requird for the Service.

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Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian
affairs in Albany ye 5 of may 1727

Present
Philip Livingston
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Albany 9 May 1727

May it please your Ex.cy

Your Excellencies most Esteemed favours
of the 24 Ultimo we Rec.d and have Added 4 batoes to the
8 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 yt. have
been requird from us with dispatch to put forw.d the work
that nothing is wanting for the Detachmt. to proceed to
Osweege So that we Expect to hear yt. they put out this day
from Schinechtady hopeing yt. Every thing may Succeed
According to Expectation we Suppose yt. the workmen
Are now beginning to provide Materialls for ye house Capt.
Banker haveing Obtaind Consent from the Sachims of the
6 Nations to Errect ye. house he has the Kanssore & Other
Sachims with him at Osweege to Lay out ye Ground for the
Sd. building the Inclosed is from him [illeg. -crossed out] of the 29th April
wherein he Makes mentions ye. Sachims have Entirely
left it to him build where he pleases he thinks the
Only thing yt. 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 ym. yt. they Should tell
us what Other Necessaries they wanted for this Expedi=
=tion and we would timely Apply that nothing might
pvent their Going forw.d major Symes has Already fitt of
Sickness wh. has brought him So low yt. we Suppose he'll
not be able to undergo the feataque 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 ye. Encl. Letter

We Suppose yt. ye. Means of this detachmt.
will be

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at Canada much sooner then they Can be at Osweege,
tho. we think the french dare not Oppose this work
while the Indians are for it,

We Shall agree with those yt. 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 Osswegee who Can In=
+terpret french make no doubt but thy will do it when it
may be Requird, but if Your Ex.cy in your next Shall di=

=rect us to Agree with Some persons to do yt. Service we
Shall do it,

We have write to Lourence Clase to Stay
With Capt. Banker till ye. house be finishd & to
Interpret as well for the kings Officer as for Capt. Bank.r
as your Ex.cy has directed,

We return your Ex.cy our most
harty thanks ye. ho.r & liberty given us to
Consult about the best measures to be taken by us without
wait.g for y.r Excy.s Orders & Execute in without delay

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Albany ye [10] June 1727

May it please your Ex.cy

Your Ex.cys Severall Acceptable favours we have Rec.d
which we Should have Answerd much Sooner but have
been pvented yt. 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.cy
we are Assurd by ye traders who are Come Down yt. ye
building at Osweege goes on very well yt. on ye 4th 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 yt. but 2 or 3 Canoes with Indians have been to
trade there Since Capt. Banker write last y.r there had
been 20 odd its Conjecturd yt. the french at Jagara
Stop ym. while the traders who pass by our trading
place are party loaded with Brandy w.h they never
premitted to Carry up till Now to Cut of our trade it is Re=
=ported yt. 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 yt. Severall are gone
thither tho chiefly from Onnondage who are Inclind in
the french Intrest

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 Osweege,

It is long Since we had any manner of
Intelligence from Canada, no Indians Come from
thence to trade here,

We return you Ex.cy 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 Majesties arms may have Such
Good Success, over ye Spanish & Imperor as we desire
from the bottom of Our hears,

Its Conjecturd yt. ye Detachmt. Sent to Osweege
are arrivd there abt. ye 7 Instant they might have
been there Sooner had they not Met with bad
Whether & litle water in ye wood Creek

Albany the 12 June 1727

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May it please yr. Ex.cy

Since we had the hon.r to write to your
Excell.cy on the 10 Instant we are Informd yt. 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 w.h is of Dangerous Consequence yt. our Slaves
Should be Intic'd to run thither, this fellow we had orderd
to return from whence he Came p.r Capt. Winne who
is to take him on board) he gives Out yt. he will
waite for ye Oppertunity of these three french=
=Men lately come from Canada & gone to philadel=
=phia to go with ym. but we humbly hope yt. he may
be Securd yt. he may not go thither this way

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Albany 16 June 1727

May it please Your Excell.cy

We had the hon.r to write your Ex.cy
p.r peter Winne & Jacobse Since wh. we had ye
Inclosed from Capt. Nicolls ye traders Inform us
yt. it Would be done 3 weeks but it Seems yt. Capt.
Nicolls Suppose it would be 6 Weeks before it would
be finish we Cant Understand yt. Only 2 Masons are
at Work while more are there who Can be Employd
we have Sent A Second letter for the palatines to Come
hither to Agree with us for the Delivery of provisions
for ye Men at Osweege, who we Expect in a few days
We Suppose they'l not be Able prevaild on to deliver
it further yt. the Wood Creek, it Seems yt. ye. french
have Already finish ye building at Jagara as
their traders are Allowd brandy they will do us no
litle damage yet hope Every thing may Succeed
According to your Ex.cy Expectation,

This day Arrivd here a few [days ago - crossed out] far Indians
but Cant Speak with ym. till to Morrow for want of
An Interpreter what they Shall purpose will not faile
to Communicate to your Exc.y pr first Oppertunity mean
while take leave to ---- yt. we are with Great Esteem
& Respect, --

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Att a meeting of the Com.es of the
Indian Affairs in Albany ye. 18th of
June 1727

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndt. Schuyler
Peter Van Brugh
Henry Van Renselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Lancaster Symes
Reyer Gerritse
Step. Groesbeeck
Harmanus Wendell
Nicolaes Bleecker

Two Indians Sachims one from detroit alias
Tuchsachronde named ajastoenies & ye Other from ye.
Nation Calld by ye french poatamis named Wynamack
Appeard before this board with a Calumet pipe pointed [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 ye. Sachims of Tuchsachrondie
with this Errant yt. they have heard yt. Coll. Peter Schuy=
=ler is dead, to Inquire whether it be so or not, & while we
are Assurd yt. he is departed this life We Come to Condole his
Death & Cover his grave with a bever Coat yt. it may
not be Exposd to ye. rain wh. we desire his Excel.cy our
father Corlaer may be Acquainted with,

They filld ye. Calumet with tobacco lighted it, yn. one
one of ym. went abt. & lett all the Com.rs take Some whiffs
Out of It as a Ceremony among ym. of peace & frindship
wh. they use in their treaties with ye. neighbouring Nations,
one of ym

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One of ym. Said I am but a young man of the
Nation Calld patamis & am Come hither directly from
hunting in company with this old men ajastoenies Else

would have brought Some psents from my nation but can
Only leave this pipe as a toaken yt. 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 yt. 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 treatmt. & get
a good penny worth I Come again with large quantity
of Skins,

I have Mett with Great Diffeculty from
the french who would prevent me going to See you
Alleadeing yt. Coll. Schuyler dead & by yt. I would not
herken to any thing they told me, being Assurd other
men would be Appointed by our Selves ye. Gov.r to
Represent him therefore I presisted 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 yt. ye. houses would be open
here for the far Nations who are Civilly & Kindly
treated.

It was represented unto me yt. Some Ill Shouts
befall on me from you but I depened on your promis=
=ses & Engagemts yt. we Should be Always wellcome
I was almost in great darkness & Coverd over yt. I
Could Scarcely see ye. sun, but I have Uncoverd ye. [roofs]
by my constant resolution in Comeing hither & now find &
soe a Clear [resol - crossed out] sun Shine & Every thing well give a few
Skins)

Answer of ye

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Answer of ye Com.es made on 19.th June 1727

We are Rejoycd to see you here & bid you
hearty Welcome at this place yt. we have ye Oppertunity to
Smoake together out of ye. pipe of peace its a pleasure for
us to hear from you yt. you have not regarded what ye. french
did falsely Insinuate ag.t us to prevent your Comeing hither
You will ever find true & Certain what we promise you, yt.
this place is a seat 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 yt. tree will we hope Spread
Over All ye. remote Indians, & ye. Good report you will bring
your Nations treatmt. here we Expect will Induce a greater

Number to Come hither or to ye. trading place at Ochswееge where you please,) wh. house is build there as a token yt. 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 yt. we Shall Use you Ill, wh. they do with no Other View but yt. 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 to unto you or any other Indians near yow to Engage in a war together for they will Contrive to prevent your Comeing to trade here his Excel.cy Injoyns ye. five Nations to lett you freely pass without any Interruption & therefore we recommend
you

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You to [Stay - crossed out] keep a Strict & firm Alliance & good Understanding with ym.) we Return you thanks for ye. Condoling ye. Death of Coll. Schuyler wh. we take very kind from you (& Shows the true regard you have for this Governmt. 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 yt. 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 yt. a great Number of ye. far Indians would have Come to trade with Skins & peltry & now our Stores are all filld & your people are backward in Comeing Contrary to the former promisses to do, now to Convince you of what we Say you may go & try were Ever you please & yn. you find true wh. we Say Given them 20 Gall. Rum 6 blankets Strouds & 4 blankets

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Att A meeting of the Com.es of ye. indian
Affairs in Albany ye 22th June 1727--

Present

Philip Livingston

Pe: Van Brugh

Rutger Bleeker

Ryer Gerritse

Lancaster Symes

St. Groesbeeck

Harmanus Wendell

Nicolaes Bleeker

Rec.d this day a letter from his Ex.cy
Wm. Burnet Esq.r &c. dated ye 19th Instant ye. Com.es 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. Detachmt. who are to Stay at Osweege,
to Deliver it at ye. Wood Creek over the Caring place
Or at the Canada Creek where it Comes into ye. Sd. wood
Creek to witt for a lb. pork 4 1/2, a lb. beef 3 3/4, a Skeple
wheat meal or a Skeple pease 5/ for one year & yt. at
Expiration thereof to provide for a longer time if his Ex.cy
Gov.r Burnet Esq.r &c. Approves of this agreemt. & they are
willing yn. to do It.

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Albany 26 June 1727

Capt. Banker

VE aengenaeime p.r Mr. Hend Cuyler hebbe roy
ontfangen en den Inhout Estaen het is ons Seer lief
dat het gebouw by nae Claer is, het, gerught dat ve heb
wegens de france in canada om met maght ons volk
op oshweege te overvallen & possessie vant huys neemen
wy hebben daer Sekerhegt van over dese wegh dat 400
franse & 800 wilden Claer geweeft Lyn in Montreal om
dat Ongeoorlooft werk uyte voeren dogh als wy Geinformeert
Syn is het getackt tot dat de Gov.r Van Trois Riviere Mons.r
Lasoasanje Syn Ex.cy onse Gov.r Sall Gesproken hebben wien
nu aft gaet N: York wy hoopen dat het Een Goede uytstaef
magh hebben, wy Estaen dat Een psoon in Canada ondernoi=
=men heeft voor £50 met 10 a 12 man om het huys te Erassen
& So daer possessie van te neemen, twelk Informatie wy
nu aen Capt. Nicolls Senden dat ock de raede is van dese
Express dat hy op Syn [blank space] magh syn wy ordeelen he raat=
=saen dat Ghy D' Sackemakers dit behant te maken en dat
ghy 6 Trouwe wilden in gagert om op Osweege te leggen in

gasie bestaelt Sall worden So als VE Sall Accorderen & hoope
VeE sult met Lourence der over Avissoren

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Att a Meeting of the Com.es of ye.
Indian Affairs in Albany ye. 28th June
1727

Philip Livingston
Langester Symes
Rutger Bleecker
Ryer Gerritse
Harmanus Wendell
Stephanus Groesbeeck
May it please your Ex.cy

Your Excellencys favours of the 19th Instant
we received since which no oppertunity 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 peruzall of your Excellencys letter
and has write to Captain Nicolls to gett Skins for Shoes
for the men as we Shall 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 Osweege 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 now thither 400 lb. 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 y.r Ex.cy in
our next,

P. S. by ye. Information we have ye. road & bridges on ye
Carrying place want to be repaired

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Att A Meeting of ye. Com.es of ye. Indian
Affairs in Albany ye. 1 of July 1727

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Att a Meeting of ye Com.es of Indian
Affairs in Albany ye. 5.th of July 1727

We had ye. hon.r to write your Ex.cy on ye. 28.th past
Since wh. have Rec.d 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 Osweege by the Information we have from ye.
head Carpenter it will be finishd by ye. first of ag.t next
the men Capt. Nicolls Sent with a batoe to ye. palatines
for provisions have only 30 Bushels wheat meal from them
So yt. 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 & por[k]

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Albany ye. 14 July 1727

May it please your Ex.cy

We had the hon.r to write to your Ex.cy
p Oothout Since wh. have none of your Ex.cys favours,
the inclosed is from Capt. Nicolls to Capt. Holland
whereby your Ex.cy has an Acct how it goes on with the
building at Osweege, how the Detachmt. are provided
with provisions and what trade is Carryed on there, it
is Supposed yt. Some traders will not have yt Success
as ws Suspected and will Come back with part of
their Goods, for want of Vent, the Detachmt. may
want some provisions but not So much as Nicolls Seen
to Mention ye Men he Sent with a batoe for provisions
to ye palatines had 130 bushel wheat Meal & we Sent
Near 500 lb bacon as we write in our last wh. Arrivd
Soon After he writ last we Calculate yt. Capt. Banks
will have 2 Months provisions for his Detachmt.
Expected pease wh. we do not know how to Supply now,
it may be time Enough to Send ym. further provisions
wn. we Shall have ye hon.r to receive Your Excel.cy answer
how to proceed ye palatines Cant Supply ym. till
Sept. Unless with wheat Meal & Indian Corn, on your
Commands to us of ye 12th April & 19th June relating our
proceeding to ye Acts of Assembly agt. those who have not
Come in & taken ye Advantage of the last Act, made
in their favours we had Sundry Meetings & persu=
=all of the Act passd ye 17th June 1726. we find yt
Every Article Clause or things in ye former Acts are
Inforced, so yt. we humbly conceive yt. wt. Sumonces
have been Issued by the Com.rs are Still in force &

Since no further Complaints are made to ue agt. any
person we Can not proceed we take leave to Subscribe
our Selves yt. we are with Esteem

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Albany 17.th July 1727

Your Ex.cys favours of ye. 15 Instant we Rec.d & observe
ye. Contents our last was ye. 14.th 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. provi.s as we agreed

We have been Informd yt. an Indian was hangd for killing
an English-Men in N:yerseys yt. place is place is [sic] different
Scituated in respect to our five nations numerous are of a
different temper & More they those who live in ye. Jerseys
& 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 & Judgemt. wh. they allways abridge [upbraid?]
us with how to Apprehend ye. Murderers now yt. killd ye.
Palatine at Skohere we cant tell we gave your Ex.cy
timely notice of this fact,

We Cant hear yt. there has been in a Manner any
Trade at Oswegee from Tuchsaghrondie Indians all yt.
has been there this year is from our own Indians
& those Living on ye. North Side Cadaraghqus lake & few
living to ye. Eastward of it its Supposed many of our traders
will be obliged to Com Back with their goods its Said yt.
Clear rum has already been Sold there at 3/ p gallon
by one trader to Another,

We are at a Stand what to Conjecture yt. ye french are
doing at Canada haveing had no manner of Intillegence
from there since April,

We are of Opinion with Mr. Nicolls yt. an able
Indian Interpreter will be much wanting at Osweege

Albany ye. 25 July 1727

[See Wraxall p. 170 for brief mention.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Peter Vn. Brugh

Henry Renselaer

Lancaster Symes

Ryer Gerritse

Stephanus Groesbeeck

Harmanus Wendell

Nicolaes Bleecker

May it please your Ex.cy

We take this oppertunity to Inform your
Ex.cy yt. Yesterday arrivd here Mon.s Lasasangie Gov.r
of trois riviere accopanyd with Some Officers message is to
your Ex.cy & Intends to Sett out from hence in a 3 days
by what we hear is ye. Subject of his Errant is ab.t our
building at Oshweege M.r John Tippetts from N: England
who has been to Canada to redeem his Captive Children
Inform us yt. 400 french & 800 Indians have been ready
to March directly to Oshweege to Destroy ye. building kill
& take our people & their goods, but has been happyly by
the advice

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the advice Mons.r Lasasangie who has Offerd his Service to
Undergo ye. fetague of this Journey to Mediate this Affair
with your Ex.cy Mean time an Officer is Sent to Oshweege
with orders to desire our people their to desist from building
till they have ye. resolt of this message their forces are to be
kept ready at an hours warning ye. Indians of Cachnawage
have firmly promisd ye. Gov.r of Canada not to have any
Communication with this place. Sd. Tippetts is going to New
york who Can give your Excy. a particular Acct. how Affairs
are at Canada

Inclosed is a letter from Capt. Banker wherein is
no better Intelligence yt. we have from Montreal.

The Com.es agreed with Mr. Jacob Visger to Carry Mon.s
Lasasanie Gov.r of trois rivier now in town with people
in his Company in his Sloop to N: York for Seaven pounds
ten Shillings for ye. trip down & for four pound ten Shil=
=lings up hither again & to lye 8 a 9 days at N: York

["Mons. Lasasangie" refers to Jean Bouillet de La Chassaigne (1654-1733) who became governor of Trois-Rivieres in 1726. He traveled to New York to urge Governor Burnet to remove Fort Oswego according to his entry in the Dictionary of Canadian Biography.]

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Att a meeting of ye Com.es of Indian
Affairs ye. 26 July 1727

Capt. Nicolls

We had ye. perusall of yours to Capt. Holland
wherein you very Justly Imagine yt. ye french are
hatching some mischief ag.t us we have ye Same
Intilligences from Canada as you intimate & ye. Gov.r
of trois rivere is here & going to his Ex.cy our Gover.r with
a message abt. our building at Oshweege, we have
private Intilligence yt. a Man at Canada has undertaken
for £50 with a few men to Surprize you & take possession
of ye building & disposess you wh. would be dangerous
Consequence to this province wherefore we desire you
to be on your Gaurd & not to Suffer on no acct. whatsoever any
french or any of their Indians to Enger into ye. house

We Send you a half barrel powder 56 lb lead & 28 lb
Shot for a Small Supply & [blank space] lb bacon we wish you all
well & Assure you yt. we are ----

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Albany ye. 26 July 1727

May it please your Ex.cy

We had ye. hon.r Yesterday to acqt. your Ex.cy
yt. Mons.r Lassasnaje Gov.r of trois Rivine arrive here
ye. 24th Instant as we are Informd with a message from ye.
Gov.r of Canada to y.r Ex.cy haveing good reason to be
perswaded yt. ye. Subject is Errant about our building at
Osweege & as we hear ye. french at Canada are very much alarmd
at our possessing yt. place & ye. forces ready to Attack & dispo=
=ses us is a great presumption in ym. & of ye. last Consequence
to this province all ye. Neighbouring provinces on this Con=
=tenant wh. we humbly hope may be treated with great
Caution & deliberation yt. ye. good union & firm aligance wh.
Subjects between ye. two Crowns may not be violeted by ye.
french of Canada, & its province disturbd in their Just & In=
=doubted right & possession of ye. lands Solemnly agreed to
belong to ye Crown of great britain & they in no manner
to preven any Indians freely to trade with ye. british
Subjects, as this Gentlemen is a person of Distinction & yt. we
are in Expectation yt. your Exc.y may be pleased with our
Opinion on this Cretical Subject wh. would take up too

much room to write out of ye. Great Concernd we have desird
& prevaild on Coll. M: Schuyler & Mr. Livingston with whom we
have discourd & told our Sentiments Abt. this Affair wh. we
hope may be Acceptable to y.r Ex.cy with respect we

Remain

Your Ex.cys most humble

& most Obed.t Servants

Peter Vn. Brugh

Nicolaes Bleecker

Lancaster Symes

Harmanus Wendle

Rutger Bleecker

Ph: Schuyler

St: Groesbeeck

[0393] **195** [See Wraxall p. 170. He got the date wrong, giving it as July 26, 1726.]

Albany ye 3th August 1727

May it please your Excel.cy

Since we had ye. honour to write

your Excel.cy on ye. 27th of July two Canoes Cachnowage

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

Cachnowage 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 Clime over & told the

Sd. Indians that they had no business here at Albany the

indians answerd him that the Governour would Engage

them & Shew them a haride in Canada were they Could

have goods as Cheap as in Albany from days after the

Said Governour told them they Should not go that his

belly was full to his [breath] about our building the house

at Aswege & desird ym. to Assist him in takeing & destroy=

=ing the Sd. house & braged very much in ye. [Governour - crossed out] gran=

=duer 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 ym.

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

yt. himself If he would

That the Governour of Canada in his propositions

to the Onnondade Sachims told ym. that the french had

Cutt of all their Castles and thereby had a just Claim to

the Same butt nevertheless the french were So Kind

as to lett the five nations quietly Enjoy their Nati[ve]

Country and have not presumd to make any building

amongst them, But [nevertheless - crossed out] yt. on ye. Contrary ye. Gov.

of new york haveing first desird Liberty for a Sm[all] woo=

=den house at ye. falls hath now built a great Stone
house at

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house at Osweege that they thereby might plainly See
the intention [& yn. - crossed out] of the English to Creap in amongst
them & yn. Cut them of yt. 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 & yt. ye. building of the house at Osweege is a
plain prove of what he has Informed ym. & told them to destroy
of the Sd. house, & to bring an answer to the Governour at
Canada upon the matter and if it was not done yt. he
would use means to do it without Delay

And on ye Departure ye Sd. Sachims of Onnondage
Came to ye. Cachnawage Castle, were the Cachnawage Sach=
=ims Spoake to ym. by a great belt of wampun & Desird
ye. Onnondages not to Consent to ye. building of ye. house at Oswe=
=go yt. the buildings were of Ill Consequence yt. the English
had built in the Moaks Country above Saragtoge, and that all
the land in the Moaks Country was gone & that the Intention
of the English was to Deprive ym. of all [Such - crossed out] their Lands
& that they Should Consider in what a Miserable Codition they
May be brought to

And the Said Indian who hath given this Information
Says yt. he is Inclind to Leave Canada & Come to live amongst
us Some were at [Schinechtady - crossed out] Saragtoge with Eight men
with their famyls if he Can be Imployd with lands & Desired us to
Acquaint his Excellency with the Same & yt. he may have
answer upon ye. Matter in a Months time & give great Incourage=
=ment that a great many Indians would Come to Live there if
there be land & a [Multitude - crossed out] Minister ye Com.es Are of Opinion
yt. [if - crossed out?] there may be had Some lands within the bounds of Sarag=
=toge) & yt. if that matter Can be brought to Effect it would be
a great Securety to this province) wh. we tought our duty to
transmit to y.r Excel.cy we Remain with Due Respect
Y.r Excel.cys most humble & obed=
=ent Servants

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[See Wraxall p. 171 for brief summary. This Dutch version is followed by the English version that starts on p. 251a et seq. of the records, dated August 6 rather than August 4.]

Albany ye. 4 August 1727

D' Sackemakers van Asskantekook syn op Dese dagh
verschone voor D.' Commissioners om antwoord te brenge
aegaende de proposes en onderhandeling met haer gehord
=de op de Eerste dagh van mert 1726/7

Mons:rs En Seghe dat het geen Sey doe maels hadde aengename
hebbe als onder de gront deur gedaen aen d.' drie Castiels &
its middle in Asskantekook uyt D' Grout gekoomen
want VE heb ons belast dat D' bootschap niet seughbaer
Soude gemaekt werden also aen D.' wilde natie,

Mons.rs & Ouste Broeders Ick Seghe nue tot UE So als UE de wegh
geopend hebbe UE 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
neu vrinde Syn & Moeten Malkander op het voor Schreven
pat so Sullen wy malkander als vrinden ontfangen & behan=
=delen, So dat in toekomende als wy malkander moeten So
Sall Lyn in vrede & in vryenschap waer op Ty gaven 4
kettinties wit Sewant Syn het Selfde dat Sichtock van hier
heeft mede genome om het pat te openen

Mons.rs & Broeders VE hebt ons versoght datz van onse Sackem.[rs]
soude hier in Albany koomen & op D.' Selftde tyt ons aen
Gedient dat twe Sackemakers van boston alhier Soude Syn
om onse Sackmat.ks te moeten & Als D. Sackemakers van
Boston & van asskantekook malkander alhier moeten in
Albany dan Sullen wy volkomen met haer Spreken wy hadd[e]
D.' Mons.rs belooft om opt Spondighste alhier weder te
komen maer hebbe niet Eerder kunnen komen als nu D.
vreedten dat wy miet Eerder Zyn gekoomen is om dat D: Sack.rs
van onse Castelen waren geroppen naer D.' Oft in N: England wan
op Syn Eer bant Gegeven hebbe Zyn de Eenbant die de vorlede=
=yaer aen haer was Gefonden

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Broeders

VE hebt geseyghtge west menigh yaer om
D.' wegh, te Openen & wy komen nu Eens om D.'soegh
te Open & bebant te houden met Een volkomen besluit

D.' Mons.r hebbe de wegh open gemacht & wy
komen nu om het open te housen & All Zyet ons nu
hier persoonlyck om met UE te Spreken & wy Sullen d:
wegh goet & Open houden Tot Alen Tyden waer

op wy geven Drie bevers

Bro.ers & Vrinden, wy Syn verheught en het is ons Seer [leet - crossed out] aengenaam
van UE Comst alhier Valgens belofte den imaert 1726/7

Broders & Vrinden, het is ock Seer Aengenaem dat VE van weegen de

drie Castelen van UE natie ons versekeringh doet dat het

paol tussen ons Een UE nu goet en open is en also altoos

gehouden Sall werden twelk wy van onse Zyde UE nu

weeder Versekeren wy ZynSeer verblyt uyt UE D.ns mout

te verstaeb dat UE Sackemakers na Nu Engeland waren

wy willen hoopen dat de Vrede tusschen onse

broeders van new England en UL.de magh voltrecken Zyn

dat one Seer [leet - crossed out] aengenaem Sall Zyn ons te hooren

Vrinden & Broders UE hebt Ongetroyfelt well verstaen dat D: franse

tegen haer Zin is dat wy Een huys op Osweege hebben

Getimmert welk hays onse Gouverneur hebbe Getimmert

met Consent Van de 6 Naties wy versoecken dat UE met

die Saak niet will Bemoeyen maar UE Still houden en

UE pyp te Smooke en niet te hooren Luypteren als D: france,

UE op Sellen om het gemlde huys in te neemen of te

demolieren op dat het patt nu Schoon & goet is niet vyl magh

Werden want dat verschil moet By D. Groote Koningen van

Groot britainien & van Waneluyck geslist werden,

hier

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Hier meede wenchen wy D.' Broeders Een Behoude

vys dat IA Met Gesontheyt by UE vrowen Kinderen

En vrinden magh komen en haer vertellen datt het

patt nu Aen 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 over vloedigh en So als onse mont Spreakt

So is ons hart

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A[t] a Meeting of the Commis.rs of ye. Indian
Affairs in Albany ye. 6 August 1727

Present

Peter V. Brugh

Lancaster Symes

Rutger Bleeker

Hend.k Renselaer

Ryer Gerritse

Harm. Wendell

Stepha.s Groesbeek

Nicolaes Bleecker

The Sachims of Assekantekook appeared this day before
this board in Orderd to bring an answer upon ye. proposition & treaty made
between ym. & this board ye. first Day of March 1726/7
Mes.rs & Eldest Brethren

The Message we had undertaken have performed and is gone
As if under ye. Ground to ye. three Castles & Came out of the Ground in the
midle of Assentekook for you told us yt. yt. Message was not to be devolved
but to ye. Indian Nations,
Mes.rs & Eldest Brethren

I now acquaint you yt. as you have hoped ye. way of yr Side
we Come now to make ye. path also open of our Side & y.e Same Comes
out in ye Midle of Albany and whereas we are now become frinds &
Shall happen to meat one another on the Same path we shall receive
and treat one another as frinds So yt. our meeting for ye. future Shall
be in peace & frindship,
M.s & Eldest Brethren

You have Desird us yt. 2 of our Sachims Should Come
here in Albany & yt. at ye. Same time 2 Sachims of boston Should meat our
Sachims here wn. ye. Sachims of boston & of Assentekook meat here in
Albany y.n we will fully Speek with ym. We had promised you Gentle=
=men too be here again with all Expedition but Could not Come till
now thee reason yt. we did not Come Sooner was because yt. ye. Sachims
of our Castle where Called to ye. East in N: England,
Ms.r & E Bre.r

You have been Indeavoring for many years to open ye. path
we are Come now to keep ye. path open & Clear with a firm Resolution
& Concluge
M.rs & E B

You have opened ye. path & we Come now to keep it
open & you See us now in person to Speak with you & we Shall
always & at Abte time keep ye. Same good & open

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Answer of the Commissioners to the Said Sachims
Brothers & frinds
We are very much pleased with your Comeing here according to y.r
promise made to us y.e first of March 1726/7

B & frinds

It is also very acceptable & pleasing to us yt. you in behalf
of y.e three Castles of your Nation give assurance yt. ye. path between
us & you now is good & open & always & at all times Shall be kept So
of wh. of our Side will now give Assurance

Brother & Frinds

We are Very much Rejoyced to understand out of ye.
mouth yt. Your Sachims were gone to N: E: wee hope yt. a good
peace between our Bro.th of N:E: & you may be Concluded wh.
Shall always be very pleasing to us

B: & frinds, you have undoubtedly heard yt. ye french are
agt. bulding ye. house at Osweege by [illeg.] wh. house our Gov.r has build
wt. Consent of the 6 Nations

We desire yt. you do not Intermidle wt. this affair &
keep your Self Nature & Smook your pipe & not to hearken to ye. fren[ch]
if they would Lett you on to attack ye. Said house So yt. ye. path wh. is
now Clears good might not there by become foul & Stopt up for that
Difference is to be Disided by ye. Great King of Great Britain & france

B's frinds

here wt. we wish ye Bro.ts a happy Journey yt. you
may meat your wives Children & frinds in good helath & acquaint
ym. yt. ye. path on all Sides is good & Clear & yt. your people now
Can Come here in this City to trade as frinds & goods wh. are
Sutable to you are plenty here & as we Speak to you So is our
hearts

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Albany the 5.th aug.st 1727

May it please yr. Excellency

We find our Selves honoured y.r Excel.cy
favourable of ye. 31 July by ye 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 Sone as ye. Same Comes & wither
Observe your Excel.cys directions we remain with due
Respect

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[See Wraxall summary p. 171. Another copy can be found on p. 246a [0497]]

Att a Meeting of ye. Com.rs of ye.

Indian Affairs in Albany ye. 5th

of august 1727

Two of ye. Chief sachims of Onahe being Sinnekes
Sheweth unto ye. Com.es 4 Strings of wampum whereby they
Say yt. ye. Same was Sent by ye. Jenundadeys from onnes=
=sagronde unto ye Six Nations & to ye. Com.es to make
known yt. 7 of ye. Jonondadees 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 Medewandany nichheyako,
wissesake & Jonondadeke, & have taken much trou=
=ble & pains to perswade ym. into ye. Intrest of this
Govermt. to wh. they have hearkened & are now
become our frinds, butt there are Still more
farr nations if any of ym. Should happen to Come
& give oppertunity to us of makeing any propositions they
Say yt. they have nothing in hand to Speake & Invite ym.
to ye. Intrist of this province therefore they resolved to Come
here to their brethren in Albany wh. are rich & well Stokt
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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at a Meeting of ye. Com.es of ye. Indian

Affairs at Albany this 7th August

1727

Lancaster Symes

Peter Van Brugh

Rutger bleecker

Ryer Gerritsen

Harmanus Wendell

Nicolaes Bleecker

Answer to ye propositions of ye. 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 Excel.cy
as it is to us of your Endeavour yt. you, have taken so
much pains in bringing ye. far nations of Indians into
our [nations - crossed out] Intrest wh. we take to be an Equal Benefitt

for us & our brotheren ye Six Nations we Shall acquaint
his Ex.cy with our proceedings in yt. Affair

Brethren you know yt. we have built a house at Oswego,
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
Securety for our traders but also a great Securety 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 insimate
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. Govern.r with y.e
Same, you may be Sure of being Supplyd with one

[0400] **198a** [Not in Wraxall]
Att a Meeting of the Com.es the 7th
August 1727

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Evert Banker
Lancaster Seyms
Peter Vn. Brugh
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Harmanus Wendell
Nicolaes Bleecker

This Day ye. Com.es 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 Osweege,

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

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Albany ye. 9th August 1727 [Not in Wraxall]

May it please your Excellency

We had ye. honour to write your Ex.cy on ye. 5th. Instant Since we Rec.d your Exc.ys favour of ye 3 D.o pr Mr. Winnen and upon due Consideration of the matter wee are humbly of opinion that the psents for the Indians 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 last at Schinechtady and one which the Cerpenters 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 possabil 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 en 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 Schinectady to dispatch thine, may it please your Excel.cy we have Considered that if the batoes Should go further part of the provisions and Come down again for the rest would take up a Verry long time and detain Capt. Nicolls to gett at Osweege and the Soner he be there wee think the better, in this untrese of time,

The Cerpenters did arrive here on ye. 5th. Instant
in the

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in the Evening and Say yt. Capt. Nicolls & Capt. Ban=
=ker were resolved to Sett out from Osweege the next day after them it is Generally reported that the house at Osweege is a very fine and Strong building and the workmen have Labourd very hard at it

Inclosed we send your Ex.cy Copys of the propositions of the Asskatekook indians and of two of our Sinios [Seneca] 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 10th. August 1727

Capt. Banker

In gevolge van Syn Excel.cys order So Sende wy hier Nestens D: Goederen Volgens inleggende memorandum tot pSenten voor de Sess Naties hier nestens ook Een op=
=Stelling vant geen wy Oordeele om benestens het geen syn Excel.cy geordineert heeft aen de Sess naties voor=
=Hellen om watt UE oordeelt na De Gelgentheyt van Zaaken noodigh daer by te Voegen

Het weider om gaen van UE parsoon nae Osweego 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 best vant landt So twyfelen wy niet of UE Sult met Een nieuwe noet Aengedaen Zyn En hoope dat d heer die Alles Regeert UE Sall versterken en de Zaak voorspoedigh maaken

Wy twyfellen niet of UE Sult met Lourence Claes in Alles Een goet Verstant & vrintschap houden wy groeten UE van herten en & blyve met veel respect

Myn heer

UE Seer genege vrinden & Drs

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Albany the 10th August 1727

[See Wraxall p. 171.]

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 this 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 yt. your Excel.ys 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 Claese 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 yt. the indians are now to have a Meeting at Onnondage which as wee Conjecture may be upon the propositions mad 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 ye. Service of the king & Country Upon the Credit of the Government Wee believe they will Sett out from hence to Morrow we are with

due Respect,

Your Excellency
Most humble & Obedient Servants

P.S. we are very much in
want of belts of wampun

[0404] **200a** [Another copy can be found on p. 247.]

Albany ye. 11th Aug.st 1727

Major Symes

The inclosed letter was deliverd 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 Osweego & to Sup=
=ply the Garrison with men at Osweego in Order yt. wee may
be able acquit his Excel.cy with the Circumstancis of matters
Since Capt. Nicolls is Comeing down to Albany According
his letter whether it be the best to take all batoes for Carry=
=ing up the provisions Since Capt. [Banker -crossed out] Nicolls is
belonging down with Eight [Right?] batoes or whether to Succeed
with ye 3 wooden Canoes & two batoes as it was first designed we
leave to your Self Coll. Groesbeck & Capt. Collins we are

Sir

Your most humble Servants

Communicate this
fourthwith to Capt. Collins
& Coll. Groesbeck

We are Of opinion yt. Since Capt. Nicolls is Comeing own
to Send all Stores & provisions wt. all the men at
Once together

Was Signd
Peter Vn. Brugh
Hend.k van Renselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Ryer Gerritse
Harmanus Wendell

[0405] **201** [Another copy can be found on p. 251.]

Albany ye 12th aug.th 1727

May it please your Excel.cy

we have Acquainted your Ex.cy by our last
of the 10th Instant that Capt. Was Returnd home Seek
& Week by the Inclosed Cappy of Capt. Nicolls letter & ma=
=jor Symes letter your Excel.cy will See that Capt. Nicols

Is Comeing Down with the men wh. Makes Some alterati[on]
about the matters in hand and are Aforead Matters will not
go So Expeditions as We hoped & Expected in respect of getting
Up ye. Stores & provisions our Express met Capt. Nicolls a
Little on this Side of ye. Great Carrying place we believe
it will take a long time before ye. men gett up with the
Stores & provisions to Oswego Capt. [illeg.] 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 onnondage

[0406] **201a** [Another copy can be found on p. 251.]

Att A Meeting of the Com.es of Indian

Affairs ye 15th Aug.st 1727 [Wraxall brief summary p. 171.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Peter Vn Brugh

Hend. Vn. Renselaer

Rutger Bleeker

Ryer Gerritse

Nicolaes Bleecker

May it please yr. Excel.y

Our last was on ye. 12 Instant whereto take leave
to refer Since Capt. Nicolls is Arrivd with ye. N: york
Detachmt. under his Command at Schinechtady, we are
Informd yt. 12 Men thereof are Sick & ye. rest Major Seymes
tells us will not go back to Oswego, So yt thereby your Ex.cys
good Intention is partly vaquated we have Applyd to ma=
=jor Seyms for men to bring up provisions for ye. Detachmt.
posted at oswego all he Can Comand (as he tell us for this
Service are only 12 men out of both Companies who alone
are not Able to bring up the provisions to Supply wh.
Depot we have Judgd it Necessary (tho at a great
Expence to hire men out of our neighbourhood to bring up ye.
[Stores - crossed out] provisions for yt. is chefest article they want at psent,

We had Dispatchd 12 Soldiers & 8 Inhabitants with
provisions from Schinechtady but they turnd back when they
met Capt. Nicols near ye place who are to Sett out again
to morrow with 6 Inhabitants more we hope your Ex.cy
Will be assurd we have Done hitherto our utmost
Endeavours for promoting this work while it is of the greatest
Consequence to this province for ye future Shall be at all times
ready to do, Whatsover is in our power,

We think it would be very Necessary for ye. Service

yt. 6 of our Inhabitants & 6 trusty Indians be Employd to
lay at Osweego

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Albany the 5th Septemb. 1727

May it please your Excelcy

This comes to Acquaint your Excellency that Captain
Philip Schuyler & his brother Peter Schuyler with Lauren[ce]
Return here [illeg.] on the Second Instant from Onnodgo their p[re]=
=ceedings And good Success will appear to your Excelcy by the inclo=
=sed propositions which we Doubt not but will be pleasing to your Excy
we have thought it Necessary according to the old Custom to acquit
the Six Nations of Indians with the Decease of his Late Majesty
King George of blessed memory and the Succession of his pre=
=sent Majesty our Sovereign Lord King George the Second on
ye. throne in Order to which we Shall Dispatch Laurence
up to the Six Nations & also give him Directions to Endeav=
=our to Stop ye. Onnondages from their resolution wh. they have
taken by the instigation of the french to go to war against
the flatheads wh. we Conceive is the policy of the french
to gett ym. from home & out of the way but we hope we
may Defeat their Designs they might undertake against the
building at Osweego, & we have good reason [sic] to believe Such
Since the Indians have taken Such prime & loyal Resolution to
our interest as appears by the Inclosed proposition,

We Shall not be wanting in Sending up the provisions
& to [illeg.] you Excys orders & Directions & Milage by our
Next we remain with Due respect

[0408] **202a**

By the Commiss.es of Indian Affairs

at Albany 9 Septemb. 1727 [See Wraxall p. 171]

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, & 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 Sub=
=mission & Alligance,

You are to Endeavour to Stop ye. Onnondages from
their Resolution wh. (we hear) they have taken by the Instiga=
=tion of the french to go to war agt the flatt heads, which you
Must tell them the french do with an Intent to gett ym
from home out of the way or by these means to destroy and
Deminish ym. If possible,

You are to Incourage ym. to presist in their good resolu=
=tion wh. they have taken to Defend the house at Osweege 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 a=
=mong the Indians wh. we Cant foresee at psent you are to
Act in it as you Judge will be most [humble - crossed out] for his majes=
=ty intrest given under our hands in albany ye. 9th. September 1727

Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Pieter Van Brugh
Harmanus Wendell
Reyer Gerritse
Rutger 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 - crossed out] not hveing had Intelligence from thence this long
time, & yt. yt. Charges thereof be pd. by the Com.es Agreed with
Guysbert Vn. Brakel Ju.r to go with Lourence Claese to the 6
Nations for three pound twelve Shillings p.r Month
lb.

28	Bread	2 ps. Tapes
[illeg.]	bacon	25 shirts
	Keg rum	12 ails
	2 Doz Knives	

Att A Meeting of the Com.es of the Indian
affairs In Albany the 13th. Day of Sep.b 1727

[Not in Wraxall]

Present

Philp Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Peter Vn. Brugh
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeeck
Harmanus Wendell
Nicolaes Bleecker

D' 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 Jenontadies who
live at le detroit yt. we Sent Messengers to ye Waganhoes [&?]
far Nations to make peace are Safely returnd home yt. they

had Concluded a peace but the term were not yet Known

That the nations of Waganhoes Say yt. they will firm=
=ly keep to all Alligance they have made with this Govermt. as
the brethren of the 6 Nations do & will refuse the hatchet of
war if the Govermt. of Canada offer & Desire ym. to take
it up Agt. ye. English or Six Nations

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That what ye Sachims had promisd Capt. Philip
Schuyler when he was at Onnondage yt. 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 Oswege against them if they Should offer to molest
it, but that the English & french might oppose one another
wh. messengers D. Kanasorie says were ready to go when he
Came from home,

They Say they have no other news of moment to acqut. the brethren
with & desire ye. Com.s to acqt. ym. what news ye. Com.es acq.ted ym ye Decese
of his late majesty king George of Glorious memory & yt. his
Son prince George of wales is proclaimd King of Great britain
&c. yt. his present majesty is very well belovd of all his Subjects,

That Lourence Claese ye. Interpreter is Sent to ye 6 na=
=tions to Acqt. ym. of ye. decease of his late Maj.ty & yt. he is
to Endeavour to Stop the Onnondages who we are Informd &
prepared to go out a fighting by ye. Influence of ye. Gov.r of Canada

We Acquainted Sd. two Sachims with ye. Contents a let=
=ter to Gov.r of Canada write to his Ex.cy our Gov.r & his answer

Johan Jurch Kast & Johan Jost Petri Inform this
board yt. the Road from the maquse River to ye. Sd. wood creek
On ye. Onneyde Carrying place is very much out of repair and
Impractable to ride over a load provisions, or a batoe if it be
not repaird with all Speed they Cant perform their agreemt.
to deliver ye. provisions at ye. wood Creek for the Detatchmt at Oswego.

Resolved yt. 6 men be had to repair ye. Sd. [wood - crossed out] road
As soon as may be on acct. of the publick yt. ye. provisions &c. may
be Transported to Osweego if it be not paid soon yt. the Com.s
of Indian Affairs Ingage for ye. paymt. of the Same ---

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Albany 13.th Sep.t 1727

[Not in Wraxall]

May it please your Excel.cy

We have been honourd with your Excel.cys acceptable
Letters of ye. 22th & 24th of august ye. bedding & provisions were
Sent up Directly to Schinnechtady pease wheat meal & what
Other Necessaries yt. may be wanting for ye. Detachmt. at
Oswego shall be Supplyd & provided by us we hear yt. the

Soldiers and men we hird to go up thither with ye. provisions have had a fetaque in Getting forwd. 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 yt. Your Excel.cy is So hearty to main=
=tain and keep the Garryson at Osweege we Shall not be wanting in any thing for promoting so good a work the batoes wh. remain at the house will be better for putting in pease & meal, where yt. Capt. Banker has gott the pork bar=
=rel Cleand & filld with water its no Diffecult 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 Oswege wh. we Shall provide & Send p the first batoes that Shall go up thither

We hear no manner of Intelligence from Canada wh. makes us Uneasy what is hatching there the french must Certainly have a great Command and Influence over their Indians yt. they Can Keep ym So Close yt. not one Single one Should Come hither we have orderd three Indians from Schinechtady to Lake St. Sacremt. to See us if no Canada Indians are hunting there & if they find none they are to go forwd. to Canada & ye. other is to come back

The road & bridges on the Carrying place are So bad yt its Impractable to ride Over ye. provisions & batoes, we have desird ye. Justices among ye. palatines to hire men to go & repair ye. Same

[0413] **204b**

Albany 28 Sept 1727

May it please your Ex.cy

We are honoured with your Ex.cys favours of ye 23th Instant p Capt. Ingoldsby. the deserters are Securd in ye fort here. Capt. holland is gone to Schinechtady to see ye Detachmt. Imbark in 10 batoes from [hence] . 5 men who are to

Stay [illeg.] at

Osweege are to go with the [detachmt - crossed out] and more [will = crossed out] Shall be hird if

they be wanting to bring up Provisions. we cant Suppose yt. ye Assembly [sh]all suffer to let any thing fall on y.r Ex.cy. the accounts Shall be [?]bus as soon as they can be gott in. if no more come wel Send those [have gott in - crossed out] have by us. we cant gett them all while there is [da]yly some Expenecs. we Shall Eniarge in current mean while [we] Remain with Great Esteem & Respect

P L St. Gr

N B RG PL

[0412] **204a**

Albany 5th October 1727

May it please yr. Excel.cy

We have been very pressing to gett in the acct. of the Expences this year for building batoes ye. house at Oswe= =ge provisions waggon hire peoples wages &c. in transporting the provisions thither & Indicent a mounting in all as may Appear [by] the Said accts. & list herewith to £ [blank space] we Suppose there more to Come in which we Shall Send his Exc.y As soon as may be Some of the accts. of ye. Country people are not Certyfied tho Suppose they are Just

The Detachment sett out from Schinnechtady yester= =day with five of our Country people who are to Stay at Oswege till april next as also 6 more are hird to help up the batoes at £5÷÷ Each for the Trip the Charges runs high which Could not be prevented for the Securety of the house and Garryson while we think it of the Greatest Consequence Every thing may Succeed according to Expectation with Great Esteem & Respect

Philip Livingston

Henry Holland

Johannes Cuyler

Stephanus Groesbeeck

Harmanus Wendle

Nicolaes Bleecker

[0414] **205**

At A meeting of the Com.es of the Indian
Affairs in Albany ye. 6 October 1727
[illeg.]

[Not in Wraxall]

Present

Philip Living.n

Henry Holland

J: Cuyler

Myn: Schuyler

Peter Vn. Brugh

Lancaster Symes

Harmanus Wendle

Reyer Gerritse

Nicolaes Bleecker

An Indian Messenger from ye. Asikants= =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 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 bretheren
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 - crossed out] hardly undergo the
fetaque to come down to this place wherefore we desire that
we may be furnishd & Supplyd with Necessaries at Saragtoque
as Cheap as there are to [Come down to this place where=
=fore we desire yt. we may be furnishd & Supplyd with
Necessaries at Saragtoe - all crossed out] to be had here while it is very
Difficult at this season to draw & Carry down ye. Deer
Skins but in the Spring w.[?] we Can Come down in
Canoes wee

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Canoes we Shall Come hitherr 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 & yt. they
have Sent them to Come hither to trade, we do assure you
and promise that ye. Same Shall be kept open & free for
all your nation to come thither to trade as Long as they
demean themselves well [J - crossed out] and peacable as we Sent you
word Last Summer by the messengers they sent us at ye. time

As to what you desire that Some persons may Suppose [sic]
you with Necessaries at Saraghtoga as Cheap as they are here
because you all Alleadge yt. it is Difficult for the old men
to bring down their Skins hither wh. is a thing yt. we Can
not promise you neither Can any person afford ym So Cheap
as they are to be had here for ye. must Consider yt. they must
be paid for bringing up the the [sic] goods thither and if your young
men do bring down the Skins belonging to the old men or hire Steads
to ride them Down wh. will be but a trifle Considering
how much Cheaper goods are here yn. at Saragtoque
therefore we recommend you to tell your Sachims we de=
=sire that they and all their young men do Come hither
to trade while, goods are much Cheaper then Ever they
had been

[0416] **206**

Albany 30th October 1727

May it please your Excelcy

It would be very acceptable to us to hear
of your Excelcys health and prosperity Inclosed your Excy
has the Journall of Mr. Lourence Claese the Interpre=
=ter to the Six Nations by relation it appears that the
Indians are well Affected to the british Interest but in one
Opinion what has been [brought - crossed out] begun to Secure them ought
to be permd. for they begin now to See of what Consequence
of building at Oswego will be [at - crossed out] 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 Assem=
=bly will Conceive that the Support of the Six Nations &
Security 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 free=
=ly trades among the Sinnekes which we wish Could be preven=
=ted 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 Excelcy may be repeald by a Cause in any bill
that may pass this Sessions, wh. will be very acceptable to
who are with great Esteem and Respect

Phil: Livingston

Henry Holland

Hend.k Vn. Renselaer

Stephanus Groesbeek

Harmanus Wendle

Nicolaes Bleecker

[0417] **206a** [Out of order chronologically because sent with previous letter.]

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 Com.es
of indian affairs at Albany dated the ninth Sept. I went
to the Mohoggs Country acquainted the Sachims there of the
decease of his late Majesty King George of Glorious memory
and [that his son prince george - crossed out] of the Accession of his pre=
=sent Majesty King George the second to the Imperi=
=all Crowns of Great Britain France and Ireland, from
thence I went to Oneyde and Tuskerores and Acquainted

those Sachims with the Same,

On the 25th of Sept. I Arrivd at Onnondage where I found 160 men ready to go a fighting by order of the Governour of Canada of wh. 48 of ym. went out the Same day I came there, whereupon I calld the Sachims and warriou[r]s 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 ye. Second to the Imperiall Crowns of Great britain &c. and Spoake to ym. in name of his Excel.cy William Burnet Esq.r &c our Governour yt. he was very much Surprizd that they Sufferd that they Sufferd [sic] 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 ym of their land and priviledges where our Governour gives Sufficent 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 no go fighting on ye. Comand from ye. 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 fitch those Indians back who are gone out fighting whereon I gave ym two blankets Strouds Desire=
=ing ym. to give me an Answer at my return from the Sinne=
=kes 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 ye. Accession of his present majesty King George ye. Second to ye. Imperiall Crowns of great britain &c. I found at Cayouge 140 Men ready to go out fighting to prevent wh. I made ye speech to ym. as I had done above to the Onnondages and gave ym. a blanket Strouds they promist directly to Stay at home & go on their hunting, On ye 29th D.o I arrivd at the Sinnekes Country where I found the Sachims & warriou[r]s people at home, who I Acquainted with ye. foregoing they promist me that none of their people Should go fighting in a years time because they Saw yt. ye. french were Crafty & deceitfull where=
by they think to gett possession of the house at Osweege, 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 Indi=
=ans 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 Dispatchd about it,

The Sachims of the Sinnekes answerd me to what I
had told ym. in name of the Six Nations yt. they were much
Concernd to her the Maloncholy news of his late Majesty
they Rejoyed again to hear yt. his Son King George the
Second Sitts on the throne & hoped yt. his present Majesty
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 ye. whole Earth
that they might rest under the Shadow of those leaves, wh. they
hope my [render -crossed out] never fade or whether & yt. ye Roots there of
may go through ye. Earth, that no Storm or Tempest may
[Damnify]

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Damnify the Same, & Expected in the Spring to Speak the
Gov.r 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 - crossed out] Susquahana river
a little above Casastoqu a french Interpreter from montreal
had been there last year by the way of a Small River wh.
vents into the Cadaraghqus Lake above the falls of Jagara &
the head of that river by a Carrying place till thay meet
with water Carryage & So Down the Saxquehanna River to
the Settlement where some french live who are much Disaf=
=fected to ye. British Interest

That the Said french Interpre=
=ter has Usd his Endeavors with the Schawenos Indians
to have them Removed if they love their loves a from ye. place
Near Niagara

That Jean Coeur the french Interpreter had
been gone from the Sinneke Castle Called two days before I came to
Canosade ye. Chapitall of ye Sinnekes he Informd ye. Indians yt. he had a
Great Store of goods in the house at Jagara & Invited ym. to trade with ym
there he had formerly given Strouds at 8 bever Skins a blanket but
none he would Sell it at three a Choice french blanket at
the Same price a fine french gune at £7÷÷ Ketles &
powder their wt. in bever a fine men Shirt as appear fine
Ratine Stockings At 1 1/4 bever, 4 french potts pure brandy
at 1 bever he had Sent for a Cooper to make keggs who Exp.d daly,

The Sinneke Sachims who have made lately in Canada to
Condoke [Condole] ye Death of Mons.r V: Veaudreul where returnd home
who had told the Gov.r of Canada yt. they English & french were
very Jealous of one another about their buildings at Osweege
& Jagara they desird him yt. there might be no Disturbance
in the Country nor blood Shed about it for if they Say it
Might Resence if but if these places Credits any disturbance
they might decide it at Sea whereon this gave a belt of Wampum

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The Gov.r of Canada took up Sd. belt and again De=
=sireing ye. Said Indians to tell ye. Govern.r of New York to
remove yt. ye. house [abt.?] Osweege further up the River from
the lake wh. has been for many years past ye. passage for
his trade is to ye. far Indians

On the Second October I went from ye Sinnekes Country
& Arrivd on Onnondage on the 4th. D.o who gave me an An=
=swer to my former Speech & told me they were Convined of
his Excel.cy 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 ye. Indians of the Six
Nations at home none were gone fighting, most of ym. are
on their hunting

That the Deputed Sachims of Onnondage were
Sett out on ye 3d. Instant to Canada with a message to ye.
Indians liveing there to that they do not at any time
Assist the french to Attack the house at Osweege

[0421] **208a**

At A Meeting of the Com.s of the
Indian affairs in Albany ye. 27th Dec.r
1727 [Another copy can be found on p. 256a.]

Present
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Evert Banker
Peter Vn. Brugh
John Collins
Rutger Bleeker
Harmanus Wendle
Nicolaes Blecker

An Oneyde Sachim Named Canachquanie arri=
=ved here with a message from the rest of the Sachims

of that Castle that pursuant to the ancient Covenant between you & ym. & 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 Ca=
=youge Indians yt. an officer of that place had Advi=
=sed the Indians who were Inclind to go to Canda Shoud fourthwith depart and those who Intended to Re=
=turn to the Six Nations Should go with all Speed before the Commander of yt. fort Should arrive from Montreal that no unhappy accident men befall ym. the Sinneke Indian who lately Came from Cana=
=da Affirms that the Indians of Schowinnade & about the number of 700 made frequently their dances of war According to their [Ansunt - crossed out] Custum to go to war in the Spring to Cutt off & destroy the house at Osweege this was no Secret there while the Children sung these Songs of war in the Streets that the Indians were Im=
=ployd in makeing padles for the french but what num=
=ber 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 Inten=
=ded to go on this Expedition against the house at Osweego the next Spring

The Sachims of Onneyde to acquaint this road that the Onnondage messengers who had promist Cap. Phil: Schuyler & Capt. Peter Schuyler last Summer to go to the Canada indians not to molest or disturb us the quit Setlemt. At Osweege yt. if they Should Commit any acts of hostillities their ye. Six Nations Should Defend against them & the English agt. ye. french are retur=
=nd back haveing been only one days Journey & have
not

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Not deliverd their Message according to ther promise & Consent from home of the Six Nations as directed by ym. mak=
=ing fained Excuse that they were Sick,

Since the Said messengers have faild to perform this Message the Sd. onneyde Sachims promise yt. this board Should Send Indians to Canada on pretence of trade to prevent the Said french Indians to joyn with ye. french & also to discover what is hatching in Canada agt. ye. house at Osweege yt. all ye. indians of ye. 6 nations are at & [Near] home,

the Com.es Answerd the Sd. Messenger yt. they re=
=turn thanks to the Onnagdage Sachims for their Care

In Sending to acqt. us with the Neglect of the Onnon=
=dage Sachims in performing their promise & Engagements
made to Capt. Schuyler to let their Messengers proceed to
the Canada Indians yt. ye. Six nations had Resolved to
defend the Sd. house at Osweege against them & ye. En=
=GLISH against the french that the board are unthank=
=full to him bringing this Message hither & Rely on him
while they are Sinciabile of this former faithfull Servi=
=ces to this Governmt. & as a reward give him a psent
of a blanket a pair of Stockings a lap of Stroads a Shirt
& a looking Glass,

Resolved that Lourence the Interpreter go to onnonda=
=ge with a men for his Assistant in Company with the Sd.
Onneyde messenger to Endeavour the Six Nations Send one
of Each nation to pform ye. Message to the Canada indi=
=an they had formerly promised to Mr. Schuyler for wh. purpose
its tought fitt to give him the following Instructions,

By the Com.s of the Indian Affairs
at Albany

Instructions for Lourence Claese the Interpreter to
ye. 6 Nations whereas we are Informd by a message recd. this
Day from the Onneyde Sachims yt. ye. Onnondages have not
Sent Messengers to the Cannada indians as they had
promissd

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promisd last Summer to Messrs. Schuylers yt. they Should
not Molest us in the quit Setlemt. by ye. house at Osweege
that ye Six Nations are Resolved to defend ye Sd. building
agt. ym. & yt. ye English will maintain & defend ye. Same
agt. ye. french and being Informd that the indians at Canada
are designed to ioyn with the french of Canada to Mo=
=lest us at Oswege wh. is Contrary to the treaties of peace
that we Should be Attackd on the land belonging
to the Six Nations [under the Six Nations - crossed out] under the Sub=
=jection & protection of his present Majesty King George ye.
Second, our Sovereign & their King & indulgent [& King-crossed out] father
& whereas Such attempts to be made by the french
or Indians agt. Oswege will be Violation of ye. peace &
frindship wh. Sub[ject - crossed out]sity between the two Crowns of
great britain & yt. of france & may be of dangerous
Consequence to this his Majesties province in par=
=ticular & to all his Majesties Governmts. on ye. Contenant
in generall the prevention wherefore will be of
great Servise to his Majes.s province & his loyal Subjects
in these parts,

Wherefore you are Required & Commanded to go
with all Speed accompanyd with Jacob Glen Jn.r to
the Six Nations acq.t ym. yt. we have Rec.d Intillegence
yt. ye. messengers wh. the onnondages Sachims had promised to
Send to the Canada Indians last Summer have not pro=
=ceeded in their Journey by reason of Sickness yt. that mes=
=sage Should be Accomplishd & that by one Deligate from
Each of the Six Nations to tell the Indians dwelling
or rendeing, or Such fett persons as they Shall think
proper, near Canada in their names only they are In=
=formd that the french excite [the french - crossed out] & Stir them
up to Assist them in disturbing their brethren the English
in their quit Setlemt. Enjoyne of the Sd. house at Oswege
wh. had been Errected by their provious Consent & good like=
=ing and for their own Securety, wherefore you are to prevail
on ye Sd. Sachims to Said Delegates a aforesd. yt. they are
Sent to forwd. & ye Sd. Sachims not to Assis [the fre]=
=nch in this lawfull undertakeing but if they [should (ink spill?)]
[be]

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but if they Should be So Stuped & Senceless to be
prevaild on the french in this Expedition yt. the ye. 6
Nations have resolved in their Generall meeting
to defend ye. Sd. house agt. ym. ye. Sd [illeg. - crossed out] Indians
& ye. English are determd to do like agt. the french
that a good amicable Carespondance between yt. ye. [like - crossed out]
Six Nations cant be maintaind unless they will keep
ym.selves neuter & not to herken to any proposalls to be
made by the french on yt. Subject nor to be assistant in this matter

Given under our hands in albany ye. 27 Day of De.c
in the first year of his Maj.y's Reign anno [illeg.] D.o 1727

Resolved ye. Interpreter have a Copy of the English Transla=
=tions in Dutch of ye. Sd. Instructions for his better Information

It is agreed by the Com.s with Lourence
Clase & Jacob Glen that if they be not paid by the
publick for their journey [to - crossed out] & Service now to the Six
Nations, that the Commis. will pay them out of their
Allowlence.

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[0426] **211** [A second copy can be found on p. 249]

Att a Meeting of the Com.es of the
Indian Affairs in Albany ye. 6 february
1727/8

Present

Phil: Livingston

Joh.s Cuyler

John Collins

Rutger Bleecker }

Ryer Gerritse

Nicolaes Bleecker

Philip Livingston

Schonondo the Indian who formerly livd at Cachnawage
in Canada wh. place he has deserted with his famly purposes to Setle
with a number of 60 Indian Squaes & Children on our fronteers
desires yt. they may be Supplied with provisions till they can furnish
ym.Selves with Sufficient Sustenance & desires now some powder & lead & Indian
corn

The Com.es told yt. he & those who are to Come with him Shall
have a fitt peice of land Given them to Setle 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 lbs Shot & lead a keg rum & a Schple Indian Corn
a Coat & Shirt for Coating him & a Son

[0502] **249** [January 3-February 2 1728 Journal of Laurence Claessen's trip to
Onondaga.]

Memorandum van onse Ryse

Van it Jaar 1727/8 January Den Driede Zyn wy van Scho=
=neghtadie gedaen in wy Zyn den vierdie en de aifde door het
maquas Lanot Gegaen waer Wy Geen Wilde tuis Vonde om
Me te Spreken of me op te neme D.o den tiende in onneijde
Gearreveert in vonde daar alle de wilde Complet in hebben
haar anstons de injout van onse instructions bekent gemaakt,

D.o den Elfde gaven Gy haar antwoord an ons in
Seyde Openlick dat Zy daar niet verder in konde acte in
die dingen Nog geen van die andere naties niemant als
de onnondagens die by in besluyt geordeneert ware by die
Viff naties te gaen no de franse wilde volgens he Versoek
van Capt. Ph: Schuyler verlede Seiner in Syden dat wy die
onnondagens Soude ordenere om te Gaen du het aan gen=
=men hebbe to Spreken tegen de franse Wilde volgens den
in hout van de Propesece die gy tegen doet

D.o den veertunde gearreveert in ondagen in den 15de
de propesiece aan haar Gedaen D.o den 22ste hebbe wy
weer antwoord van haar ontfangen in Syde dat Zy moeste bekonnde
De vole waarhut te Syn der inhoud van u propesicie in wy
Zyn ten volle geo[r]denert by order van de andre [illeg.]

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Naties in hebben daer op Ontfangen van yder natie Een bai
Ses want Om Mete Spreken tegen de franse Wilde dog wy
Sinne Verhyndert gewest door Sickte Maar niet te min wy.
hebbe Seven hant Se want Gesturt Verlede herrest na de
franse Wilde in hebbe haar daar Mi Late Nete als dat wy
int voar Jaer Krog Sulle komen om met haar te Spreken
by order van de 6 naties daar om broeder yt seght dat daar
Motte anstons gesante gaen gy Segt dat het godte Soa Zyn
dat uyt yder natie Een ging of Sulke bequame parsone
als wy goet Soude denken kier kan niet verder in ge act
werden van de andere viff naties want sy hebben het ten
Volle ugt haar hande gegeven dat wy de franse wilde
Soude gaen Spreken in die Sinnik na de verre wilde
broder wy kenne niet geloven dat de france het huys
op Osweege durven Mullistere want Wy verlede herrist doe
daer all Snuis ly gehort van die franse wilde by het
huys op Sweege dat de govonnur van Kaneda en prope=
=siece gedaen hadt aan Zyn wilde dat hy van voornemen gewest
was het huys op Sweege of te breken maar dat hy hein nou
bedogdt hadt dat het on georloft Soude wese dat hy hem niet
well bedoght had sulke ding te beginne ter wile he vrede
is tusse de twe Krone in Syde dat de Ses Naties op zyn
Seggen Konde deppendere maar Syde dal dat de franse
in Syn Wilde Sullen in Expiediese in het voorlaer & de vos=
=sen in Soude de andere Sy van het Lak pasere Den Self=
=de dagh doen Zy ons antwort Gaven Sonde wy tve 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
ondersokken

D.o den 29 Zyn de gesante weer van Sweege gearvert
met Eenige Brieve
February 2 den derde Zyn de gesante weer van het Sinkes
Lant Gearvert

[0427] **211a** [See p. 257a for another copy.]

Att a Meeting of the Com.es of the Indian
Affairs in Albany ye. 14th february 1727/8

Present

Philip Livingston

Henry Holland

Evert Banker

John Cuyler

Rut: Bleecker

Lacester Symes

Harmanus Wendle

Ryer Gerritse

Nicolaes Blecker

Phil: Schuyler

Mr. Lourence Claese Retnd from his Jour=

=ney to onnondage where he [was] Sent by order of the Com.es on
ye. -- Janu.y last as follows,

Journall of Lourence Claese the Interpreter to the 6
Nations in Company with Mr. Jacob Glen

That pursuant to his Instructions from this board da=
=ted ye [blank in original] I Sett out from Schinektady on the 3. Instant &
Arrived on the 4th D.o at fort hunter ye. 5th at Canajohery but
found no Indians at home to treat with nor go with us to
Onnondage
[See above for the Dutch version of the journal.]

Albany the 14th february 1727/8

May it please your Excel.cy

Your Excel.cys favours of the 26th January are Rec.d
and are goad yt. your Excel.cy is pleased to approve of our Sending
the Interpreteer to press the Indians to perform their promise
made last Summer to Capt. [Banker - crossed out] Ph: Schuyler inclosed is the
Interpreters Journ.l thither whereby it appears yt. the Onnonda=
=ges are backward in their promise it Seems they dare not--
Openly appear in the Affair of Osweege ag.t the french
Indians at least they Seem not to be herty at it--

We shall Send word to the palatines yt. 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 get ready wheat meal & pease by
the time it Can be fitched by the men at Osweege we
Shall Send Notice by the first Oppertunity to Capt. Nicols
that pease will be ready wh. he Can Send for it

Inclosed----

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Inclosed is a letter to Capt. Holland from Capt. Nicolls
for your Excel.cy better Information.

As the Onnondages are Desireous to have a Smith this Winter, we Cant Send one from hence, Capt. Holland pro=
=mises to write to Capt. Nicolls to order printhop the Smith
Now at Osweege to go thither to work for the Indians--
Steal will be Sent up as far ye palatines from hence ye. Indi=
=ans are to fitch it.

We hope yt. your Excel.y will be pleased to Send up good por[k]
by the Return of our first Sloops for the use of the Garryson
at Osweege --

Att a meeting of the Com.es of Indian
Affairs in albany ye 24 feb 1727/8

Present

Philip Livingston

Henry Holland

Mynd. Schuyler

Joh.s Cuyler

Peter V. Brugh

Evert Banker

Rutger Bleecker

Langester Symes

Nicolaes Bleecker

Two Indians from Cachnawage in Canada named
Catistagie & Cahowage messengers from ye. Sachims
of the place arrived here this day Inform the board
that about 80 days ago four Indians were hunting
near new England ab.t 12 mile from a Setlemt. by what
we Can learn it must be Northfield three of ym.

Named Sanagarissa & his two Sons went with a Small parcell of
bever to buy powder from their brethren ye. english who were to
return in a few Days with three Indians had been 50 days
from their wigwom & were not Returnd wh. made the Indian
who [were-crossed out] Stayd there out of fear make the best of his way
home to Cachnawage on which the Said Sachims Sent the Sd.
two [Sachims the - crossed out] Indians hither to Enquire what we might have
heard from them while their brethren of New England when
last at Canada desird 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,

The

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The Com.es told them that we have heard nothing
of the Sd. three Indians but Concerned that they are missing
wherefore resolve directly to Send an Express to N: England

to Enquire into this affair an[d] on his return hither Send
an Express to the Sachims of Cachnawage which we Ex=
=pect may be Sent from hence 3 weeks time that we
Can have no room to think yt. Our brethren of N: England
Should have in ways molested them,

The indians desird that the men who brought
them hither in a Sled may be paid he demands 18/. which
the Com.es order accordingly--

[0430] 213

At a Meeting of the Com.es of the Indian
Affairs in Albany the 3.d March 1727/8

[Another copy, substantially the same, can be found on p. 174a.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Evert Banker

Peter V.n Brugh

Rutger Bleecker

Langerter [Lancaster] Symes

Stephanus Groesbeeck

Nicolaes Bleecker

Hendrick & Seth two Sachims of the mohawks Indians
being arrived here inform that board that 2 Onnogonque indians
who are Removd from Canada to live among the 5 Nations ovis=
=kanie [p. 174a says "at Oriskany] Come to their Castle [blank space] 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 fronteers of N. England that are missing wt. is become of ym.

The said Cachnawage indians also Said that an army of [a]
thousand french men were Actually gone on their march against
the building at Osweege on which we Sent an Express with Seven
hands 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 Reachd as far as the Sinnekes Country you have last Summer
advicd ye. 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 Osweege 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 Surprise,

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At a Meeting of the Com.es of Indian
Affairs in Albany this 14th day of March
1727/8 Speech made by an oneyde Sachim

Present

Ph: Livingston

Henry Holland

Myndert Schuyler

Langester Symes

Stephanus Groesbeeck

Harmanus Wendle

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 Osweege, and you Said at the
Same time that that house Should be to your & our Advan=
=tage whereon we Considered & did Concent the building
of the Same house but we [Con -crossed out] find 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 & Gov.r of Canada cant
often agree on the Subject and then there is again again
a time that you maintain a great frindship 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

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Answer

Brethren

We are Sorry to her that you are Concernd
and afflicted that the building at Osweege does not give you
Such releave as was first Intended by our Gov.r to Supply you
with powder & lead & other Necessaries for your use & Convi=
=ence that the Camidities are not Sold you there So Cheap as
you would have them we Shall not faile to Inform our Gov.r
with your request that you may have a Speedy & Acceptable
answer we have no rum [room] 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 im=
=ted & that [Our] are not known to the Commander there
is a report that the french will take it by thretetoun
Otherwise would be rec.d with [Ceivality] its our Gov.es Chief aim
to Induce the far Indians to Come & trade with the people
of this province & you & he knows ye. greatest motive to draw
them is to give them goods Cheap Which you must acknow=
=ledge are Sold at [ye] very Low rate to Recommend you to
give all the Incouragemt. 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 frindship & good Continuence
together wherefore we dont think that they will molest
us In the peaceable possession of the house at Osweege if they
Should they break the peace they Cant never Justify Such a vaile
Accout for pretending a right to your land we must needs give
you a Certain not to joyn the french in their pretending war
against the foxes a Nation of Indians Liveing on a breach
of the River of Mississipi, with an Intend to Subdue ym.
for that only Strenghten 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

Whereas the Garryson at Osweege by the last advice
from Capt. Nicolls will Soon be in want of pease & wheat

meal Wherefore its resolvd that two batoes be Repaired at Schinechtady four men hird there one hundred Skiple pease & 100 Sheple wheat meal he [be] brought & 100 bags be made to put them in to bring it up to the Onneyde 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 Securety for & for the Charges which may come thereon wh. the Com.es do resolve & Imagine Shall be paid & Riembarzd unto ye Sd. Philip Livingston on order out of the next Com.es Messy if the Next Assembly do not provide & pay for the same

Att a Meeting of the Com.es of Indian
Affairs in albany ye 19th March 1727/8

Present

Philip Livingston

Henry Holland

Myndert Schuyler

Peter Vn. Brugh

Hend.k Vn. Renselaer

Langester Symes

Rutger Bleecker

Stepha: Groesbeek

Nicolaes Bleecker

Phil: Schuyler This Day Recd. a Letter from his Ex.cy

Gov.r Burnet Esq.r Dated the 19 feb. wherein he men=

=tions to have Rec.d ours of the 14 D.o that he will Send

up pork by the return of the Sloops to Send an Express

with a letter for Capt. Nicolls at Osweege & that wh.

any desires lycences to go up there be Requird to de=

=mand from them by his Exce.cys order to Carry arms &

powder. Every one as last year which the Com.es desird Colonel

Renselaer to Order the Capt. of Regimts. to warn [warn] their

Men yt. go up to take arms & amination with them to Swege

Resolvd that his Excel.cy for Capt. Nicolls best

the Interpreter at Schinechtady) Inclosed in a [letter - crossed out]

letter to Direct him to hire a trusty Indian to Carry the Sd.

letter Express to Osweege with all Convenient Speed --

[0434]215

Albany the 21 March 1727/8

May it please your Exc.y

We are honourd with your Excel.cy fav=

=vours of the 29th feb.y whereby perceive that your Ex.cy

will take care to Send up pork by the return of

the Sloops, we are about to hire men to Send for Capt.

Nicolls (As soon 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 writ him an Express your Ex.cy di=
=rected us to send to Osweege with the [pack] to Send batoes
to the wood Creek to receive those provisions as soon as the
whether will permit,

We suppose the best & Sevelt way to provide provi=
=sions for the Garryson at Osweege will be to Send thither in
may for 12 Moths wh. would Safe much trouble & more Cost &
Charges these are but four batoes Safe & free from rain will
be Requird to have Six Tarpellins made of Course Duck,

Inclosed Send your Excel.y Capt. Nicolls last letter
whereby your Ex.cy will see in what Condition ye. garryson
at [yt. time] & how necessary its to Send them [more illeg. - crossed out]
pease & Meal In wh. no time, we have nothing more wor=
=thy your Excel.cy Notice a psent wherefore Conclude
with that we are with great Esteem & Respect

Philip Livingston	Hend.r Vn. Renselaer
Henry Holland	Rutger Bleeker
Myndert Schuyler	Stephanus Groesbeek
Evert Banker	Har: Wendle
Peter Vn. Brugh	Nicolaes Bleecker

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Att A meeting of the Comm.es of ye
Indian Affairs in Albany the 27th

March 1727/8

Present

Philip Livingston

Henry Holland

Myn: Schuyler

Har: Wendle

Ryer Gerritse

Nicolaes Bleker

Mr. Harmanus Wendle Engages to pay
Jacobus Peek for such quantity of pease as the 3
man who go up to the Carrying place can load a batoe wh.
the Com.es promise shall be paid unto him at the first Com.es
Messy if it be not otherwise paid for by the next Assem=
bly

[There are no entries for April 1728]

[0436]216

Albany 13 May 1728

May it please your Ex.cy

Your Ex.cys most Acceptable favours of ye 5th Instant we Read. and are very glad for ye. kind Assurances your Ex.cy pleased to give us that you intend to Imploy your thoughts very much for the Securerity of our fronteer 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 ye present Service we are at a loss how, It will be Supported unless we Ingage our selves for it,

Pursuant to y.r Ex.cys Commands we have Agreed with a fitt person, to Go to Osswego who understands Bleeding and Phisick named Mr. Charles Kerr for £60 -- Cred of the Governmt for a year to Commence from the time we can send him thither at his Return hither to be p. on Certificate from the Comm. officer he has servd 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 Ossweego cant be maintaind, in what manner & when we shall send Mr. Karr to Oswegoo we cant tell to hire people on purpose will Cost at Least £12-- more when more provisions be sent thither he may Conveniently go without much Charges to ye. Publick however if it be your Ex.cys pleasure we Shall send him directly & hire men for that purpose

[There are no entries for June 1727]

[0438]217

By the Commissioners of the Indian affairs
att Albany
To Mr. Charles Kerr.

Whereas His Excellency John Montgomerie Esq.r
Capt. Generall and Govern.r in Chiefe of the Province of Newyork
New Jersey &c. has Directed us to send a fitt Person to the Garrison
at Osweego who understands Phisick and bleeding. and being Informd
that you are a person well Skilld in these arts: These are therefore
by Virtue of a Letter Received from his Said Excellency To desire
and Require You to go to Osweego as Chururgion for the said Garrison
assoon 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. Agreemt. 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 19th. Day of July in the
Second year of his Majesties Reign Anno D.o 1728
Philip Livingston
Henry Holland
Joh: Cuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Johannes Lansigh

[0522] **259**

By the Com.es 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 Aug.t 1728 desireing us therein to
Send you to the six nations of Indians to Sumon
them to meet him at Albany on the first day of
october next precisely

You are therefore hereby required & Comanded
for thwith to go from Nation to Nation in the
Manner usual and te[ll] them that his Ex.cy will
be puntually here at the time Appointed you
are not to fayle to make all possible Dispatch
& Expedition Given in Albany this [Sd.] our hands
this 20th of August in the 2d year of his Majesties
Reign Annoqe domini 1728

Signed
Henry Holland
Peter Van Brugh
Thomas Williams
Dirk Ten Broeck
Johannis Lansengh

[0523] **259a**

Albany 20th Augustus 1728

Mr. Lourance Clasen

Whereas his Ex.cy Governour Monthgomerie
has been Pleased to write a leter to us the Commissioners
Directing us to Acquaint the Six nations o Ind.ns
by you to meet him the sd governour here the
first Day of October next this is therefore to order
you for thwith to Sumon the said Nations of
Indians to be punitualy here on ye 1^m Day of
october

Albany 20th August 1728

May it Please y.r Ex.cy

We Received his Excelncly Letter
of the 14th august yesterday and in obedience there
to have this day Dispatched Lourens Clason to
Sumon the Six nations of indians to be punctually
here on the 1st of 8ber [october] next according to the Exe.ly
Directed have orderd him to Come down 10th an we
10.th Respects May i please your Excellency

Your Exc.cy Most humbel
Serants

[0524] **260**

Albany 18th September 1728

Col. Stoddard

Last week we Received the inclosed paper
Relating this Governor from Canada by two of our
Sachams Indians which we now Sand you by Mr. Thomas
Ingorsol the bearer here of you may See the Contents of
the Same wee are

Sir Your Verry humblesevits

on of his Majesties [illeg.] Service

To the Coll. Jn.o Stoddard
at North Hampton

or in his absence to the next Justice of the
peace there

[0526] 261

Att a meeting of the Commissioner[s]
of the Indian affairs at Albany
ye 28th Septem.br 1728

Present

Ph: Livingston

Mynd.t Schuyler

Evt. Bancker

Rutger Blecker

Hen: Holland

St. Groesbeek

Peter van Brugh

Har: Wendell

Jeremiah v. Rensselaer

Nicolas Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Baront Sanders

Affidavit taken before this Roard [sic] Relating
Leut Price

Albany 28th September 1728

Appeared before Ruger Bleeker Esq.r mayor
of the City of Albany in presence of the Com.es for Indian
Attairs [sic] Jacob van Planck Symon Veeder William Hogen
Jun.r & Sybrant van Schaick all a gi'd who being duely
Sworn on the holy Evangelists of almighty god declare
that last winter while the Deponants were at osweego
Leut. John Price did not behave himself will there
being Sundry times in drink when he Could but gett
Strong Liquor and often drank with the Soldiers then
there by which means he was very troublisome to
Capt. Nicolls the Comanding officer the Deponants
for the Depose that the sd. Leut Price in their Judgement
is no fitt person to have the Comand of the Garrison
at osweego if he doth not behave himself better then
he did at the time they were with him at osweego
and further thes deponants Say not

was Signd

Jacobus S Planck

William Hogan Jun.r

Symon Veder

Sybrant van Schaic[k]

Sworne before me

at the Request of the

Comissioners of Indian affairs

at Albany this 28th Septembr. 1728

Rutger Blecker Mayor

[0527] **261a**

Whereas this Board being Informed that his Maj.es
forces Posted at the Garrison of osweego are in great wan[t]
of Provisions to Subsist ym and yt ye Late Assembly
having Provided a fund for provisions for sd Garrison
for the Space of 12 Months & Same Small Incidents to ye
Amount of £60. which being no ample Provision for ye
Transporting ye sd Provisions & Raggage [sic] to Oswego
which is nevertheless absolutely necessary that the
Same be forthwith Sent up to the sd Garrison [illeg. crosse out]
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 Detachmt. 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 Citty 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
Engagemt. be made for the Paymt. of Such Transportation
and Contingent Charges It is therefore the Opinion of
this board That his Excy Gov.er Montgomerie be
acquainted w:th the Inconveniencys that Attend this
present Service desireing that his Said Excy 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

[0528] **262** [Printed in DRCHNY 5: 859. The printed version omits a few words, so this one has been transcribed. Another copy can be found on p. 298, scribbled on as though used for scrap paper.]

By His Excie John Montgomerie Captain Gen:ll and
Governour in Chiefe of the Provinces New=York New Jersey and the
Territories depending thereon &c
A Proclomation

Whereas Severall Sachims of the Five
Nations are arrived here wth. Many other Indians to Treat w:th me
about Some Publick Affairs, and Experience has Shown how
Prejudiciall to his Maj:ies Service and Dangerous to the Peace
of the Inhabitants the giving or Selling of Rum or other stronge
Liquour to those Indians has at all Times been, These are
therefore by virtue of the Powers granted to me by his Majestys
Letters Pattents under the Broad Seale of Great Brittain strictly
Forbidding the Selling or giveing to the Indians any Such
Liquor 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
Impowerd to give all due Assistance and Countenance to such
as shall Dilate or Inform agt. 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 Uttermost Severity of the Law, Given under My
Hand in Albany this 30:th day of Septemb.r

In the Second year of his Majesties Reign Anoq. Dom 1728

Copia Vera

[0529] **262a**

At the Meeting of the Comm:rs of the
Indian Affairs the 30th Septemb:r 1728

Present

Ph: Livingston
Mynd.t Suhyler
Rutger Blecker
Henry Holland
St: groesbech
Peter Van Brugh
Joh.s Cuyler
Ab: Cuyler
Har. Wendell
Nich.s Blecher
Ev: Wendell
Ph: Schuyler
Ryer Gerritse
Barret Sander
Joh.s Lansigh

Yelus D Gardimoy
Sim: Vedder
Evert Evertse
Dirck D Gardimoy
Bernard Bratt
Joh.s V: D.Hyden
Barent Albertine Bratt
Rob.t Dunbar
Jochem Kittleum
Joh.s Wyngaerd
Dour Van Voughten
Evert Yansen
Adam Conde
Joachen V: DeHyd.n
Joh.s V Veghten
Evert Phillipsie
3 Men out of
the Fort

Reced this day a Letter from his Ex.cie
Govern.or Montgomerie Esq.r &c. whereby his Said
Ex.cy Ingages for Paym.t of the Contingent Charges
for the Transportation of the Provisions to Oswege
Not Provided for by the Assembly w:ch 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 baggs are there
belonging to the Publick and to Lett us know
forthwith that they may be Provided here

Sent a Messenger to the Sachims of Schaak=
=koak and River Indians to Come hither on Friday
to Meet his Excie Governour Montgomerie

Just now this Board Dispatched three
Men to go up w:th Provisions w:th all Speed for the
Releave of the Garrison at Oswego

This Day the Comm:srs agreed w:th the Persons in the
Margent: to go up there in a Battoe to bring up provisions
for the Detachment At Oswego a 4/ p Diem Each on their
Own Diet w:th Allowance of a Gallon of Rum for Every
Man and Every Two Men to bring a Battoe back
From Oswego

[0530] **263**

[A second version of this conference between Governor Montgomerie and the Six Nations begins on page 299a [image 0603]. It is printed in DRCHNY beginning at 5:859 and has not been transcribed. The wording of the version beginning on this page, possibly a first draft, is different enough that it is transcribed here.]

Albany p:rmo Octob.r 1728

Present

His Ex.cie John

Montgomerie Esq.r

Fran. 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 Jn.o Montgomerie Esq:r 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, w:th a
Token to Each Nation that his late Majesty King
George the first was deceased for which wee was very
[Sorry - crossed out] Much Concerned and heartily Sorry because he
Was a King of Peace a Mighty Protector
of his Subjects and allies, but at the Same

Time wee reced the good news that his Son Prince
George now King George the Second Was already
Crown'd in his Place hoping 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 reach up to Heaven that he may be Seen of
all People and Nations in the World

Wee Ingraft Siantes 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
Quiet

[0531] **263a**

quiet under the Shade of the same: Gave a Few Skinns

Just Now Wee grafted on the Large fine
Flourishing Tree Now Wee Come and Cover the Roots
Thereof in Case there might be any Part of them bear
that the Roots may be Sound and Spread themselves
through the whole Earth that the Tree may Stand fast
and Firm that no Storms nor Violent Tempestes may
be able to Move Shake or Endanger the Same, Gave a
Few Skinns

Wee have now done wt wee Intended to Say at
Present

His Excell:y answerd Them
I am Thankfull for your kind Speech His Maj:tie
has ordered me to Tell you that he Will be your kind
Father and Protector, I shall too Morrow Acquaint
With the Messuage His Majesty has orderd me to
Deliver to you And gave them a barrell of
Beer to drink his Majestys Health

[0532] 264

Propositions Made by his Ex:cie John Montgomerie
Esq:r Captain Generall and Governour in Chiefe of the
Provinces New York New Jersey &c. to the Sachims of the
Six Natkions viz:t Maquase Onydes Cayouges, Onondages
Sinnekes and Tuskarois in Albany the 2d day of October
in the Second year of his Maj.ties Reign Ann.o Domni 1728

Present

His Ex:cie John

Montgomerie

Esq.r

Geo: Clerke

Francis Harrison

Ph: Livingston

} Esq.rs of his Maj.ties

Capt. Long

Councill

[Lt.] James

D Lansee

The Comm:rs of

Indian Affairs

The Mayor

[&] Aldermen

Brothers

The Concern you Exprest

yesterday for the Loss of his late Majesty the King of
Great Brittain will Recommed you very much to the favour
of his Son the Present King who as he Succeeds to his throne
Inheritts all his Virtues and I hope the kind Message
I am to deliver to you from him Will Comfort you for his
Fathers Death. Give three Stroud blankets

[0533] 264a

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 Convenced that it was not my Fault when I tell you that
in Crossing the great Lake I met wth 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 Southard 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.ch was Absolutely necessary
to be done at my first arrival has detained me there Ever
Since and retarded my delivering [to you - crossed out] the kind Message
I am Charg'd 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 dos his Children, and that
this affection [in him - crossed out] 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 [several lines crossed out appear to say "I have
(illeg.) Indians under his Majesty's Protection, and to Make it Brighter if possible
than ever it was before]
to make it brighter if
Possible than Ever it was before and I expect you will give me
[illeg.] 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 Intrest; How
happy then must you think your Selves when the greater
and Powerfuller Monarch in Christendom Sends me
here to Confirm the ancient Friendship betwixt you
and his Subjects to Assure you of his Fatherly Care

[0534] **265**

And to tell you that he thinks himselfe Oblidged 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 Neighbouringe
Nations 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 himselfe 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 Shipps 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 So wise 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 Gave a [belt - crossed out] 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

It

[0535] **265a**

It according to your Former Promises and Engagemts
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 heare 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 - crossed out] 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 lett
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 agt. a Remote Nation of
Indians have been Among you Endeavourd to Intice
your young men to go to Warr w.th them agt. a People who
never do anoy nor Molest you Am glad they have refusd
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 Strengthen 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 orderd me to make
you in his name a Handsome Present in Such Goods as are
most Suitable for you w:ch you Shall Receive as Soon as you
Shall have Given me your answer Give a String

[0536] **266**

By the Comm:rs of the Indian Affairs at
Albany

Instructions for Capt:n Verplank and William
Printhop Jun.r 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 Provisi=
=ons to Osweego and use your utmost Endeavours
that the Same be Safely Delivered to the Command:g
Officer of his Majesties Troops Posted at
Oswego. on your arrival there you are to Abide
and Stay there for the Space oif 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

It

[0537] **266a**

It, Given under our hands in Albany this
2d Day of October in the Second year of His Maj.ties
Reign An:no Dni.e 1728

Ph: Livingston p
Order of the Comm.rs

[0538] **267**

Answer made by the Sachims of the Six
Nations 1728 The Maquace Oneydes Onondages
Cayouges Sinnekes and Tuskaroras to His Excy John
Montgomorie Esq:r The 4.o day of October 1728
Present
His Ex.cy John Mont
gomerie Esq:r &c.

Geo: Clarke }
Ph: Livingston } Esq.rs of the Councill

The Comm:rs of Ind Affairs

Brother Corlaer

Wee 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 Lake, The reason that wee are glad you are
arrived in health is because of the good Messuage
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 Ex.cie in this dangerous
Voyage

Brother

You acquainted us w:th your Coming
Hither that you have Mett w:th an Accident and been
Driven from the Coast &c. and been five Months in
Coming to [the - crossed out] your Governmt.

Brother

You Acquainted us that was the
Reason that Detained you At your first
Arrivall

[0539] **267a**

Arrivall from Meeting us no Sooner
You Told us also you was orderd 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
Wee Renew the old Covenant Chain in the like
Manner Give a Belt

Brother

 This Silver Coven.t Chain wherein Wee are
[Joynd - crossed out] Linkd 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 Attempts shall be
Made on us, That our Father will Resent it
as If it was done to his Children on the other Side
Of the great Lake for w.ch kind Messuage Wee return
you our most hearty Thanks -- Gave a Belt

Brother Corlaer Wee shall not repeat your Excies Proposition
but Only the Principall Matters therein Contained

[0540] **268**

Brother Corler

 You Told us what was the reason why
His Majesty the King our Father so Affectionatly
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 Liquour Which your Subjects
bring up to our Country -- Therefore brother Wee desire
you very Strongly to Prohibitt the Sending or Carrying up
any Strong Liquour for that 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 - crossed out] 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 which has been brought
up; that our People kill one another Give a String of Wampum
This is nnow a day of Joy & gladness that wee meet together in this place
of Treaty That wee May Smoke a Pipe in friendship and it is very
acceptable to us to meet yr Excy 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 Strowds and other dry Goods [&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 on To raise
Provisions for them and Pasturadge for their Cattle

[0541] **268a**

Brother Corlaer

It is with full Consent of the Six Nations
allowed you to Plant and sow at or near Oswego
and to have Pasturadge for your Cattle according to your Desire
and Wee shall make out such a Tract of Land as shall be necessary
to Raise Provisions for the men and Pasturadge for
their Cattle but Wee should not be Pleased that after it
be markd out, You do go beyond the Limitts which
Wee do Fix Give a String [Give a Belt - Crossed out]
Brother Corlaer

You Told us also that you Expected If
any Attempts be Made Against the House at Oswego
Wee Should Defend it; Wee 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 Fronteer of our Nations Therefore Wee Rely on
your Promises to Perform them

Brother Corlaer

you told us also that the Six Nations
Imagined that If the farr Indians bought
Goods there thy 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 w:th Goods

Brother Corlaer

you acquainted us that you have
Goods Enough for the whole world w:ch Wee 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 Wee 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 w:th us for thro' Cheapness

[0542] **269**

of goods will become peace & make unity Give a belt
of wampum

Brother Corlaer

You told us you had been Informed
That when the french Army 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 Warr w:th them, That they are a Peaceable People
against whom the French now make Warr. That you
Was glad wee refused to go s:th 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 wee refused and Rejected their Proposall
because wee are Convinced that the French bear us no
Friendship, and wee have no very great Dependance
On them, for their Army Could have Subdued the Six
Nations, and Instead of going to the Foxes Could
Have masterd us While it has been Peace has
made us Severall Threatnings

Brother Corlaer

You have recommended unto us
that wee should Cultivate a Good Understanding
With the farr Indians and Draw them as Much
as Wee Can It is True Wee have had Warr agt. this or
that Nations, but never been the First Aggressors, But
Those who made Warr s:th us have Felt the Weight of
It Wee Promise you to Draw as Many farr Indians
to this Government as Wee Can -- Give a Belt

[0543] **269a**

Brother Corlaer

You Acquainted us also that you
had a fine Present for us Wherefore Wee thank you heartily
you told us that as soon as Wee had given our answer

you would Deliver it But as it is Late Wee Desire you
may give the same too Morrow

His Ex.cys 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 refreshmt. 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
and Strong Liquour to your People If any shall Trans=
=gress I Expect you will Inform against them; For
your know how Difficult it is to Restrain them from
Selling as well as is 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 Faddom 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 these 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 If it be attacked
by any body whatsoever that you will assist the
English

[0544] 270

Garrison there in Defending it for Nothing Can be
more Naturall 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 too
Morrow Morning to Receive the Presents

Albany the 5.o of October 1728

A Private Conferrence Held w:th His Excell.y John
Montgomerie Esq:r &c. and Two Sachims of Each of the
Six Nations

Brother Corlaer

Wee are Very glad that you have
Renewed the ancient Covenant and strengthned the
Same w:th us and w:ch wee have on both Sides hitherto
kept Inviolable

Wee are also very glad that you our brother
Corlaer Who is now Come over to us is a wise Prudent
man. Wee must Esteem you So because you have spoken
very Sensibly -- Brother -- It Seemed yesterday as
If you were Displeased [~~dissatisfied - crossed out~~] that Wee did not Promise to
Defend the house at Oswego It has been of old Concluded
betwen your and our Ancestors that wee should be
one body and one heart, So what [~~was to be - crossed out~~] is Done to one
Member the whold must be Sensible of it and
Defend

[0545] **270a**

Defend the Injury Done to any Part of it
Brother Corlaer

Wee 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 gatherd
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 Shipps 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:d
by our Enemies for w.ch End it would be very Proper to
have a Magazine at this Place of all thing is 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
Necessarys

[0546] **271**

Necessary, to be ready on all occasions, but to grant
it and gett it Done, for wee may be attackd by our Enemies

on a Sudden, and when a Magazine is Furnishd, 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
Inform 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 Supplied w:th Ammunition, 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 out Enemies, and for w:ch Wee were oblided 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

Wee have Spoake yesterday relateing the Rum
That your People shou'd 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 Carried up at all but none brought
in our Castles, Let it be brought to the Tradeing house
at

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At Oswego, but Pray Take Care that the Traders Do not
mix it w:th 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

Brother

Wee Desire also If it be in your Power to Let us have

goods Cheaper than they are Sold to us at Present
Brother You Desired us yesterday how many 1000
Faddom the Land Wee have granted to his Majtie
at Oswego Should Extend in Length and breadth which
is a thing wee Can't very well Tell now while Severall
Sachims are at home in our Castles w.th whom Wee
Ought first to Consult as to the Quantity Who would
Otherwise be Displeased at it
Brother

 The Land w:ch you Desired is absolutely granted to
His Majesty our Common Father on w:ch you may
Depend for it is agreed by us all that he shall have it
but as to the Quantity Wee must Consult first w:th 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 Let a fit Person go up w:th us and named Lourence
Clace the Interpreter who they Said is one of us and understands
Our Language, Wee have Done Speaking [now - crossed out] and what
have said now Wee should have Said yesterday in Publick but has been
Neglected

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Answer of His Excellly John Montgomerie Esq:r
Captain Generall & Gov:r in Chiefe of the
Provinces New: Yorke New Jersey &c
Brethren

 Now Since I have had Two or three meetings
w:th you, [think - crossed out] Like you better than before, because I am better
acquainted w:th you the kind Answer you have given
will Confirm his Majtie in the good Opinion he had of you
that the thing w.ch 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
Britain 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 w:th the King of France they are at
Present 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 Laurence Clase the Interpreter go
up w:th you as you Desire to Marke out the Land, and
I Expect that you will give your kind Father a Large
Trade

You may now when Ever you are ready receive
the Presents I am to make you in name of my Master
the

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The King of Great Brittain your Father, You shall
have Provisions for your Journey, and Waggon to bring
you to Snachntdy, the Rum shall be Delivered you above
Snachnatdy, for you have shown the Inconveniency of
your young men Getting Drunk w:th it; I wish you w:th
All my Heart a good Journey home and all Happiness

A Sinneke Sachim stood up & Said

Brother Corlaer

It has been Customary when Wee Come here
Towards the fall that a Smith & an Armourer has
been orderd to go w:th us to Worke in our Country. Wee begg
you to Grant us now that Joseph van Sige and Hend
Wemp may be order'd to go up w:th us who are fitt Persons for our
Occasion

His Excellly Answerd 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

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A Speech made by His Excellency John Mont-
=gomerie Esq: Captain Gen:ll and Governour in
Chiefe of the Provinces of New York New Jersey &c

To the Schaakook & River Indians in

Albany the 5:o of Octob: 1728

[Printed DRCHNY 5:868 et seq. with some differences in list of those present and
time sequence. Summary Wraxall p. 175-176.]

Present

His Excellency Jno Montgomerie Esq:r

George Clarke} Esq:rs of His Majties Coun:ll

Ph: Livingston}

Captain Long}

Mr. Jam:s D Lansey}

Mynd:t Schuyler}

Evert Bancker }

Rutger Bleecker} Esq:rs Comm:rs

[J]eremy Renslaer}

Children

I Sent for you my Children to give
you fresh assurance's of the Protection of the Great
King of Great Brittain My Master Our Common
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 w:th you the Ancient Coven.t Chain & give you a
Present of Such things as are of use to you and I expect
you'l 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 Poser of those that are in Authority
under the King our Common Father & Protector
Give a Belt

I am Concern'd I must Tell you that I am
Inform'd that many of your Nation have of late Mis-
=behaved themselves who on Frivolous Pretences and
Wrong Notions have Left their Native Country

Schaakook

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Schaakook and gone to Live in Canada a place not so
good and Fertile as they Deserted from, I Exhort you to
use all proper Means to pswade them to Return back, &

Proper Care Shall be Taken that they and you Shall
have Sufficient Land 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 Schaakook. 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

Wee are very glad that you are Come to Visit your
Children & Rejoyced to See that the Tree w:ch has been long
since Planted at Schaakook which wee thought was
almost Witherd & Decayed is Come to Life again and
getts Nourishm:t and Wee are Extreemly well pleased
to Perceive that the fire w:ch used to burn and was
almost Extinguishd is kindled again Gave Two
Bever Skinns

Father

Wee are much Comforted to hear that you have
Renewed the Ancient Covenant Chain w:th us Wee Do
now do bring fur to wrap it up in that ye Same may not
rust but keep bright and Clean Give Two Beav:r Skinns
Father

Wee 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 Does us
the Honour to Send for us Give Two Beaver Skinns

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Father

You have recommended unto us that wee should
use our Endeavours to Fetch back from Canada those who
deserted from Schaahkook 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 Encrease our
Number at Schaahkook It is often Recomendend 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 w:ch is Promis'd us and are Molested on that
w:ch is our own by People who Live near us -- Wee Came
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 Dstroy much of our Cropps Wee Came
home Late last Spring and found Some of our Land
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 ag:t our
Wills and by Violence Carried off the Corn from our
fields

His Excellcy: Answerd them
Children

I thank you fore your kind Speech
I shall Acquaint your Grandfather w:t good People
you are

As to the Complaint you have made ag:t
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:o October 1728

[Printed DRCHNY 5:867 with different wording.]

Present

His Ex.cy John Montgomerie Esq:r

Ph: Livingston

Mynd.t Schuyler

Evert Bancker

Rutger Bleecker

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

J: Cuyler

Steph: Groesbeek } Esq.rs Comm:rs

Evert Windell

Joh: Roseboom

Har. Windell

Reyer Garrison

Abraham Cuyler

Ph. Schuyler

Nicolas Bleecker

Joh.s Lansigh

His Exy not having been able to deliver the
Presents to the Sachims 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 Excy. in Name of His Majtie King

George the Second w:ch Presents Consist of the following Particulars vizt

66 Fuzees	40 £ Beads
65 Coats	48 Tobacco boxes
66 Hatts	54 Looking Glasses
8 Peices Strouds	23 doz: Clasp knives
6 D.o Duffells	8 D.o Single
6 D.o Blanketting	1500 Flints
8 D.o Halfe Thicks	1000 £ Powder
256 Course Shirts	12 Casks Tobacco
57 Fine D.o	1 box Pipes
30 Kettles	1 Hhd Rum
59 Hatchetts	6 barrells Porke
	14 Doz Stockings

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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 mischief to the Peoples
Cattle as they go up, I have orderd Two barrells of
Cheer to Drink his Majties Health

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[This is part of the proceedings between Gov. Montgomerie and the Six Nations of
October 7 1728, printed in DRCHNY at 5: 868 with different wording.

The Sachims Answerd

Brother Corlaer

You acquainted us that your Master the King of
Great Brittain our Common Father has Sent w:th you for us
This Present 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 ver glad & Joyfull that wee See you have
Such a great Affection for us this is the Place appoint.d
of old to meet, Wee are very much Rejoyced our Brother
Corlaer is Safely Arrived here because the Sea is So
Dangerous and Tempestious to Cross, Wee have brought
a Small Present to your Exy: for your long Jouney
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 Speak

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 Spoake 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 w:th us -- Gave a
Few Skinns

Wee would Fain now have the Smith and armourer
Go

[0556] **276**

Go up along up w:th us that wee may be Sure of them
Otherwise It may be Neglected

His Excy Replied
That he would give Effectuall orders to ye Comm:rs to get
the Said Smith and Armourer to go as they Desire that
After they have Divided the Presents they shall have a
barrell of Beer to Drink the Kings Health

[0557] **276a**

Att a Meeting of the Comm:rs of the Indian
Affairs in Albany the 8:th day of Octob.r 1728

Present

Ph: Livingston

Rutger Bleecker

Henry Holland

Har. Wendell

John Cuyler

Evert Wendell

Reyer Gerritse

Abraham Cuyler

Whereas His Excy. Jno. Montgomerie Esq.r
Captain Gen:ll and Govern.r in Chiefe of the Provinces of
New york New Jersey &c Hath on Request of the
Sachims 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 Desired to have Instructions how to behave
himselpe 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 Excie Jno Montgomery
Esq.r Captain Gen:ll and Govern.r in Chiefe of the Provinces
New Yorke New Jersey etc; Hath Consented to the
Sachims 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

[0558] **277**

Granted to his Majesty King George the Second
for the use of his Majestys Garrison posted at
Oswego, You are therefore hereby required & Command[ed]
forthwith to go up in Company w.th the sd Sachims
Accompanied w.th one able man, and use y.r utmost
Endeavour w:th ye Sachims to get Markd 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 Speciall Notice at what place
the Said Land begins, what Course it runs into the
Woods and how farr from a Creek or River / nameing them /

and as near as you Can how many yards or what Dis=
=tance, 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 Wee
may Transmitt the Same unto his Said Excie our Gov:r
Given under out hand this 8.o day of October in the
Second year of His Majesties Reign Anoq Dom 1728

Att a Meeting of the Comm:rs of the Indian
Affairs in Albany the 9th of October 1728

Present

Ph: Livingston

Mynd.t Schuyler

Evert Bancker

Rutger Bleecker

Henry Holland

Steph. Groesbeek

Harm. Windell

Joh.s Cuyler

Ab. Cuyler

Jeremy van Renselaer

Reyer Gerritse

John Lansigh Some Sachims of the Oneydes

appearing before this Board Acquainted

the Gentlemen that they had Appointed and

Deputed a fitt Person in the room of

Ondaghsighta decd, 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 Ondaghsighta

Whom

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Whom they have Recommended to be firm

to the English Interest and Take Care of the Publick

Affears w.ch 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 Comm:rs Told them that they are

very much pleased that they have appointed a fitt

Person in the room of the deced Sachim Ondagsighta

and hope that his 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 a Order from his Excie Govern.r Montgomerie of the 7th Instant the Comm.rs have Sent for Jos. Van Size and Hendrick Wemp Smith & Armourer in order to Agree w.th 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, and being askd for what Sum they would Serve, Who Demand forty Pounds for that Service, to be paid by the Gentlemen of this Board, On wh the Comm:rs Offerd them thirty for w:ch they Decline to go, And Whereas there is no Provision Made by the [0560] 278

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 hi Excy Made unto them in Publick that the Said Smith and Armourer Should forthwith go up to the Sinnekes w.ch If neglected would make His Excy's Promise to be of no Effect and May phappse [perhaps?] Prove of Dangerous Consequence to his Majties Interest and the Welfare of this Province Whereon It was Proposed and Agreed w.th Hendrick Wemp alone (while Said Jos. Van Size refused to go) to the Sinnekes w:th another fitt Person to Worke for the Sinneke Indians for the Space of Six months to Expire pmo. 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 mony not Doubting but Effectuall Care will be Taken for the Payment thereof

By the Comm:rs of the Indian Affairs
at Albany

Instructions for Hend.k Wemp Smith
Whereas the Sachims of the Sinnekes have Desired His Excy John Montgomerie Esq.r Captain Gen:ll and Govern.r in Chiefe 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

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Months w.ch his Said Excy has been pleased to Grant
them Wherefore Wee do by his Said Excy's orders
and Directions hereby Require and Directions
hereby Require and Direct you forthwith to go w.th a fitt
Person to the Sinnekes Castle called Canoussodago
on your Arrival there you are to Demand in the name
of His sd Excy our Governour from the Sinneke 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 [possession] w.ch are there belonging to
the Publick as also the Smiths Shopp Therefore all
Persons Concerned are hereby Strictly Chargd 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 sd Tools &
Utencills and Shopp in your Custody Care and possion
you are to Worke as Smith for the sd. Indians w.th the
Man who is to go w.th you to Assist you for Six Months
from the Date hereof -- Given under hands in Albany
the 9th day of October 1728

Johannis Lansingh	Philip Livingston
Joh.s Cuyler	Myndert Schuyler
Nicolas Bleecker	Rutger Bleecker
Barent Sanders	Stevanis Groesbeck
	Abraham Cuyler
	Harm: Wendell
	Henry Holland
	Reyer Gerritse
	Evert Wendell

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Joseph Yetts Alby the 9th of Octob:r 1728

Whereas his Excy our Govern:r at the
Desire of the Sinneke Sachims has Consented that
they shall have a Smith this next Winter as well as the
Onondages & in Pursuance of his Excy's order, Wee have
Agreed w:th the bearer Hendrick Wemp to Work for the
Sinnekes, Therefore you are Orderd & Commanded to deliv.r
to Said Wemp, all the Smiths Tools Bellows Pick Iron
HHuys, and all what doth belong thereto & you are
hereby also Orderd to Work your Time at Onondago, and
hereof you are not to Faile as you will Answer the
Contrary at your Perill

Signed as before
Albany the 17th of Octob: 1728

May it Please your Excy

Wee shall be glad to hear of your
Excy's 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 Night Wee received the Surprising News by Seven
hands of Wampum; that the House at Oswego was
Cutt off, on which Wee Sent Immediately to the Maquase
Country where the Indian who brought this Intelligence
Stayed being Tired in Comeing 5 days from the Sinnekes
Country who on Examination by Lourence Clase the
Interpreter, It Appeared the man from whom Wee had
the Intelligence had Misunderstood the Indian but
not the Interpreter Sends us a Letter this day that
Some Sinneches 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 mischief
Has

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Has been Done is not yet known, is the needfull
at Present from those who are w:th respect etc

Ph: Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Evert Bancker

Rutger Bleecker

Henry Holland Steph: Groesbeck

Harm: Wendell

Nicolas Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Barent Sanders

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Albany the 9:th Novemb:r 1728

May it Please your Excy

Wee had the Honour to Write your Excie on
the 17th Ultimo Since w:ch Wee had an Information this
Day of the Quantity of Provisions gone up to the Garrison
of Oswego; thereby Finding that the Batoes Could not Carry
So much as is wanting to Supply the Garrison all Winter
Therefore Have thought highly necessary to Send up one
or Two Battoes w:th Provisions with all Speed in order to w:ch
Wee are agreed w:th a Man who undertook the Same, all w:ch
Wee thought Wee Were in duty bound to Communicate to
your Excellcy and Remain w:th due Respect

Your Excellcy's most Hble & most
Obedient Servants

Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Steph.s Groesbeck
Joh.es Cuyler
Abr. Cuyler
Joh.s Roseboom
Ryer Gerritse
Nicolas Bleecker
Harmanus Wendell
Barent Sanders

Hennry Holland

'S

Memorandum of Provisions
Which are gone up to Oswego
in Octob.r Last

12 barr.ls Porke
7 D:o Beefe
143 lbs flower
61 Sk. Pease

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Albany the 16 Novemb 1728

May it Please your Excy

Our Last was the 9o Inst. Since w.ch have
not recd any of your Excy's kind Favours

This Serves to acquaint your Excy that
Capt. Bagly arrived here this day who Informed us
that the Battoes belonging to the Garrison of Oswego
Were So much 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 New ones
Made to Support that Garrison As Concerning
Provisions Wee Referr to Capte Bagly As also
Concerning Lourence Claese the Interpreter who
Acquainted us Concerning the Land at Oswego, of w.ch
here Inclosed goes a Draught to which Wee also Referr
No more at present but Take Leave to Subscribe
Our Selves

Your Excy's most Hble & Most
Obedt. Servants

Myndert Schuyler

Evert Bancker

Harm. Groesbeck

Joh.s Roseboom

Abr: Cuyler

Harm. Wendell

J: V. Renslaer

Joh.s Cuyler

Nicolas Bleecker

Joh.s Lansingh

Barent Sanders

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Albany the 22d Feby 1728/9
Advertisement

Present

Philip Livingston

Henry Holland

[Jo]h: Cuyler

Peter Van Brugh

Evert Bancker

Rutger Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Nicolas Bleecker

Abraham Cuyler

[Joh].s Roseboom

Barent Sanders

Whereas It has been represented in publick
Proposition to his Excy John Montgomerie Esq.r
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 mischief 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 Countrey 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 w.ch
the Sd. Indians have now lately repeated to the Comm:rs of the
Indian Affairs at Albany. Wherefore the said Comm.rs
have thought fit for his Majesties Service to Notifie to
All Traders and others, not to Convey Transport or Carry
any Rum or Other Strong Liquor at or near the upper Castles
of the Five Nations (Oswego only Excepted) on Penalty as
they Shall Answer the Contrary on their perill for Such
Contempt in disturbing the publick peace of this Province

Att a meeting of the Comm:rs of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 10th March 1728/9 [Not in Wraxall.]
Hendrick & Arie Indians Present

Present

Ph. Livingston
Henry Holland
Peter Van Brugh
[St.] Groesbeck
[H]ar. Wendell
Evert Wendell
[N]ich: Bleeker
{?}art Sanders
{A}br. Cuyler
[Jo].s Roseboom
[Jo]h.s Lansingh

That three Indians of those who now live at Skohere
w.th Some other of Sundry Nations being Sent for by
Lowrence Claese: who being Come Told them

Brethren

Wee 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 mischief; 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, Wee have w:th our Brethren the Mohoggs
who 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 mischief, and are bent to brake the
Firm Ty and Friendship w.ch is between us & the 6 Nations
which has So often been renewed between us. Last year youe
Murthered one of your brethren at Skohere, which has been
kept Secret and is not come to Our Govern.rs Ears; in Expecta[ti]on
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 wee desire you to remove
your Settlements in the woods beyond any Christian
Plantation, that no mischief may Follow from your
Insolent behaviour towards your brethren of the Six
Nations. So that what mischief be done for the Future
Shall be demanded off your hands

Answer of the Sd. Indians

Wee acknowledge that some mischiefe has been done by Those who Live among us at Skohere but all that is done is generally Imputed to us, tho' wee be Innocent; And Since your are desirous that wee Should Remove, Wee Promise to go to our native Countrey Cayouge and Oneyde 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 Skohere has been Done in drink, and which Wee ought to have reconciled before now; Which Shall be done by the Sachims in due time The Misdemeanours that particular Indians Commit, Wee think ought not to break the Covenant Chain, but Ought by the Sachims to be made up

[0568] **282** [Wraxall mentions this p. 176.]
By the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at
Albany the 14.o April 1729

Instructions for Lowrence Claese the Interp:er

Whereas we have received advice that the French at Canada make preperations to Attack the building at Oswego this Spring w.th 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 w:th this undertaking of the French, and that the demolishing of the Said building will be Very detrementall 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 Consent. But this building has been Erected by their Consent and is a Defence & Security to them, They have Sufficient Instances of the Civil Treatment and kind behaviour of this Governmt. towards them for their Security and welfare 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 ground, and that whomsoever

Should make an Attack to demolish that house that they
Would Deem it an Attempt on their own Castles

[0569] **282a** [Not in Wraxall.]

Doctor Kerr

Albany 14.o April 1729

Wee 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 Mismanagemt. they are [finshed]
Wee Cannot think of Confideing in Mankind; Wee have Inclosed
you Letter to the Govern.r who has been pleased to remit us a box
of medicines for you; And wee Send you by the bearere 20 galls
Rum 100 lb. Sugar 25 lb. Rice and 2 lb pepper w.ch wee hope will
Suffice for the present

By the Comm:rs of Indian Affairs at Albany
the 14:th April 1729 [Not in Wraxall.]

Instructions for Casper Ham Johannis Wyngaert

Evert 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 Battoe for that purpose; Now
you are hereby required to depart from hence for your Intended
Voyage as Soon as Shall be most Conven.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 receiveing the provisions from Johan Jurch Kast to
deliver the Same in good order to the Commanding Officer
at Oswego, with the Medicines Rum Sugar &c for Doctor
Ker -- And Likewise you are to Enquire (upon your return)
what Empty baggs may be at Oswego; and in Case there be
Should be none at Johan Jur. Kasts you are to Leave
Twenty Five of the said baggs to remain there

[0570] **283** [Not in Wraxall.]

Albany the 5o May 1729

A List of sundry Accounts of provisions & Other
Necessaries furnished at Oswego for the use of the Troops at Oswego
together w.th Carriage of the Save viz.t

No		Q	S	d
1	To Landert Helmer for Carriage	£ 2	5	--
2	To Dirck Deemons for Ditto	1	7	--
3	To Adam Van den Bergh for Ditto	--	10	6
4	To Wihelmus Van den Bergh for Ladles	--	18	--
5	To Eghbert 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	4 3/4
8	To Anthony Bogardus this Son for Labour at the Batoes	3	12	6
9	To Abraham Douw for Provisions &c	1	17	6
10	To Abraham Cuyler for necessarys &c	8	19	7 1/2
11	To Johannis Vyngaert for his Voyage to Oswego	8	8	--
12	To Simon Veeder for Ditto	8	12	--
13	To Evert Evertse for Ditto	8	12	--
14	To Douw Van Veghten for Ditto	8	16	--
15	To Barnardus Bradt for Ditto	8	12	--
16	To Joshua Perry for Ditto	9	--	--
17	To Adam Condee for Ditto	8	12	--
18	To Evert Janse for Ditto	8	12	--
19	To Dirck de Garmoy for Ditto	8	12	--
20	To Johannis Van Veghten.. for Ditto	8	16	--
21	To Jelles de Garmoy for Ditto	8	12	--
22	To John Foster for Ditto	8	16	--
23	To Barent Sanders for Nails	--	10	6
24	To Abraham Truax for rideing	1	7	--
25	To Benjamin Van Vleck for Ditto	--	12	--
26	To Dirck Lucas & Hich.s Hornick for Carriage..	4	13	--
27	To Abraham Trueax for Carridge Of provisions .	1	7	--
28	To Harmanus Vedder for Ditto	1	7	--
29	To Evert Van Eps for Ditto	2	8	--
30	To Jan Wemp for Ditto	1	15	6
31	To Jelles Fonda for Ditto	--	18	--
32	To Barent Vroman for Ditto	--	9	--
33	To Guysbert Van Brakell for Ditto	--	18	--
34	To Robert Dunbarr for his Voyage to Oswego	8	16	--
35	To Johannis Myndertse for Iron Work	2	--	6
36	To Hon.s D Van Der Heyden for his Voyage to Oswego	8	12	--

Carried fouw £

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No.	Brought forward	£	
37 To Philip Livingston for Provisions & Presents to Lourence Claese & to Indians for marking out Land at Oswego	11	8	8
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 Truax for Ditto	8	4	--
41 To Thomas Harris ... for Ditto	8	4	--
42 To Arendt Bradt ... for Incidents	1	7	--
43 To Peter Quackenboss Jun for his Voyage to Oswego	7	8	--
44 To Gysbert 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 Jun.r for Ditto	6	16	--
48 To Jacobus Vedder for repairing a Waggon at Oswego ...	--	4	--
49 To Adam Staring and Frederich Kipman for Carridge	--	12	--
50 To Jacob Beekman for Iron Work for Oswego	2	8	--
51 To Thomas Schoenmaker & Godfrey Reile for Carridge ...	1	7	--
52 To William Peters for Carriage	--	9	--
53 To Arent Danielse for Work at the Battoes	1	4	--
54 To Johannis Vroman for Labour at the battoes	1	13	--
55 To Adam Faxtieder for Carriage	1	7	--
56 To Ditto for Ditto	3	12	--
57 To Joseph Clement for Mending Battoes	--	3	--
58 To Juria Taxsteeder for Carriage	--	18	--
59 To Ditto for Ditto	1	7	--
60 To Johannis Cloet for Carpenters Work	5	11	--
61 To Jacob Visger Mariner for Oacum & other Incidents	1	13	9
62 To Harm Grodt for a Voyage to Oswego in 1727	6	7	6
63 To Thomas Harris for Ditto in 1727	3	6	--
64 To Luben Van Veghten for Planks	1	--	--
		£	

Albany 5o May 1729

May it please your Excellency

Wee received the New=
 =York Acco:ts from Capt. Holland & in obedience to your
 Excy's Commands have Certified the Same Accordingly
 w.ch are Inclosed; as Also a List of the Albany Acc.ts
 and the Vouchers thereof, that relate to the Garrison
 at Oswego; which wee hope your Excy. will be pleas'd
 to Lay before the Assembly in order to have them
 Discharged, There are Some Trdders [traders?] Arrived from
 Oswego but they bring no News Either in relation to
 that place or Canada to Communicate to your Excy

[0572] **284** [Wraxall summary p. 176.]

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian
Affairs In Albany the 7th day of May 1729

Present

[Abr.] Cuyler

[Joh.] Wendell

[Joh.] Cuyler

[R]yer Gerritse

[Ev]ert Wendell

[B]arent Sanders

[Joh.]s Lansingh

Two Mohawk 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.t of New York and the Commissioners That they Expect Every day to the Onondago Castle three hundred Indians with their Familys (known by the Two Nations of Makinders and Shahownus) who Sents them word that they will Settle them =selves among the Six Nations; And therefore Acquaint the Gov.nr 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.m of New York that Some French Indians Arrived at Onondago Castle from Cachnawagah, and Inform'd the Onondago Indians that the Gov. of Canada has rais'd an Army of Two thousand men, which army he goes himselfe 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 7:th May 1727

May it Please your Excellency

Since our Last of the 5th Inst Wee have reced the Inclosed Express of which we Send the Copy in ord.r that your Excy. May peruse the Same

Wee have thereupon this day dispatchd Lowrence Claesen the Interpreter w.th 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 Excy's 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 Enabled to be upon his Guard Wee further referr your Excy to Col.o Myndert Schuyler by whom this goes And remain with great Submission

[0573] **284a** [Wraxall mention p. 176.]

Albany the 8th May 1729

Instructions for Lowrence Claesen the Interpreter

Whereas Wee have reced an Information from Two Mohawk Indians that they Expect three hundred Indians w.th their Familys (known by the Two Nations vizt. Mahikinders and Shouhownees) at the Onondago Castle to Treat w.th our Six Nation about Setleing themselves and their Familys Among our sd Nations, and upon that Acco.t our Sachims have requested his Excy 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 Excy 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 Excy 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 aforesd. two Nations to Come here and Enter into the Coven.t Chain, according to the Promises they made upon their last Treaty with his Excy.

And Whereas the aforesaid Two Mohawk Indians have further advised us that the Govern:t 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 it is the Intention of the aforesaid Army to Attack the Garrison at Oswego; You are in the name of his Excy Gover.or 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 Wee 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. Jno. Price at Oswego as Soon as possible

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[See Wraxall p. 176 for general summary,]

Albany the 8th May 1729

Capt.n John Price

Sir

Wee 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 rais'd an Army of Two thousand men w:th whom he goes himselfe to Comand Which Army our Said Informers believe are by this Time Sett our but upon what Design or account our Informers are as yet Strang.res

to Therefore wee have thought it highly necessary (as well on acc.t
of the Safety and Preservation of the Garrison now under your
Command, w.ch is our Constant Care, as also the Affection & Zeale We
bear for the Province in generall) to desire that you'l be very
Watchfull, not only in respect of the Fear of an Enemy but
Solicitous to Inform your Selfe 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

Att a Meeting of the Comm:rs of the
Indian Affairs in Albany the 14.th May 1729

Present

Phil: Livingston

Hn. Holland

John Cuyler

Pt.r Vn Brugh

Abr. Cuyler

Ryer Gerritse

Evert Wendell

Joh.s Lansingh

Bar.t Sanders

This afternoon return'd from Canada the Two Indian
Messengers (in Seven days) Sent thither by the Comissioners
to Enquire what Intelligence and Preperations are makeing
there for an Expedition, the Said Messengers relate that
when they arrived at Cachnawage (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[y] Came
to Enquire for News; on which he answered 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 Provisions 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 Oswego or albany
The said Messengers Told the Indian the Gov.r of Canada & the
French King are very proud why are they so uneasy & ill
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 w.th us and we w.th 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 oblidge to Obey the orders he receives from the King, he has Sent Messengers thrice to Oswego 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 Land 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 Land from whence the Water Vents into their Countrey -- 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 Quantities go to the English and has given Strict orders that none Shall be Sent to them by the way of Oswego 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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Albany the 16:th May 1729

May It Please your Excy

By the Enclosed Minutes your Exlcy

May See that the two Indian Messengers of whom we Acquaint.d your Exclcy. 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 w.th the Indian they mett, which Comes very Conformable to the Precautions in his Exclcy. Gov.r Burnet's Letter to you, and therefore we Can in all Appearency Construe the Indians Information no otherwise (Since It's So Agreeable w.th 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 w.th all Expedition to your Exclcy. 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 Esq.r
&c

The Memoriall of the Comm:rs
of Indian Affairs at Albany

Humbly Representeth

That whereas Ever Since

the Erecting the house at Oswego, 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 w:th
Provisions. If it was Publickly Lett out to the Cheapest and
Lowest Undertaker

Therefore It is the humble Opinion of
your Memor.ists That If it was So Lett out for a Certain Time
and

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And upon Such Terms as the Legislators Shall think
most Proper; It would not only Prove a benefitt to the Province
in gen.ll 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 22d May 1729 [Not in Wraxall.]

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 Mark Van Buren for Ditto		5"	15"	6
4 ... To Johannis Wyngaert for Ditto		5"	15"	6
5 ... To Dirch Hun for Ladles		1"	8"	--
6 ... To Mr. Johannis Roseboom for Incidents		1"	2"	6
7 ... To Mr. 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 Petten for Ditto		--"	9"	--
12 .. To Jan Bapt.s Van Eps for Provisions rideing &c		2"	19"	6
	£	33"	5"	9

Albany the 22d May 1729

[Not in Wraxall.]

May It Please your Excellency

Our last was the 16:th Ins.t Since w:ch we
have reced. no Intelligence from Canada Inclosed your Excy. has
a Memoriall (setting forth as wee 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 Acc:ts with their Vouchers which we begg your Excy. will
be Pleased to Lay before the Assembly, in order upon their perusal
to have them discharged w.th the Former haveing no more to add
We remain

[0578] **287** [Wraxall mention p. 176.]

Albany the 23d May 1729

May It Please your Excy

Since our last of yesterdays date Lowrence
Claesen is return'd 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 received from us

His acc.t of the Indians to the Southward 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

Att a Meeting of the Comm:rs of Indian
Affairs in Albany the 29 May 1729

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Evert Banker

Rutg.r Bleecker

Joh.s Cuyler

Abr. Cuyler

Har. Wendell

[Nic.s] Bleecker

Barent Sanders

Reyer Gerritse

Evert Wendell

Joh.s Lansingh

A Proposition with Five of the Principall

Sachims of the Castle Called Onnah in the Sinekes Land

Who Produced a Large belt of black Wampum 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 Dr 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 dead, and also that his Present Majesty
King George the Second is Crowned in his room and Stead for

which the desire Some Other Token

[0579] **287a** [Not in Wraxall.]

Att a meeting of the Commissioners of the
Indian Affairs in Albany the 30th of May 1729

Present

Evert Bancker

Rutger Bleecker

Hen Holland

Steph.s Groesbeck

Abr. Cuyler

Nicolaes Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Reyer Gerritse

Joh.s Lansingh

Barent Sanders

Har Wendell

Answer to five of the principall Sachims of the
Castle called Onnahe in the Sinnekes Countrey vizt

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
home 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
Crown'd 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 Canassedaha, where the Smiths Tools are
kept

[0580] **288** [See Wraxall p. 176 for brief mention.]

Albany the 2.d June 1729

May It Please your Excellency

Our last was the 23d. ult.o now this Comes
Acquaint your Excy that Arie one of ours w.th Some French Indians
being arrived here yesteday (who were 10 days on their Voyage)
have upon Examination Informed us that the Chiefe Govern.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 does 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 Montecal 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 ag.t oswego, and therefore desired us to Accept of it
for Truth, and for a more Satisfactory Account of this Affair
We referr your Excy. to Harmanus Wendell Esq.r one of the Comm.rs
by whom this goes, and w.th due respect Subscribe Our Selves

Mr. Lowrence Claesen

Dated Albany as above

The Two Indians whom we Sent last
from hence in order to go to Canada, having gone no farther as
Sarachtogue where they mett Arie have return'd, 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
Genandrogue, 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 dureing his Stay at Canada, w.ch is the
Needfull from

[0581] **288a** [Summary in Wraxall p. 177.]

Albany 4. June 1729

May it Please your Excy

Since our last of the 2.d Instant We received
the Inclosed Letters from Oswego; and to Satidfie our Selves the
better of the behaviour of Capt. Price, the men there, & the Truth
of their actions in gen.ll we have Examin'd Some of the
Inhabitants of this Town, who are yesterday night returnd
from thence -- and as the Complaints in the Inclosed Letters
of the Provisions being so bad; Must in all Appearence 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 Officer 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 Caderaqui having no more to add we with great Submission Subscribe our Selves

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Albany the 8:th June 1729`[Not in Wraxall.]

May It Please your Excy

Since our last of the 4o Inst, we have reced the Inclosed from Capt. Price to w.ch we referr your Excy and in relation to his Present demands we Shall as Soon as Possible Send him up 100 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

Att a Meeting of the Commiss:rs of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 28:th June 1729

[See Wraxall p. 177 for brief summary.]

Present

Rutger Bleecker

[?] Groesbeck

[?] Cuyler

Johannis Roseboom

[Ev]r. Wendell

Nic.s Bleecker

Ryer Gerritse

Barent Sanders

This day appeared before us Five Sachims of the Far Nations of Indians vizt. -- of Two Nations Sackawa[s]

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 Expect that they may not be Molested or ill used in the same that the French have Endeavourd 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 woud meet w.th bad usage, but that if they wou'd go to Canada they wou'd 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 thee 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 28th June 1729
Answer to the Five Sachims of the Far
nations of Indians vizt.

Brothers

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 thank=full to your Forefathers and you, and you may be assured that we will always Endeavour 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 withall as to the French Endeav=
=ouring 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

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We have no news that is bad to acquaint you w.th at pres.t
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.s Strowdes, and some Rum and Provisions for your
Journey, and we Send Two Waggon to Carry you & your
Provisions to Schinechtady. We wish you a good Journey
home and desire you may give our kind Service to your
Brethren

Albany the 2.d July 1729 [Not in Wraxall.]
May It Please your Excy

This is to acquaint your Excy 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 Smoak a Pipe w.th them w.ch they accordingly did
and then Saw upon the sd. 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 Detriment to them as they Say and that they are
So

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So much Imposed upon by the English in regard that they
gett not one Ounce of bever or Skins but what is the refuse of
the English, that if they dont Prevent it by Takeing that house
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 by 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

[Not in Wraxall.]

Mr. Lowrens Claesen

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 haveing thought
Fitt to Dispatch Two Indians again to Canada, Therefore the
Said Board does Order & Direct you to go Forthwith to the
Mohawks Countrey 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

Att a Meeting of the Comm.rs of the
Indian Affairs in Albany the 21st July 1729 [See Wraxall p. 177.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Stephanis Groesbeck

Johannis Cuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Johannis Roseboom

A Message from the Sachims of the
Oneydes by Two Indians names Conoghquindjah
and Ottsiquatkuysi viz.t

Brothers

We are Sent here as Messengers
From the Sachims of our Castle with a Token of Seven
hands of Wampum to Acquaint you of the great
Loss

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Loss of our Warriors to the Number of Fifty five, So that
we Account our Selves no more a Nations, and we deem
our Selves as a Nation utterly Perished

We and our Forefathers have kept to the
Coven.t 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 of, 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 Concern'd for
this our great Loss

And we Tell you with Tears in our Eyes
that you have at three Severall Times forbid and Interr=
=rupted 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 wou'd be the means of Strengthening us, for the
more we Cou'd 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 w.ch Continued Two days w.th the
Virginia Indians who were 600 in number to our one hundred
And upon the 2.d day our Enemies Proposed to Come to a peace
w.th us which Immediatly Shook into Our minds the recomm=
=endation 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 Enter'd on but our Enemies Takeing

that Oppertunity Treacherously Massacred our brethren
as we have Told you before, and therefore we have no
reasons to blame anyone 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 Notwith=
=standing 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 Surrenderd the English Prisoners up to them and
that at Two Severall Times.

Brothers

Wee 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
wee Pray that our Governour may Forthwith write to the
Governour of Virginia, that he may Endeavour to deliver up

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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 wee desire that wee may w.th all Speed have an
Answer to this our request for wee Should not make this
Demand had the Virginia Indians warred w.th us in an
an honourable Manner but on the Contrary they under
Colour of makeing a Peace Murdered our brethren Trea=
=cherously, and Took our men Prisoners, whom If they deliver
up it will be a Means to bring us and them to a good Under=
=standing

Brothers

Wee Intreat 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 it Otherwise a delay in this
Affair will Prove of bad Consequence

Albany the 21:st July 1729

Present

[M]ynd schuyler

[Ru]tger Bleecker

[Ste]ph: Groesbeck

[Jo]hannis Cuyler

[Abr]ah:m Cuyler

[Ni]ch.s Bleecker

[Joh].s Roseboom

Answer To the Two Indian Messeng=
=ers who were Sent from the Sachims
of the Oneydes. Vizt

Brothers

The great Misfortune you Inform us

Of that you had in Looseing So many Warring men, gives
us abundance of Concern and this wee Shall make appear
to you by Sending Some of the Gentlemen of this board
to your Castle within a Short Tiem to Condole the death
Of those warriors you have So unhappily lost

But Brothers wee Stand Surprised Concerning
the bad opinion you harbour of us, that you think wee
have had a hand in the Misfortune which has happen'd
you, and wee wonder who Should have given you Such
an Erroneous Character of us, that wee Should be
Instrumental

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Instrumental 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 Afford 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 p first
Oppertunity wee Shall Send down your whold 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 Expreess accord=
=ingly to you

Albany the 25.th July 1729

May it Please your Excellcy

Inclosed your Excy. has a Proposition from the Sachims of the Oneydes 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 youl 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 Excellency's Answer, that wee may thereby be able to Perform our Promise in our answering them and Likewise your Excy may Perceive in our Said Answ.r

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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 Warriors, but on this head wee Shall waite your Excellencys Directions; which is all that at Present offers to

Albany pmo. Sept:r 1729

[See Wraxall p. 177 for summary of situation.]

May it please your Excy

Herewith your Excy. has Copy of our Last to w.ch we referr for want 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 Peruseing 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 haveing 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 Encompanied by Lowrence Claesen the Interpreter, to go up to their Castle Conformable to our Promise -- which is the needfull at present from

Ditto Date

Messrs: Johannes Roseboom
& Lowrence Claesen

It being the resolution of the board of Comm.rs of the Indian Affairs, That two proper Persons be Sent up to the Oneydes Castle to Condole the Misfortune they Sustained by their last Warr, You are therefore in the name of the Said Comm.rs 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 Septemb:r 1729

Instructions for Johannes Roseboom & Nicholas
Bleecker Esq.rs two of the Comm.rs for Indian Affairs
and Lowrence Claesen Interpreter for the Said Indians

Whereas by Proposition made (unto us the Comm.rs 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 w.th the Virginia Indians, whereby they have Lossed a Considerable number of their Warring men in so much bthat they deem themselves a Nation Utterly Perished

And Whereas We the Said Board of Comm:rs 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 mind 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 Lowrence Claesen are to Take your departure from hence on Saturday the 6.th 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 Governm.t 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 w.th you Signifying to the Said Indians that we Send the Same by way of Wipeing off that grieffe and Sorrow which may Perhaps now lye at their hearts Occasioned by their late unhappy War and the

Loss of their Fighting men w.ch were Massacred therein and that
they may be assured that it gives 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
Wee

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Wee 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 Expectant and w.ch when Come
to our hands Shall be Forwarded to them w.th 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 13:th September 1729

[Not in Wraxall.]

Capt. Ogelvie

Wee have Endeavoured to gett a Person to Send to
repair your Chimney and oven but Finds it will Prove So Chargable
Notwithstanding that its a Small Job of work if how that we Cant
Expect to have the Same Paid by the Assembly so that wee
desire youl Endeavour to gett 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 Employ therein
Therefore desire you may gett the necessarys ready and we
Sahll Send you a Trowell as Soon as Possible

Signed --

At a Meeting of the Comm:ers of Indian
Affairs in Albany the 20.th Septem.r 1729

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

[P]hilip Livingston

[Ev]ert Bancker

[H]enry Holland

[Pe]ter Van Brugh

[Jo}hannes Cuyler

[Abr]aham Cuyler

[P]hilip Schuyler

[Jer]em Van Renselaer

[Ev]ert Wendell

[R]yer Gerritse

[Johan.s Lansingh

Pursuant to an Order in his Excy. Governour Mont=
=gomerie's Letter of the 8.th Ins.t directing us therein to Send Hend.k
Wemp & Joseph van Size to the Sinnekes Countrey to work for
them 'till next Spring

We have therefore Sent for the sd. Hendrick
Wemp & Joseph van Size, who do appear here, and do Voluntarily
Offer to go to work for the Said Sinneke Indians (Agreeable to his
Excy's 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 Comm.rs of Indian Affairs or from
the Governm.t of this Province, whereupon we have thought fitt
to give the Said Hendrick Wemp and Joseph van Size Instructions
Accordingly

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Instructions for Hendrick Wemp & Joseph
Van Size Smith and Armourer

In Obedience to his Excy's Letter of the 8.th Ins.t directing
the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs to Send you up to the Sinneke's Countre[y]
to work for them the Said Sinneke Indians as Smith & Armourer unti[l]
next Spring -- Therefore You the sd. Hendrick Wemp and
Joseph Van Size are hereby directed forthwith to Take your depar[t=]
=ure from hence and to repair to the Sinnekes Castle called Cansso=
=dage 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-crossed out]
Shall or May have them in his or their Possion or Power which
are belonging to the Publick, as also the Smiths Shop

Wherefore all Persons Concerned are hereby Strictly Charged

and Commanded to deliver the Same and Every Part thereof unto you, as he or they will Answer the Contrary at his or their utmost Perill, 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 Sinnekes 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

Att a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian
Affairs in Albany the 23d Septemb.r 1729 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Henry Holland

Johannes Cuyler

Abr. Cuyler

Jer. van Renselaer Ottsiquatkussi the Oneydes 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 w.th 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 Virginnia that their Prisoners May be Sett at Liberty & that he Expects an Answer Speedily w.ch answer they Shall have So Soon as Come to our hands

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By Instructions of the Commissioners of Indian Aff-
Bareing date the 4.o September 1729

According to directions We did Sett out the 6:th Instant (w.th Lowrens Claesen Interpreteer) by water, w.th 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 w.th 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 Tusquarora Indians The 17.th Inst. We Came in the Oneyde Castle and were received with Joy, and they Told us that they were Very 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 18:th Instnat we have in the name of the Government with the Sachims of the Mohawks Castle Condold the Oneyde and Tusquaroras Indians w.ch they have Lost in their Last Warr, w.ch we did according to Custom

Wee 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 w.th their men who are Scatterd

Wee in the name of the Governm.t did give them
the Necessarys allowed us by the Comm:rs for that purpose

The Answer of the Said Oneyde & Tusquarora Indians
(after we had Condoled their great Misfortune) was they heartily
Thanked our Governm.t for Every Article in the Condolation
made unto them

They Gave to our Governm.t 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 Scatterd They made 2
young Sachims in our Presence Named Thorachquenda
and Otsadiecha 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.o Septem.r 1729

Signed Johannes Roseboom
 Nicolas Bleecker

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Albany the 27:th Sepbr. 1729

May it Please your Excy

Your Excys. most acceptable Favours
of the 8.th Instant we have received and Should have answer'd
the Same Sooner but that we waited for return of the Two Gent
from our board whom we Sent to Condole the Misfortune w.ch
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 desireing
him to gett the Same repaired in the best Manner he Can
Promiseing 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 Sinnekes Land we have in our
Answer to a Proposition Made unt us onb 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 Lansingh) 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 would go for Nothing; but Notwith=
=standing wht we had Agreed w.th the Said Lansingh 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

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[very similar version printed in Pennsylvania Archives 1: 241-242. Not in Wraxall.]

Patrick Gordon Esq.r Lieut. Governour of the
Province of Pensilvania & Countys of New Castle Kent and
Sussex upon Delaware

To My good Friends Shikallamy & Peter
Alias Kataryonyacha at
Skamokin

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 grieve for the Late loss that has befallen them, Our Souls are Afflicted for the Loss of our dear good Friends Carundawana and Shikallamy's fine 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 Lay his Ransome --- We Send a Strowd to Cover Skekallamy's Son

As Soon as you See and hear this Letter, We desire you Our good Friends to goe directly to the Five Nations w.th the Ten Stowds [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 hear, and also in my name. Tell them that we Mourn in the deepest of our Hearts for their Loss, and that we Send these Strowds 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 Lessen'd or when they Destroy themselves by War

We are much Troubled that they went to Fight w.th Indians that were in Friendship with the English, and were Tradeing w.th 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
Connossora Tannenhanegah 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 Patowmack 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 Loveing Friend
Philadelphia 18:th Aug:st 1729 P: Gordon
James Logan

Albany 13:th October 1729

[Not in Wraxall.]

May It Please Your Excellency

Since our last of 27:th Ult:o the Inclosed
Letter from the Govern:r of Pensilvania has Come thro' the Countrey
to the Oneyde 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 Lowrence 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 Virginnia in Amity together, which If not Soom Effected
May Prove of of [sic] Fatal Consequence We are with great respect &c.

[0598] **297** [Not in Wraxall.]

Albany the 21:st October 1729
Instructions For Lowrence Claesen

Whereas the Oneyde Indians have received a Letter From Patrick Gordon Esq.r Lieut. Governour of the Province of Pensilvania, beareing date at Philadelphia the 18:th of August Last and which Letter we have Sent after Peruseing to the Said Oneyde 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 Oneyde 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 Oneyde 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 Cannot 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 keep them=
=selves a happy People

[There are no entries for November 1729]

[0624] **310**

[Not in Wraxall.]

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of
the Indian Affairs in Albany the 5th of
December 1729

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Stephanus Groesbeck

Abraham Cuyler

Harmanus Wendell

Evert Wendell

Johannes Roseboom

Reyer Gerritse

Barent Sanders

Johannes Lansingh

Nicholas Bleecker

This day appeared before us Teawhon=

=waghwangeraqua an Oneydes Sachamaker

who being Sent from the Oneydes makes the foll

Proposition Vizt.

And in the name of that Nation give[s]

heartly thanks to his Excy. that he had Sent a

Proper Person to Expound the Letter they received from
Patrick Gordon Esq.r Lieut. Govern.r of Pensilvania The
Expounding of which was of Extraordinary Contents to them
And It has also been very Satisfactory to them that that
Government has So heartily Condoled the Loss the their
Warring men

But Brothers -- my Chief Errand

here is to Earnestly Enquire in the name of our Nation If
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 not Long Since, and I Come 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 Instrumental in keeping the
Other Five Nations in Peace and Prevented them from

Going

[0625] **310a**

Going out to Fight but if we Should not receive the Satisfaction
We required of our Brothers Speedily, we Cannot Expect to keep

our Nations Longer from Looking for Satisfaction Another
Way which Perhaps may Prove of bad Consequence

The Answer of the Comm:rs to Teawhonwag
wangeraqu the Oneydes Sackamaker

Present
as on the other Side

Brothers

We are much Concerned that you ar[e]
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 desire=
=ing 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 beggd 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 Governmt
he would Dispatch it to us which we Promise you
Shall Loose no Time in Forwarding it to you when
Come to hand

1730

[1-0626] **311** [Not in Wraxall.]

Att a Meeting of the Comm:rs
of the Indian Affairs in Albany the
21st January 1729/30

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Evert Bancker
Henry Van Renselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Stephanus Groebeck
Johannes Roseboom
Harmanus Wendell
Nicholas Bleecker
Ryer Gerritse
Philip Shuyler
Jeremiah Renselaer
Dirck Ten Broeck
Joh.s Lansingh

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:ers
for the Indian Affairs at Albany and those whose names are
Enter'd in the Margent have Taken the Oaths appointed by
Law and Likewise the Oath for the due Executing of their Office

Att a Meeting of the Comm:rs of
Indian Affairs in Albany the 29:th of
January 1729/30 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Ph. Livingston
Mynd.t Schuyler
Peter Van Brugh
Rutger Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Reyer Gerritse
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Har. Wendell
Joh.s Roseboom
Joh.s Lansingh
Barent Saunders

The Speech of ye Sachims
of Cayouges

Brethren

Wee Arrived here this day
and are glad to meet you at this Place w.ch wee
Suppose happens unexpectedly to you.
Our Journey hitherto is w.th great grief and Sorrow
to acquaint you of the great Losses we have Sustained
in our Castle

Brethren

Our Ancestors have always
kept the Covenant Inviolable w.th this Government the
Reason

[1-0627] **311a**

Reason of Entering into w.ch 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 Wee have always been Instrumentall in the
Accomodateing it and Constantly Obedient to all Commands
Layed on us by this Government

Brethren

As Wee 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

Wee need not to Repeat our

Fidelity to this Governmt. 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
Wee 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 Govern.rs
we have Treated w.th 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 tho' 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

[1-0628] **312** [Not in Wraxall.]

The Answer of the Comm:rs of Indian Affairs to the
Sachims of the Cayouges Albany the 29th Jan.ry 1729/30

Present

[a]s on the }
Foregoing s.o }

Brethren

We acquaint you that we are much Concern'd
For the Loss of your decesed Sachims, and we are glad to hear you
Continue So Steadfast 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 Govern.r 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. for hunting as you have
Requested

We Take this Oppertunity of
Condoleing the death of your Sachims deceased, and wipe
off your Tears, and bury them by these three blanketts of
Strowds, 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 Sendible of the
Constant Fidelity you bear for the Safety and Preservation
Of this Province and do Acknowledge the Same w.th 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 youl not Suffer to
Reside among you, in as much that you are Sensible that
those People do at all Times amuse you w.th false and ground
=less Informations which Cannot Portend good to you or the
Welfare of this Province, and give you and us Uneasiness

[1-0629] **312a** [Summary Wraxall p. 177-178.]

Att a Meeting of the Comm:rs of Indian
Affairs in Albany the 14th February 1729/30

Present

Ph. Livingston

Steph.s Groesbeck

Rutger Bleecker

Evert Bancker

Hend. V Renselaer

Abraham Cuyler

Jer. V. Renselaer

Joh.s Rooseboom

Nich.s Bleecker

Barent Saunders

The Comm:rs haveing Sent a Messuage 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
Delegates 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 Concern'd, and Did directly According to
your Desire, Write to Our Govern.r that he would be Pleas'd
to Acquaint the Govern. of Virginia w.th the Circumstances of
what happen'd w.ch he did and haveing reced the Govern.r of Virgin=
=ias's Answer thereto; is in Substance as follows Vizt

Virginia Octob:r 29th 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 Untied, 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 Cattaboaws, 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 haveing 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 that 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 Warriars 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 thm, 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 Reprisalls by Way laying 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 Warriars that are now Prisoners

But whatever are the Sentiments of the Six Nations I shall Account my Self very 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. William Gooch

To His Excy Jn.o Montgomerie Esq.r &c.

[1-0631] **313a**

the Answer of the Sachims of Oneyde to the
Comm.rs of Indian Affairs Albany 14th ffeb: 1729/30

Present
As on the foreg=
=oing P.o

Brethren

We return you thanks for Explaining the
Governour of Virginia's Letter to us, And we are much oblinded
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 Generall; 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 6:th 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
Gooch's, upon receipt of which We (with all Speed) dispatchd
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 haveing 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 Obildged 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
Are

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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. Ogilvie's 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 purspose As your Excy. may observe by our Letter of the 27th Septem:r last however Mr. 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 Extinguishd by the Assistance of the Inhabitants of the City. Haveing no More to Add, We are with great Esteem

Att a Meeting of the Commission.rs
for Indian Aff:rs in Albany the [15]:th April 1730

[Wraxall summary p. 178 leaves out the decision not to fully explain the letter.]

Present

Ph. Livingston

Steph. Groesbeek

Rutger Bleecker

Harm.s Wendell

Abr. Cuyler

Evert Bancker

Evert Wendell

Johannes Roseboom

Joh.s Lansingh

Nicholas Bleecker

Dirck Ten Broeck

This board on receipt of a Letter from his Excy.

John Montgomerie Esq.r our Governour dated the 20.th 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 Maquace 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 Settlements 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 butcherys of These Savages on One another, while our Indians Impute their late Defeat to the Christians as well as to the Southern Indians -- It is therefore resolved to Tell them in Substance what Follows -- vizt

That according to Our promise to the Oneydes We desired our Governor 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 Release 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 release 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

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All Oppertunities of doing any Friendly offic in his power to Serve the Six Nations; he affirms That none of the Indians in his Governm.t are Concerned in the war ag.t them, and do not

Venture beyond their Inhabitants, Except a Nation Called the Nottoways, who are in Friendship w.th the Six Nations as they very well know; there was an other Nation Calld the Saponies Tributary to Virginia, but on a Quarrel between them and the Tuscaroras, they departed from thence into South Carolina

The aforesaid Tuskarora 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

May it Please Your Excellency

We Received your Excellency's favours Of the 20th March last with Inclosure from Governour Gooch whereupon we dispatchd an Express to the Oneydes desireing 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 Tuskarora one Oneyde and a few Maquace 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 Explained 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 their 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 Excy. will approve thereof, Your Excy. will Please likewise to observe That in the aforementioned Treaty with the Indians

We

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We have advised them to Send one Sachim of Each Nation in Company w.th Two Christians to go from hence to Virginia in order to Treat about the redemption of their Prisoners, which we thought was the best Steps we Could take to keep them in an Amicable Temper

By our Conference w.th 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 along Voyage
and hope your Excy. will Favour us w.th an answer in this Affair
that we may be Prepared for the Indians who we know not how
Soom may come down -- haveing no more to add -- We are etc.

Att a meeting of the Commissioners
for Ind. Affairs in Albany the 11th May 1730 [Wraxall summary p. 178.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert. Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Stephanus Groesbeck

Abr. Cuyler

Harmanus Wendell

Nicholas Bleecker

Jer. Van Renselaer

Hendrick V. Renselaer

Evert Wendell Appeard at this board three Oneydes Sachims

named Onnitsondie Ottsichwatkeese and Onosakin=

=tie jagee, who came down agreeable to the request

of this board on their Treaty of the 15.th 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 as

Method as we thought would Prove Effectuall for

Redemption of their Captives -- and now this board haveing

repeated the aforesaid Treaty (Verbatim) to these three Oneyde

Sachims - they make Reply in the words Following vizt

Brother Corlaer

With great Concern we

Communicated unto you the great Loss of our Warriors at Virginia

We thought that our Brethren here would have been good Mediators

between us and those Indians, to reconcile that Affair by redeeming

our brethren who are Captives, while we fear that this Affair will

Otherwise

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Otherwise Create 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 Southard of our

Castles to Joyn w.th us to revenge this base 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 w.th us promised to meet us here when any Affair of Moment Should be Transacted - Wherefore we Desire him to Send our Prisoners hither w.th 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 Governmt. Some years ago - Wherefore we desire that this our proposall may be Forthwith Forwarded to the Governour of Virginia that it may not be Delayed; for as much that we have kept all our Warriors 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 w.ch 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.

[1-0637] **316a**

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 Request to the Governour of Virginnia, with your belt and String 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 Majestys Subjects

We are amaz'd 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 detain'd by
Indians who are under the Government of Virginia, but by those
who Live in South Carolina

At a meeting of the Comm:ers for Indian Affairs
in Albany the 13th May 1730 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Evert Wendell

Harm Wendell

Stephanus Groesbeck

Hend. Van Renselaer

Dirck Ten Broeck

Reyer Gerritse

Upon Information of Jeremiah Van Renselaer

Jun. Son of Coll.o 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

Renselaer's 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 aforesd. 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 - crossed out] Such an
Irregular

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Irregular manner, whereupon the Sachims Sent
for those three Indians, and this day the following Sachims
Appeard Vizt. Ampamet, Wanenpachea, Nahacanet, Waukan=
=aghlack, Mogh So Mogh Seet, Cagh Wapeck, Papoen Aut,
Teuwenionw and 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 - crossed out] moved them to behave in Such an Insult=
=ing manner, he acknowledges the Fact but Says he was
[moved - crossed out] Excited thereto by Instigation of an [old - crossed out] Indian
Squaw, who
Told him that it was his Land, and do's propise 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 aforesd. Lands

Albany the 19th May 1730

[See Wraxall p. 179 for partial summary.]

May It please Your Excy

Since our Last of the 18th 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 is misticall 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 Virginia 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 Acquaint Your Excy. That Mr. Harmanus Wendell haveing 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 Pork, 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 Examind 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 Excy. will approve of our So doing -- who are -- with due respect &c.

PS Your Excy will Please to Note to the Govern.r of Virginia That upon Non p formance of the request of the Oneyde Indians, that he'l Please to return their belt and String of

Wampum, because It is a Custom they have among them
to Expect their Tokens again, In case they don't Obtain
their request

Att a meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian Affairs
in Albany the 23 May 1730

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Stephanus Groesbeck

Rutger Bleecker

Abraham Cuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Harmanus Wendell

Ryer Gerritse

Evert Wendell

Dirck Ten Broeck 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 Conclusion of this board - crossed out] Concluded
To Send Lowrence Claesen the Interpreter to the Said Indians
to Treat w.th them on this head -- and do give him the Following
Instructions for that End --

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Instructions for Lowrence Claesen

That Whereas 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 Sd. 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 - crossed out] Confirmd by Some Witnesses who were Examind 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 Welfare of his Majesty's Subjects -
Quarterd 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 his Excy Our Governour (whom we have advised with
this Affair) do heartily recommend to them to behave thems=
=elves 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 it 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. blankets
2 gatt. [gall.] Rum
28 lb bread
1 Side bacon
1 doz. knives
12 lb Tobacco

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At a meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian
Affairs in Albany the 3.d June 1730

[Not in Wraxall]

Present

Ph: Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Stephanus Groesbeck

Abraham Cuyler

Jer. Van Renselaer

Evert Wendell

Philip Schuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

[Dirk Ten Broeck - crossed out accidentally by decorative doodling?]

Capt. Peter Koeman haveing made Complaint at

this board that the river Indians Inhabiting on

Mussmans Island who keep horses on Sd. Island without

makeing any Fence or Inclosures to keep ym. in, from doing

damage to the Neighbourhood but Let them run at Large, so that

without any Difficulty they Swim [thro'] 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 Aforesd. Incroachment. & Taspases redressed 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 Sd. 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 no Damage to Said Koeman on his said Land we have Assur'd 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 --

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At a Meeting of the Comm.rs for
Indian Affairs in Albany ye 13.th June
1730 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

M. Schuyler

Evert Wendell

John Cuyler

Jer. V. Renselaer

Ph: Schuyler

Peter V. Brugh

Dirck Ten Broeck

Reyer Gerritse

St. Groesbeeck

Evert Banker

That Notwithstanding a Firm promise & Treat=
=ty the river Indians Entered into before this board on the
13th 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 to the Sachims who do appear to whom has been repeat-

-ed 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 Sherriff; 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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At a meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian Affairs
in Albany the 17th June 1730

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Joh.s Cuyler

Ab. Cuyler

St. Groesbeck

Nicholas Bleeker

Evert Wendell

John Schuyler Lourence Claesen being returnd from Onondago Pursu=
=ant to his Instructions of 23d Ultimo -- Do's acquaint this board that
he had Treated w.th the Sachims there agreeable to his Instructions to
know their reasons for Abuseing and Robbing the Batoes Laden w.th
provisions for the use of his majesties Garrison at osweego -- which said
sachims by a token of Seven hands of wampum do Assure us that
notwithstanding they Cant Say but there has been some missbehavi=
=our 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 misunderstanding for the future beteen [sic] them & us in
regard that they will Take Care to keep their People in a Discipline
for Time to Come

Albany the 18th June 1730

[Not in Wraxall.]

May It please your Excellency

The Inclosed from oswego of 9th 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 Names Kindiacko, 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 Governours
of this Colony that whensoever 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

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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 Please your
Excellency to Favour us therewith -- We Enclose the
Minutes of our Proceedings Since our Last of 19.th Ult.o
for your Excy's Perusall -- And are with great Esteem
and Respect &c.

Att a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian
Affairs in Albany the 24th June 1730.

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Ab: Cuyler

Evert Bleecker

Harmanus Wendell

Reyer Gerritse

Johannis Lansingh

Nicholaes Bleecker

Barent Saunders

Dirck Ten Broeck

That Mankan one of the sachims of the river Indi-
-and Indians [sic] being Sent Last year from this board to a farr
Nation 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 belt of wam-
=pum from the aforesd. Nation to acquaint us that the said

Nation do reauquest 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 hitherto has been between
them and us

But he relates that there is a generall com=

=plaint among the far Indians that when any of them are Inclined to come & Trade w.th their brethren the Christians at Oswego they are discouraged by bad Treatment that Severall of them have met [line crosse out appears to say "so bad Treatment that severall of them have mett with"] with this Mess.r himselfe was an eye witness to wit that there Lie People in the Lake who make it there business to attack the Indians Passing that way & by Force take away their bever & y.r goods & Imbezle them so that they gett no farther Acc.o 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 un=reasonsonable usage -- They Likewise desire to Smoake w.th this board

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Board out of a Pipe sent from the sd. Nations to Smoake in Friendship w.th us & to Continue a Lasting Peace & good understanding between us & do thereby Signifie yt. they desire their young People who Travall to & fro to trade w.th the Christians may be better treated then Formerly

NB Sold at Publick Ven Due the above Skins vizt.

14 ld Dr. deer Skins	... a 2/10	£1.19.8
3 lt bever	a 6/5	19.3
		£2.18.11

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian Affairs in Albany the 4th July 1730 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Evert Bancker

Rutger Bleecker

Johannes Schuyler

Hendrick V. Renselaer

Stephanus Groesbeck

Jer Van Renselaer

Johannes Cuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Barent Sanders

Evert Wendell

Nicholas Bleecker

Dirck Ten Broeck

Some of the Sachims of the Onondago's

and Mohawks Indians being come hither to

Condole the Death of Jacob Brower who was

unhappily Murderd by Kindiacko an Indian
of Onondago; Do Offer themselved in the foll
Submissive manner to this board, in order to
Repair the Loss of their brother deceased 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 & Do's 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 is True there was a Murder
Committed

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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 missunderstand
=ings that has happend between us. There was a Murder
Committed here in Albany by one of your Christians upon a
Mohawk Indian who was deliverd up to our Mercy and
We were Inform'd that he was Condemd 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 haveing better
Consulted together on that head, and withheld them from
that attempt, they in a body of the Five Nations Tenderd
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 Condemned to die, and
then Deliverd 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 Surrenderd the
Criminall wholly up to the Christians who Pardond him

We Still 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 Schinectady, 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
Tradeing house has been Erected at Oswego, we Can't
Repeat you the Innumerable Indians that have Murderd
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 w.ch Misfortunes are Occasiond by Selling
Rum to Our brethren; but Still we have reconciled those murders
Without in the Least Looking for revenge or desireing blood for blood

Brethren We have numberd up the Severall Transgress
=ions between us, now We Treat upon the Antient Covenant
between you and us, how firm it from Time to time has been
Preserved and Confirm'd 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 w.th Each other; Yet they do oftimes Come to an
Amicable understanding Again

Brethren Upon the first Settlement of this
Countrey, our Forefathers Enterd into their first Alliance w.th
the Christians to Trade Soon after w.ch there arrived a Ship
which our Forefathers together Layed fast at Anchor in
this Harbour, and after they came to a better understanding
they Enterd 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 w.ch 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 Murderd one of your People
And thereupon we and the Mohawks Indians do Joyntly
give an other belt of Wampum as a Token of our great Concern
And to Interr the Corps of our friend & brother Deceasd, accord=
=ing to a Maxim usuall among us

Brethren We Intreat you That your Governour
and Legislators may make Such wholesome Laws as
May

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May oblige the Subjects to behave themselves in a Circum=
spect 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 according
=ly, 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 aggravated for
the Late Loss of our brother and for as much That we know
there Lies a Grudge ag.t us on this Occasion Therefore we
Lay down Another belt of Wampum, to Wash off (w.th 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, wee Took Each other as broth:rs
and Soon after we made a Covenant w.th you (That is to Say) a
Strong Silver Chain w.ch was Inviolable, and w.ch Link'd us
[G]ave a belt hand in hand in brothership and Friendship, w.ch Chain we
now w.th the Mohawks Nation Joyntly renew & Strengthen
it was Likewise Assured us that in Case there Should
any Flaw or breach Come in that Chain, w.ch was then
above ground that then there was another underground
w.ch Could not be Damaged by rust or any Other Penetrating
matter

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, w.ch 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 Invite 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 deceas'd as farr as we are able, but we Shall in a body of the Princip=
=all Sachims of the Six Nations Come and make a further Attonement for this Loss and w.th a generall Voice Condole our Friend

The answer of the Comm:rs for Indian Affairs to the Onondago and Mohawks Sachims who Came to Condole the death of Jacob Brower deced Present as in the foregoing Proposition

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 w.th so barbarous an Action

Brethren We observe you hint and remind us of Severall Murders Committed on our Sides as well as yours w.ch we note Exactly, Vizt. in the first place of one at Claverack where were Cutt of Two men Two women and Two Children, by the Onondago Indians for w.ch there was one hangd which We must Tell you was a most Inhuman Action done without the Least Provocation

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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 Countrey by one Dirck Bradt both w.ch unhappy accidents were & Still 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, w.ch 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 Vizt. a young girl daughter of a Gentlem =an 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 Oneydes Acted rightly in Executing the Murderer

Brethren We Can't forbear to Acquaint you that there is also a Sqwaw of the Schaakthook Indians a Sachims Wife

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Wife murderd without any reason by an Onondago Indian as Likewise a Mohawk Called Kanaghquisacki, 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 [sic] 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 has been severall murders Committed among your Selves and the farr Nations as you Say Occasion'd 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 Desirous Shou'd 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 reasons we Sent Lowrence Claese 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

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And after the Said Murderer had killed Jacob Brower then he Endeavourd to murder John Roseboom Jun.r by Taking Two guns, one after the Other to Shoot the Sd. Roseboom w.ch he in his own Defence wrested out of the Indians hands and threw them in the river by which he preservd his own Life, and after all this he Took up a Stone and Told Roseboom you must Still 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, where=
=upon Roseboom was oblidged to make the best of his way w.th the Corps 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 Legislat=
=ive Powers, might make Laws for that End as a Means to Preserve the Peace and Quietness of the Countrey 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 renew'd your Coven.t 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 Designb 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 7:th July 1730

[Not in Wraxall.]

May it Please Your Excellency

Since our Last of the 18.th ult.o

Some Sachims of Onondago assisted by some Mohawks Came Down according to our Expectation w.th whom we Treated on the Tragicall Affair of the murder of Jacob Brower in as Cautious a manner as we thought was Consistant w.th preserv=
=ing 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 referr your Excy to the Enclosed Minutes for a Fuller View in this malencholly Affair -- The Sinnekes haveing usually been gratified in haveing a Smith and Armourer Sent up to work for them and Robert Lansingh w.th Claes Van Petten Jun.r haveing Voluntarily 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 Who remain &c.

Albany the 24.th July 1730

[Not in Wraxall.]

May it Please Your Excellency

We Take Leave to Inform Your

Excy. that last year Coll.o Renselaer recover'd (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 sd. 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

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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 wou'd 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 Sd. Indians in breach and Violation of all their Promises have Employed four of their People to reap Renselaers Corn w.ch they have done & Still 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 pleas'd to relieve Coll.o Renselaer therein as Shall Seem most agreeable to your Excy. Who are &c.

Albany the 20.th August 1730

[Not in Wraxall.]

May It Please Your Excellency

We are honourd w.th your Excellency's Favours of the 4.th Inst. whereby Perceive you have been Pleas'd to Lay before His Majesties Councill, Our Minutes Relateing the Murder Committed on Jacob Brower, by Kindiacko an Onondago Indian, and observe Your Excy's Displeasure on the answer of the Sachims on that Subject; We Assure Your Excellency that in their deliver=
=ing their Said Answer, it was by no means acceptable.

We were at a Loss how to Act in Such a Criticall 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
Impression

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Impression on them if done by Your Ex:cy in person at your Meeting the Six Nations here, w.ch we hoped would have been this Season, but Since Your Excy. has been Prevented by other Publick Affairs, We hope we may have the honour to See Your Ex.cy here the Ensuing Spring, to Treat w.th them -- And in regard that the Indians did Expect your Ex:cy's 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:cy be pleas'd to Direct that Lowrence Claese be Sent as Soon as May be to Acquaint them that your Ex.cy will Certainly meet them Early in the Spring -- haveing no more to Communicate we remain w.th great Esteem and respect &c.

At a meeting of the Comm.rs
for Ind. Affairs in Albany the 20.th Aug. 1730 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph. Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

John Schuyler

Evert Bancker

Evert Wendell

Stephanus Groesbeck

Joh.s Cuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Harman Wendell

Nicholas Bleecker

Philip Schuyler

Johannes Lansingh

Reyer Gerritse

Barent Sanders

Hend. V. Renselaer

Jer. V. Renselaer

It is fully Concluded and orderd
by This Board, That as the Sinnike
Indians have heretofore usually been
gratified on haveing a Smith and Armourer
and the foll persons haveing by themselves & others &
offerd their Service to go to the Sinnekes Country gratis
to Work for them -- Orderd Therefore That
Claes Ven Petten Jun. Elias Post Abrah=
=am Wendell, Abraham Schuyler, Cornelius
Ten Broeck, Gerardus Bancker, Evert
Harmanus Wendell, Sybrant Van Schaick,
and Hendrick Myndert Roseboom Do
Proceed on their Voyage for that Service
for which they are to have Instructions according-
=ly

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At a meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian
Affairs at Albany the 22nd Aug.t 1730 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Evert Bancker

St. Groesbeck

Joh.s Cuyler

Ab. Cuyler

Evert Wendell

Nicholas Bleecker

Harmanus Wendell

Dirck Ten Broeck

Reyer Gerritse

Johannes Lansingh

Barent Sanders

Whereas Claes Van Petten
Jun. and Elias Post, Smiths Appointed
by our order of the 20.th Instant (and Robert
Lansingh by our letter to his Ex.cy of the 7.th July
Last) to go in 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
haveing offerd himselfe 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. Elias Post 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 Harmanus Wendell, Sybrant V. Schaick
Hendrick Myndertse Roseboom, Johannes
Van Veghten Jun.r Johannes H. Ten Eyck
and William Fisher

Whereas The Sinnekes Indians are usually
gratified to have a Smith and Armourer Sent up to work
For them Every winter and We Considering That It is

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It is Consistant w.th the Interest of this Government to hum=
=our that Nation in the aforesaid Small request, And as ye
have Voluntarily Offerd your Services (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 Hartsen as Smith and Armourer
And the Other Persons abovenamed to Act in Conjuntion w.th
the Said Abraham Wendell and Barnardus Hartsen
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 Sinn=
=ekes Castle Called Canossodago, You and Each of you are
in the name of His Ex.cy John Montgomerie Esq.r our Governour
to Demand from the Said Sinneke Sachims, or Such pson
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 Concern'd are hereby Strictly
Chargd 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 Perill, 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
=es for the good of the publick & the satisfaction of the sd. 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 24th of August 1730

[1-0658] **327** [Summarized in Wraxall p. 179.]

Att a meeting of the Commissio=
=ners of Indian Affairs of the city of
Albany this 21st Day of Sep 1730

Present

Abraham Cuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Evert Banker

Johannis Lansingh

Stephanus Groesbeeck

Rutger Bleecker

Nicholaes Bleecker

Dirck Ten Broeck

Johannis Schuyler

Evert Wendell

This day came before this board three Sachims
the maquas Indians called Taraghiores Totquaries
and Onoghquaghghoghqua and Spoake in the behalf
of the two Castells of Maquaas Indians vizt.

Brethren

Some time past this Sumer we were resolv'd to go
to New York in order to Speak to his Excellency but when we
came here in Albany this board inform'd us that the Governor
was not att New york and thereupon we return'd back again
and Defer'd our message till his Excellency Should come up
to albany but now finding that his Excellency doth not come
up this Summer we resolv'd to deliver our Mesage 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 grives us when we
Consider what small parcell of Lands is remaining to us and
finding by the Intirement of Christians that our young men
give ear to Dispose yett more of that Small remainder and
Then we will be utterly Destroyd & 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 [posterity]
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 Excy

This inclosed is a preposition of three ma-
quas Sachims we are humbly of opinion that your Ex.cy
approveing of their request will Certainly Tend for the [good of the - crossed out]
publick good & Tranquilty which is the needfull at psent from
your Excys
most humble & most obedient Servant

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Albany ye. 3 October 1730 [Wraxall mention p. 180.]

Instructions for Lowrence Claese Pursuant to his
Excy's Letter of the 26.th 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 Assemblys Sitting so late in the
year was hindred of his Intent,

You are therefore to acquaint them that his
Excy. Intends to meet them early Next Summer at albany; &
that his Excy 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
Reyer Gerritse
Dirck Ten Broeck

[1-0661] **328a** [Wraxall summary p. 180.]

Att a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian
Affairs the 24th October 1730

Present

Rutger Bleecker

Stephanus Groesbeeck

Johannis Cuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Dirck Ten Broeck

Nicholaes Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Evert Wendell

In pursuance of his Excellys 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 mohaw[k]s Country that we had acquainted his Excellcy our Governour w:th their request in respect of not Suffering their lands to be sold to which he answer'd that he comply'd 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.

Att a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian affairs
at Albany the 2d. November 1730 [See Wraxall p. 180.]

Present

Joh.s Cuyler

Ab: Cuyler

Peter van Brugh

St. Groesbeeck

Rutger Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Evert Wendell

Lourence Claesen the interpreter being return'd from Onondage do's inform the Comm.rs that he had been there agreeable to his instructions of the 3d 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 reply'd that they have hitherto expected his Excys. Comeing as usuall or that his Excy: would send them notice of his not comeing but for as much as he is interrupted by other publick business they are Satisfyed to his Excellencys pleasure.

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Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for Indian
Affairs in Albany the 23.d November 1730.

[Printed in DRCHNY 5: 910 et seq.; Wraxall summary p. 180-181]]

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Dirck Ten Broeck

That in Lowrence Claese's return from Ononda=
=go he dos further Inform this board that he mett with an
Indian of the six Nations, who told him that one Jean
Ceure a French Officer and Interpreter was in the Sinnekes
Country & had Some French Soldiers with him, which said Jean Ceure
told the said Sinneke Indians that he haveing disoblidg'd his Gover=
=nour was Duckd 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 he prayd that they
might Grant him toleration to build a trading house at a place Called
Tiederondequatt at the Side of the Kaderachqua lake about Ten
Leagues from the Sinneke country, & is about midle way oswego and
Yagero, which place the foreign Indians Especially must & repass to &
from Osweego. & frequently the Foreign Indians Stop there & go 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 Ceure 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 Ceure is Confirm'd 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
advisd 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 w.ch Mons.r Jean Ceure 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 Ceure sayd 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 design'd to stay there this Ensueing winter in the small Castle upon the Subject of the two axes Whereupon it is resolved to write the following Letter to Abraham Wendell Barnardus Hartsen & Company now posted in the Sinnekes Country

Albany 23.d November 1730 [Wraxall p. 181]

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 Ceure 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 sayd but Jean Ceure 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 desir'd that they might come & Live among them, & that Jean Ceure Told them that in case they should admitt the foxes to settle among them, that then the French & English would come & cutt there Castles off, upon Considering of w:ch your Letter & this affair,

We

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We desire that you tell them that we do not think it strang[e] that those indians have been endeavouring to gett liberty, to Settle & shelter themselves among the Sinnekes, and we are much more Surpriz'd that they have not Encouraged those indian[s] 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. & Shoud 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 Ceure in order to be sent to the Governour of Canada while we expected that they should have sent the same to our Governour in w:ch you

may tell them that they have been much wanting in their duty. you may also tell the Sinnekes that as to waht jean Ceure 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 that 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 strouds to renew the Covenant -- And since M.sr

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M.sr Jean Ceure 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 Excy. our Governour's 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 been banishd out of his Country, Cannot have so much Command as to have Soldiers under him but on the Contrary his design is un=
=der 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 trund 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 Ceure 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

[Printed in DRCHNY 5: 909 et seq. with signatures and additional last paragraph. See Wraxall p. 182.]

May it Please your Excellency

By the Enclosed Minutes your Excy will

Perceive what Information we lately received from the Sinnekes Country, That the French Intended to make a Settlementy 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 -crossed out] 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 ruin'd 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

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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 Rendesvouz and Magazine for their Indians to jake 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 ruin'd -- We hope that we shall not be Left thus naked and open to the Fury of Malicious Vigilant Enemys -- We being Informd that the Govern.r of Canada has Sent Severall French Indians a hunting towards Kaderachqua who usd to hunt at the Carrying place on our Frontier and that we Daily hear Such precarious Accounts of the Continually Incroachments of the French on our Indian Trade, and Captain Blood haveing 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 movd 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

[DRCHNY 5:910 adds "Which after perusal we find to be of another nature than we at
first conjectured. We conclude that we are -- with great esteem and respect
Your Excel.cys most obedient and most humble servants,"]

[1-0667] **331a** [Not in Wraxall.]

The Affidavit of Robert Dunbarr

Robert Dunbarr of Full Age being Sworne on the holy
Evangelists of Almighty God Declares That about the 10:th
of this Instant November there came an onondago Indian
from Kaderachque to Oswego who had a Pacquet w.ch he
Deliverd 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 open'd,
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 the Blood Sayd he would Send it to his Ex:cy
our Governour -- And further Say'th not
Signed

Rob.t Dunbarr

Jur cor me apud Albany Novemb.r
the 26:th 1730

Dirck Ten Broeck Just

1731

[1-0667] **331a** [Partial summary in Wraxall p. 182.]

Att a Meeting of the Comm:rs for Ind
affairs at Albany February the 8th 1730/1

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Stephanus Groesbeck

Abraham Cuyler

Evert Wendell

Harmanus Wendell

Nicholas Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Dirch Ten Broeck

This Board haveing received a Letter
from his Excellency our Governour of the 25.o Ult.o
With Some Papers Enclosed from Governour
Gooch upon which this Board have agreed to
Write the following Letter in Answer to our Gover=
nours vizt

Ditto date

May it please Your Excell:y

Your Ex:cys most Acceptable favours of
the 25.th Ult.o we received w.th Copy of a Letter from the Govern:r
of Virginia and Transcript of the Treaty of M.r Eaton
with

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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 [sic] 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 oppertunity to the French to
Keep Possession and So Constantly Stirr up the Indians
beside it is thier own Request that they shou'd 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 during the Summer Season

We agree w.th you Ex:cy to Employ proper persons to undeceive the farr 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 wou'd be pleas'd to Send Some blank passses [passes?] for Traders to go to Najagera or higher up to Contradict the false reports of the French

We Shall also Send Lowrence Claese as Your Ex:cy directs as Soon as the Season of the year pmits to Acquaint the Six Nations of Your Ex.cys Intending to meet them in May next We think our Selves very much Oblidgd to Govern. Gooch for the Trouble he has taken in the Affair of the Oneydes tho' not to that Success that our Indians Expected, w.ch 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 [company?] of ours are returnd home from fight.g who have brought three Prison.rs & three Scalps. Who are &[c].

[1-0669] **332a**

[Not in Wraxall.]

Albany the 11th ffebruary 1730/1

May it please Your Ex:cy

Since our last p this oppertunity arrived here three french from Canada w.th packets for Your Ex.cy and the Court of France as they have a pass from Mons.r Beuharnois, and we haveing 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:cys pass no regards is paid thereto but directly Sent back hither, without being Admitted to come to any of their Habitations to Provide themselves w.th provisions ag.t all Humanity and Hospatility, and as we Conceive ag.t the Treaties Subsisting between the Two Crowns -- Wherefore We humbly begg Leave to desire Your Ex:cy will be pleas'd to Intimate to the Governour of Canada to have for the future more regard to your Ex.cys passes and Admitt those persons who have 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 Countrey 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 Missdeameanour
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:cy will be pleasd to write
to M.r Beuharnois to Inform your Ex:cy where he is

[1-0670] **333** [Not in Wraxall.]

Att a Meeting of the Comm:rs for Indian
Affairs at Albany the 20:th February 1730/1

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Stephanus Groesbeek

Ab: Cuyler

Harmanus Wendell

Evert Wendell

Nicholas Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Dirck Ten Broeck

Joh.s Lansingh

Barent Saunders

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 foll.

Ditto Date

Captain Blood

Sir

Enclosed we Send You an act
of assembly Entituled an act to defray the Charge of
victualling his Majesties Troops posted at oswego and
for other the purposes therin mentioned by w:ch youl
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 Commisionated
and Sworne a Justice therefore this board hopes and
Expects that you'l Circumspectly discharge your Selfe

in this affair w:ch Tends So much 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 Enclosd act of assembly

Signd p order of the Comm.rs

James Stenhouse

[See: <https://exhibitions.nysm.nysed.gov/albany/bios/s/jasten.html> re James Stenhouse]

[1-0671] **333a**

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian

Affairs At Albany the 3d of April 1731 [Wraxall p. 182.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Steph. Groesbeck

Evert Bancker

Ab. Cuyler

Philip Schuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Jer. V. Renselaer

Dirck T. Broeck

Hend. V. Renselaer

Reyer Gerritse

Joh.s Lansingh

This Board have resolved to Send Lowrence

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 Agreeable to his Excell.y's

directons in his Letter of the 25.th Jan.ry last.

And therefore we Order the foll Letter to be

Wrote to Said Lowrence

D.o Date

M.r :Lourence Claesen

By directions from His Ex.cy John

Montgomerie Esq.r &c. 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.chs 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 Scandalous, 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

[1-0672] 334

With the Legislative power / out of a tender regard to their peace and Tranquility / have Establishd 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 Strowd blankets and a Shirt, and you are desired to make all the Narrow Inspection you can during your Stay in the Sinnekes Country, how and in what manner Jean Ceur and his Company behave themselves and report the Same to us. Who are &c.

Albany April 13.th 1731 [Not in Wraxall.]

May it please your Ex:cy

Conformable to your Ex:cys directions in your Letter of the 25.th Jan.ry Last we have Sent Lowrence 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 Lowrence to remain w.th the Indians in Order to accompany them down. We have Likewise given Lowrence directions to Employ two Trusty Indians to go from the Sinnekes Country to Niyagera 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 Ceur 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 relating 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 &tc.

[1-0673] **334a**

[Not in Wraxall.]

At a Meeting of the Com.rs for Indian
Affairs Albany the 20.th April 1731

Present

Evert Bancker

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Steph: Groesbeck

Abraham Cuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Harmanus Wendell

Reyer Gerritse

Dirck Ten Broeck

Barent Saunders

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 Esqu.r Governour of the
Province of Pensilvania Dated at
Philadelphia Aug.t the 26.th 1730 and directed
to the Sachims of our five Nations

The afores.d Company agreeable 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 principall Depirnsal [sic] Sachims who were
in our Interest, And on the 7.th of March foll Our Indians
upon Explaining our Instructions and Letter to them in
a full body, gave the foll answer to Mess.rs Ab: Wendell
and Company Concerning Jean Ceur and his Consorts

Hetquandeqeghte as Speaker Answerd
And Sayd Brethren

We have perfectly understood
the Contents of the Letter from our Governour & Comm.r
as you Explaind it to us, and Brethren we are Unanimous=
=ly Resolved not to give the Least Encouragement to
Jean Ceur. We Conceive that our Governour Writes that
Perhaps Jean Ceur Designs to purchase, Rent, borrow or
by Some means or other Obtain Land from us, but Brethren
We answer as to that if Jean Ceur Should offer never So
Large Presents to us, and Should 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
Proposalls -- This Said Jean Ceur has been a brother
among us, but now in your presence We totally Shake
him off, neither do we approve of his Actions haveing
Found him very Deceitfull; So that if he Comes to request
Any

[1-0674] 335

Any Favour of us we Shall plainly deny him, whereupon
wePresent Our Brethren with Two Skins, but we desire
by a String of Wampum that Jean Ceur 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 &c.o
Deliverd in and account of their disbursements to the
Indians dureing their Residence in the Sinnekes Country
Am.o to £7"19"-- whereupon it is the Resolution of this
Board to Take the Said Account 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 [Not in Wraxall.]
My Friends & Brethren

The bearer hereof [Henry] Smith Inform=
=ing me that he designs to Come amongst Some of your
People to Trade, I take this Oppertunity 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 w.th
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 whenever
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

[1-0675] **335a** [Not in Wraxall.]

At a Meeting of the Comm:rs for Indian
Affairs at Albany the 17th May 1731

Present

Ph. Livingston

Mynd.t Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Har Wendell

Philip Schuyler

John Schuyler

Henry V. Renselaer

Reyer Gerritse

Dirck Ten Broeck

His Ex:cy haveing Lay'ed 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 Montgom=
=erie Esq.r Captain Generall and Governour in Chief
of the Provinces of New York New Jersey and
the Territories thereon depending &c.

A Proclamation

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 Patent
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 it 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

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Acting Contrary to the Tenor and Intent of this proclo=
=mation to the End that Such Delinquents may be
Prosecuted and Punished w.th the Uttermost Severity of

the Law Given under my hand in Albany this fifteenth
Day of May in the fourth year of his Majestys Reign
Annoq. Dom. 1731

God Save the King

Sign'd

J. Montgomerie

Albany May the 18:th 1731

[Wraxall summarizes these proceedings p. 182-183, but without mentioning their main
subject, the murder of Jacob Brower.]

Present

His Ex:cy John

Montgomerie Esq.r &c

Francis Harrison }

Philip Livingston } Esq.rs of the Councill

James D Lancey }

The Commissioners of Indian Affairs

The Mayor, Recorder & Aldermen

And Several Gentlemen attending

the Governour

His Excellency made the foll

Proposition to the Sachims of the five Nations viz:t The
Maquace Cajouges, Onondages, Sinnekes and Tuska=
=roras, The Oneydes not yet Arrived.

Brethren

I Meet you here with great Satisfation

To Renew the old Covenant Chain, and in the name of my
Master and your father George the Second King of
Great Britain &c. 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

[1-0677] **336a**

Brethren

I Do not think that the barbarous Murder
Committed by one of your People last year on Jacob
Brower do's 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 Countrey. Therefore I do
Expect that you will Execute that Murderer who So Treach=
=erously Slew Jacob Brower; and I assure you if any
person in my Governm.t 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 Part, 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
Oppertunity to Communicate them to the King of
Great Britain Gave Strings of Wampum

[1-0678] 337

Brethren

You Acted honestly and wisely when you denied
Jean Ceur 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 Tradeing 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 Orderd 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 20th: 1731 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

His Ex:cy John
Montgomerie Esq:r &c.

Francis Harrison	}	
Philip Livingston	}	Esq:rs of the Councill
James D Lancey	}	

His Excellency Communicated
to this Board, that he was privately Inform'd, that the
Sachims 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

[1-0679] **337a**

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

Mynd.t Schuyler	}
Joh.s Schuyler	}
Evert Bancker	}
Henry V. Renselaer	}
Rutger Bleecker	}
Stephanus Groesbeck	}
Abraham Cuyler	}
Harmanus Wendell	}
Nicholas Bleecker	}
Reyer Gerritse	}
Philip Schuyler	}
Jeremiah V. Renselaer	}
Dirck Ten Broeck	}
Johannis 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 Mont=
=gomerie Esq.r &c. in Albany May the
20:th 1731

Present

His Ex:cy John	
Montgomerie Esq.r &c.	
Francis Harrison	}
Philip Livingston	} Esq.rs of ye. Councill
James D Lancey	}
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

[1-0680] **338**

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 Treacherously 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:cys
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 punishd by the Law, and We do
Promise on our parts to Punish any of our people
With

[1-0681] **338a**

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 Murd=
=erer is to be Punished 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 Extoxicated in drink; We (all
the Six Nations) begg in his behalfe 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
The

[1-0682] **339**

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.r
of us, when We Can't gett it We Abstain from it, Men
Women and Children it Destroys, Everything 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 fetchd 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 fetchd 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, Kasts, and at
Oswego where those who want it may fitch it
Gave a String of Wampum
Brother Corlaer

 You Told us also that you was very
Glad that we Denied Jean Ceur 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
Treacherosly built there, but the house at Oswego
has been built by all Our Consent, the more buildings
are

[1-0683] **339a**

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

We 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, you
Master, our father We thank him and you for it

His Ex:cy 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

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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 Punishd; I will repeat my orders and
If I Can find out any more Effectuall method to pur 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 order'd 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

The Schaakhook and River Indians

Attending His Ex:cy the Governour at
Albany the 21st May 1731 he Spoke to
them as Follows [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

His Ex:cy John

Montgomerie Esq.r &c.

Francis Harrison }

Ph. Livingston } Esq.rs of

James D Lancey } the Council

The Commission:rs of Indian Affairs

And Sev.l Gentlemen Attending

the Governour

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
Common

[1-0685] **340a**

Common Father and Sovereign, and to Recommend to you
in this publick manner to persevere in your dutifull
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 belt 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 thereof 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 Endeavourd
to Increase your number by Inviteing those of your people
Who on frivolous pretences have left their native Countrey,
And are gone to Canada, to return to Schaakhook to

[1-0686] **341**

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 22d May 1731 [Not in Wraxall.]

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 thereof 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 grease

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
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:cys 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 Trust [Frust?] us So much
We are glad that you Take So much notice of us And
Open

[1-0687] **341a**

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 wrongd 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.l Renselaer, and Squampamick but we know not the
peice of Land Called [blank space in original] has been Sold
which we have given to Johannis Lansingh, because he
is very Civil to us, and been at great Charge & Expences in
Provideing 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

[1-0688] **342**
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
For which they thanked his Ex.cy

Albany the 9.th July 1731

[Wraxall p. 183.]

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 Mr. 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 Mr. 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 Hartsen who workd for them last year, who is a man well qualified for that Purpose and behaved himselfe to the Content of the Indians. And one Myndert F. Van Yveren who is Likewise fitt for that Service being Inclineable to go w.th the said Hartsen 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 &c.

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At a Meeting of the Com:rs for Ind
Affairs Albany July 12.th 1731

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Steph. Groesbeck

Evert Wendell

Nicholas Bleecker

Philip Schuyler

Dirck Ten Broeck

This Board haveing Concluded to Send
Lourence 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 Vizt.

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 Honble Rip Van Dam one of his Majties
Councill is President of the Colony of New York
by which he has Taken upon him the administra=
=tion of the affairs of this Colony untill his Majesty
Shall Please 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 Onond=
=ago 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 wou'd
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 this Government you must Doe as much as
in you Lyes to Prevent the Same Takeing Effect.

Att a meeting of the Comm:rs for
Ind Affairs Albany the 20.th July
1731 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd.t Schuyler

Jn.o Schuyler

Steph.s Groesbeck

Abraham Cuyler

Nich.s Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Dirck T. Broeck

Joh.s Roseboom

Joh.s Lansingh

Some Sachims of Oneyde haveing 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 th
best they pleas'd and Could therein for them and
Since they have been at so much Trouble in this
Affair and that without Effect, So they are resolv'd
not to Trouble us therein; while they Cannot Trust
them in as much that they have heard if they
Shoud Come there again, they woud Serve them in
the like kind, and haveing Sent a Token to the sd.
Indians, they therefore demand the Same again

They Say farther that a Considerable Time
ago they Lent Lowrence Claesen a belt of Wampum
by order of Coll.o Peter Schuyler to Stopp their men
From

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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
Lowrence Claesen Promised to do. They Say likewise

that they are Surprized how the Indians whom they
Intended to Warr ag:t 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 String 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 9lb bever

The Commissioners Answer'd
Brethren

We fully answer you as to the Loss of your
Men and the Trouble you have had therein that we
are Equally Concern'd 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 Lowrence Claesen by whom we
have Lately sent you a Packett Consisting of a belt
of beads, 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 Missused in Forewarning or giving 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
Concern'd in Such your Complaint, and if you want
Further Satisfaction you must find out the
Authors of your missusage 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 young men to go a hunting; where=

=fore 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 [Wraxall p. 184.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

St. Groesbeck

Evert Bancker

John Cuyler

John Schuyler

Evert Wendell

Philip Schuyler

Henry V. Renselaer

Nich.s Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Jeremy V. Renselaer

Dirck Ten Broeck Lourence Claesen being this day returnd from

Onondago Agreeable to his Instructions of the
12:th 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 President 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

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Occasion of the Meeting at Onondago was
upon account of Some Indians going to Canada to
Condole the death of a French man named Morasaw
who was Interpreter to the Indians

Lowrence likewise agreeable to his Instruction
deliverd to the Oneydes the belt of beads a Calumet of
Peace and Two Twists 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 proposition to Our Six Nations that if in Case Jean Ceur shou'd build a house at Tiederondequatt (w.ch is a place between the Garrison of Oswego and Nyagera ab.t Ten Leagues from the Sinnekes Country at the South Side of the Kaderachque Lake) that he woud Directly Demolish the Same, and put those to the Sword who Shoud Attempt Such apeice 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 Ceur 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 Ceur Designed to Proceed on his Journey thither within Thirty Days where=
=of Twelve Days are now Expired

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Albany July the 27:th 1731 [Not in Wraxall.]

May it please Your Hon:r

We received your Hon:s favours
of the 23.d 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
Preferr our Selves Entirely thereto farther than
that we Expect your Hon:s answer therein, w.ch 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 w.th 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.
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 Incroachm=
=ents and Priviledges they have had from us
will at Last be a means to Draw the Indians
from the British Interest, We Send you herew.th a
Representation to Your Hon.s 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 w.ch is
the Needfull at Present from
To Rip Van Dam Esq.r &c.

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Albany the 29.th July 1731 [Not in Wraxall.]

May it Please your Hon.r

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 Skulking parties on the poor people of this
County Las 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 Peyster Dirck
Ten Broeck Jeremiah Van Renselaer Esq:rs and
M.r John Glen haveing offerd to Take a Journey
to Montreall about their Lawfull Affairs there=
=fore we Desire that your Hon:r will be pleased
to grant them a Pass on this occasion with
their Attendants

We are &c.

Att a Meeting of the Comm:rs for Ind

Affairs at Albany the 1st Septemb. 1731 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

John Schuyler

Hendrick V. Renselaer

Evert Bancker

Dirck Ten Broeck

Abraham Cuyler

Johannis Roseboom

Rutger Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Nicholas Bleecker

Barent Saunders

We having received a Letter from Rip

Van dam Esq:r our President Dated the 30.th of

Aug.t Last wherein he writes that he has Comm=

=issioned Abraham Wendell Captain and Sybrant

Van Schaick Lieutenant under him to go to

Connossadogo in the Sinnekes Country to Lie there

this Ensuing winter together w.th Barnardus Hartsen

Myndert F. Van Yveren and Hendrick Beekman to

go thither as Smiths and that Johannis Bleecker

Abraham Cuyler Jun.r Johannis Ten Eych and Robt.

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 Vizt:

Instructions for Abraham Wendell
Captain Sybrant Van Schaick Lieuten.t Barnardus
Hartsen & Hendreick Beekman Blacksmiths
Johannis Bleecker Abraham Cuyler Joh. Johannis
Ten Eyck and Rob.t Wendell Gen.t Assistants

Whereas The Hon:ble Rip 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 Hartsen and Hendrick Beekman
Blacksmiths w.th Johannis Bleecker Abraham
Cuyler Jun.r Johannis Ten Eyck & Robt. Wendell
Gent. Assistants to go in Company to Conossodago in
the Sinnekes Country to Lye there this next Ensuing
winter. Therefore by virtue of his Hon.s 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.rs
Commissions and Directions and this our Instruction
for that End. And upon your Arrivall at the
Sinnekes Castle Called Kanassadaga You and all of
you are in his Majestys name to Demand from
the

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The Said Sinike Sachims or from Such Person or
Persons as you Shall Find there Resideing The
Smiths Shop with all the Tools and Utencills 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
Concernd are hereby Strictly Chargd and Commanded
to Deliver the afores.d Shop Tools and Utencills and
Every Part thereof unto you as he or they Shall

Answer the Contrary at their Perill, 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 Judgem.t
for the good of the publick his Majestys 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 remitt 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 Utencills you Shall then Leave
behind you in the Said Shop Includeing what is now
Furnishd you. Given under our hands at
Albany the Second Day of September 1731

Signd

Johannis Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Stephanus Groesbeck

Ab: Cuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Dirck Ten Broeck

Barent Saunders

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[Not in Wraxall.]

Albany 2:d Septem.r 1731

att a Meeting of the Com.rs for Ind Aff.rs

Present

Johannis Schuyler

Hendrick Van Renselaer

Dirck Ten Broeck

Rutger Bleecker

Abraham Cuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Barent Saunders

It is Concluded by this board that Abraham
Wendell and Company Shall have the foll
Utencills for his Majesty's Service to be furnish'd
them at their departure from hence on the
Provinces Credit Viz:t 1 [□ w.h Iron 30 [lb.] Steel 1 Vice
1 doz. Smiths Files and a grinding Stone and to Pay
the Indian for Carriage thereof 100 [lb.] 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 Indidentalls to the Said
Indians a Sum not Exceeding Eight Pounds wch
Shall be Paid them by the Commissioners

At a meeting of the Comm:rs of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 7.th Septemb.r 1731 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Johannis Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Stephanus Groesbeck

Abraham Cuyler

Dirck Ten Broeck

Nicholas Bleecker

Joh.s Lansingh

Reyer Gerritse

Barent Saunders

This Board haveing Sent for Joseph
Clement, he now appears here, and we have
Communicated to him that part of a Letter from
His Hon. our President Dated the 30.th Aug.t last
w.ch relates to Oswego, and have Likewise read to
him that part of the Act of Assembly relateing
thereto - Whereupon the sd. 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 Labout, w.ch the Incidentall Charges
Accrewing thereon to be brought in by Account.

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Instructions for Mr. Joseph Clement

In Pursuance of a Letter to us directed from
the Hon:ble Rip Van Dam Esq.r President of his Majties
Councill for the province of New York Dated the 30.th of
Aug.t Last -- You may Repair your Self to his
Majestys 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 Majtie's Service

Therefore all persons (who Shall or may
have any of the Carpenters or Masons Tools belong=
=ing to the publick) are hereby directed to deliver
the Same to you upon Demand for the Service
aforesaid Dated Albany Septemb. the 7.th 1731

Albany Septem.r the 7.th 1731 [Not in Wraxall.]
May it please Your Hon.

We received your Favours of the 30th
Aug.st Last and Conformable to your Order we have
given Instructions to the Gentlemen you name therein
to go to the Sinnekes Countrey, Some of which are
Already gone

Haveing Sent for Joseph Clement
he undertakes to to 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 Materialls and Other necessarys thereto on
Expectation to be paid Apart by the Governm.t for that
his daily Labout and Expences upon Delivery of a
Just Account

We are &c.

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Albany Septemb.r the 8th 173 [Not in Wraxall.]

May it please Your Hon:r

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 Peek has Surprizeingly
and unexpecte to him and us been arrested at the
Kings Suit on Acct. of his being a Justice of the peace
and Concerning the County Goal, and Since the sd. 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 woud be
Pleased to Move in his behalfe 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 Express=
=ly perceive by the Said Clements Letter Inclosed

Who are &c.

At a Meeting of the Comm.rs of Indian
Affairs at Albany Septem. 25.th 1731 [Wraxall p. 184.]

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
Kip being yesterday returnd 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 about Sarahtogue 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 Incloseing
it with a Stone Wall next Spring as the aforesd. Gent
Were

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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 Tiederon=
dequat on the South Side of Kaderachqui 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 Ceur was gone out to bring over to
the French Interest a new Settlement 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
[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Johannis Cuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Stephanus Groesbeck

Rutger Bleecker

Nicholas Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Johannis Roseboom

Hartman Windecker Coenraet Contreman and

Hendrick Schremling appeared before this

Board and do Complain that the Indians at

Kanajohere have w.th great Insolence killed severall

of their Cattle and Swine, Some whereof were fitt for

their winter Provisions w.ch base Practice the Said

Indians do daily Committ among them and other the

Neighbouring Christians resideing there the Number

killed of the afores.d Persons Cattle & Swine are as follows.

Hartman Windecker - 1 Heffer of two year old

Conenraet Contreman

1 Sheep

3 Hoggs of 2 1/2 years old

4 Hoggs of 2 1/2 years old

1 Milk Cow

4 Piggs

Hend. Schremling 7 Hoggs of 2 & 3 year old

9 Piggs and 1 Calf

The Number of their Neighbours Cattle as follows

[J]on.s Kreemer 3 large Hoggs & 1 Calf

Hendrick Fry --

{J}acob Bouman 5 large Hoggs

1 Large Hogg

Peter Deygaart 4 large Do

Johannis Helmer

Wm. Wormwood 2 Ditto

4 Large hoggs and 5 Piggs

Jacob Collman 1 Sheep

Peter Wagenaar 1 large hogg

It is there fore resolved that Lowrence Claese be sent
for in order to receive Instructions from this Board to go up
to the Said Indians

[1-0703] **349a**

At a Meeting of the Comm:rs of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 30.th October 1731

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Evert Banker

Rutger Bleecker

Steph.s Groesbeck

Joh.s Cuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Joh.s Schuyler

Hend Van Renselaer

Philip Schuyler

Barent Sanders

Upon further Consideration this board

Have resolv'd to Send Col.o John Schuyler to
Kanajohery upon the afores.d Affair who is to
be assisted by Lowrence 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
Hartmen Windeker Inhabitants at Kandjohere 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 Tell 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 w.ch whent it comes to his Hon. our
President's 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 w.ch they will Shew themselves Like
Amicable Brethren Given under our hands
at Albany the Thirtieth day of October A:o 1731

[1-0704] 350

City of Albany ses: Robert Dunbarr for ages Came this day before
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 hi return he observed all the Soldiers
at the Water Side by some Some [sic] French Canoos that
were arrived there, whereupon the Said Clement went
up to the house and found the French in all the
Rooms and Capt. Smith w.th them viewing the Same
Except on Frenchman who Stood at the water Side to
Take Care of the Canoos, then Said Clement asked
Capt. 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

Signed

Rob.t Dunbar

Sworn Before me the 5.th day
of November 1731- Signd

Ph. Livingston

Albany November the 5.th 1731 [Not in Wraxall.]

May it Please Your Hon:r

Our Last was the 25.th Septemb.

Since w.ch have received the Enclosed Letters from Jos:
Clement w.ch Send for your Perusall, as Likewise the
Enclosed Affidavit of Robert Dunbarr, and farther
Referr 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 w.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 hat 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.

[Sidebar] You'l Observe that Said Clement will have
Occasion for 60 ob of 10 Nails Early in the
Spring to repair the house w.ch hope youl
Please to order

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Col.o Johannes Schuyler agreeable to his Instructions of the 30th October Last Arrived at the First Indian Castle at Tienondroque at the house of Wm. Printhop on Thursday the 4.th Instant where in the presence of Joseph Clements wife the Indians denied they had killed any of Said Clements Cattle and Sayed when any Cattle Trespassed on their Lands they put them in pound upon w.ch I proceeded on my Journey and at my return the Same Indians Treated w.th me again and Told me that they wonderd why s.d Clements wife Complained against them for killing her Cow, while to their Certain knowledge the Said Cow accidentally broke her Legg and Clements wife killed and Salte the Same and afterwards Sold thereof to Several of their brethren upon w.ch they Layed Down a Dear Skin

When I arrived at Kanajohere at the 2.d Castle on the Saturday following I desired the Severall Palatines in the Annexed List to Come together that I might Treat w.th the Indians of the s.d Castle Pursuant to my Instructions w.ch they accord=ingly did on Monday Following at w.ch Time the s.d Indians desired me to Come to them w.th the Palatines w.ch I Likewise did and Layed down a Token of a blanket of Strowds and Desired 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 Govern.r Then they Told me that the People who Live there are People who Live on our Lands, 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

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I Tenderd the blanket again, upon w.ch they Sayed
Must we be accountable for what the Warring &
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 wou'd
Consult Farther of the Matter and give me an
Answer the next day -- w.ch they accordingly did and
Layed down a Token of a String of Wampum and
Desired I might Acquaint the President and the
Comm:rs that by that Token they oblided themselves
Never to be guilty of the Like Crime again
Albany 24.th Novemb.r 1731

Johannis Schuyler

List of the Cattle and Swine w.ch the Indians
at Kanajohere have killed belonging to the
Christians resideing there, and w.ch Col.o John
Schuyler has brought in to the Comm.rs vizt.

Johan.s Keyser -	2 Large hoggs
	4 Smaller d.o
Hend. Fry	2 Hoggs
Joh.s Kreemer	2 D.o & 1 heffer Calf
Peter Teygaert	9 Hoggs
Coenraet Contreman	3 Hoggs & 1 Cow
Wm Wormwood	5 Hoggs
Hartman Windecker	4 D.o 1 Sheep & 1 heffer
Hendrick Schremling	9 Hoggs & 1 heffer
Jacob Bouman	6 hoggs
Hend Walraet	1 hogg killed the 6th Inst. p Karraghkontie ye Indian
Jacob Coltman	1 Sheep
Karell Eerhart	2 Large hoggs
Peter Wagenaer	1 Large hogg 1 Sheep - 2 beasts 1 Sow &

At a Meeting of the Com:rs of the
Ind Affairs at Albany the 24.th Nov.r 1731 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph. Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Steph. Groesbeck
Joh.s Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
Barent Sanders

We have this day rec.d a Letter from Rip Van
Dam Esq.r or President dated the 16.th Inst. in Answer
to ours of the 5.th wherein his Hon.r desires
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

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The Payment in as much That his Hon.r Supposes
that Mr. Wendell will provide no more than his
Contract oblidges him to, but withall that the Garrison
must not be Suffered to Want Provisions

Now This board are of Opinion that the
Provideing any additionall Supplies for sd. 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 Employ
Indians to kill Deer and Carry the Venison to
them, which would prove very Expensive

Att a meeting of the Comm:rs for Indian
Affairs at Albany the 24.th Decemb: 1731 [Wraxall summary p. 184.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Abraham Cuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Johannis Lansingh It is resolved by this board to give Lourence

Claesen the Interpreter the foll Instructions

in order to go to onondagoe, and that Sander

Van Eps Shall ride the Said Lowrence to

Kanajohere for which we have agreed to Pay

him thiry Shillings

Instructions for Low: Claesen

Haveing Lately reced. 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 Tuchsakrondie 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 w.th him, which if they Neglected he would

Send an Army to Cutt off. and have now reced

Intelligence that at Onondago there is to be a gener:ll

Meeting with few Days, and that the Onondagos

Have

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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 while 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 Consent to buld next

Spring at the South Side of Caderachque Lake above

Oswego or in Case of Refuzall to Stirr up the Tuchsas

=chondy Indians ag.t the Five Nations, that So

Either by Perswasion or threats, gett a building at

the place aforesd. w.ch we apprehend will Certainly not

only be the ruin of the Furr Trade, but the Entire

Loss of the Said Nations, wherefore it is resolved by

this board to Endeavour to Prevent the French

Inroachments 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 diswade 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 aforesd. 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 Lands on any
Acct. or Amusemt. whatever Given under our
hands at Albany the 24.th Decemb. 1731

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Att a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian Affairs
at Albany the 11th February 1731/2 [Wraxall p. 184-185.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

St: Groesbeck

Ab: Cuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Philip Schuyler

Jeremiah Van Renselaer

Barent Saunders

Some of the principall Sachims of the
Mohawks Indians haveing desired to Treat
w.th the Comm:^{rs} Do now Come to remind us that
on the 21st Septem:^r 1730 Three Sachims of their
Nation Viz.^t Taragiores Totquarissa and
Onohquhoghqua did then Acquaint us

That the most of their Lands on the Mohawks
River were already Sold to the Christians w.^{ch} grieved
Them to their hearts -- and That thro the Enticem^t
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
Scatterd among the French and others and So
Make a breach in the Covenant Chain Wherefore
They then prayed His 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} wou'd be pleased to prevent
all Persons whatsoever from Purchaseing any of
Their Lands (yet unsold) for the Future that they
and their Posterity might Live peaceably and
Quietly a Brethren

Wherefore the Said Sachims do
now Say That Contrary to their Said request a Lycence
has Since been granted to One Jannetie Criegier
to Purchase Some of their Lands w.^{ch} Lycence they
have Taken from her and have produced to this
board, and Since they find theres 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

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Powers in order to be Redressed in this grievance
and mean while desire that the Comm:rs may Send
This their request to the President not to Grant (for
the future) Lycences to purchase any of their Lands
upon w.ch This Board have promise to Comply with
Their request. The Comm:rs being Inform'd 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, desiring them to deliveer 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

Albany February 28:th 1731/2

[Partial summary Wraxall p. 185.]

May it please Your Hon:ʳ

Your favours of the 21st. Instant p the
Post we have reced 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 dutys 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 Majestys Service and Interest
Haveing promoted the Same and Exerted our Selves
To the Utmost of our abilities; Haveing proposed to
David Ab: Schuyler to go to oswego to Act as Commiss
=ary, whom we think a person Qualified, and is
Willing to go On that Service, and therefore referr
Our Selves to Your Hon:rs approbation therein

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What Relates that Your Hon:ʳ is pleased to be Inform'd
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 D:^o Delius has had a Patent for the
Same as farr as Rogieo 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 s^d Lands we know not
PS

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 1731/2

[Brief reference to problems at Oswego, Wraxall p. 185.]
May it please Your Hon.^r

Since our Last of the 28:th Ultimo We have
Reced the Enclosed from Joseph Clement at Oswego
by w:^{ch} youl observe the bad State the Garrison is in,
[throu] Mismanagement, and no remedy to be had untill
the Winter breaks up. We have acquainted Mr. Wendells
Executors w:th this Affair, who Say That the Garrison
have received 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 youl Observe more at Large by
Clements Letter to which we Referr) and order
Such necessarys for them as you Shall Think fitt

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[Not in Wraxall.]

By The Honble Rip V. Dam
Esq:r President of His Majesties Councill
for the Province of New York
Copy

To David Abraham Schuyler Esq:^r Greeting

Whereas The Commissioners for the Indian
Affairs at Albany by virtue of an Act of the Generall Assembly
Lodsigill of this Province made in the fifth year of His Majesties
Reign, Entitul'd 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
w.th you to go to Oswego and to Reside there as Comissary
for the Time in the Said Act mentioned Desiring my
Approbation thereof

I 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 Severall and respective
Powers by the Said Act ordained to be by the Commissioner
Executed, dureing the Time in the Said Act Limitte 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 Reign of our
Sovereign Lord George the Second by the grace of God
of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender
of the Faith &c Annoq Dom 1731

Sign'd

Rip Van Dam

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By the Hon:ble Rip Van Dam Esq:^r
President of His Majesty's Councill for
the Province of New York
Copy
Lodsigill

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 dureing 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

You are Therefore to Qualifie your
Self for the Office of a Justice of the Peace by Takeing Such
Oaths and makeing Such Subscriptions and Declaration[s]
As the Law requires, and which Philip Livingston and
Hans Hansen Esq:rs or Either of Them are Authorizd
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 M:r Harmanus Wendell or his Assigns by Contract
are Oblidged 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

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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 you Self nor for any
Other Person during your Stay there, nor Suffer any
Officer Drummer nor Private Soldier posted there on
the Penaltys 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
Majestys 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 Pains 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:y 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 afores:d to be Transmitted to me or the
Gov:r of this Province for the Time being

If The Comm:rs at Albany afores:d Shou'd 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 afores.d act of Assembly

Given under my hand and seal
at arms in New York this 24.th
day of March in the Fifth year of
His Majesty's Reign Annoq.
Dom 1731

Signd

Rip Van Dam

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[Wraxall p. 185 has partial summary omitting all reference to David Schuyler.]

At a meeting of the Comm:rs for Indian

Affairs at Albany 24.th April 1732

Present

Rutger Bleecker

Evert Bancker

Hendrick V Renselaer

Stephanus Groesbeck

Johannis Schuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Jeremiah V. Renselaer

Evert Wendell

Reyer Gerritse

Dirck Ten Broeck

Johannis Lansingh

Eight of the Chiefs of the Mohawks Indians
Kanajohere Castle haveing desired to Treat
w.th this Board; Say That the Governour for
The Time being is Commissioned a Superious
Over them and us -- but notwithstanding
They have always been accustomed 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
Missmanagement 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 murde[r]
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 replied they would not proceed 'till they were Satisfied in their First Question

Whereupon the Comm:rs anwer'd 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 Goal for as much that he is Incorporated Amongst us as one of our Children We have given Him

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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 So much 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, vizt. That he was Committed there at the Suit of John Moore and Philip livingston according to the Laws of England, but M.^r Livingston haveing 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 Englarge 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:^{cy} 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 Eastward 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 Pattent
That our Children man 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 the Sea
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 Pattent 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

[Wraxall p. 186.]

May it please Your Hon.^r

The Enclosed is Copy of a
Proposition from the Chiefs of the Mohawks Indians
at Kanajohere, which They have very Earnestly offer'd
We referr the whole to your Hon.^r in Councill, and wait
your Answer thereupon

Cap.^t Abraham Wendell Sybrant Van
Schaick w.th the Blacksmiths and Company being return'd
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 ye Indians more Content then Ever has been done by
[sidebar] Any that hitherto have been Sent thither --

We are w.th great respect
&ca

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At a Meeting of the Comm.rs for Indian
Affairs at Albany the 28.th April 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Evert Bancker

Rutger Bleecker

Johannis Schuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Stephanus Groesbeck

Evert Wendell

Dirck Ten Broeck

Johannis Roseboom

Reyer Gerritse

We have this day reced 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 Sufficently Satisfied for his
Trouble, as well for this as for a letter he Carried to Oswego
from the President, 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; M.^r Abraham Cuyler has under=
=taken to Pay him upon Credit of the Government

Albany the 28th April 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

May it please Your Hon.^r

Since our Last of the 24.th Instant

We have reced the Enclosed from Joseph Clement at Oswego
which brings the Surprizeing Account of the death of Lieu.^t
Smith, and his Serjeant as Likewise that Severall of those
who remain Alive are in a very Sickly and weak Condition

The Indian who brought the Enclosed haveing
Likewise Carried one from Your Hon.^r Thither -- therefore
M.^r 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

[See DRCNY 5:924: letter from Van Dam to Lords of Trade which says small pox rages
in NY].

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Albany the 28:th April 1732

[Partial summary in Wraxall p. 186.]

May it Please Your Hon:^r

The Enclosed from Doctor Charles

Kerr we Send for your Peruzall, while we are in a Consternation
how to Act Otherwise in any thing that relates to that Garrison

The Latter part of M.r Kerrs 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 formers own words Seem to
Indicate the Same -- and Your Hon.r is Sensible that
Clement Could not make any reparis on the Garrison in
Such a hard Winter; And there never is any Trade to be
had there during that Season

We are &ca

Instructions for Lourence Claesen

Whereas we have yesterday reced a Letter from Capt.
Walter Butler Intimateing that the Onondage Indians
have by a Token of Seven hands of Wampum Acquainted ye.
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 Dissagreeable 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 w.th them for the publick Interest & Disswade 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

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Att a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} for Indian
Affairs at Albany the 9th of May 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph. Livingston

Rutger Bleecker

Steph.^s Groesbeck

Nicholas Bleecker

Abraham Cuyler

Ph. Schuyler

Hen. V. Renselaer

Dirck Ten Broeck

Jeremiah V Renselaer

Reyer Gerritse

Johannis Lansingh

This Board haveing 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 wth them, which he is to receive at
Johan Jurh Kasts upon the Comm.^{rs} acc.^t Vizt
3 Strowd Blankets Some Rum Bread and
Bacon; And That M.^r Dirck Ten Broeck
Shall Let the Said Lourence have in Toys or
Trinkets to give the Said Indians to the Value of
Three pounds and no more

Albany the 13th May 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

Captain Butler

Sir

The bearer Mr. John Wall

Haveing three Slaves run away from him Last Aug:^t in
Company wth three other Slaves belonging to his Neighbours
which he is apprehensive may have Shelterd 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 pleasd
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

[1-0721] **358a**

Wherefore we begg and desire you to use all pressing
arguments w.th the Indians to deliver up sd. Slaves, while if
They refuse it will Seem and be Lookd upon as if they
Designed 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 missunder=
=standing that may Ensue on this affair
We are &ca

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 belong=
=ing to the Said John Wall and the Said Wall haveing
found that there is one Negro and an Indian Slave at
Skohere and another of Said Slaves at the Mohawks
Countrey which Last Slave the Mohawks Indians promisd
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 Sd 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 Laws
of the Land wou'd 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 Skohere & Demand
from the Indians there a Negro man named Tom Patro [Petro?]

[1-0722] **359**

And an Indian Slave named Jack both belonging to
Said Wall, 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 Annoq Dom 1732

[2-0001] [**Unnumbered page preceding II-1**] [Not in Wraxall.]
N31

Abraham
Peter Jun.r
Cork____
Quashy____
Adam____
Sam____
Dick____
Jambo____
Jacob____
Frank ye looper
Cupary_____

[2-0003] **II-1**
N31

Att a Meeting of the Comissioners
of the Indian affairs in Albany
the 28th May 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

Mr. Johannis E: Wendell having in pursu[ance]
of an Instruction from this board dated the 22^d
Instant, been at Fort Hunter and Skohere 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 blankets Strowds, a blaket,
a Shirt, & a pair Stockings, and that said Mr:
Wendel go forthwith again to Fort Hunter to
Bring hither said slave, all at the Charge of
the said Mr. Wall

[2-0004] II-2

Att a Meeting of the Comissioners
the Indian affairs at Albany the
30th May 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Evert Banker

Abraham Cuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Ryer Gerritse

Jeremiah Van Renselar

Rutgert Bleecker

Hend:^k V: Renselaer

Joh.^s Lansingh

In Pursuance of an Instruction from this
board unto Mr. Joh.^s E. Wendell dated the 22^d Inst[ant]
the Indians Resideing at Skohere arrived here la[st]
night, and brought hither two of the Slaves belon[g]
=ing to Mr: John Wall of Virginia Run from him [illeg.]
August Last.

The Comss.^{rs} told the Indians that they are pleased [to]
see they are come hither according to their order se[nt]
them up p Joh.s E: Wendell and that they have br[ought]
down the two Run away slaves, but are Surprise[d]
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 Comss:rs have told the said Indians that in Case th[ey]
meet with any Indian Slaves, or Negroes for the
future on any of the English Settlements that th[ey]
must Either pass them by or Else bring them to the
next Christian Settlements in order to be deliver[ed]
to their Proper Master or Masters for if Ever th[ey]
detain any other mans Slaves again, they shall
not have on[e] penny Reward, and we Shall oblig[e]
them to Deliver Such up unto us.

[2-0005] II-3

Albany the 4th June 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

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 23^d. We Supplied Butler (upon Credit of the Govern:^t) with such Provisions men and Battos to bring him up to Oswego as was necessary for his Voyage

The Enclosed Letters are from M^r. David Schuyler wherein he informs us that the Provisions have been Deliver'd, that the bread and meal will hold out to the Time M^r. Wendell was agreed to Furnish which is to p.^{mo} 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[s] Contract be Expired, said Wendall's Son promises to send p the first oppertunity the Eighty Six and half Pounds of Pork, which fell Short in the Weight M^r. 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 M^r. Wall all the assistance in our Power, to gett his Negros out of the hands of the Indians

[2-0007] II-5

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of the
Indian affairs in Albany the
26th June 1732 [Not in Wraxall, but see Wraxall p. 185-186.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Rut: Bleecker
Ev: Bancker
St: Groesbeck
J. Schuyler
Ab: Cuyler
Nic: Bleecker
J. V. Renselaer
R. Gerritse
D. Ten Broeck
Ph. Schuyler
B. Sanders

Torighjories and some other
Indians from Canajohere 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.

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 nation
depending on tis 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 Jesis Christ.

[2-0008] II-6

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 Tughsaghrondie, some East, some West,
But hope that Justice may be done on all sides[s]
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 it in, that you'll have the Land
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[s]
did not know of buying or Selling Lands, but
Corlaer who is drown'd 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 Schinech
-tady bought from the town to Peter Mebees, after
that to arent Vedders, and it was only the grass
but we do not question the Land now.

[2-0009] II-7

I am here almost Every day to Speak with
you, by Reason of our Land, which we Can't
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.^{cy} Governor
Montgomerie, and Philip Livingston that they
had then given a peice of Land to David Schuyler
for him dureing 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.

We Complained to the Late Governour that
we are defraud'd out of our Land, which is
patented to Collo: John Schuyler Harmanus
Wendell and Comp.^y part whereof belongs yet
to us, we sold only from the bounds of Capt
Van Slyck to Tiondogue where the french Cutt
aff 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 Claese, 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 Belt is gone, and
We Rec.^d no answer

[2-0010] II-8

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 Setled 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 Catle
Brethren

I am but Servant and messenger, what I say
I do not out of myself, those who have Sent me
Men and Women are all very uneasy, we Say
as before that we acquainted the Late Governour
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 [gap in original] to the Little fall of the Palantine
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 wheretofore
I say as I did before and make my Complaints
to you, but I get no redress if I can yet no
Justice from you, I shall not come again but
make my Complaint to Boston or Pensilvania
Governments

[2-0011] II-9

Governments, and hope to gett Justice from
Either of them

I have brought my preface hitherto, 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 autho=
=rity, we think that if we did, we have also
that knowledge to make a disturbance, while
David Schuyler is of 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
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 interceed with Philip
Livingston to let him out of Goal

I forgott some thing and desire to be Excused
what I desired Last Saturday for Justice, I
desire the Patent of Philip Livingston to be
lay'd on the Table, we know there are two, one
at New York & the other in possession of him,

I

[2-0012] II-10

I Cant Read nor write, and I Leave it to you
to tell me how it is.

Answer

Breth.ⁿ

We Shall always on our parts Keep the
Ancient Covenant Inviolable as our ances
tors have done.

What Relates your Complaint against Philip
Livingston having taken up your Land, and
Your desire that the Patent may be Shown
unto us, 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
thereof the Governour will not Consent that
any person Shall have or posses any Lands
from you unless you are fully Satisfyed for
the purchase

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 Comitted to Goal, and that we nor no man
Can prevent unless they pay Such Debt
The Indians

[2-0013] **II-11**

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 Contining about 48
Acres of Low Land called Tioquirao wee
Bounding to the west to a Small Rivolet, to
the East of the Creek onnawagogue, and if he
be not set at Liberty in 30 days then this their
gift to be Void

[1-0725] **360a**

[Wraxall p. 186.]

Att a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian Aff:^{rs}
At Albany the 3^d of august 1732

Present

Evert Banker

Johannes Cuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Stephanus Groesbeck

Dirck Ten Broeck

The Comm:^{rs} having this day reced a Letter from
the Honble Rip Van Dam Esq.r &ca: wherein
he Directs us to Furnish Lieut. Charles Congreve
and the Detachment Come w.th him with Provisions
for their Journey to Oswego -- We therefore do Decline
to Comply w.th that part of His Hon:rs Letter while it is an
affair apart from our Commission and have no Effects
belonging to the Government in our hands to Equip sd
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
29th Ult:o and are Sorry we Cant Comply w.th the Commands you
are pleasd to Lay upon us to Dispatch and Furnish
Lieut. 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.

[2-0015] II-13

Albany Aug:^t the 3:^d 1732

[Summarized in Wraxall on p. 186.]

May it Please your Hon.^r

We Received your favours of
the 29:th Ult:^o and are Sorry we Can't 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
no provision made for Payment of Such
disbursements, nor have we any Effects
belonging to the publick in our hands, and
Beside 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

[1-0726] **361**

Albany the 7.th August 1732

[Wraxall p. 186.]

May it pleas Your Ex:cy

It is with great Pleasure we have an
oppertunity to Congratulate Your Ex:cys happy and Safe
Arrivall in this your Government Considering the many
Casualties that may happen in Such Long Voyages

We hope your Excellencys 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 Certifie 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 24th day of March Last. he the Said David Ab: Schuyler
was ready to go to Oswego to Act as Commissary there dureing
the Time mentiond in Said Instructions and an act of Gen:ll
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 Discharg'd 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 ye sd 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
the

[1-0727] **361a**

The Presidents Warrant and Instructions qualifying
him for that office Given under our hands at albany this
Seventh day of August Ao Do: 1732

[Wraxall p. 186.]

To His Ex:^{cy} William Cosby Esq:^r Cap:^t Gen:^{ll} and
Governour in Chief of the Provinces of New York New Jersey
and the Territories thereon depending in America and Vice
Admirall of the Same and Colonel in his Majesties Army
In Councill

The Humble Representation of the
Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Commonalty of the
City of Albany and the Comm:rs 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 Oblidges us to Lay the Defenceless State
and Condition of this City and County before Your Ex:^{cy}

All

[1-0728] **362**

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 Stockados 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 Sarahtogue
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 Unawarrs make themselves
Masters of us when oppertunity 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 Sarahtogue and a Garrison kept there for
the Retreat of Outskouts and Such other uses as will undoubt
=edly Tend to the Preservation of our now naked Countrey
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:cys 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 Expres'd, 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:o 1732
by &ca

[1-0729] **362a** [Not in Wraxall.]

Albany the 25th Augst. 1732

May it Please Your Ex:cy &c.

We think it our duty to acquaint your Ex:cy of a Surprizing Accident that happend in his Majesties Fort here on Tuesday ye 22.^d 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 Bums and a great many of the Granados in the Store were Sett fire 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 afores.d Villany, They have Strictly Examin'd into this Affair but there is as yet no Positive Proof Against the Negro; the Little Hutt 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 renderd Incapable to Command this Garrison and it is w.th much Concern for the Publick good as well as for him that we are Oblidgd to Express it

We Take a Leave to Acquaint Your Ex:cy that while it

has been a Constant Maxim w.th former Gov:rs 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.cys directions therein
Who are &c

[1-0730] **363**

At a meeting of the Comm:rs of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 4 Septemb: 1732 [Wraxall p. 187.]

Present

Rutger Bleecker

St. Groesbeck

Joh.s Cuyler

Ab. Cuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Joh.s Lansingh

Barent Saunders This board having rec.d a Letter from his Ex:cy dated
the 25th Ult:o desireing us to Send Lowrence Claesen
the Interpreter to the Six Nations of Indians to
Acquaint them w.th his Ex:cys Arrivall It is therefore
Resolved to Send Said Lowrence Pursuant to
his Ex:cys Letter and to give him the foll Instructi=
=ions thereon

By the Comm:rs of Indian Affairs

Instructions for Lourence Claesen

Pursuant to a Letter from his Ex:cy Wm Cosby Esq:r our Gov:r
dated at New York the 25.th August Last and to us directed
You are to repair to Onondago w.th all Convenient Speed and
on your Journey thither Acquaint the Severall Nations
of Indians of the Safe Arrivall of his Said Ex:cy That the
Pressing business of the Province Prevents his meeting
them this year but that next Spring his Said Ex:cy Intends
to be w.th them here, of which they shall have Timely notice

When you come to Onondago you are to dispatch
a Trusty Indian to the Cajouges and Sinnekes Country to
Acquaint those Nations with the aforesd Messuage
Given under our hands at Albany 4.th Septemb:r 1732

Signd as above

[2-0017] **II-15**

Att a Meeting of the Comissioners
of Indian affairs att Albany
this 18:th September 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Abraham Cuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Dirck Ten Broeck
Nicoblas Bleecker
Joh.^s Lansingh

Sadekanackty an onnondage Sachim Informs
this board, that the Gov:^r of Pensilvania had
desired last Spring a Conference with the
Sachims of the Six nations in his Governm.t
but the Sinnekes went there, without their
knowledge, otherwise the other Sachims of the
5 nations would have accompanied them, not
that they are unwilling to Joyn in any negoti=
=ation with any of the Brethren on the
Continent, the said Sadekanackty desires that
the Governour may be acquainted with what
he now says.

[2-0018] **II-16**

Att a Meeting of the Comss.s
the 7:th October 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

It is agreed by this Board with Johannis
Seeger, their Messenger, that he shall have
for his Salary, nine pounds p Annum, for
Warning [Warming?] the Comissioners and attending on them

[2-0019] **II-17**

Att a Meeting of the Comm.rs of
Indian Affairs at Albany the
7:th October 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Joh:^s Cuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Evert Banker
Evert Wendell
Reyer Gerritse
Dirck Ten Broeck

Lowrence Claesen the Interpreter being
Returned from Kanajohere Agreeable
to his Instructions of the 2.d Instant

Appears at this board, with Two Indians
belonging to said Castle the one Called
Totquariesa and the other Adiejenodagh
who are sent by the Sachims of that
Castle, The Comm:^{rs} Spoke to them as follows vzt

Brethren

We have sent for you at the request and Complaint
of the high Sherriff of this City and County, who tells
us that David Schuyler his Prisoner has run from
him out of Prison, and tells us further that he is
is now amoung you, in your Castle under
pretence of being Shelter'd by you, We therefore
Sent for you to acquaint you how Tender the
Laws of England are in Such Cases, that whenever
a prisoner has run out of prison from the Sherriff
then the Sherriff 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 & happiness we Enjoy by the
Laws of Great Britain under which we
Live

[2-0020] **II-18**

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Indian
Affairs in Albany the 9th October 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Joh.^s Cuyler

St: Groesbeeck

Rutger Bleecker

Hend:^k Renselaer

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 Lor[ds]
of trade dated the 11th September, 1731, that he is
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 Indians

of South and north Carolina, to use their utmost Endeavours to Reconcile their present misunderstanding, and to settle a firm and Lasting peace Between them, as a thing which will be very pleasing to his Majesty, and honorable to themselves in obedience to his Ex.^{cy}s Letter, this Board have Resolved to send Laurence Claes the Interpreter with the following Instructions.

[2-0021] II-19

By the Commissioners of the
Indian affairs in Albany

Instructions for Lawrence Claes to the
five Nations

In Pursuance to a Letter from his Ex.^{cy} Will:^m Cosby Esq:^r our Gov:^r dated the 18:th Sep:^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 are to acquaint them, that his Ex.^{cy} expects they Should become mediators between those Indians of South & North Carolina, and use their utmost Endeavors to Reconcile their present misunderstanding and to Settle 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 perswade 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 mett the Sachims here next Spring

[2-0022] **II-20** [Image includes portion of II-18 which is not included in transcription.]

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners
of the Indian affairs in Albany
the 23:^d October 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myd: Schuyler

E: Banker

Step. Groesbeck

Rutger Bleecker

E: Wendell

Laurence Cloese the Interpreter

Returnd from the six nations, who informs
this board that he has pursuant to his

Instructions dated y^e. 9:th Instant, acquainted the
Sachims with the Contents thereof.

That the Sachims 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 among any of his
Maj:^{es} Subjects, and do decline to become mediato[rs]
while they are free from all guilt that can be
Layd to their Charge, and if any governm^t Should
accuse them, of any hostile act or misdemeanor, a[re]
desired to come to the City of Albany, where they
are willing to vindicate themselves, of any fault
that can be Lay'd to their Charge, before his
Ex^{cy} our Gov:^r which is the place appointed by
our ancestors to transact, discide, differences &
Conclude Treaties.

[2-0023] **II-21**

Albany 23:^d Octob:^r 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

May it please your Ex:^{cy}

your Ex^{cys} favours of the 18:th September we
Rec:^d in Obedience thereto we have dispatched
Laurence Claese the Interpreter to the Six nations
as appears by the Inclosed Instructions, and
their answer, which are here Inclosed whereto we
take Leave to Refer.

[2-0025] **II-23**

Att a Meeting of the Coms^s
of the Indian affairs this 15th
day of December 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Step: Groesbeek
Philip Schuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Joh^s 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

[2-0026] **II-24**

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners
of the Indian affairs in Albany
the 22^d day of december 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Stephanis Groesbeck
Dirk Ten Broeck
Ryer Gerritse
Jeremiah Van Renselaer
Joh^s. Lansingh Jun^r.
John D Peyster

A messenger from the Sinnekas
Country with a Letter from M^r.
Abraham Wendell & Comp:^y dated
the 11th. Instant in Answer thereto
writ the following Letter

Albany 22:^d 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 his Ex^{cy}. will give proper
Directions about sending up Laurence Claese
with 2 a 3 maquase Sachims to Condole the deaths
of the Deceased Sachims, we are pleased w:th the
Information you give us about Jean Ceurs 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 appose it to the uttmost of
your power, and acquaint us with it.

[2-0027] **II-25**

Att a meeting of the Commissioners
of the Indian affairs in Albany
this 26:th day of December 1732 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

John Schuyler

Hend.k Van Renselaer

Stephanus Groesbeek

Ryer Gerritse }

Rutger Bleecker

Nicholas Bleecker

Philip Schuyler

Dirck Ten Broeck

Jeremiah Van Renselaer

Abraham Cuyler

Joh.s Lansingh Jun:^r

John D. Peyster

The Commission from his Ex:^{cy} William Cosby
Esq:^r dated at fort George in New York the
15:th day of November 1732 nominating
and appointing the Commissioners who
Shall be managers of the Indian affairs
whose names are mentioned in Said Comms:^o
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 Impowred
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

1733

[2-0028] II-26

Att a Meeting of the Coms^rs of
the Indian affairs in Albany
this 3.^d day of January 1732/3 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

John Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Step:^s Groesbeek }

Philip Schuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

Nicholas Bleecker

Joh:^s Lansingh Jun:^r

John D Peyster

This day, this Letter was Sent to his Ex^{cy}
Albany 3:^d Jan^{ry} 1732/3

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
M:^r Oliver Schuyler to be Commissary at Oswego
We have Rec.^d a Letter from Mess^{rs} Wendell & Comp.
from the Sinnekas Country who informs us, there
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 sencible (as it is a Custom amoung
the Indians) that it is highly necessary that
Laurence Claese the Interpreter together with
Some of the Mohaks Sachims Should go, to the
Sinnekas Country, & other 5 five nations, to
Condole, their great Loss, the Deaths of the
Sachims & other Indians, & if your Ex:^{cy}
thinks

[2-0029] II-27

Thinks it necessary & approve of the Same
we are humbly of oppinion that it will
Demand a Present in goods, at Least to the
Value of £40 -- which we hope your Excellency
will be pleased to see us furnished with
Early in the Spring.

[2-0031] II-29

Att a Meeting of the Comissioners
of the Indian Affairs at Albany
the 21:^t March 1732/3 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Jer:^a V Renselaer
Abraham Cuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Myndert Schuyler
John D Peyster

The Commissioners received a
Letter from the Kanajohere Indians Signed
by three of the Sachims of Each Tribe dated
the 12:th Instant, which this board think
Proper to Refer Consulting untill next
meeting of a fuller board

[2-0033] II-31

Att a Meeting of the Comissioners
at Albany the 16th April 1733 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker }
Joh.^s J Lansingh Jun:^r
Dirk Ten Broeck
Philip Schuyler

The Commissioners Rec:^d a Letter from his
Exc:^y the Gov:^r dated the 9:th Instant, and
they being not a Compleat board enough
do Referr takeing the Same into Consideration
till Friday next the 20:th Instant at which
time it is Resolved to answer the Same

[2-0035] II-33

Att a Meeting of the Comissioners
of the Indian affairs at Albany the 20th April 1733

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

John Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Abraham Cuyler

Philip Schuyler }

Ryer Gerritse

Nicholas Bleecker

Dirk Ten Broeck

Joh.s Lansingh Jun.

This day the following Letter
was Sent to his Ex^{cy} the Gov:^r

Albany 20:th April 1733

May it Please your Ex:^{cy}

We have rec.^d your Ex:^{cys} most
acceptable favours of the 9.th 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 appose it to the uttmost 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 noting [nothing] Relating publick
Business

[2-0036] II-34

Business can be done with the Indians in their
Country, before the deaths of the Sachims be
Condoled ~~will~~ which can be performed with a
Small present, is all that offers from

[2-0037] II-35

Att a Meeting of the Com^{es}
of Indian affairs at Albany
the 23:^d April 1733 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Stephanus Groesbeek
Abraham Cuyler
Johannis Schuyler
Nicholas Bleeker
Jeremiah Van Renselaer
Dirck Ten Broeck
John De Peyster

M:^{sr} Abraham E: 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 oppertunity for the Severeness
of the Winter he says that severall 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 Recommen-
-ded them pressingly to Decline as well
that for it was his Ex:^{cy} our Gov:^{es} 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
Between

[2-0038] II-36

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 Ceur's Son desiring him he might forbid
the French at Jagera to Sell any Powder, or
Lead, to any Indians at or above Iagera,
Unless they should Leave pledges always to
Trade with thm, for all others goods, or
Otherwise they may Expect that they will endea

-vour to Cutt them off, Said Wendell Says
that he ask'd the Sinnekas in the Governours
name whether they with the rest of the Six
Nations intende to Attact [sic] 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 inform'd
his Ex:^{cy} would meet them he [sic, probably means "here"] in May next
When he would bring a handsome Present for
them

[2-0039] II-37

Albany the 23:^d April 1733 [Not in Wraxall.]
May it Please your Ex:^{cy}

Since our Last of the 20:th Instant
as we Expected M:^r Abraham Wendell and Comp:^y
arrived from the Sinnekas Country who brings
no other news from our Indians there in
Respect of their proceedings than what your
Ex:^{cy} may peruse in the Enclosed Minute to
which we Referr our Selves, We have narrowly
Enquired into the designs of the French relateing
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 &:^{tc}

[1-0111] **56** [From Volume 1. The dates are not an error; the British fort at Oswego was not constructed until 1727 and the list of commissioners here corresponds to the 1733 list. This meeting is not in Wraxall, who skips from September 1732 to September 1733 on p. 187.]

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

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Stevan[us] Groesbeeck

Abraham Cuyler

Reyer Gerretse

John Depeyster

This Board having rec'd a Letter
from Capt. [Banks] Commanding Officer at Osweg[o]
thought fitt to forward the Same to his Excel.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 Excel.y
that we have rec'd the Enclosed Letter from the Comand[ing]
Officer at Oswego to w.ch we refer you

The prisoner is here in Gaol whe'r
he must remain till delivered by Course of [L.nn]; or
till your Excellency give orders about him

The [I]ndians [having] Expected your Exc[el.y]
Early in the Spring are very Impatient to See you att
Albany to Congratulate your Arrival to your Governm.t

The Two Men that brought Down
the Prisoner mett Cap.t [Nelson] with his comand the 7th
Instant about half Way to Oswega, and they were all in
[good Sider]

We are told that there is but a very poor
Trade this Year, a great many of the farr Nations of
Indians dying of the Small pox that rages among them.
We are w.th the greatest Respect

May it please your Exc
Your Exce.y's most Obed &
humble Servants

Myndert Schuyler

Stevanis Groesbeeck

Abraham Cuyler

Reyer Gerritse

John Depeyster

[1-0112] **56a** [Not in Wraxall.]

Att a meeting of the Com.rs 3d Aug.st 1733

The following Letters were Wrote

Sir

We have rec'd a Letter from Mr Morris w.th Copy of yours of the [6th] July last yr in you [sd] confes'd unto us yt it was his Excys pleasure that we should [Instruct] send the Interpreter to sumon the 5 Nations of Ind.ns to meet his Excy here the [5] Day of 7br] next pursuant to yr Directions we forthwt dispatch'd the Interpreter & order'd him to bring ym along wt him & doubt not they will be here by ye time appointed off w.ch we have acqted his Exc.y by our Letter of the 13th June w.ch we send by Capt. Jacob [Vischer] who informs us yt he [cl.d] ye Letter to Capt. Deck who promised to forwd it to his Exc.y We are a[ll] very great Sir Your most humble

Servts

Albany 3 Aug.st 1733

Jn.s Schuyler

Rutger? Bleeker

Stevanus Groesbeeck

Abraham Cuyler

Nicholaes Bleecker

Johan.s Lansingh Junr

Reyer Gerritse

[?] Renselaer

Sir

We are fav'd w.t yrs of ye [29th] [July] last w.ch yt rec'd Clark's Letter of [?] of ye Same attent'n w.ch we acknowledge to have rec.d & according to Direct.ns in sd Ltr sent ye Interpreter to [Sumon] the five Nations of Ind.ns off w.ch we acqt.d [his] Excy in our L.er of ye 13 [July]. We have also Enclosd a L.er to Mr Clark acqting him off our Compliance w.th his Directions.

[Albany] 3^d Aug.t 1733

Sir

Your most humble Servts

[? ?] ye Com.rs of ye Ind.n Affairs

???

[2-0045] **II-40**

[Proclamation dated September 7 1733 prohibiting the sale of liquor to the Indians during their conference with Governor Cosby. A substantially identical version is printed in DRCHNY 5:962-963. The only significant difference is that the words "The Honorable" are inserted above Cosby's name in this version.]

[2-0046] through [2-0050] **II-39 and II-40A through II-42A** are Governor Cosby's speech to the Six Nations Sept. 8, 1733, printed in DRCHNY 5:963-966. See Wraxall p. 187-189 for his summary of this conference.]

[2-0051] through [2-0056] , **II-43 through II-45A** are the reply by the Sachims of the Six Nations Sept. 11, 1733, printed in DRCHNY 5:966-969.

[2-0057]-through [2-0059], **II-46 through II-47** contain Governor Cosby's speech to the Schaahkiik and River Indians and their response Sept. 12, 1733, printed in DRCHNY 5:969-970.]

1734

[2-0064] II-49

[Very hard to read. I have left this entry where it appears at the beginning of 1734 because it is inserted there in the original. Not in Wraxall.]

Com^{rs} Names in the same Order as in their Comissⁿ fom Coll Cosby

Dated ye 13th Day of July 1734

Philip Livingston, William [Lansing?], Mynd^t Schutylar, John Schuyler,
Hend^k Van Renselaer, Rutger Bleeker, Stephanus Groesbeek, Philip
Schuyler, Jeremy Renselaer, Edward Holland, [Nicholas?] Bleecker, Ryer
Gerritse, Dirck Tenbroeck Johan^s Lansing Jun.r, John Depeyster, [Jacob?]
Cuyler, John Schuyler Junr & Edward Collins
[as] Abraham Cuyler not [illeg.] in s^d Comiss butt acts by Virtue
of a [illeg.] from s^d Coll^o Cosby

[2-0066] II-50

Albany 4 Mar 1733/4 [Wraxall p. 189 has summary and quote.]

May it Please Your Ex:^{cy}

We Judge it a Duty Incumbent on us to

Communicate to your Ex:^{cy} p the first opportunity that Offers what
Intelligence we have Lately reced from Some Trading young men of this
Place who are among the Sinnekes; They Inform us that a french Interpreter
w.th three other French men 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 Kannassadagoe & Onnahee
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 greates[t] Number of the Sinnekes
are very weavering 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 Converse;
w.th the Indians day and night, give them presents and are at their
Feasts and Frolicks

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:^{c^y} will be
Pleased to Pardon the Liberty we Take at this Critical Juncture
of the approach of a Warr 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 Soom 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 Loose 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 ---

[2-0067] **II-50A**

We perceive that the Grand Jurors for the City and
County of New York have Addressed Your Ex:^{c^y} Concerning the
Speedy Fortifying of that City, Your Ex:^{c^{ys}} 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 Hudsons river
Contribute a great part towards the Returns which are mad[e]
to Great Britain and the West Indies, and as Your Ex:^{c^y} 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
[P]rints Seem to be unavoidable, Wherefore in Such an
Emergency We do in the most humble manner beseech Your
Ex:^{c^y} to Pardon our Presumption to give our thoughts at
this unhappy Juncture, which we hope Your Ex:^{c^y} 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

We humbly begg your Ex:^{c^y} 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 Sachi[ms]
of Every Nation as they go through the Castles of the other fiv[e]
Nations to Join w.th the Sinnekes to Demolish the house the
French have built there, and Dislodge them from among [sd]
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 house the perso[ns] who are to be Sent by your Ex:^{cy} to be Instructed to do it withou[t] 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 Interes[t]

The

[2-0068] II-51

The Consequences whereof will be very prejudicial 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 Farre Indians in the French Interest Annoy and Disturb the peace=
=able 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 wollen 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 many be in a Posture of defence in Case an attack Should be made Ag:^t any of them

As it is the Duty of a Prudent People to Put them=
=selves 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 Watchful Eye on our So Powerfull Enemies Altho at the Same Time we Assuredly depend on our most gracious and Powerful Monarch who Can and will Defend us ag:^t the Attempts of all the Other powers in Europe and will in Time by Your Ex:^{cy} give us Such warning an necessary Assistance to baffle all the Endeavours of thies Enemies -- That Long Peaceable & Prospe=
=rous may be be his Reign over us Shall Ever be the Prayers of us his Most dutiful Subjects

We are w.th utmost regard &c
was Signd
Ph: Livingston Abraham Cuyler John De Peyster
Myndert Schuyler Philip Schuyler Dirck Ten Broeck
Hend.^k van Renselaer Jer van Renselaer Jon.^s Lansingh Jun^r
Rutger Bleecker Nicholas Bleecker
St. Groesbeck

[2-0069] II-51A

At a Meeting of the Comm:^{es} of the
Indian Affairs at Albany the 30th Mar
1734 [See Wraxall p. 190 for summary.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Stephanus Groesbeck
Nicholas Bleecker
John D Peyster
Johannis Lansingh Jun^r
Dirck Ten Broeck

M:^r David Ab: Schuyler being Appointe[d]
a Commissary at Oswego Produced his Ex:^{lys}
Commission to this board for that Trust, 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 Tuesday ---

Whereupon this board have thought
it highly proper for his Majesties Service to Order the
Said David Ab. Schuyler to Transmitt from time to time
to us as often as oppertunity Serves Everything 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

The Comm:^{rs} have thought it also
Proper to give the Said M:^r Schuyler the following
goods to make presents thereof in his Majesties
Name to the Five Nations and farr Indians
Vizt--

10 gall Rum
28 lb Tobacco
19 [illeg.] Pipes } Am:^o in all £4: 5
2 doz. Jack knives
1/2 doz. Singlewasted Caps
100 Flints ...

[2-0070] II-52

At a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 18.th April 1734 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

William Dick

Myndert Schuyler

Stephanus Groesbeck

Dirck Ten Broeck

John De Peyster

The Examination of Jacobus Myndertse

Taken by the Comm:^{rs} the 18.th April 1734

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 w:^{ch}
was 30 keggs brandy besides 10 or 12 keggs of Rum
they bought at Oswego, All which the French Interpreter
Distributed to the Indians, he has given them Severall
Entertainments, and made frequent Feasts for them
and the Indians have Invited the French Severall
Times on their Frolicks but none of the young men
from Albany have been Invited. That Severall 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 ware the French Coulours flying)
Near the Castle called Cannossadago on the bank of a
brook in the road from Najagera and Onahee That
the French Arrived too Last Fall to make fortifica=
=tions round Said house, but designed to Surround
it this Spring with Palasadoes That the S.^d French
are to Abide in the Sinnekes Country for the Space
of Two year That Last winter Said Interpreter reced
a Letter from the Governour of Canada by way of
Najagera deliverd 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 Warriars & Squas
and then repeated the Said Proposition as it was
Contained in Said Letter, then asked y^e Sachims

If

[2-0071] II-52A

If it was not as he had Related, They replied the [sic] would not Tell. he Told them who was the Person that had revailed and Communicated Said Proposition to the Governour of Canada The french Interpreter Said it was Told the Governour by one Skonondo, who was present at Albany when Said Proposition was made, on whic[h] the Sachims Said it was all true Except the the Govern[r] had not desired the Indians to drive the French away wth Force in Case they had made any Settlements in th[e] Indian Country -- That the Sachims of the Small Castle Called Onnahee Consisting of about 160 families Sent for Two Sachims of Canossadago whom they acquain^ted that they designed 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 Najagera and Tiederondequat which trac[t] of Land is about 13 Leagues distant from Jagera and about 25 Leagues from the Sinnekes Country

The Doctor Told Said Myndertse that he thought that Said Indians of Onnahee wre no[w] Left the English and gone over to the French on whic[h] he asked how the Indians of Canassadago were Affected, he Said he thought one half of the Indian[s] 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 Myndertse

[2-0072] II-53

At a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of
Indian Affairs at albany the 21:st
May 1734

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Reyer Gerritse

Abraham Cuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Stephanus Groesbeck

John De Peyster

The Comm:^{rs} this day reced a Letter from the Sachims of Kanajohere, 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 the 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:^{cy}

We this day received the Enclosed
Letter from the Sachims of Kanajohere which we
thought Proper to Transmitt to your [Ex:^{cy}] for your
perusall

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

[2-0074] II-54

Att a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 3.^d June 1734

[See Wraxall p. 190 for summary.]

Present

Hendrick Van Renselaer

Johannis Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Abraham Cuyler } Esq:^{rs} Comm:^{rs} of

Stephanus Groesbeck } Indian Affairs

Dirck Ten Broeck

John De Peyster

Instructions for M:^r Lourence
Claesen the Interpreter

You are hereby required and Commanded with
all Convenient Speed to repair to the Onnondagos, and
make known to thm 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 Engagem:^{ts} to
one another whereby we are oblided to acquaint
Each other with whatever Affair Concerns our comon
Interest, and Desire to know the reason why they

have not Acquainted us w:th the Same

At your arrivall there you are Likewise
required to Take all Diligent Care and Inspection
what the Said Six Nations Shall discourse or Trans=
=act or resolve upon at their meeting and in case any
thing Should be Proposed in their meetings or Else=
=where 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 [sic] Great Britain; & at your return give an acc:^t to
us of whatever you hear or act herein. Given under
our hands this third day of June 1734

[2-0075] II-54A

Albany 3.^d June 1734 [Not in Wraxall.]

May it please Your Ex:^{ly}

Sir

We Take Leave to acquaint your
Ex:^{ly} that we received a Message from the Mohawk 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 w:th all Conven:^t
Speed, which we hope your Ex:^{ly} 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 ---

[2-0076] II-55

At a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 7.th June 1734

[See Wraxall p. 190 for partial summary.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

Hend:^k van Renselaer

Ab: Cuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Nich:^s Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Steph:^s Groesbeck

Joh.^s Lansingh

John De Peyster

Philip Schuyler

Dirck Ten Broeck

Coll:^o Philip Schuyler Produced to this board
His Ex:^{cy} William Cosby Esq:^r &c.^r his Instructions
dated the 27.th past to go to the Sinnekes Country
to Treat w.th 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 w.th him and be
Present at the meeting with the Sinnekes Sachims
That nothing may be done without the knowledge
of the other Nations to Assist him that the Sinnekes
may Consent what he is to desire in behalf of this
Government

We reced 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 w.th the Sachims of Onondago to send
Two of their People to New England, with directions
from their Sachims what they will have done w.th the
Malefactor

[2-0078] II-56

At a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of the
Indian Affairs at Albany 18.th June 1734
[See Wraxall p. 191 for brief summary.]

Present

Stephanus Groesbeck

Abraham Cuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Dirck Ten Broeck

John De Peyster

Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r

Lowrence 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 Occasion'd by Some Philadelphia
Indians who caused them to Meet there, Who Came
thither on purpose to Condole the Death of the Sach=
=ims of the Six Nations and to Pay Tribute to them

Whereupon the Onondagos Intreat
=ed 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 Onondagos Asked me to
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 Governours 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:^{ly} our Governour, would Come up to them, who should
Inform them of the Truth of the report of a War

[2-0080] II-57

At a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 15.th July 1734 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Joh.^s Schuyler

Steph.^s Groesbeck

Abraham Cuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Ryer Gerritse

Nicholas Bleecker

Dirck Ten Broeck

Jeremy Van Renselaer

Severall Sachims of the Maquace acquainted
This board that five Messengers Sent by the
Sachims of Adgiehantekook in Canada were
Arrived here to have a Conference with them
At which Said Maquace Sachims desired that
the Comm:^{rs} 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 Sachims of the
Maquase 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 w.th you the death of your Sachims
Warriers and young Folk whom you have Lost and
do 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 Live in the Country from
whence we Came are So, and we all Submitt our selves
as Obed:^t Children to you from our Cradle which we
hope Shall never be forgott by you -- Gave a Belt

[2-0082] II-58

At a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 1.st of Octob:^r 1734 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Cap.^t W^m Dick

Nicholas Bleecker

Jon.^s I Lansingh

Edward Holland

John Schuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Brother We very well remember when Gov.^r
Burnett built the Tradeing house at Oswego how
Chearfully all the Indian Nations Consented thereto
and have Ever Since Continued to be Assisting 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 Interceeded 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 remembered
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 Sinne=
=kes Country, and to See the Sinnekes Perform their
Promise to the Governour in not Suffering them to
Reside Among them, from whence he was Immediat
=ly 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

[2-0083] **II-58A**

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.^{ts}
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 accomo=
=date 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 Castle, 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

[2-0084] II-59

Att a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of the
Indian Affairs at Albany the 13:th Nov.^r 1734 [Not in Wraxall.]
Present
Rutger Bleecker
Stephanus Groesbeck
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Edward Holland
Cornelius Cuyler
John Schuyler Jun.

The Comm:^{rs} this day received a Letter from
His Ex:^{ly} W^m Cosby Esq:^r &c:^a our Governour w:^{ch}
is as follows viz^t

the 1st November 1734

Gentlemen
M:^r Abraham Cuyler in the Last
Commission Issued to you, having by mistake been
Omitted, and as I Intend to Appoint him one the the
Comm:^{rs} ---

I desire that on receipt of this you'l forth=
=with Permitt him to Act as Such in Conjunction w:th
you

I am &^{ca}

Signed

W:^m Cosby

Upon receipt whereof this board accordingly Sent
for Said M:^r Cuyler, who after hearing Said Letter
read accepted of being a Commissioner Pursuant
to His Excellency's order

1735

[2-0085] II-59A

Albany 6.th March 1734/5 [Not in Wraxall.]

May it please Your Ex:^{ly}

We Take Leave to Acquaint your
Ex:^{ly} 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:^{ly} to reside there to
Regulate the Trade and Traders

Coll:^o Schuyler & Coll:^o Renselaer
Informs us that Your Ex:^{ly} on their Recommendation
has been pleased to Nominate M.^r Henry Coster
of this place, Who we think is a fit and proper
Person to be Commissary there

Wherefore we humbly hope your Ex:^{ly} will
be Pleased to Send him proper Instructions for
that purpose We are with Respect

[2-0086] II-60

At a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 31st Mar 1735 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

W^m Dick

John Schuyler

St: Groesbeck

Abraham Cuyler

Philip Schuyler

Jeremy V. Renselaer

Edw. Holland

John Schuyler Jun^r

John Lansingh Jun^r

Cornelius Cuyler

Dirck Ten Broeck

M.^r Henry Coster Produced a Commission
from His Ex:^{ly} W^m Cosby Esq:^r for being Commissary
at Oswego (dated the 11.th 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 M^r Coster be allow'd
the value of [blank space in original] in Merchandize to be

given by him in behalf of the Government as presents
to the Sachims of the Six Nations as he Shall See
Convenient

[2-0088] **II-61** [This page proceeds page II-60a chronologically.]

att a meeting of y.^e Com:^{rs} y.^e 8:th April 1735

[See Wraxall p. 191 for brief summary.]

PSent

J. Schuyler

St. Groesbeck

Ab. Cuyler

N. Bleeker

R. Gerritse

D. T. Broeck

J. J. Lansingh

C. Cuyler

Hendrick one of y.^e Sachims of y.^e Mohawks informs
this Board y.^t aron one of the Indians of y.^t Castle who
has been taken prisoner by y.^e flatt heads (where he was
gone with a number of Indians fighting [sic].) which Indians did
treat him very barbourously, Especially when he was first brought
in, but a great Sachim among S:^d Indians who had fine Cloths
did Release him out of their hands. or Else he would leave y:^m on
which they left of and did dress up his wounds w:^h they had given
him, S:^d Sachim said it was a shame y:^t People who live & are are sub=
ject under one Crown Should be at war with each oy.^r y:^t it
would be proper to Conclude a pease w:th y.^e five Nations: w:^h said Indian aron
has Communicated to his nation who are very much Inclind [toward the] pease and
have sent a belt of Wampum to aqu:^t y.^e Rest of y.^e five nations [with] this Report
& to Bury y.^e hachet but y.^e oneydes have kept S:^d belt because Some was too small
The mohawk Sachims desire y:^t y.^e Com:^s may send a large belt, on w:^h y Com:^s
told y:^m yt. they are convinced yt. this Governer has always been inclind that
they should have pease with all y.^e forreign nations and are glad yt. this
oppertunity has offerd & yt. they Should send to y.^e forreign Nations to conclude
a lasting pease that they have no belt but give 4 blankets Strouds to buy a good
belt of wampum and when all y.^e Six Nations have Consented to conclude a last-
ing peace with S:^d Indians, and when yt. is done to acquaint this board of it
given hend:^k a Blanket for his Message

[2-0087] **II-60A**

At a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of the
Indian Affairs at Albany 28th Ap.^l 1735 [See Wraxall p. 191 for summary.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Cap.^t W^m Dick

Myndert Schuyler

Hend.^k van Renselaer

Joh.^s Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Jeremy Van Renselaer

Nicholas Bleecker

Joh.^s J. Lansingh

Edward Collins

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Cornelius Cuyler

Philip Schuyler

Dirck Ten Broeck

Resolved by this board that we write
to his Ex:^{ly} to acquaint him of the French
Erecting a Fort at the Crown Point and of
Some other Matters of Moment as foll

Ordered that Ph: Livingston
Esq.^r Secretary for the Indian
Affairs do Sign the Letter to
His Ex:^{ly} by order of the Comm:^{rs}

Albany 28th April 1735

May it please Your Ex.^{ly}

It is with no Small Concern that
We acquaint your Ex:^{ly} 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 Sinneke Indians Continue Stedfast in
their Engagement to Coll.^o Philip Schuyler

We are

[2-0089] II-61A

At a meeting of y.^e Com:^{rs} of the Indian
affairs at Albany the 28:th May 1735

[See Wraxall p. 191 for brief summary.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Cap:^t W^m Dick

Myndert Schuyler

Hend:^k V: Renselaer

Reyer Gerritse

Nicholas Bleecker

Stephanus Groesbeck

Abraham Cuyler

Dirck Ten Broeck

Edward Holland

Cor:^s Cuyler

The Chief of Cagnawaqua Castle, with four other
Indians, inform'd this board that the Gov: 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 Canda [sic] 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 parti-
=cular be hindred from going but he pretending to be
a great friend of the English, would not [Staly] for his arrival
but is come here to inform thus must upon w:^h he was affraid
that he should incurr the Gov:^r of Canadas greatest displeasure

This board indeavoured to perswade them to go, and at the
Same Time renewed the covenant with them, that in case a warr
should break out between the Crown of Great Brittain & France
they might remain Neuter upon which Gave a belt of wam-
-pon & desired that th[e]y maght inform their Nation & other
Indians with our desire, which they faithfully promisd to
perform Gave the Chief a Silver laced Hatt a Blanket shirt
& pr of Mockins, and gave a Cagg of Rum amongst them

[2-0090] II-62

62

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indians
affairs at Albany 10:th June 1735 [See Wraxall p. 191-192.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Stephanus Groesbeeck

Nicholas Bleecker

Edward Holland

John Depeyster

John Schuyler Jun:^r

of his Day [on this day?] a Cayouge Warriar called
Te great derew anne appeared before this
Board and desireing to speak w:^h the Com:^{rs}
said as follows

Brothers I arrived here this morning & desired you Com:^{rs} to meet
together and I am glad that we are here mett together for I
am to acquaint that We / meaning himself and some more of their
Nations / have been a hunting of the last Winter at the Waganhaa's,
and we had a Consultation w:^t five Different Nations of
these Wagahhaa's

Brothers We were a hunting the last Winters 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 Waganhaa's; lived who told they were very glad to see
us there and desired us to tarry till their Cheese [sic] came home
for they had something of importance to speak to us, accord=
ingly we Stayed

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:^y the old Sachims
who contracted that friendship were Dead Yet We their
Children very glad have had this oppertunity to Confirm the
Same upon w:^{ch} 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 fore-
fathers and that we shall keep Inviolable and hope the
Same of you, and that there shall remain no Malice natied [hatred?]
or Jealousy on your Part for assnce [assure?] 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

[2-0091] II-62A

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:^t 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 Cada / and we like him not. We have tryed our Brothers / meaning the Governm of New York and find they use us well and are design'd to Continue w:^t 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:^t out touching Cada rachqua We desire that if your Nations have any affairs to transact w:^t us you may come directly to us, at this our New Castle and not by the way Cadarachqua, Gave five Beaver Skins

Brethren I have now done telling what the Wagahaas 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. For [our] Brother the Governour, Informed us in his propositions to use our Interest w:^t the far Nations of Indians to draw them to the Interest of this Governm:^t w:^h we do accordingly

Brothers We shew now our friendly Inclination for the Waganhaas have Spoke to us w:^t 20 Beavers the [1/2?] of w:^h we left w:^t our Sachims to answer the Waganhaas and the other 1/2 we brought here w:^h we desire you will answer by sending of them such goods as you know they like --

[2-0092] II-63

The Com:^{rs} Answer'd

Brother We heartily thank your Nations for their good Inclinations to this Governm:^t and for your Services in drawing the Waganhaas 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:^t your Sachims Cay-ouge

Att a meeting of the Com:^{rs} of
Ind:ⁿ Affairs at At Albany the
24:th Day of June 1735 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Johannis Schuyler
Edward Holland
Ph: Schuyler
Nich:^o Bleecker
Steph:^s Groesbeeck
Johan:^s Lansingh
Cornelis Cuyler
Jer Van Renselaer

Whereas a Sum of £100:- was allowed by
the Gen:^l Assembly of this Province for a
Smith and 3 Men to ly in the Sinneckas
Country from the 9:th July 1735 [Not in Wraxall.]
and Abraham Wendell, Barnardus Viarsen Jacob Bleecker
& Bart Steale undertook s:^d Service for s:^d Sume of £58:-
and that there was at Same time allowed the Sum of £58:-
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 allow-
ed them w:^h they accepted off as appears by their Letter
of the 27 May 1735
Resolved by this Board to give to Barnardus hansen for
the use of [ye] Ind:^{ns} of the Sinneke Nation £11 weight of
Iron 25 [ld] of Steal and 1 doz files

[2-0093] II-63A

Att a meeting of y.^e Com:^{rs} of y.^e Indian
affairs in albany y.^e 16.th July 1735 [Not in Wraxall.]

PSent
P Livingston
W:^m Dick
R: Bleecker
Ab. Cuyler
St. Groesbeek
Nicolas Bleecker
Joh:^s Schuyler

Arie of y.^e Sachims of y.^e Mohoggs Informs
this board y.^t yesterday an onneyde Messinger came in y.^e upper
Castle of y.^e Mohoggs Calld Canajohere, who brought a message to
y.^e Sachims there w.^h was brought at onneyde by a Cayouge messenger who came
thither without touching at onnodag, but onneyde messenger
came away in such heaste y.^t he did not know y.^e purpost of y.^e Cayouge
messenger only y.^t 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 suppos'd
y.^t there waas some unhappy misunderstanding between some of our Indian[s]
S.^d messenger desird y.^t messenger might be sent away to be psent at s.^d meet-
ing to hear what y.^e [Resolt] may be y.^e more because to pass y.^e Road from
onnondage to onnede was said to be now dangerous y.^e mohoggs messenger
was already gone

Its Resolved by this board to send Lowrence Cloese y.^e interper
ter to go forthwith to onyde to be Psent at s.^d intended meeting to hear
what may be proposed and to give him y.^e following Instructions

Rec.^d a letter from his Ex.^y dated y.^e 7.th Instant in y.^e words following vizt.

[2-0094] II-64

By the Commissioners of y.^e Indian affairs at Alban[y]
Instructions for Lawrence Close

Whereas we have an Information that there is to be A
meeting of y.^e 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 s.^d meeting, wherefore you are hereby directed to go forthwith to
oneyde or where the s.^d meeting is to be, and in case 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 y.^e
affair, in Case you hear that there is to be no meeting or y.^t y.^e message is not
Real but an Idle Story you are to come back from Canajohere Given under
our hands this 10.th July 1735

July 7.th 1735 [See Wraxall p. 192 for summary.]

Gentlemen

being informed that the Troops at osweego are in want of Bedding and as it is highly nesenary as well for his Maties [Majesty's] 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 nesenary provissions I therefore desire you'l forthwith sup=
=ply them out of the money allowed you by act of assembly with a doz. blank-
ets and a dozen of Ruggs and transmitt 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 provissions for reimbursing you your charge
which I doubt not they will readily comply with

[2-0095] II-64A

att a meeting of the Com.^{rs} of y.^e
Indian affairs y.^e 29. July 1735

[See Wraxall p. 192 for summary.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

W.^m Dick

Joh.^s Schuyler

H V. Renselaer } Esq.^s Com:^s

A. Cuyler

St. Groesbeek

R. Gerritse

Ed. Holland

[S?] Bleeker

John D Peyster

Cor. Cuyler

Ed. Collins

It [is] Resolved by this Board to answer his
Ex.^{cy} letter of y.^e [7th] Instant Rec:^d y.^e 10th in
Relation to furnish y.^e Troops at osweego with
a doz. Blankets & a doz Ruggs out of y.^e money
allowed y.^e Com.^{rs} by act of assembly.

Albany 29.th July 1735

May it Please your Excell:^{cy}

your Excell:^{cys} favours of the 7.th Instant we

Received the [10.th] 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 assurd that the Charge of
the doz. blankets and a doz Ruggs your Excell.^{cy} desires us to Supply out
of our allowence for the Troops at osweego will not be allowed by them while

they conceive that that Charge will fall on the traders, and the allowence to defray the Contingiences we conceive will fall short of our disbursement

There has Lately been a french man from montreal with a pass from the Gov:^r of Canada who informs us that a large Stone Fort is build 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 Fronteers in Case of a war, with much Esteem & Respect we are

[2-0096] II-65

At a meeting of y.^e Commissioners y.^e 30 July 173[5]
[See Wraxall p. 193 for summary.]

PSent
P. Livingston
W. Dyck
S. Bleeker
R. Gerritse
John DePeyster
Dirk T. Broeck
J. Schuyler
Cor. Cuyler

Rec.^d a Letter from his Ex:^{cy} of y.^e 22.th Instant directing us to send Lawrence y.^e Interpreter to Sachims of y.^e 6 Nations to meet his Ex:^y here on [ye] 8. Sep:^r next Resolved that y.^e s:^d Interpreter [illeg.] for nither to Receive his.

att a meeting of y.^e Com:^s for y.^e Indian affairs in Albany y.^e 31:st July 1735 [See Wraxall p. 193 for summary.]

Sund.^{ry} Sachims of Cachnawage in Canada being arrivd here last night appeared before this Board, who my Com:^s in name of his Ex:^y our Gar: made y.^m wellcome by telling y.^m they were glad y.^t safely arrivd here, and y.^t Care would be taken to provide y.^m with provisions dureing their Stay here y.^e [3] hands of wampum was forwarded yesterday to y.^e maquase -- The s.^d Sachims Return y.^e Com:^s thanks for their kind Reception and telling y.^m y.^t they will be provided with victualls dureing their Stay its y.^e goodness of God who has preserved us y.^t we Enjoy y.^e blessing to see Joyfully [illeg.] & no [illeg.] Continuences & give their Respects to his Ex:^{cy} & y.^e gentlemen, the purport if their mesage is to Rectify what our ancestors have formerly Concluded with this Governm.^t
We Com:^s Replyd y.^t they are glad to hear they are come on such a good message

[2-0097] II-65A

att a meeting of the Com: of y.^e Indian
affairs in albany p.^{mo} Aug.^t 1735
[See Wraxall p. 193 for brief summary.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

W.^m Dick

Mynd. Schuyler

John Schuyler

Hend Renselaer

St. Groesbeek

Ab: Cuyler

Ph. Schuyler

Dirk T. Broeck

Rutger Bleker

Reyer Gerritse

Nicolas Bleeker

John D Peyster

John Schuyler Jun.^r

John Lansingh

Cor: Cuyler

The Sachims of Cachnawage by their
Speaker Sconondo Stood up & said Brethren its the com[on]
maxim among them that when messengers be sent to treat of peace
first to Smoake a pipe together which they hope will be gran[t]ed
them & whereby they will be convinced of the Commissioners sincerity, as
well as of their good intention in what they are to say w.^h y.^e
Com:^s Consented to do; whereon a Calamat of peace was offerd to
all y.^e gentlement who tooke each a Whif out of s:^d Calamat and
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 others good health w:^h was done

then adarajechta Stood up and Said
Brethren

It is gods goodness that we have y.^e happyness to see each
other today, yesterday we told you to Speake to you this day, what we
Shall say will be in name and behalf of the Gov:^r of Canada Cachna
wage, Kieghsowanne & Canosodago, our ancesters 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 to be attentive to what we come to say, we shall now
Repeat y.^e message w:^h has lately been sent to y.^e Canachnawages
by two 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 to use 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 oy.^r Less, we found some
fault when we Rec:^d your belt in y.^e message you sent, y.^e belt was in y.^r own
name but not in y.^e name of your selves & [ye] six nations, we have Consu[lt]
ed 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 mention'd approve of same & thank
y.^e Gentlemen

[2-0098] II-66

y.^e Gentlemen heartily for this good message on w.^h they gave a belt

Then atawakhooi 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 out 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.^r 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
peradventure any of y.^m may happen by mistake to kill one oy.^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 the 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.^r hearts to purge
y.^r Selves y.^t you may Speake to us with a pure heart as we do to you gave
a belt of wampum
Brethren

It is well known to every one y.^t y.^e five nations have long Since waged war
ag.^t 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.^h y.^e Gov.^r of Canada & our Nations would be very thankfull for such
kind hospitallities 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 maybe Clear & open without any dissumilation as in a
fair Sun Shiny day without any Clouds from morning till night,
gave a belt

Brethren

We have done wh[ich] we had to say now we have some what to
propose in behalf of our warriours that when any difference may hap=
=pen between our nations & y.^e Six nations this Calamet pipe of peace
may be logd at onnodage & that all differences may be made up &
Reconcilld there between us & s.^d nations;

[2-0099] II-66A

Att a meeting of the Com.^s of the Indian
affairs in Albany y.^e 2. aug.st 1735
[See Wraxall p. 193.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

W.^m Dick

Mynd.^t Schuyler

John Schuyler

Hend Renselaer

St Groesbeek

Abr Cuyler

Ph. Schuyler

Rutger Bleeker

Dirk T Broeck

Nicolas Bleeker

John D Peyster

Edw. Holland

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Johs Lansingh

Cor. Cuyler

Answer made by the Com.^s to the Sachims
& Indians come from Canada to their
speech made by them yesterday.

Brethren

We Rejoyce with you that it hath pleased the almigh
ty 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 been Concluded
between our ancestors which we hope may be kept Inviola
ble by you and by those who have deligated you to treat
with us;

Brethren

you told us yesterday that you Spoake & treated
in behalf of y.^e Gov.^r of Canada, the Indians of Cachnawage
Kieghsowanne & Canosodage that you was deligated by y.^m
to Renew with us y.^e former treaties made between our ances
ters in behalf of our Gov.^r which we do Ractify & Confirm
with you & all y.^e Indians Living in Canada which treaty we take to
be y.^t you and all Indiens Resideing in Canada Should live with all
y.^e Subjects of y. Great King of Great Brittain in a perfect frindship
and neutrality in case there should happen to be a war between y.^e king
of Great Brittain & y.^e king of France, and in Case you do keep Strickly
to that agreement & treaty; we should then forever live in good unity to
gether and have free Recourse to & from your habitations at all times as
well on acct of trade as otherwise and be treated & Received by us as
friends & fellow Subjects to y.^e best of kings and y.^t you on y.^r Side & in
behalf of s:^d Nations whom you Represent Shall not molest nor anoy
any of y.^e English Subjects give a belt

Brethren

We have been very attentive to what you said in Repeating y.^e message
we sent you by ondaghsego, one of y.^e Sachims of Cachnawage w.^h we find
he has faithfully deliverd you we are pleasd to hear that you and
those whom you sent are Inclind as well as we to keep y.^e Road open & clean
from hence to Canada & y.^e Severall habitations in the like manner
as our ancestors have done and that nothing will prevent or interrupt y.^e
amicable understanding w.^h now Subsists between your severall nati
ons & us w.^h friendship you may be assurd shall be kept inviolable on our
side & expect the same from you w.^h we Expect you will Rectify & Confirm
in y.^e most Solemn manner according to y.^r maxim, give a belt

We

[2-0100] II-67

We are convinc'd y.^t it hath pleased god to in due you with knowledge &
wisdom the one more y.ⁿ the oy.^r the fault you find in us when you Rec.^d y.^e
belt we sent that it was in our own name, and not in y.^e name of us & y.^e Six
nations: we had such a good oppertunity by the Pson who we trusted with
y.^t message that we could have no time to acquaint our Brethren y.^e Six na=
tions with it we are So well assurd of the gen.^l Inclination & disposition of y.^m
y.^t we dare take on our selves, what we conclude with you that they will in
y.^e most publick manner confirm & Radify at our desire; we shall take an
oppertunity at y.^e first meeting of y.^e Sachims to acquaint them with the

Renewing of y.^e Covenant Chain & y.^e 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.^e bottom of our hearts. give a belt
Brethren

We have considered what you have said in behalf of those by whom you are deligated in Relation to the war you and y.^e Six nations have with the Indians liveing to the southward we do promise in behalf of our Brethren y.^e Six nations in Psence of y.^e few Sachims of the maquase & Sachim of Cayouge, that if for the future any of you or they may Peradventure kill one another thro mistake that that shall be no breach of y.^e treaty & Covenant now made but that such unhappy accidents shall be amicably Reconcilld & made up by them

we are as well as you Convinced y.^t what is Evil has generall y.^e Strongest Impression on y.^e minds of men, but we do assure you that no Evil Can harbour in our hearts ag.^t you but they are pure & Clean which you may be perswaded will always be so as long as you keep this treaty & covenant on y.^r parts inviolable and the Riad shall y.ⁿ 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.^t y.^e Six nations have had war ag.st y.^e Indians to y.^e southward and y.^t the Indians Resideing in y.^r habitations have assisted y.^m; we have often Recomendend to y.^e Six nations to Recon cile & make peace with y.^e Indians to y.^e Southward while they are in peace & friendship with his maj.^{ies} subjects in those parts and hope you will Joyn with y.^m; we have often Recomendend to y.^e Six nations to Recon cile & make peace with y.^e Indians to y.^e Southward while they are in peace & friendship with his maj.^{ys} subjects in those parts and hope you will Joyn with y.^m to make such Reconciliation while those Indians as we hear they are a peace able people who never do Molest nor anoy you however we do in the behalf of y.^e Six nations promise y.^t in Case any of y.^e people be found by them y.^t they shall be usd with all y.^e kindness & humanity w.^h brethren ow to each ay.^r in assisting Releasing & bringing you to y.^r habitations, give Strings of wampum ---

[2-0101] III-67A

Brethren

We Shall at y.^e 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 & Reconcilld,

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 Promisd 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'Cariehog	orachjawachte
agarieyachtha	Sconondo
T'seegochie	osahsedageerat
Canadagaje	Soneejasee
adonienarickho	Karichariego
Tahassa	Tojachjago
Sagorancax	
Thorondieraghton	

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 y^e Engagements wee now
made

[2-0102] II-68

By vertue of a Letter from his Ex.^{ly} William
Cosby Esq.^r &.^c dated y.^e 22.^d July the Com.^s gave
the following Instructions to Lowrence Claese
y.^e Interpreter

By the Com.^s of the Indian affairs at Albany
To Lowrence Claese y.^e Interpreter [Not in Wraxall.]

Whereas his Excell.^y William Cosby Esq.^r Cap.^t Gen.^l & Gov.^r in Chief of the
Provinces of New york New Jersay &.^{ca} hath directed us by his Letter
dated y.^e 22.^d July to send you to the Sachims of Six nations to Invite y.^m
to meet his s.^d Exl.^y at albany on y.^e 8.th day of September next to Renew
y.^e Covenant Chain with them, you are therefore hereby Required to go
forthwith to y.^e said Sachims and acq.^t them that his Ex.^{ly} our Gov.^r
will meet them here on y.^t day and desire them then to be here on that day
percisely hereof fail not, given under our hands the 2.^d aug.^t 1735

Signd by the Com.^s

[2-0104] II-69

Albany y.^e 14.th august 1735 [Not in Wraxall.]

May it please your Excell.^{cy}

In persuance to your Ex.^{lys} directions we dispatched
Lourence Claese y.^e Interpreter to invite y.^e Sachims of the six nations to meet
y.^r Ex.^{clly} here on y.^e 8.th Septem.^r next

Inclosed your Ex.^{ly} has copy of a treaty we made
with Deputies of Indians Living in Canada who have given us assu-
rances to be neuter in case of a Rupture between y.^e french, as they are

Indians who are Removd from hence we hope your Ex.^{ly} will be pleased
to approve of what we have done in this affair w.^h we presume was necessary
for y.^e safety of y.^e poor Inhabitants in this County

on a message we sent to animate y.^e six nations
to make peace with y.^e Indians living to y.^e Southward they sent us
now a String of wampum whereby they seem very much inclind to
conclude a peace with s.^d Indians of w.^h your Ex.^{ly} will have an op=
portunity 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

Mynder Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Stevanis Groesbeek

Abraham Cuyler

Jeremy Renselaer

Ed. Holland

Nicolas Bleecker

Powder 100 Dirck Ten Broeck

Johannis Lansigh Jun.^r

John D Peyster

[2-0106] II-70

Att a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs at
Albany the 22.^d day August 1735 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap.^t William Dick

Rutger Bleecker

Stephanis Groesbeeck

Edward Holland

Jeremy Renselaer

Dirk Ten Broeck

Philip Schuyler

Myndert Schuyler

John De Peyster

Nicolas Bleecker

Cornelis Cuyler

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Cap.^t William Dick one of the members of this Board Laid befo[re]
Us two Letters which he Received from M.^r Thomas Butler
of this Days Date by three Indians called Ezras Jun.^r Abel,
[&] Joseph who say they Represent the three tribes of the
Mohawk Castles and with them bring a belt of Wampum which

they Say was Rent from Canastoque to the oneydes and from the Oneydes
To Sachims of the Mohawks 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 Enemyes

This Board thinking their Request Reasonable
have thought fitt to Supply them with 50 w:^t Powder 100 w:^t Lead and
200 flints Deliverd by Dirk Ten Broeck to Defend themselves and
their Castles but with no design, Gave the Belt of Wampum

50 w:^t powder £4:5:-

100 w:^t Lead £2:--:--

200 Flints :6:--

£6:55:--

[PS]

Cap:^t Dick Laid before us your Letters of this Days date We take this
Oppertunity to thank you for the Trouble you have taken in Acquainting
Us with the Request of Sachims which we hope is Complied with to their
Satisfaction for furnishing them With 50 w:^t powder 10 wt Lead and
200 flints to act Upon the Defensive part In name and att the Desire
of the Commissioners
Albany 22 August 1735

[2-0108] II-71

Albany the 18.th Septemb:^r 1735

[See Wraxall p. 194 for summary. This conference is not printed in DRCHNY.]

Present

His Ex.^{ly} W.^m Cosby Esq:^r &c:^a

Philip Livingston

Archibold Kennedy } Esq:^{rs} of His Maj:^{ties} Councill

Philip Courtland

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 Oneydes Cajouges 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

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:^t ag:^t all Attempts w:^{ch} may be Made against it And that you Permitt no Persons of what Nation

[2-0109] **II-71A**

Nation Soever to Reside Among you, Except they be Subjects of the King of Great Britain. Since you have Put y:^r 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 be 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 Incourage you and Strengthen you Gave a String Wampum

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 w:th 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 Reale Interest and best friends Gave a Belt

Brethren I am Rejoycd 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 Aron one of your People who has been Taken by them and Sett at Liberty, That you are Inclind to Treat of Peace with said Indian Nations, I hope you are Still in that good Disposition

[sidebar] I Shall give orders to my officer at osweego not to Suffer any french to pass that Garrison to you and I Expect you will not harbour them among you

[2-0110] II-72

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 Proposals 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 betwem [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 Coming 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, w.^{ch} will be a means to Strengthen your Alliances and make you a great People Gave a String Wampum

I take this Oppertunity to tell you that the Indans Living at Cachnewage, Kiesowanna and Canossodago have been here to Confirm their Ancient Friendship & Peace w.th this Government & y.^r Nation Some of you were Present at s.^d Treaty, Said Indians have Left here a Colomet Pipe w.^{ch} I deliver you to be Lodgd at Onondago,

where they desire all Differances between them and y:^r 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 [att] 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[er] to

[2-0111] II-72A

to make Peace if they should not Obey His Command and thereby a War should 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
Brethren This most Gracious Majesty the King of Great Brittain Your Indulgent Father & my Master has Orderd me to giv[e] 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

Present

His Ex:^{ly} William Cosby Esq:^r
Philip Livingston }
Arch:^d Kenedy } Esq.^{rs} of his
Ph Cortland } Maj:^s Council
The Com:^s for y:^e Indians Affairs
The Mayor Recorder & Aldermen

Answer made to his Ex:^{ly} W.^m Cosby Esq.^r &c.^a
by the Sachims of the Six Nations of Indians viz:^t the Maquase
Oneydes Tuscarories Onnondages Cayouges and Sinnekes In Albany
the 20 day of September 1735

[See Wraxall p. 194-196 for summary.]

Brother Corlaer It is two days ago that you Spoake to us being come here on y:^r orderin y:^e preface of y:^r Proposition you did wipe of the tears from our Eyes, Secondly did open our minds and understand ings that we might Speake to Each oy:^r with a free heart & Chearfull 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 sin[ce] you was here Last, and do in like manner do it on our parts
Give a belt --

[2-0112] II-73

Brother Corlaer It is needless to Repeat your Ex.^{ly} Propositions we Shall only here & there touch on it you have Renewed & Strength=ened the old Covenant which our ancestors have made and hitherto has been kept Involible you have Likewise Claind the Silver Chain wherein we are Linkd and propisd on y.^e Side to keep y.^e 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.^e Garrison at Oswego that it was not only a benifitt for the far Indians but also a Conveniency for the six nations y.^t they might be Supplyd with Any Indian Goods w.^h they want, & also a[s] 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.^e goods Cheap, but as soon as there is but a trader or two y.^e Indians are Cheated not only we of the Six Nations but also the far Indianswho happen to come then, for we are Comanded from time to time to draw y.^e far Indians hither y.^t 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 insteed that we should Receive pure Rum as is promisd us, we Receive half water

Brother you told us that you would not Suffer any french to go up the River at Oswego we Suppose you are in a mistake in y.^t affair for the trade & y.^e peace we take to be one thing, for here have lately been Indian from Canada to Renew their old friendship, therefore no Passages ought to be Stopd where messengers come through to make peace, for Example there may be Indians come to Albany to treat of peace and Pharps to any of the Six nations

His Ex.^{ly} Answer

Brethren you do not apprehend what I told you to hinder y.^e 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 As for y.^e Sake and in y.^e name of my Master & y.^r Indulgent Father that I recommend you to Pvent the French from comeing among you to Infuze false Stories & to make you uneasy.

the

[2-0113] II-73A

the Speaker proceeded & Said

Brother Corlaer

you have Commanded us y.^t we should not Suffer the french priest or any oy.^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 y.^e oy.^r will press us out of our Lands, we are like dumb 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 Jagara is built but it was ag:^t our Consent, you need not tell us the artfull =ness of the french and their deceit; we Compare y.^m to a Sun Shiny day & a Cloudy, being variable, 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 wellcome to trade among us at all times.
Brother Corlaer

You told us you were glad that we Rec:^d the traders who go to Osweego 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 powers we shall not use many words for it Should take up too much time only touch here & thereon y.^e Ex.^{ly} Proposition, Gave a String a wampum
Brother Corlaer

You told us y:^t you waited to hear y:^t we were Inclind to make peace with the Indians to the Southward they had 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 Flatts heads are a people who have no Reason nither can they be trusted, but nevertheless by y.^e good offices we are Inclind by the Medalion [Medation?] to Consent to treat with s:^d Indians and as y^e desird us to appoint a time when we Should meet deligates of said Indians here w.^h we leave Entirely to y.^r Ex.^{ly} to fix Such time as you Suppose s:^d Indians may be here, gave a belt

[2-0114] II-74

Brother Corlaer

You acq:^d 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 w:^h we thank your Ex.^{ly} Gave a String a wampum

His Ex.^{ly} Answerd

That they Complain that the traders do Sell y:^m Water instead of Rum If you will name y.^e 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 Osweego 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 y.^e murderer we are one

people therefore if any Murder be Committed for the future the
Blood will be Required from your hands

The Conferance had between the Commissionors & y.^e Indians of
Cachnawage & they Shall Communicate to you, and they shall also
Consult with you what will be y.^e most proper time that you meet
here deligates from y.^e Indians who Live to the Southward to Conclude
a peace with them

[2-0115] **II-74A**

Att a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian
Affairs att Albany the 20:th September 1735
[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

John Schuyler Abraham Cuyler

Philip Schuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Johannis Schuyler Jun:^r

Cornelis Cuyler

John D Peyster

Dirk Ten Broeck

Hendrick Van Renselaer

Edward Holland

Nicolas Bleeker

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 Kieghsowanne
and Canesodago on the first and Second August Last which they unanimously
Confirmed and Contented to and thanked 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 fixd 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
Pease with Said Indians who promise to Come hither on the first Notice

[2-0116] **II-75**

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian
affairs att Albany the 21 September 1735 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

John Schuyler

Stephanis Groesbeck

Philip Schuyler

John D Peyster

Dirk Ten Broeck

Abraham Cuyler

Nicolas Bleeker

Johannis Schuyler Jun:^r

The Sachims of the Six Nations Confirm what they Promisd
Yesterday in Relation to the Peace to be Concluded Between
them and the Indians to the Southward

1736

[2-0118] II-76

Att a meeting of the Commission^{rs}
of the Indian affairs in albany the
p.^{mo} January 1735/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

John Schuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Hend. V Renselaer

Stephanis Groesbeck

Rutger Bleeker

Ph: Schuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Dirk Ten Broeck

Nicolas Bleeker

Jeremy Van Renselaer

Cornelis Cuyler

Edw^d Collins

Jacob Glen

The Commissioners having peruzd y^e
following accounts and allowd y^e
payment of them vizt.

of Coll.^o John Schuyler an acc:^t for
Sundrys deliverd by him £10:01:--

of Sander Van Eps 1 D.^o for Services 16.--
of Joh.^s Knickerbacker 1 d^o for D.^o 1:5--
of Harmē vedder 1 D.^o for 1:10--

£ 28:16

[2-0119] II-76A

Att a meeting of the Com.^{es} of the Indian
Affairs in Albany the 30.th Jan.^{ry} 1735/6
[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

John Schuyler

Hend: Van Renselaer

Abraham Cuyler

Nicolas Bleeker

Reyer Gerritse

John D Peyster

Joh.^s Lansingh

Cornelis Cuyler

This day the board Received a letter from
Abraham Wendell & Company dated in the Sinneke[es]
Country y^e 20.th 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[s]
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.

[2-0120] II-77

Albany 2² feb^r 1735/6
[Not in Wraxall.]

May it please y.^r Ex^{ly}

We hope your Ex^{ly} has been mindfull to write to the
Gov^r of South Carolina that y^e five nations are inclind to Conclude
a pease 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.^h if
Should be neglected, we Conceive y^e five nations will go out again
against S.^d Indians, and we Can't think y.^t any method will
prove Effectual to Stop them from going to war to y^e Southward
then to have a Conference here of s.^d 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 Coster is appointed
Commassary to Reside at Oswego for y^e Ensueing year. we desire
that he may have his Commission & proper directions 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^r Ex^{ly}
happyness & Prosperity we Remain with due Esteem
S[igned]

[2-0122] II-78

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs the third Day
of March 1735/6

This Board rced this Day a Letter [Not in Wraxall.]
from David Schuyler Informing
them that the Oneydes & Onnondage
Ind.^{ns} were gone out a fighting ag^t
the flatt heads & that the Canajo=
hare & Tienenderoge Sachims desird
that y^e Interpreter might be sent
up to Stop the Rest from going &^a

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indⁿ Affairs the 6th Day
of March 1735/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Cap^t William Dick
John Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Rutger Bleeker
John Depeyster
Edward Holland

The Com.^{rs} wrote a Letter to Lowrance
Claese the Interpreter to go to ffort Hunter and
Stop the Ind^{ns} who are going out a fighting

[2-0123] **II-78A**

Att a meeting of y^e Com^{es}
of Indian Affairs the 14 day
of March 1735/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Cap^t William Dick

Stepanis Groesbeeck

AJohannis Schuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Rutger Bleecker } Esq^{rs} Com^{es}

Myndert Schuyler

John Depeyster

Cornelis Cuyler

Philip Schuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Johannis Lansingh

This Board rec^d a Letter from
Abraham Wendell & Jacob
Bleecker w.^t Copy of a L^{ter}
Enclosed from [blank in original]
in Name of a Nation of Indians Called the
[blank] to [blank] and [blank]
and other great Men of the Six Nations requiring
their Assistance to go out a fighting ag^t a Nation
of Indians Called the [blank]

[2-0124] **II-79**

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs the [blank in original] Day
of [blank in original] 1736
[See Wraxall p. 196 for summary. Cosby died March 10th 1736.]

Present

Cap^t William Dick

Abram Cuyler

Stevanis Groesbeeck

Coll^o Phil Schuyler

Coll^o John Schuyler

John Schuyler Jun^r

John Depeyster

The Com.^{rs} [Writ] the following

Letr to the president of the

Council of New York

May it please y^r Hon^r

We are Sorry for the Melancholy News of
the Death of our Gov^r w.^{ch} we had by particular

Lets w.^h Cap^t [Butler's Son?] We as Com^{rs} for the Indⁿ
Affairs think it our Duty to present to your Hon^r
the Necessity that there is for sending up the [Corresp^e]
and Instructions for the Commissary that is to go to
Oswego, that he may be Early there before the trade
beginns, We formerly wrote to his Excellency
recomending M^r Henry Koster the Commissary the last
Year who Dischargd his Duty w^t Prudence and
Fidelity [to the Satisfaction] of all the Traders, And
as to the Confusion that perhaps may happen upon
such an Emergency as his Excel.^{ys} Death the Letter
may be mislaid We again Repeat the Same Request
to your Honour that his Commiss.ⁿ & Instructions
may come w^t the first Opportunity We wish
you all Success in your Administration and are
w^t great Respect etc

[2-0125] **II-79A**

Att a meetting of y^e Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs att Albany
the 20th Day of April 1736 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Rutger Bleecker

Stevanis Groesbeeck

John Schuyler Jun^r

John Depeyster

Johannis Lansingh

Cornelis Cuyler

Hendrick Koster Gentleman having
produced to this board his Commissⁿ & Instructions
to go Commissary to Oswego for this Year

The Com^{rs} have thought fitt 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

[2-0126] **II-80**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs} of
Indian Affairs at the City of
Albany the 4 Day of May
1736 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Coll^o John Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Jeremy Renselaer

Dirck Tenbroeck

Nicholas Bleecker

John Schuyler Junr

John De Peyster

Cornelis Cuyler

Abram Wendell acquainted this Board
that he is going to the Sinnekes Country tomorrow
and desires to know if the Com^{rs} have any Comands
thither

Whereupon it is resolved that he shall acqu^t
the Sachims of the Sinnekes in Name of the
Com^{rs} of the Gov^s Death, and that one of the
Councillors has the Governmt till a new Gov^r
come from England

It is resolved that M.^r Wendell shall give to
the Sachims a Blanket of Black Strowds to acq^t
them of the Gov^{rs} Death

M.^r Wendell at the Desire of the Sachims of the
Sinnekes acquaints the Com.^{rs} that / they the Sinnekas /
expected a farr Nation of Ind^{ns} to come & Speak w.^t them
& desires that the Com^{rs} will assist them w.^t something
to Enable them to treat w^t those farr Indians

The Com^{rs} orderd M^r Wendell to give to the Sinnekes
a Blanket of Strowds to Speak w.^t every far Nation
of Indians that comes to treat w^t them

[2-0127] **II-80A**

Att a meetting of the
Com^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the [5th] Day of May
1736 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Abram Cuyler
Jeremy V Renselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Stevanis Groesbeck
Dirck Tenbroeck
John Schuyler Jun^r
Nicholas Bleecker
John Depeyster
Edward Collins

The Com^{rs} orderd y^e following
Lter to be Written & Sent
to Lowrence Claese the
Interpreter

Sir

Am order'd by the Com^{rs} to desire
you to come in & wait upon them
next [Monday] w.^h please to take
Notice off

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Ind.ⁿ Affairs at the City of
Albany the 5th Day of May
1736 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Coll^o Phil Schuyler
Jeremy Renselaer
Coll^o Steph Groesbeeck
Reyer Gerritse
John Schuyler Junr
John Depeyster

Coll^o Philip Schuyler acquaints
this board that the President & Council desires
him to acquaint the Com^{rs} that if they should
think it necessary to send a Smith and some Men
to reside in the Sinnekes Country that the Com^{rs}
would write their Opinion thereof to y^e Presd^t
and Council

[2-0128] II-81

[[Not in Wraxall. See DRCHNY 6:58-9 for a slightly different version of this letter dated May 17 and 6:57-8 for a similar letter from the Albany Common Council.]

Att a meeting of the Com^{rs}
of Indⁿ Affairs at the City
of Albany the 21st Day
of May 1736

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Philip Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Stevanis Groesbeeck

Abram Cuyler

John Schuyler Junr

john Lansingh Junr

Edward Holland

Nicholas Bleecker

Dirck Tenbroek

John Depeyster

Jeremy Renselaer

Reyer Gerritse

Cornelis Cuyler

Edward Collins

The Com.^{rs} wrote the
following Letters

May it please your Honour

Cap^t Collins communicated to this Board your Lter to him of the 11th Instant whereby we perceive that you desire our Opinion concerning a Tract of Land M^r Storke and M^r Vanbrugh Livingston has petitioned his Majesty for and whether any of that Land be already granted to others, whether the Mohawks be Seated on any part of it, and whether the Mohawk fflatts be Included in s^d tract

We observe w^t you that there is one Course left out, But are Certain that a great part of the Land w^{ch} we Take to be petitioned for is already granted to others and some Purchases 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 fflatts are Included therein, But are humbly of Opinion
that

[2-0129] **II-81A**

That that Way of granting land before purchas=
=ing of the Natives may be of Ill Consequence
and Alienate the Minds of the Indians from his
Majt^s Interest and Occasion great Divisions
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 [See Wraxall p. 196 for summary.]

We rec^d your Lter of the 7.th Instant wherein
you acquaint Us that you wrote to the Gov^r of South
Carolina acquainting him that the Six Nations agreed
to the proposal made to them by Aaron on his return
from the Carolina Indians concerning the Peace to
be Concluded between them & those Indians, We [do]
likewise observe your Desire for Us to send the
Interpreter to acquaint them w^t it

We beg leave to Inform your Hon^r what we have
done therein On the 25.th of Sept.^r we told them that
his Excell.^y had Directed Us to Consult w.^t them what
would be the most Conven^t time to meet y^e Delegates
of the farr Indians w^{ch} they left entirely to Us
and we then told them Sometime this Summer
would be most Conven.^t w^{ch} the next day they agreed
to

In March last we had Information that Sev.^l of
the Young Ind^{ns} were going out a fighting upon w^{ch}
We

[2-0130] **II-82**

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We sent Messages 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
meett them here, And we have not heard that any
of them are gone out a fighting Since that time
and hope they will not go before the time be
Elapsed that we Concluded upon w^t them We
believe that your Honour has not been acquainted
w^t our former proceedings in this Affair, And are
therefore humbly of Opinion that it would be
of no Service to send the Interpreter at this Time
However as there is yet time Enough If you think
it necessary we shall send him as soon as we receive

your Answer to this

May it please your Honour [See Wraxall p. 196.]

Whereas the time is near Elapsed that the Smith and Men were order'd to reside in y^e Senneke Country We think it highly necessary for his Maj.^{es} Interest and the Wellfare of this Province that a Smith and three Men should be Continually kept there to keep the Ind.^{ns} well affected to the British Interest and prevent the ffrench Influen=encing them, We therefore desire your Honours would send Us proper Directions that we may send fitt persons to reside there for y^e year Ensuing. And hope you will be pleased to lay the Same before the Assembly at their next meetting We are of Opinion that it wou'd require £100:-- for their Salary & proper psents to be given to the Ind^{ns} during their Residence there

[2-0131] **II-82A**

Att a Meetting of y^e Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs at the
City of Albany the 30th
Day of May 1736 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Dirck Tenbroeck
Reyer Gerritse
John Depeyster
Cornelis Cuyler
Edward Collins

Schanondo a Cachnawaga Sachim
came here before this Board and acquainted Us
w^t the Death of his Wife Whereupon this
Board ordered him a Blanket of Black Strowds

Also his Son presented his Service to y^e Com^{rs}
by Sending a Beaver Skin Signifying the
Loss of his Mother and that he was mindfull
of his being a Child of this Governm.^t And
should from time to time be faithfull to
the Same by Acquainting them w^t whatever
Occurrences should happen at Canada relating
to this Province, Whereupon this Board
ordered a pair of [Stockins] & a Shirt to be

Sent him by his father, Ordered that
M^r Dirck Tenbroeck do give the above
mentioned Goods

[2-0132] **II-83**

Att a meeting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs at Albany
the first Day of June 1736 [See Wraxall p. 196.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Abram Cuyler

Nicholas Bleecker } Esq.^{rs} Com.^{rs}

Dirck Tenbroeck

Reyer Gerritse

Edward Holland

Jacob Glen

Edward Collins

The following Lter in Answer
to Ours of the 21st Ultimo was
laid before this Board

New York May 29th 1736

Gentlemen

I have Communicated to the Council
what you wrote to me Concerning your Sending
a Smith & three Men to reside a Year in the
Sinnekes Country If you send them w^t Such psents
as you think Necessary I will as you Desire
recommend it to the Assembly to make Provision
for the Paym^t of the Expence w^{ch} you Say
will not Exceed an hundred pounds I am Gentle
=men Your most humble Serv^t Geo Clarke
Upon w^{ch} this Board resolves to send [the] Smith
and four Men to reside in the Sinnekes Country
four this Year Comencing the [blank in original] day of
[blank] and Ending the [blank]
for the Sum of £80:-- upon the Credit of the
Governm^t and £20:-- to be Distributed in
Presents w^{ch} this Board will recomend to the
Assembly at their next meeting The persons
appointed

[2-0133] **II-83A**

Appointed are as follows Viz Michael Bassett
Harmanus Wendell Jun.^r for Smiths Barent

[illeg.] Jun^r Nicholas Cuyler & Jacobus Bleecker
and the Com^{rs} are this Day to write to Peter
[Groenendegen] & Jacobus Mynderse to know If
Either of them will go and reside for their Chief
and that they shall make up what the Pro=
=portion of the [Sixth Part] of the £80: shall
fall Short of £20: for [illeg.] Share
[Mess^{rs}] Peter [Groenendegen] & Jacobus Mynderse
The Com^{rs} of Indⁿ Affairs thinking it highly
Necessary for the Interest of the Governm^t
to send [two] Smiths and four Men to reside in
the Sinnekes Country for the Service of the
Governm^t for this Year have appointed
[Michael Bassett] & Barent Wendell Jun^r for
Smiths Barent S[illeg.] Jun^r Nicholas Cuyler
and Jacobus Bleecker [as] three of the Men
and [put it] to your Choice if Either of You
will go for their Chief for w^{ch} you are to have
[£13:6:8] on the Credit of the government w^{ch}
the Com^{rs} will make up to £20:-- out of there
Money, You are Desired to send your Answer
by the first Opportunity

[2-0134] **II-84**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs} of
Indian Affairs at the City
of Albany the 12th Day of
June 1736 [See Wraxall p. 196 for summary and comment.]

Present

John Schuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Stevinis Groesbeck
Rutger Bleecker
Abram Cuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
Jeremy Renselaer
Edward Collins

Several Sachims of the Schaahkook
Indians appeared before this Board and Spoke
by [Mattquatt] their Speaker as follows Viz

The first Gov^{rs} that came here planted our
Fathers at Schaahkook that they & their posterity
should live there
Fathers

Our great Father lives over the great Lake

and there are five families come from the
Mohawks Country to live w^t Us but they have
no Land to live on
Fathers

We have land at Schaahkook but the
Christians have taken it within 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

[2-0135] **II-84A**

At a Meeting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 19th
Day of June 1736 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Abram Cuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Rutger Bleecker } Esq^{rs} Com^{rs}

Dirck Tenbroeck

Johan^s Lansingh

Edward Collins

[Seth] one of the Sachims of the Mohawk
Indians appeared before this Board & told Us
that [illeg.] an Oneyde Sachim that came
on his hunting from Oneyde to the Mohawks
told him that the Sachims of Oneyde had
private News that [illeg.] Jean Coeur had given
a Belt of Wampum to the Sinnekes for the
five Nations for to have a Meeting at
Onnondage, And that he made it known to
them on a belt of Wampum what the french
were [Intended] to do w^t Oswego, And that they
were Resolved to take it But desired them not
to be [Surprised] if they heard any [Sudden] noise for
it was a Matter of no great Moment to them
It was [illeg.] two Indians had a Difference
about their [illeg.] Place but they would see
who were the best Men But that as for y^e Ind^{ns}
they had best stand Neuter & meddle w^t neither
side but this was private News The Com^{rs}
[illeg.] to Call a meetting of y^e Mohawk Ind^{ns}
when he ret^d and Consult of the [illeg.] of this News
and if they thought it of any Moment to send down
a Messenger to acquaint this Board therewith

[sidebar] The Com^{rs} wrote to Lowrence Claese to come in on Monday next when the Com^{rs} would meett

[2-0136] **II-85**

Att a meeting of the Commish^s
of the Indian affairs the 19.th July 1736
[See Wraxall p. 197 for summary and comment.]

Present

William Dick

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleeker

Stephanis Groesbeek

Abraham Cuyler

Jeremiah V Renselaer

Ryer Gerritse

Dirk T Broeck

Edward Holland

John D Peyster

Cornelis Cuyler

The Commissioners gave Instructions to
John Visger & Company,
The Commissioners allowed said Comp^y
fife Gallons wine

The Commissioners wrote the follow:
Letter to the Commissary att Osweego

Mr Henry Coster

Whereas we are Informd that the French particularly Jean Cour does Carry on a trade in purchasing Rum from the traders at osweego & from thence Conveys it among the Sinnekes which is not only detrimental to the trade of that Province but also Contrubtes to the Alienateing the Effectons of the Indians from his Majesties Subjects it is our opinion that youl use all your Endeavours as Commissary to prevent such a purnurens [pernicious?] practice dureing 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 dureing your Residence youl prevent the same & likewise recomend to the officer Commanding his Majesties forces for the preservation of the trade at osweego dureing 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

[illeg. & crossed out] untill such time as in a Regular form
that pernicious trade be prohibited

[2-0137] **II-85A**

Att a meeting of y^e Com.^s of the Indian
affairs at albany y^e 30.th July 1736
[See Wraxall p. 197-198 for summary.]

Present

M. Schuyler

Jn^o Schuyler

Ph. Schuyler

J. V Renselaer

Ed. holland

N. Bleeker

R. Gerritse

J D Peyster

This board Rec.^d a letter this day from y^e Comissary
at osweego in y^e words following

Oswego 18.th July 17[36]

Gentlemen

On the 12 Instant arrived here two Canoes w^t Ottowaw
Indians, amongst whom was a great Sachim of that nation who
brings Us an Account that the french have been amongst Severall
of the Farr Nations with a belt wampum, to Notifie to them that
the french designed to Cutt off Oswego and to kill all those who went
thither, they have also forced three nations of the far Indians who
intended to trade at osweego to go to Canada, They have also sent
for the Missisagaes another nation of far Indians who used to trade
at osweego to come to Canada in order to treat with their Governor
so that few of that nation has been here to trade this Summer
here have been four Canoes with Miamyes Indians who Complain
that the french at Onijagara had taken from them part of their
Goods as they were Coming here in order to trade with us

On the 10th Instant arrives here young Jean Cuar from the
Sinnekes Country with three Canoes in which were 80 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 said
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 with him here [Disswaded]
them with Presents from going & prevaild with them to return
to their own Castle, which Discouraged & vexed Jean Caur so much
that

[2-0138] **II-86**

that he Cutt two of their Canoes to pieces so I made 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 Lane that Came from Cadarachqua and by them sent seven hands of Wampum to Onnondaga to acquaint their Sachims that two of the Sachims of the Sinnekes Country where returnd back from Osweego 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 designed to touch at Osweego in order to buy [160] keggs of Rum to Carry with him to their Castle, so it is their Earnest Desire that the traders at Osweego 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 takeing 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 Osweego for they would Destroy that place, so I believe they have a bad Design

In Relation to the trade, we have had a great Trade this Year, there has been [160] Canoes of the far Nations besides what Came from the five Nations, but few from the Eastward

[2-0139] **II-86A**

Instructions for Mess^s John Visger, Peter Livingston, Michael Bassett, Harmanus Wendell Jun:^r Nicholas Cuyler, Jacobus Bleecker, by the Commissioners appointed for the Management of the Indian Affairs to the Province of New york

Whereas it is highly Necessary for his Majesties Service and Welfare of the Colony of New york 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 now next Ensueing to keep them firm to their Allegiance & Subjection to his Majesty

You are to observe the motions of the French which now are 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 att Albany from time to time with all Such Intelligence which you think Relates or

Concerns his Majesty or the Diminishing 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 [blank in original] Day of July in the Tenth year of his Majesties Reign Annoq. D:^o [1736]

[2-0140] II-87

Albany 30 July 1736 [See Wraxall p. 198 for partial summary.]

May it please your Honour

Inclosed is the Translation of a Dutch Letter w:^h we this Day Rec:^d from the Commissary at Oswego, wee 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 Commissary on the 19:th 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 Effections of 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 osweego to use his Endeavour with the traders after he Comes from thence

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 att osweego to use their utt -most Endeavour to prevent the traders at osweego 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 [sic] very hard the Subjects of a foreign Nations 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

Wee have upon the Creditt of the Governm^t which your honour

promisd to Recomend to the Assembly att their next meeting
had the good fortune to gett two Smiths and four Men to reside
In

[2-0141] **II-88**

In the Sinnekes for this year for a £100:-- we gave them Instructions
for their Governm^t as Usual Copy whereof you have here Inclosed

We are

May it please your honour
Your hon^s most humble Servants
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleeker
Abraham Cuyler
Edward Holland
Reyer Gerritse
Dirk Ten Broeck
John De Peyster

[2-0143] **II-88A**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Ind.ⁿ Affairs at Albany
the 21st Day of Septem^r
1736 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

John Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Stevanis Groesbeeck
Philip Schuyler
Edward Holland
Nicholas Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Dirck Tenbroeck
Johannis Lansingh Jun^r
Cornelis Cuyler
Edward Collins

This Board gave to Skonondo four Blankets of Strowds and a
Shirt to [witt] one blanket and
a shirt for himself and the other
three blankets for three of their
principal Sachims for their good
Services to this Government

[2-0144] **II-89** [Very hard to read.]
Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of the Indian Affairs at
Albany the 24th Day
of Septem^r 1736 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Philip Livingston
John Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Stevanis Groesbeeck
Philip Schuyler
Jeremy Renselaer
Edward Holland
Nicholas Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Johannis Lansingh Jun^r
Cornelis Cuyler

Several of the Schaahkook
Sachims and Young Indians
appeared before this Board
and by [Matsquatt] their
Speaker said

Fathers When we first came you bid us Welcome
for which we thank you and lay down a Beaver
Skin

Fathers We lay down another Beaver Skin to open your
Ears that you may give Attention to what your
Children Say

Fathers The tree w^{ch} you planted at Schaahkook is
growing] Up and waxeth greater & greater

Fathers We [hear] that the fire w^{ch} burns at Albany is a
very large fire and that the Smoak [Weends]
[Straight] Up and is not blown by the Wind to the
one Side or the other and that you are an honest
People Gave a Beaver Skin

[2-0147] **II-90** [Very hard to read]
Fathers Your Children Come here to Speak w^t you We Cannot
go to New York The Gov^r lives at New York, But
told Us that he left you in his Stead, and that
whatever we [told you he] would know it So if
there Comes any News from any Place We desire
you may acquaint Us with it Gave 2 Beav^r Skins

Fathers We Condole the Loss of our Gov^r His Children
are very Sorry and therefore Give three Beaver
Skins to Wash the Tears from your Eyes and
then you will See at a great Distance

Fathers Here you see all your Children that lives att
Schaahkook, and we Cover the Grave with Silk
that the [light] may not penetrate into it, and that
we may not See [the Bones?] Gave 6 Beaver Skins

Fathers When your Canoe first came hither you laid y^r Anchor
behind Schaahkook great Flatts, and we made it fast
[with] a very large and long Cable, and we shall
take Care that no Wind shall Drive it away

Gave a Beaver Skin

Fathers We [have heard by] two of our Brethren lately come
from New England that the King had ordered the
Indians to be Instructed in the Christian Religion

Fathers We desire that [illeg.] may not Suffer any
Rum to be Sold at Schaahkook

The Com.^{rs} answered

Children [illeg.] w^t Sincerity and
from the bottom oj our Hearts
[illeg.] opening of our Ears to give Attention We
Assure you that we have done it w^t Pleasure

[2-0148] II-91 [Very hard to read, continues Commissioner's response.]

Children We are very glad to hear that the Tree planted
at Schaahkook grows up It shall not want any
Encouragem^t we can give

We are very glad that the fire w^{ch} burns here is
so well known to you and all the Indians We shall
take Care to have it burn w^t a Clear Smoak

You may depend upon it that whenever any
News of Consequence happens we shall acquaint
you with it

We thank you for partaking w^t Us on our Unex=
=pressible grief for the Death of our Gov^r your Father

We thank you for being mindfull to keep our
great Canoe fast w^t the long Cable beyond [y^e ?]
Schahkook Flatts And hope you will always Use
your Endeavors to draw as many Ind^{ns} to live
at Schaahkook as you Can

Gave to the Ind^{ns}
[illeg.] p^s blks £ 4: 5: 0
[illeg.] p^s strowds £ 4: 5: 0
6 Shirts --
4 gallons Rum w^t 2 Kegs 0: 15: 0
1 barrel Beer 0: 19: 0
24 loaves Bread 0: 8: 0
The Beav^{rs} rec^d amted to 28 3/4

[2-0149] **II-91A** [Very hard to read]
Att a Meeting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 20th
Day of Decem^r 1736 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Philip Livingston Esq^r
Cap^t William Dick
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Abram Cuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stevanis Groesbeeck
Nicholas Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
John Depeyster
John Schuyler Jun^r

The Comm^{rs} wrote the
following Letter Viz
M^r Johannes Visher & Compⁿ
Gentlemen

We rec^d your Ltr of the 7th
Instant and are heartily Sorry for the Melancholy
News you send us of Peter Livingston's Death
[hope this may find the Rest of the Comp^y in good]
[health] We observe Jean Coeur is returned & [mended]
his House We are glad to hear that the Sachims will
give him no Land at Tierondequatt and that the
principal Sachims are ag^t him & keep no Correspondence
with him We desire you may give the Sachims three
gallons of rum and return them thanks in our Name
for their [Constance] & [Fidelity] to his Maj:^{es} Interest and
hope they may [Continue] So w^{ch} we doubt not but you will
[illeg.] them to Do; We [have p^d y^e] Indⁿ according to your
[illeg.] & shall be glad [illeg.]
[illeg.] any thing of Moment happens We are Gentlemen
The Indⁿ [illeg.] Strowds 1 [illeg.] Coat 1 pr^r Stock.^{ns} 2 shirts, [illeg.]
1 looking glass 3 barrs lead, 1 box Paint

[2-0150] **II-92** [Very hard to read]
Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs the 29th Day
of December 1736 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston
Capt. William Dick
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Hendrick Renselaer
Rutger Bleecker
Stevanis Groesbeeck
Abram Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Edward Holland
Reyer Gerritse
Dirck Tenbroeck
[Johan^s] Lansingh Jun^r
John Depeyster
Cornelis Cuyler
John Schuyler Jun^r

Pursuant to an Act of Gen^l
Asssembly of the Colony of
New York The Com^{rs} have this
Day Recomend Peter
Schuyler to be Commissary
to observe the Trade at Oswego
for the year Ensuing and the
following Lter was wrote to
his Honour the Lieut Goven^r
to appoint & Confirm him
accordingly

May it please your Honour

Sir We take leave to acquaint your
Honour that pursuant to an Act of Assembly of
the Province of New York, We have this Day mett
and [Consider'd] that Peter Schuyler is a [fitt]
person to be Comissary to oversee Inspect & Regu=
=late the trade at Oswego for the year Ensuing
and beg your Honour will be pleased to appoint and
Confirm him w^{ch} you are pleased to Do [desire]
you may send up his Commiss^o & Instructions in
Due time Inclosed send your Hon^r a Request
from several Traders that s^d Schuyler may be
Recomended by Us We are --

1737

[2-0160] II-97

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs the 2^d Day of
February 1736/7 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

John Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Nicholas Bleecker Esq^{rs} Com^{rs} of Ind.^r Affairs

Reyer Gerritse

Edward Holland

Edward Collins

The following Letter was [writt] and Sent
to the Lieut Governour

May it please your Honour

Sir

We are favour'd w^t yours of the 14.th
Ultimo on the post and are very much oblidge to
your Honour for approving of M^r Peter Schuyler
to be Commissary at Osswego for the year Ensuing
who we think a person [fully?] 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 farther, and presume he
will Use his uttmost Endeavour by his Vigilance
and Care to promote the same
We Desire that your Honour will be pleased to
send up his Commiss.^o w^t the first opportunity that
he may be ready to go up w.^t the first Canoes, And
that if you do not think it Inconsistent with
the Act of Assembly made in the year 1735 It
may be Incerted in his Commiss.^o or Instructions
that none of the Traders make Use of any Indians
or Squa's for Brokers, As they may not of any
Subjects of the ffrench King We find [y^t orderd]
by an Act of Assembly for the Commissary to be a Justice
of the Peace by Distinct Commissⁿ for Oswego
and

[2-0161] II-97A 97A [very faded]

And the Territories thereon depending w.^{ch} we hope
[your Honour will send us] [illeg.] w.^t the Comission as

[illeg.] We also desire that it may be Inserted
[illeg.] that no Trader shall
[have more] than one [Hutt or] House
Upon [illeg.] of the [Cont^s] of M.^r [Gooch's] Letter we
observe [that he] has [illeg.] the Catabaws one
of the [Nations] he mentions in his Letter
[to send their] deputies to Williamsburg [about the]
[beginning of] April next & seems to expect the five
[illeg.] will send their Chiefs to
[meet him there [to treat] of a Peace
We are of [the Same Opinion] w^t your Honour that the
Six Nations will not Consent to any [other] Place of [treating?]
[illeg.] for your Honour [is Sensible that the]
[Gov.^{rs} of Virgin.^a] Maryland & Pennsylvania have mett
and treated w^t the Ind.^s at Albany w.^{ch} has always
been[Esteemed?] the place of meeting w^t our Nations
and [they are] still expecting to hear when the Southern
Ind^{ns} will meett them here; We are apprehensive
[that] the sending the Interpreter to acquaint them
w^t the Resolution of the Gov.^r of Virgin.^a would
exasperate them and make them prosecute the [flat]
[illeg.] than Ever For in the last Treaty
w^t his late Excell^y here He promis'd them to write
to the Gov^{rs} to the Southward that they might send
Delegates of their Ind.^{ns} to treat w.^t the Six Nations
here w.^{ch} they have Expected all the last Summer
[so] now for Us to send them a Message that the
Gov.^r of Virgin.^a wou'd have them come there to
treat of a peace they wou'd think to be [trifling w.^t]
them, and they are a People that will not be trifled
with but this we Submitt to your Honour

[2-0162] **II-98** 98 [very faded]
As the Snow is so Excessive Deep now It is Impos=
-sible for the Interpreter to travel But if your
Honour Continues of that Opinion We shall
wait your farther Orders, and upon receiving
of them shall send him
This [illeg] round Is the Com^{rs} not
present & Signed by the greatest part of them

Two Mohawk Sachims came & acquainted the
Com:^{rs} that [Cachnaquarise] the Chief Sachim
of Oneyde was Dead gor w.^{ch} they greatly
grieved and hoped their Brothers would Condole
w.^t them for the Loss of so great a Man & friend

to the English Interest as has been the Custom
from antient Times amongst their forefathers
The Com.^{rs} answered they were heartily Sorry for
the Loss of so great a Sachim & [Constant] friend to
the English Interest And to show their great Concern
for that Loss would give them four Blankets
of strowds and a Kegg of Rum to wipe away
their Tears, and also a Kegg of Rum for them
to Drink by the Way
The Sachims answer'd as they were only Messeng^{rs}
they wou'd return to their Castle and acquaint
their People w^t what the Com.^{rs} had said and
bring back an Answer

[2-0163] **II-98A** [very faded]

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs at Albany the
[14th] Day of February 1736/7 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

[Johannis Schuyler]

Rutger Bleecker

Abraham Cuyler

Stevanus Groesbeek

Esq^{rs} Com^{rs} of Indⁿ Affairs

Philip Schuyler

Edward Holland

Nicholas Bleecker

Reyer Gerretse

Dirck Tenbroeck

Cornelis Cuyler

John Schuyler Jun.^r

[Othesoqueont] and his son
came before this board w^t Seven
Hands of Wampum & acquainted
the Com:^{rs} that Cachnaquanige
a great Sachim of the Oneydes was dead for
w:^{ch} their Nation greatly grieved

The Com^{rs} answered they were heartily Sorry
for the Death of [Cachnaquanige] who they
knew to be a great Sachim and Constant friend
to the English Interest and that they would
Condole his death, They also gave Him and
his Son each a Blanket of Strowds & a Shirt

to [greete their feet,] being they were weary
with Travel, and that they would likewise mend
his Gun and Hatchet
The Wampums were given to Coll^o Philip
Schuyler he having formerly lent to the Com^{rs}

[2-0164] **II-99**

Att a meetting of the Comes
of Ind.^d Affairs at Albany the
[17th] Day of February 1736/7 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Capt William Dick
Myndert Schuyler
Johannis Schuyler
Stevan[is] Groesbeek
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas bleecker
Rutger bleecker
Dirck Ten Broeck
John Depeyster
Cornelis Cuyler
John Schuyler Jun.^r

Esq^{rs} Com^{rs} of Indⁿ Affairs

This Day the Com.^{rs} sent Lawrence Claese
the Interpreter to Oneyde to Condole the
Death of Cachnaquasoege for w.^{ch} they have
have given him two Blankets Wampum
two Blankets Strouds [blank space] Gall Rum and
[illeg.] Shillings in [pounds]. Also order to
expend a Sum not exceeding thirty Shillings
to hire a Man from the [great falls?] to go
along w^t him to Oneyde

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the Second
Day of March 1736/7 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Cap.^t William Dick
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stevanis groesbeeck
Philip Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas bleecker
Dirck Tenbroeck
john Lansingh Jun^r
John Schuyler Jun^r
Reyer Gerritse
Jacob Glen

The Com.^{rs} wrote the
following Letter to His
Honour the Lieu^t Governour
See [the Entry] on the other Side

[2-0165] **II-99A**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs at Albany
the 2^d Day of March 1736/7 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Cap.^t William Dick
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stevanus Groesbeeck
Philip Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirck Tenbroeck
John Lansing Jun^r
Reyer gerritse
John Schuyler Jun^r
Jacob Glen

Esq^{rs} Com^{rs} of Indⁿ Affairs

This Board wrote the following
letter to the Lieu^t Governor
May it please your Honour
We are honour'd w^t yours of the 19.th Instant
and should be glad the Commissary's Commiss.^o came
up before the first Sloops if any Opportunity

should offer, for we Doubt the Sloops will come
too late this Season, and generally the most
[Discorde?] happens [when] the Traders first go Up
We [Wish] the particulars we wrote off cou'd been
[Inserted?] in the Commissary's Comiss^o or Instructions
But Since your Honour is of Opinion it cannot be
Done, We wish it may be recommended to the
assembly at their first sitting to [regulate] it

Lawrence the Interpreter [is abroad?], but we
Expect him home in a few Days and Shall send
[illeg.] according to your Honours Orders We
are w^t great Respect

[2-0166] **II-100**

Att a meetting of the Comm^{rs}
of Indian Affairs at Albany
the 9th Day of March
1736/7 [See Wraxall p. 198 for partial summary.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

John Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Abraham Cuyler

Stevanis Groesbeeck

Nicholas Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Dirck Tenbroeck

Cornelis Cuyler

John Schuyler Jun^r

Lowrence Claese the Interpreter
returned from Oneyde, and gave an Account
to this Board that he had Condoled the Death
of Cachnaquanige according to our Directions
and said that the Sachims of Oneyde heartily
thankd the Com.^{rs} for the Respect they had
Shown to their Nation in Condoling the Death
of so great a Sachim, and in token of
Gratitude gave half a belt of Wampum a
Fisher a Raccoon and a Dr: Deer Skin
The following Instruction was given to
Lowrence Claese the Interpreter to go to
Onnondage

You are to go with all Expedition to Onnon=
=dage and acquaint the Six Nations that
M.^r Gouch, the Gov.^r of Virginia is Desirous
to Negotiate a Peace between them and the

Cheriquees and Catawbaws their Enemies and
has prevaild with the Catawbaws to send
their Deputies to Williamsburgh about
the beginning of April next and would be
glad

[2-0167] **II-100A**

Glad if the five Nations and Tuscaroroes
would at the Same time send some of their Chiefs
to Conclude the Treaty; You are further
to acquaint the Indians that our Governour
forbids their Committing any Hostilities in
the mean time

The [Com.^{rs}] agreed to pay the Charges
and Lowrence has ordered [illeg.] pound of Beeds
100 [illeg.] 6 [wt.] [Tobacco?] and a Keg rum

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs at Albany
the 29th Day of March 1737 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Philip Livingston
William Dick
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Abram Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer gerritse
John Lansingh Jun^r
Cornelis Cuyler
John Schuyler Jun^r
Edward Collins

The following Letter was writt
to the Lieu.^t Govern^r

May it please your Honour

Sir

We have your Honours favours
of the 16th Instant w^t the Commissary's
Commis^o for Oswego who sets out
from [illeg.] to morrow

We beg your [Hon^r] will be pleasd to send up a Justices
Comiss.^o for him which we apprehend is absolutely necessary
And a Ded[illeg.] to swear him w.^{ch} must be to some psons
residing at Oswego being he will be gone from hence

We think [Mss.^{rs}] Nicholas Schuyler John Cuyler Jun^r
[Hendrick] Cuyler & William Peters or any one of
them would be proper persons. According to y^r Hon^{rs}
Orders we sent Lowrence Claese to the five Nations
the 6th of this Instant to acquaint them w^t what
M.^r Gooch [writes.] Order'd that the Commssary be
allowed £ 4.-- to lay out in Presents to bestow on some
of the principal Sach.^{ms} The Com.^{rs} gave him a flag to give
to [blank space] a great sachim of y^e farr Indians.

[2-0168] II-101

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs} of
Indian Affairs at Albany the
6th Day of April 1737 [See Wraxall p. 198-199 for summary.]

Present
Philip Livingston
William Dick
John Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Stevanis Groesbeeck
John Depeyster
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck

Lowrence Claese the Interpreter
returned from Oneyde and acquainted this Board
that pursuant to his Instructions he mett
the Six Nations, and told them that the Gov^r
of Virginia desired to negotiate a Peace
between them, and the Cheriquees & Catawbaws
their Enemies, and that he had prevailed with
the Latter to send their Deputies to Williams
Burgh 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
Brother meaning the Gov^r of Virginia

We are greatly Surprized that you should
send Us this Message and pass by the Gov^r
of New York and the Com^{rs} of Indian Affairs
at Albany, and that you have not desired
our Gov^r with two or three of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs to go along with Us, Seeing We
are but one Body, one Blood and one Head

[2-0168] **II-101A**

We are afraid that if we should come to
Virginia, You wou'd take part with the
Cheriquees 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 Us in Albany forbade Us 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 wou'd treat
Us as Enemies unless we had a good Pass
from the Governour of New York
Further his late Excellency Gov.^r Cosby

[illeg.] a publick Proposition made to Us at Albany promis'd
Us to write to the Gov.^r of Virgin.^a And that
he expected the Gov.^r of Virginia would write
back to Albany, and appoint the time
when the Cheriquees and Catawbaws would
come and meet Us there, Then Gov.^r Cosby
would send for Us and we should come to
Albany and treat there, where the fire
burns That was kindled by our forefathers
and shall burn for Ever

There is no other place to treat w^t Us but
at Albany we always Say in our publick Propo=
sitions that whoever will treat w^t Us must call
Us to Albany where the tree of Peace was
planted, and reaches unto Heaven, Under whose

[2-0170] **II-102**

Branches we have Sheltered our Selves
whose Roof [Root?] spreads itself South and West
throughout this Island that no Storm can
hurt it

Brother Governor of Virginia
If so be you Intend to make Peace between
the Cheriquees and Catawbaws and Us, We
Request that you now come either in your
own Person to Albany or by your Deputies
with some of the Sachims and Captains of
the Warriors of those Indian Nations and
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 Corlaer of New York

You forbid Us to Commit any Hostilities
on the Southern Indians Your Orders come
too late, There is at this time about three
or four hundred fighters of the Six Nations
out in sev^l parties on the frontiers of the
Cheriquees and Catawbaws 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 Service to the Gov^r
of New York & the Com.^{rs} of Indⁿ Affairs at Albany

[2-0171] **II-102A**

The following Letter was sent to his
Honour the Lieu^t Governour

Albany 6th April 1737

May it please your Honour
Sir

This serves to acq^t y^r Honour
that Lowrence Claese the Interpreter has
returned from the Indian Country & brought
the Inclosed answer to Gov^r Gooch's Request
concerning the Treaty w.^{ch} he Desired
between them and the Cheriquees & Catawbaws
to which we [referr] your Honour

Lowrence acquaints Us that there is to be
a general Meeting of the Six Nations at
Onnondage about the beginning of May next
to Consult about a Request made to them by
the french Interpreter who intends to Settle
at Tierondequat and they are then & there
[to devise] what they shall Conclude upon
that Affair We Submit to your Honour
whether it wou'd be proper to send a person
of Distinction with the Interpreter to be
at Onnondage at that time to oppose the
Measures of the french We are w^t great
Respect

Lowrence Claese the Interpreter brought
in an Acco:^{tt} amounting to three pounds Six

Shillings w^{ch} he expended in sending Messengers
to the [Six] Nations to call them together to [Speak]
in order to Speak w^t them w.^{ch} the Com^{rs} order'd
Cornelis Cuyler to pay

[2-0172] **II-103**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs at Albany
the 23rd Day of April 1737 [Wraxall mentions p. 199.]

Present

Cap^t William Dick
Abraham Cuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Johannis J Lansingh Jun^r
Nicholas Bleecker
Edward Holland
Stephanis Groesbeeck
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
John Schuyler Jun^r
John De Peyster
Edward Collins

Esq^{rs} Com^{rs}

This Day the Com^{rs} rec^d a Letter
from the Lieu^t Gov^r w^{ch} was
in the Words following Viz

Albany April the 16th 1737 [Wraxall mentions p. 199.]

Gentlemen

Yours of the [6th] Instant w^t the Ind^{ns}
Answer to Gov^r Gooch's Request I have laid before
the Council, And as to that part of your Letter, wherein
you Inform me that the french were Endeavouring
to gett Liberty to Settle at Tierondequat, and that at
the beginning of May the Indians were to have a
Gen.^l 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 Ind^{ns} [And] in Order
thereto you are forthw^t to send some person of
Distinction, whom you shall think proper, w^t the
Interpreter to the Six Nations, with Instructions
to acquaint them That [I] Desire they will not

suffer the french to have any Settlem.^{ts} among
them, That being not only contrary to their own
Resolutions and solemn Declarations that they would
not

[2-0173] **II-103A**

Not Suffer the french [any such] Thing, but to the
[Sev.^l] Treaties Concluded on that head, And which
[wou'd] be a [Manifest Violation] of the Cov^t Chain
[illeg]
[illeg] the french [illeg.] have always been
[illeg.] them, And that the Instructions
[illeg] may [illeg] more Effectual & Inforcing
[illeg.] Desire [illeg.] will look over the
sev^l Treaties, that the Ind.^{ns} be the more [fully]
reminded of them, You [are] further to give
[Instructions] to acq^t the [Ind.^{ns}] that I shall send their
Answer to the [Gov^r] of Virgin.^a In the first [Oppor-]
[tunity] and shall [meet] them at Albany [about]
[illeg.] Summer, And in the mean Time
[illeg.] will not Suffer any [Hostilities to be]
[Committed] ag^t the Cheriquees or [Catawbaws] [illeg.] or to
[have] any Conferences or Dealings [illeg.] [w^t]
[the french] [illeg] person or persons whatsoever
Sent from [illeg.] in their behalf, And more
[Especially to] Endeavour to prevail w^t the Six
[Nations] That They will not have any Confe-
[rences] or meettings w^t 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 w^t them at Albany
[illeg.]

most humble Serv^t

Geo Clarke

[illeg.] [Day] the Com^{rs} sent for Lowrence Claese
[the Interpreter] to come in on [Munday]
[or Tuesday next]
[This] Board allowed John [Visher] and Comp^y
£ 5: 1:-- [for presents] they made to the Indians
[illeg.] the french's [illeg.] to
[illeg.] at Tierondequat

[2-0174] II-104

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs at Albany
the 26th Day of April 1737 [Wraxall mentions p. 199.]

Present

Cap^t William Dick
Abraham Cuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Johan^s J Lansingh Jun^r
Nicholas Bleecker
Edward Holland
Stevanis Groesbeeck
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
John Schuyler Jun^r
John Depeyster
Edward Collins

This Day the Com:^{rs} agreed w^t
M.^r Jeremy Schuyler to go w^t Lowrence
Claese the Interpreter to Onnondage
or the Sinnekes Country to Speak with
the Six Nations for which Service they
are to pay him [Eighteen] pounds if he goes
to Onnondage & twenty four pounds if he
be obliged to proceed to the Sinnekes
Country a Lac'd Hatt, a pair [illeg.]
two small Keggs Rum, and five pounds
for Presents to the Indians

The Agreement is that he goes on Credit
of the Governm^{tt} but if the Governm^t
Doe not pay him the Com^{rs} are to pay him
out of the Money allowed to them
Lowrence Claese is allowed a horse for the
Journey Edward Holland is to give the lac'd hatt for two [Pistoles,] and
he is to furnish the two Kegs Rum

[2-0175] **II-104A** 104A

Att a [Meetting] of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs at Albany
the 29th Day of April 1737 [Wraxall mentions p. 199.]

Present

Cap^t William Dick
[Stevanis] Groesbeeck
Abraham Cuyler
Edward Holland
Dirck Tenbroeck
Nicholas Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Johannis Lansingh Jun^r
John Schuyler Jun^r

This Board gave their
Instructions to Jeremy Schuy[ler]
w^{ch} were in the Words follow
=ing viz

Instructions for M^r Jeremy Schuyler

You are [to go] to Onnondage and take with you
[Lowrence Claese] the Interpreter When you come
there ad find the Sachims of the Six nations
mett Then tell them

[Brethren] The Governour of New York and the Com^{rs}
[of Indian Affairs] having had [illeg.] [Information]
[illeg.] was to [illeg.] Gen^l Meetting of the
[Six] Nations at this place, Have therefore
[thought fitt] to send [illeg.] w^t the Interpreter
[to] [illeg.] the true [Occasion of your [meet^g]
[illeg.]

[illeg.] had some [illeg.]
[illeg.] to Consult about
giving Liberty to the french Interpreter
or some of the [Subjects] of the french King
to [build a Trading] House as they Endeavor
to make you believe at Tiorondequat

[2-0176] **II-105** 105

Brethren

The Governor and Com^{rs} of Indian Affairs
cannot in the least believe or give any Credit
to this Request, 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
[And] I must tell you, And you may all Easily
Remember it That the last time you mett
the late Gov^r at Albany, You promised in a solemn
Manner to perform the Same

The Gov^r and Com^{rs} of Indian Affairs are not
Ignorant how the french served you on their
first Settling at [Jagara] and Cadarachqua, You
having often told them the Same your Selves
How Deceitfully and [Craftily?] they Settled those
places, and by that means call them their own
Brethren

The Gov^r and Com^{rs} 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 [Sence] & cannot
think Bribes will be [any] Inducement to you
to Enslave [your Selves; For they are] very appre=
hensive [that if] you should once [give] the french
or any Subjects of the french King Liberty to
build that [Trading] house at Tierondequat,
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 fortifi=
=cation as they did those of Jagara and
Cadarachqua

[2-0177] II-105A

Brethren

The Gov^r and Com^{rs} of Indian Affairs Expect
that you will not as much as have a Conference
or any Dealings whatsoever w^t the french Interpre=
=ter or any Subjects 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 this Summer
In Sending his Gov^r to Albany w^t a handsome
Present to treat w^t you and brighten y^e Covent
Chain; Off which you shall have timely Notice,
Brethren

The Com^{rs} of Indian Affairs have rec^d y^r Answer

[to the] Gov^r of Virgin^{as} Proposals who forward^d
[it] to the Gov^r of Virgin.^a whose Answer may
be soon Expected

The Gov^r of New York Desires [&] Requires of
you, That you use no Hostilities against the
[Cheriquees] or Catabaws but keep your fighting
[Men] at Home
Brethren

I shall be glad to carry back an Answer from you
w^{ch} will be acceptable to the great King your
[Gracious] Father, the Gov^r and the Com^{rs} of Indⁿ
[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 Sev^l 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

[2-0178] **II-106**

In their Books, Then you are to give a Belt
of Wampum
If the Six Nations should not have their
Intended Meeting at Onnondage, You are to
proceed to the Sinnekes Country & take w^t you
some of the Sachims of Onnondage & Cayouge
and speak there w.^t them altogether

The following Letter was Sent w^t a Copy of
the above Instructions to the Lieu^t Governour
Albany 29th April 1737

May it please your Honour

We have according to your Honour's
Orders to us, to send a person of Distinction to the
Six Nations sent M^r Jeremy Schuyler Brother
to Coll^o Philip Schuyler, who was pleased to accept
of our Offer, In order to find out the Occasion of
the Intended Meeting and find out if possible
the Designs of the french We gave him his
Instructions Copy whereof is [illeg.] Inclosed

We have allowed him Eighteen pounds if he goes
but to Onnondage And if he be Obliged to go to
the Sinnekes Country he is to have £ 24: five
pounds for presents & £ 3: for Contingencies

We have also given him an Order on the Comp^a
that lyes in the Sinnekes Country In [Case] he goes
there to gett Goods to the Value of £ 6:-- in Case
he should have Occasion for them on the
Countrys Service We gave him this Order by
Reason he goes by Land for Expedition's Sake
& Cou'd not Carry them w^t him We hope y^r Honour
will be pleased to lay the Same before the Assembly
and recommend it to them for their Allowance
We are w^t very great Respect

[2-0179] **II-106A**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs for the City
and County of Albany on the
4th Day of May 1737 [Wraxall partial summary p. 199.]

Present

Cap^t William Dick

Abraham Cuyler

Stevanis Groesbeeck

Esq^{rs} Com^{rs}

John De Peyster

of Indⁿ Affairs

Cornelis Cuyler

Dirck Tenbroeck

The following Letter was writt to
the Lieu.^t Governour Viz
May it please Your Honour
[Sir]

[We] have [rec^d] the Enclosed Letter from
the Commissary at Oswego which we are humbly of
Opinion [thought] is not in our Power to [illeg.]
[illeg.] what [illeg.] to the legislative Power but
[we] thought it our Duty to send it down to your
Honour to act [illeg.] as you in your Prudence
shall think [best] We remain w^t very great Respect

The following [Ltr] was writt to the Representa
[tives] 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 [illeg.] in two [Rows] and that no [illeg.] be
left between the Houses but that they be
[joined] Close together Except you think
proper to make two [cross streets,] And in
Case any Traders should build their Houses

contrary to the Directions of said Act, the
Commissary may be Impowered to Cause them

[2-0180] **II-107** 107

to be broke Down, And if the Owners will
not break them Down after the Commissary gives
his orders, He that refuses be liable to a fine
of £ 50:-- The Reason of our writing this is
Occasion'd by sev^l Complaints from the Traders
of the old Irregularities of the building the
Houses being continued this Year

We have rec^d a L^{ter} from the Commissary at
Oswego complaining of the Inconveniency
of the Traders making use of Interpreters and
Brokers We think it would be proper that
no Interpreter were allowed but one to the
Commissary w^{ch} we desire you to take Notice
of in the Act We are w^t Respect

The Com.^{rs} ordered the following L^{ter} to
be Sent to the Commissary at Oswego which
was as follows Via
Gentlemen

I am Directed by the Com.^{rs} to acquaint you
that they have rec^d your L^{ter} and sent it to
the Gov.^r who they think will lay it before
the Assembly They have likewise writt
to the members of Assembly for the City
and County of Albany to gett incerted in
the Act that no Interpreter be allowed
but to the Commissary I am Sir

Your most humble Serv^t
Ja. Stevenson

[2-0181] II-107A

Albany 28:th May 1737 [Wraxall summary p. 199-200.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

W:^m Dick

Myn: Schuyler

St: Groesbeck

Ab: Cuyler

Ry: Gerritse

Joh: Lansingh

Ph. Schuyler

Ed: Holland

Cor. Cuyler

John Schuyler Jun.^r

May it Please your Honour

Sir

This Day M.^r Jeremy Schuyler

Return'd from the Indian Country who Inform'd Us that
when he Arriv'd at Onnondage, and According to his
Instructions inquired of them whether the Six Nations
Ind.^s had yett given Liberty to the French to Settle at
Tierondequat

The Chief sachim of that Nation Frankly
Own'd that the Sinnekes had given them Liberty
last fall

Whereupon he proceeded forward to the
Sinnekes, when he Arriv'd there, he Called the
Sachims together and ask'd them if it was true that
they had given Liberty to y.^e French to Settle at
Tierondequat, who own'd they had Given them Liberty
to build a small Hutt, but they thank'd the Governor
and Com.^{rs} for their Good Advice, and Promis'd that
they would recall the Liberty they had Given
and upon that gave a Belt of Wampum

Att a meeting of the Com^{rs} of the
Indian affairs in Albany y^e 24th
June 1737. Lowrence Clase the
Interpreter after his Return from
the Six Nations gave the following
information to Witt. [Wraxall summary p. 200.]

Present

Philip Livingston

W^m Dick

My. Schuyler

Ab. Cuyler

St. Groesbeeck

Jer. V. Renselaer

Ed: Holland

Dirk Ten Broek

After I arrived the second time in the Sinne
kes 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 Sennekes Country to Osweego, from
thence he was to go to Jagara and bring from thence
Ten

[2-0182] **II-182**

Ten Barrels powder and other Indian goods in order to
Settle a Trading Place at Thierondequat, to Provide the
Young Warriors w.^t Ammunition and other Warlike Stores
as for Knives, Flints and [Awls] he would always give for
Nothing and would also keep a black Smith there.

Our own Smiths 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 Tierondequat 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 M:^r
Schuyler and me, for I heard that the French Interpreter
was gone to Carry Powder from Jagara to Thierondequat
& make a Settlement there and to Convince me that they did
not Consent thereto I Desired they would Speak w:^t the
French interpreter in my Presence and return him the
Belt of Wampum w:^h 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.

It is therefore my Opinion that the French will go on w.th that Settlement, If the Governm^t do not use speedy Means to Prevent it by sending a Person or Two of Distinction forthwith to the Sinnekes Country to Turn Away the French from Among them

As I was going up the Sachims of Onnondage told Me that when the French Interpreter Came from Canada last Fall he Call'd their Sachims together & Acquainted them that the Sachims of the Sinnekes had Consented to his building of a house at Thierondequat the Sinneke Have rec.^d a large belt of Wampum from the Governour of Canada to go to war with them against the Foxes and he is to Provide them with Arms and Ammunition.

When I arrived the last time in y^e Sinnekes Country I found the Doctor was [dead], [so when I delivered] the message to the sachims they told me they Could not Comply w.^t the Governours Desire at this time, not untill the

Doctor's

[2-0183] **II-108A**

Doctors death was Condoled for he was a great man Amongst them [their Speaker], and the Prop & Support of their Nation

I found myself Obligated to go to that Charge, and in [illeg.] of the Gover.^r & Com^{rs} of Indian Affairs I Condol'd the Doctor's [Death after I had] [illeg.] I Spoke to the Sachims [illeg.] to go Down w.^t me and Speak w.^t the [Governour?] which they were willing to Do. So I hope my Charges will be Paid. Ø

Proposition made by the hon.^{ble} George
Clarke Esq.^r Leiu.^t Governour & Comander
in Cheife of the Province of New york
in Albany y^e 27th June 1737
to the Sachims of y^e Six nations viz^t
the mohogs oneydes Tuskororos onnon-
=dages Cayouges & Sinnekes

[The governor's speech is printed in DRCHNY at 6:99 with no significant differences. The conference is summarized in Wraxall beginning on p. 200.]

[2-0184] **II-109**

[First part of page is the speech of the Six Nations Sachims to Lt. Governor Clarke, the beginning of the June 1737 conference with Clarke with minor differences from the version printed in DRCHNY 6:98-99. A second copy of this conference can be found in the third microfilm roll. See vol. 3 pp. III-1 through III-19. The second part of this page is not included in the printed version.]

Albany 24.th June 1737

The Sachims of the Six Nations waited on
his honour the Lieu^t 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 Sickness 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 rejoycd Gave a few Skins

Brother Corlaer

We are come a great way from our habitations
and have severall of our people among ~~them~~ us, who are
but poor and ~~are~~ not able to have their Hatchets hoes &
guns mended. wherefore we beg of you to gett them mended.

The Gov^r [replyd]

Brethren

I am pleasd to See so many of you here ~~and~~
~~Return you thanks for your kind [wishes]~~
& that it hath pleased god to defend us from [illeg.] that we [take]
this opportunity to tell you that I am glad we mett ~~you~~
with joyful Countenance and hope that our meeting will
be attended to our mutuall Satisfaction
I shall order that the hatchetts hoes & guns of your poor people
[shall] be forthwith mended. and Some beer to drink y^e kings
health

[2-0185] **II-109A**

[Printed DRCHNY 6:98-99. Printed version is more complete than this one, which omits pages and is very hard to read.]

Albany June 25.th 1737

Two sachims of the Mohogs waited on his Hon.^r Ge[o] Clarke Esq.^r in behalf of themselves Oneydes Onondage[s] & Tuskaroroës desireing that his hon.^r would be pleas'd to deferr to speak to them in publick ~~to-day~~ untill next Monday because they would this day condole the death of the Sinneke Sachims who lately died, according [to] the antient Custom of their Ancestors & until that was done, they were like Children under age, who cannot act in publick affaires

Whereon his Hon.^r was pleasd to tell them that according to their desire he would defer speaking to them until next monday for w.^{ch} they return [him] their hearty thanks and Informd his Hon.^r privately that the Schaweno Indians living in Susquehana River to the number of 130 Warriours haveing notice that the Cayouges & Sinnekes lately Sold land they live on unto the proprietor of Pensilvania have thereupon sent messengers with a belt of Wampum to the Indians [setld] at Tughsaghrondie to desire leave to shelter & live among them to w:^{ch} they have consented and the french w:th a number of Indians have promisd on notice that they are on their March to meet them w:th provisions &.^{ca} to receive & Conduct them to this new Settlement.

[very faint writing at bottom of page says:] [illeg.] the End of [illeg.]

[2-0186] **II-110** [missing page here]

[Second part of Gov. Clarke's speech June 27 1737 printed DRCHNY 6:99-100]

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 can not Speak on that head for what confidence can we place in then who keep not their faith with us. the Great King your Father [illeg.] in a strict observance of his treaties with his Brethren of all nations so he expects the like from them, but when they from their [illeg.] friend= ship as unworthy of this So 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 acknowledg'd and Confirmed that Gift, if your Memories fail you we cannot forget it, we committed it to writing which time cannot [wear] out now having in that Solomn manner put it in the Hands of Our King your Father you cannot without his Consent, Suffer a French= men 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 Frindship, The Commissioners of Indian Affairs, on the first notice, complain'd to you of this you Breach of Faith you promis'd them not to Suffer Jean Coeur or any other French Man to build, & confirmd that prom= ise 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, please you therefore to your own reflections, Consider what I have said, Consult your own Interest [illeg.] of the Stain that this Action has thrown on you, [illeg.] your [illeg.] & give me your positive Answer

Gave a belt Wampum

[2-0187] **II-110A to II to first part of 113A** corresponds to 6 DRCHNY 100-103 with minor differences.]

[2-0193] **II-113A**

[First part of page corresponds to first part of 6 DRCHNY 103. Second part of page is difficult to read, but appears to say:] [See Wraxall summary p. 206.]

The Honourable George Clarke Esq:^r
Lieut. Governor of the Province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America who having refer'd unto the Commrs of Indian Affairs at Albany to give their Opinion in Relation to the Subject Matter & Ill Consequence of the Sinnekes granting Liberty to the french to build at Theirondequat on the South Side of Cadaratiqua Lake above Osweego, which Liberty
The

[2-0194] **II-114** [Hard to read]

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 Com^{rs} having taken the Same into their

Consideration are humbly of Opinion that as the Affairs of the Governm.^t 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 of the Lands [belonging] to them

We are further of Opinion that it is absolutly Necessary for the [Security] of the Indians and furr Trade that a ffort be Erected at [Tionderondequat] 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 [Same] [illeg.] or any others for [illeg.] of y^e Six Nations that they may not draw them over to their Intrest & make y^m waver= ing in their [obediance & fidelity] to the King of great Britain [illeg.] uttmost [Consequences which] [illeg.] Serious Consider ration by

Your hon:^s most Humble & most
Obedient Servants

Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleeker
St. Groesbeck
Ph. Schuyler
Ab. Cuyler
Ed: Holland
N: Bleeker
Joh.^s Lansing Jun.^r

Johy D. Peyster
Joh.^s Schuyler Jun.^r
Cornel: Cuyler
Ry. Gerritse

[2-0195] **II-114A to II-117** corresponds to 6 DRCHNY 103-107.]

[2-0201] **II-117A** [See 6 DRCHNY 107 for a very different version of this story that is not included in the commissioners' records. For a second copy of this version that has been crossed out, see p. III-16. I have not included it here. See Edith Fox, *Land Speculation in Mohawk Country* for context, including a discussion of the purported deed of 1741. Wraxall's summary begins on p. 206 of his Abridgement and attributes Laurence Claessen's actions to "Albanian politics."]

Alb.^y p.^{mo} July 1737

The Hon:^{ble} George Clarke Esq:^r Lieu.^t
Gov.^r of the Province of N. York &.^{ca} being desirous to purchase for the use and in behalf of his Majesty from the Sachims of the Onondages, Cayouges & Sinnekes, all the lands on the South side of the lake Cadarachque, from

Oswego to the fall of Iagara, 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 all 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 Province. in order to procure a purchase for said Lands for the use of His Majesty, Lawrence chose the Interpreter Sumond the Sachims of the said Nations to Conven[e] at the House of Nicolas Bleecker in this City, who made proposalls unto the said Sachims, that his Honour was Inclined 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 ffort 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.

The

[2-0202] II-118

The Sachims Answered

That the two Chief Proprietors ~~are at present~~ ^{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 gett their Chief Support for Hunting & fishing.

The said Lowrence Claese brought the a fores.^d Answer to his Hon.^r at his lodgeing in psence of Philip Livingston, Myndert Schuyler, Rutger Bleecker & Nicolas Bleecker Esq.^{rs} wherewith his Hon.^r was very much displeas'd & told Lowrence 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 procureing a deed ~~from~~ for his Majesty for said lands from them. but that it was his mistake imagineing it had been told him so to act in this mannor to obtain s.^d Lands.

[2-0203] **II-118A to II119A**

[Lt. Governor Clarke's Conference with the Schaghticoke Indians July 1 1737.
Corresponds to 6 DRCHNY 108-109. Summarised in Wraxall's Abridgement p. 207.]

[2-0206] **II-120**

Att a meeting of the Com^{es}
of Indian Affairs at the City of
Albany on the 25th Day of July
1737

[See Wraxall p. 207 for brief summary.]

Present
Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Abraham Cuyler
Edward Holland
Jn^s Depeyster
Cornelis Cuyler

Whereas the Lieut. Gov.^r by his
Letter of the 2^d Instant ~~aequ~~
acquainted the Com.^{es} of Indⁿ

Affairs that he had appointed Lowrence
Claese, Claes Lowrence, Joseph van Sice
Hendrick Wemple and Timoth Mac Gwyn
to reside in the Sinneckes Country for the
year Insuing

The Com:^{rs} of Indian Affairs
gave them the following Instructions Viz

Whereas you are appointed by his Honour
the Lieut. Governour to go Reside in the
Sinnekes Country for the Year Ensuing
on the Service of the Governm.^t to Comence
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 ffrench
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 Comander in
Chief for the time being, or the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs at Albany from time to
time w^t all such Intelligence w.^{ch} you think
relates or concerns his Majesty or the
Diminishing his Interest by the French
among

[2-0207] **II-120A**

Among that Nations, & 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
Comander 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 Smith
You are to use your uttmost Endeavour to hinder
the french from making any Settlements any
where amongst the Indians Given under our
hands in Albany the twenty fifth Day of July
in the Eleventh Year of his Maj.^{es} Reign
Anno Domini 1737

The Com^{rs} order'd them 1 £ weight of Iron
25 lb of Steel 1 doz files and 90 lb tobacco

[2-208] **II-121**

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs att Alb.^y
the first Day of Septemb.^r 1737 [Not in Wraxall's Abridgement.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Rut: Bleecker
Ab. Cuyler
Ni. Bleecker
John Schuyler Jun.^r
Cor. Cuyler

A Sachim from Onondage
appeared before this board and acquainted us
that the Cachnawage Indians had been with the
Gov.^r of Canada and complained to him that the
Onondages had Killed two of their Indians, and
that they expected they would have come and made
Satisfaction for the Loss they had Sustained before
this time.

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 Onondages sent a Messenger

to Canada with 7 hands of wampum to acquaint
the Gov.^r that they defer'd their comeing till next
Spring.

The Indian that brought the Message
was orderd a blanket & a shirt for Himself &
a hatchet for their Speaker.

[2-0209] II-121A

Att a Meeting of y.^e Com^{rs} of
Indian Affairs att Alb.^y 17.th Sept
1737 [Not in Wraxall's Abridgement.]

Present
Myndart Schuyler
John Schuyler
Abra. Cuyler
Rut. Bleeker
Ni. Bleecker

The Com.^{rs} haveing rec.^d a letter from
Lawrence and Jos. Van Size to ~~vizz~~ which they
gave the following Answer

Gentlemen

We have yours of the 5.th Inst.
and observe what you write concerning the
Message the Gov.^r of Canada sent to his [Interprs]
we thank you for your care in makeing the con=
=trary appear in the publick meeting of the
Indians & Sto[ping] the mouth of the [lyar] & hope you
will from time to time take notice of their pro=
=ceedings and do what in you lyes to hinder them
from doing any thing detrimental to our govern
ment

We are glad to hear that more foreign
Indians will Come & trade at Osweego & hope you
endeavour to encourage them and desire you to
give the Sachims of the Sinnekes 6 blank.^{ts} Strouds
to Speak with those Indians when they come.

We send you by Jacob Bleecker and
Barent Stacks a blanket Strouds a Shirt and a p^r
Socks for the Coe Schieter and thank him in
Our name for his servises and tell him we expect
~~to use his~~ he will use his best endeavours among
the Indians for the Interest of this Government.
Let M^r Bleeker and M^r Staets be by when you

give the Coe Schicter those goods which we desire
may be privately done

[2-0210] **II-122**

John Vesher tells us the Indians gave you
4 bev.^{rs} & 6 deer Skins w.^{ch} we expect will come to
the use of the Comissioners.

[2-0212] **II-123**

Att a meeting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs at Albany
the 17th Day of December
1737 [Not in Wraxall's Abridgement.]

Present

Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Stevanis Groesbeeck
Abraham Cuyler
Edward Holland
Nicolas Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Dirck Tenbroeck
John Schuyler Jun^r
John Depeyster

The Com.^{rs} this Day allowed
M.^{rs} Kitchiners Accts w^{ch}
comenced the 3^d Day of Sept^r
1735 and Ended the 29.th Day
of Septem.^r now last past
amounting to the Sum of
Eighty one pounds and four

Shillings for wch Sum a Warr.^t was drawn
on Philip Livingston Esq to pay the Same

1738

[2-0213] II-123A

Att a Meeting of the Com:^{rs} of
Indian Affairs at Albany the 2:^d
Jan.^{ry} 1737/8 [See Wraxall p. 207 for partial summary.]

Present

Ph: Livingston Esq^r

Coll:^o Myndert Schuyler

Ab. Cuyler

St. Groesbeek

Rutger Bleeker

Ed. Holland

Ni. Bleeker

Ed. Collins

Joh.^s J Lansingh

Cor: Cuyler

Dirk Ten Broek

This Day rec.^d a Letter from Lowrence
Claese from the Sinnekes country the transla=
tion of w.^h is viz.^t

Sinnekes Country 15:th Dec.^{br} 1737

Gentlemen

We rec.^d yours of the 17.th Sep.^r

Last & note the contents. Here are three french
Men one of w.^{ch} is the Interpreter, who is dayly endea=
vouring to perswade the Indians for a Lease to Settle
at Tierondequat, but he rather Looses than gains
upon them, for where I am the French have no In=
=fluence. I think if I had the necessary means I
could obtain Leave to build a trading House there,
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 Ognagara to Store
Oar, whether it be gold, silver or Copper I can't tell
they have built a Barque in the great Lake to the
northward of Ognagara to transport there Oar to the
carrying place w.^{ch} is between Ognagara & Cadarach=
=que & the Barques w.^{ch} are at Cadarachque 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 affords
800 Men w:th Large Cannon w:^{cj} are gone up the River
Mississippi & winter now att Old Ottowawo. 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 Foxes but against Indians w:^{ch} belong under the crown of England & we Judge they are Indians belonging

[2-0214] **II-124**

To North & South Carolina, therefore the Sachims here, desire the Gov:^r of New york may advertise the Gov:^{rs} of South & N.^o Carolina here of. The French lost there Last year 200 Men & 1 Priest. the 7:th Nov.^r Last came to this Castle 3 Scaulps & one Prisoner whom they intended to burn, but we Ransom'd him. the Oneydes, Cayouges & Sinnekes are mostly gone a fighting. The Sinnekes and Cayouges are but in a bad State w:^{ch} is occasion'd by that quantity Strong Drink w:^{ch} is dayly brought amongst them by our Christians. We have an Express 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 Philadlphia & 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 determind to carry on a War w:th the Six Nations. therefore the Gov.^r of Philadelphia desires them to be upon their gaurd & sent them three Strings of Wampum in token of His sincerity. herewith we conclude & hope you'; satisfy the Bearer hereof

A Copy of the above Translation together with the Following Letter we have sent to his Hon.^r the Lieu.^t Gov.^r

Alb.^y 2.^d Jan.^{ry} 1737/8

May it please your Hon.^r

The inclosed is an Inter=
=pretation of a Dutch Letter we rec.^d yesterday of Lowrence Clase from the Sinnekes Country w:^{ch} we have thought proper to send to your Hon.^r you'll perceive thereby that Lowrence Claese is

[2-0215] **II-124A**

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 thinks proper, that it would be best that you send proper Instructions to Lowrence 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.

Orderd that M.^r Rutger Bleeker pay the
Indians Schotack & Tom. 2 Blankets Strouds
 2 Shirts
 2 p.^r Stockings
 2 Lapps &
 2 gall Rum

For bringing the Letter

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs at Alb y^e 26th
Jan.^{ry} 1737/8 [See Wraxall p. 207-209 for summary.]

Present

Coll.^o Myndert Schuyler

St. Groesbeek

Rutger Bleeker

Ni: Bleeker

Cor. Cuyler

Ed: Collins

Dirk Ten Broek

Ryer Gerretse

John D Peyster

This board taking into Consideration
the four Queries referr'd to them by the Lieu.^t
Gov.^r viz.^t

14. What Number of Indians have you & how are
they Inclind.

15. What is the Strength of the Neighbouring Inds.

16. What is y.^e Strength of your European neighbours
French or Spaniards.

17. What effect have the French or Spanish settle
=ments on the Continent of America, upon his
Majestys plantations especially on your pro=
=vince

Adjourned to the 20:th Instant

[2-0216] II-125

Att a Meeting of the Com:^{rs} of
Indian Affairs held at Alb.^y 28:th
Jan.^{ry} 1737/8

Present

Coll.^o Myndert Schuyler

Co. John Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Nicolaes Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Joh.^s Lansingh

Dirk Ten Broeck

Coll.^o Ph: Schuyler

John D'Peyster

Ed: Collins

Cor: Cuyler

After some resolves upon the questions
this Board adjourn'd to 4.th Feb:^{ry} next.

Att a meeting of the Com:^{rs}
for Indian Affairs held at Alb.^{r\}
4:th Feb:^{ry} 1737/8

[See Wraxall p. 207-209 for summary.]

Present

Ph Livingston Esq.^r

Myndert Schuyler

St. Groesbeeck

Rutger Bleecker

Corn:^{es} Cuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

Reyer Gerritse

John D'Peyster

Nicolaes Bleecker

This Board returnd the following
Answer to the queries to them referred by his
Hon.^r the Lieut. Governour viz.^r

[Printed in DRCHNY 6:126 with slightly different wording]

Answer to four queries referr'd 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 1/8 part incline to the french
Interest, being partly overaw'd by Fear. The French
having their Interpreter continually among the

Sinnekes who has a great Influence over them & they often send Messengers with present among the Six Nations.

[2--217] **II-125A**

15. The Indians living near about Montreal and Quebec are about 1000 fighting Men besides a Vast Number of other foreign Indians where the French have Sixteen Fortifications amongst them

16. The French Europeans settld on the River S.^t Lawrence in Canada consisting of the three Governments of Quebec Montreal & three Rivers computed at about 10000 fighting men including thirty Two Companys of regular Forces

Spaniards None.

17. The Metropolis of New France is Quebeck a Strong fortify'd Town, being inclosed in a very good Wall. & has a Strong Fort scituated on a Rock being the Sea port at the North Side of the River S.^t Lawrence About Sixty Leagues 8^o West thereof is Montreal on the same Side of the River it is regularry fortified & Sorrounded w:th a Strong Stone Wall Having Battalions within & a large Trench round the North East & West Sides there of. & to the South the River.

About Seven Leagues south from Montreal is a Village called Chambley scituated on the River running out of Corlaers Lake which by the French is Called Champlains & emptys i self into the River S.^t Lawrence at Soreil. there is a good Strong Stone Fort at the Side of the River at the Upper End of a Bason.

They Have also a Very Strong Fort to the West & ~~at the South~~ of Crown point called by the French La pointe au la Chevleares, at the Side & South end of Corlaers Lake beforemention'd about Seventy Miles to the Northward of our Farthest Settlement.

[2-0218] **II-126**

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 encroachd on Lands belonging to his Majes=
=ty.

They have also a Strong Fort at Cadarachque at the North east end of the Lake Ontaria, which emptys

it Self in the River S.^t 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 & likeways to prevent the Six Nations from going to Canada in Time of War.

They have also a Strong Fort at Niagara lying at the S.^o West End of Cadarachque Lake below 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 y^e Indian Trade from the Westward & Overaws the Sinnekes.

They have severall 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 in Awe and Command over them.

The Following Letter was also wrote to His Honour the Lieu.^t Gov.^r [Not in Wraxall.]

Alb.^y 4 Feb.^{ry} 1737/8

May it please your Honour

We rec.^e your fav:^{rs} of the 16th Last past. we have writt to Lawrence to use all his Interest to prevent the Indians Joyning w:th the French

[2-0219] **II-126A**

In the intended expedition. we also rec.^d a Letter from M.^r Morris, with some Queries from the Lords of Trade to which we send our Answer as near as we are able. We rec.^d a Letter from Lowrence this day dated the 21 Jan.^{ry} but Nothing worthy your Notice we Conclude w:th that we are-

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs at Albany y.^e
4.th March 1737/8 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Rutger Bleecker
St. Groesbeek
Ab. Cuyler
Nicolaes Bleeker
Reyer Gerritse
Ed: Holland
Dirk Ten Broeck
Joh^s Lansingh

The following Letter was wrote to
his Hon.^r the Lieu.^t Governour

May it please your Hon.^r

Sir

We had the Hon.^r to receive you[rs]
of the past & according to your directions we ha[ve]
gott a white man & daily expect an Indian who
are to go & acquaint the Six Nations of the con
=tents of your Honours Letter, we are very gla[d]
that Such a peace is like to be brought about
which must certainly be a great Benefitt to [His]
Majesties Colonys here haveing nothing fur[her]
to add, we remain --.

[2-0220] II-127

Att a meeting of the Com:rs of
Indian Affairs att Albany the
6:th Mar. 1737/8 [See Wraxall p. 209-210 for summary.]

Present
Coll.^o Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleeker
Ni.^c Bleeker
Cor Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broek
Reyer Gerritse
Ste: Groesbeek
John Schuyler

The Following letter was wrote to
Lowrence Claese the Interpreter

Mr. Lowrence Claese

Hier inleggende hebt UE copy van
Een brief van onse Gov.^t als meede een copy van een
brief aen onse Governeru van d'Gov.^r van Philadelphia
ook copy van Twee brieven te weeten een van d'Cherikey

& Een van d'Cattabaws geschreven aen d'Gov.^r van Virginia waer by ghy sult sien, dat deese Naties geresolveert syn om roegh in't voor jaer persies hier in Albany te coomen om die Vreede te besluyten, met de Sess Naties, waer so langh voor d se sen all van gesproken is derhalve Sende wy Cor. Verplank den brengen de ses met twee Maquase Wilden aen UE so Dsoeke wy op d'ontfangst van deser om Sulke bekent te maken int Sinnekes landt en dan opstonts abt te coomennae Onondage onde daer het Selse bekent te maken aen d'rest van d sess Naties, d'brengers deser bebbe last het selve te doen int passant van d'Casteels so & saekeyary UE dat ghy UE devoir sult doen, dat de Sess Naties geen molestaties sullen doch aen d'Voorgenoemde Wilden ende so drae als wy de dagh sullen weeten wanneer sy hier sullen weesen, dan sullen wy aenstonts een gesant op Steuren aen UE ende de Sess Naties om UE ende haer te laete weeten. wy hebben & staen van de Maquasse Wilde dat die Wildt die Aaron vry 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 Onondages seght dat wy verwaghten dat sy hem meede Brengen als sy hier coomen om de vreede te besluyten, in order one hem op te leeseren aen d'gedeputeerden die hier sullen coomen om de voorseyde Vreede te besluyten. De Cherikees syn de platt Coppes Ende de Cattabaws syn de Wadarighroenies wy vervaghten UE antwoordt by den brengler deses & Solyve

Instructies van d Com.^{es} Van de Wilden
Affairen Voor Corn.^{es} Verplank

Ghy syt opstonts te gaen met dese twee Maquase Wilden na het Maquasse Casteel tot Fort Hunter, end daer de twee voornoemde wilden telaste Seggen dat de Cherikees & Cattabaws hier te Albany [moegh] in het vor jaer sullen coomen om vreede to besluyten te laete seggo in Canajohere, Oneyde, Onondage Tuskarorie & Cajou ende daer van daem te gaen so spoedelyck als moogelyck is nae het Sinnekes landt Ende daer di brief die UE hier geleverd vordt te bestellen aen Lowrence Claese Wy wensche UE een goede rys
by Order van D Com.^{rs} van

de Wilden Affaire
Ph Livingston Jun.^r

The Com.^{es} agreed with Corn.^{es} Verplank to go with two Indians to acquaint the Six Nations, that the Cherikees & Cattabaws Intend to come to Albany this Spring to conclude a peace with them & to carry a lett[er] to the Interpreter at the Sinnekes country for which he is to have Six pounds & 1 doz. Knives Orderd, that Mr. Bleeker pay the Indians Each a Blanket Strouds a Shirt a p.^r Stock^{gs} a Lap [aff Shoes] & 1 Kegg Rum

[2-222] II-128

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{es} att
Albany y^e 12.th april 1738 [Not in Wraxall]

Present
rutger Bleecker
Corn.^{es} Cuyler
Ste Groesbeck
John De Peyster
Dirk Ten Broeck
Ni. Bleecker
Joh.^s Lansingh

Corn.^{es} Verplank being returnd from ~~the~~
His Message to the five Nations brings
a dutch Letter from the Interpreter the
translation whereof is as follows
Sinnekes Country 29th Mar. 1738

Gentlemen

Yours of the 6.th Mar with y^e papers inclo=
=ed I rec.^d the 21.st Instant & note the contents I immediately
called together the Sachims and Acquainted them herewith
who desired me to send for the Sachims & Warriours w.^{ch}
were in the woods Hunting which I have been oblidge
to do & pay the Messenger I wish those of Virginia were
here themselves for I have been at great Charges to have
the Indians fetchd from there Hunting places. the Sinne
=kes tell me both Sachims & Warriours that they will come
down when they are sent for, the same say also the
Cajouges Oneydes Tuskarores & Onondages. Gentlemen
I think all the Trouble will be in vain if the principall
Warriours are not sent for w.^t the Sachims for the Sachims
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.
Gov.^r

Alb.^y 12.th April 1738

May it please your Hon.^r

The Messenger we sent to the
five Nations is return'd & brings a Dutch Letter from
the Interpreter a Translation whereof we send here
Inclosd 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 Concern'd will reimburse us the
Charges we have been at & that care will be taken for future

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Charges. We are Humbly of Opinion that when the
Indians are sent for it will be proper to send for the Inter
preter there being no fitt pson here to do that Business we
have nothing further to add but remain [&^c]

the Com.^{rs} orderd that M.^r Ab. Cuyler be paid 15 [?]
for Disbursements to Cor. Verplank

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 25th may
1738 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Ab. Cuyler
Nic. Bleecker
John d'peyster
Cor. Cuyler

This board rec.^d a letter from Cap.ⁿ Joon
Herkimer and another from Joh^s Wendell
relating to some Disturbances with the Indians
on the carrying place where upon the Com.^{rs} wrote the
following Letters
Brethren

It Surprizes us to hear that
you molest our people in their way to Osweege whe[re]
they go to carry on a trade & cultivate a friendship
with all the Brethren of the Indian Nations.

We hear you have burnt one battoe & carried
away another and that you threaten to drive away all
our people that go to ride our goods over the carrying
place. We hope brethren 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.^r will hear you when
you come to Albany we confirm this with Seven hands
Wampum

The Following letter was wrote to Cap.^t
Herkimer

[2-0224] **II-129**

Cap^t Herkemer

We reced yours of the 23.^d Instant
and are sorry to hear you meet w.th trouble in trans=
porting the provisions. We have writt a letter
to the Indians which you have here inclosed and
desire you would gett a proper pson 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 giving a small matter to them for they are
acrasing people and oftentimes good words and a
very Trifle will Satisfy them
P.S. cause the pson who Interprets to give them
the 7 hands of Wampum.

Alb^y 27.th May 1738 [See Wraxall p. 210 for partial summary.]
Translation of a letter from the Interpreter
Sinnekes Country 15 May
1738

Gentlemen

Since my Last here is nothing
new only that in the last of April Arrived here four
Onondages w.th two Squaws of the flatt heads priso=
=ners, they cutt of their cloaths from their bodys whom
we have cloathd to cover their nakedness

They brought us the news that the Cattabaw Indi.^s
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 Indi=
=ans of Onnaghie remove their castle to Tierondequat
They impatiently expect a message from Albany.

[2-0225] II-129A

The following Letter was wrote to the Lieu.^t Gov

May it please your Hon.^r

Sir

The Inclosed is a Translation of a Letter we rec.^d from Lowrence yesterday your Hon.^r will perceive that the Indians are to remove their Castle to Tierondequat 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 [off] the furr trade att Oswego.

We wrote to your Hon.^r the 2.^d Jan.^{ry} last that Lowrence was able to obtain leave of th[e] Indians to build a trading house at Tierondequa[t] and we Still Continue of Opinion that it is absolu[te]=
=ly nessary to give Instructions to him to pur
=chase the same and we are firmly of opinion that if it is not Setl'd by this Governm^t very soon the ffrench 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 prin
=cipal Sachims. he further tells us. The Indi[ans] 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 the Smith that they woul[d] expect an Answer in 33 days time by him, we Should be glad to know whether they are to be expected or no[t] and what Answer we Shall send to y.^e 6. Nations.

[2-0226] II-130

Att a Meeting of the Comes of
Indian Affairs att Alb^y June p.^{mo}
1738 [See Wraxall p. 210 for partial summary.]

Present
Ph Livingston
Steph. Groesbeek
Rut. Bleeker
Ph. Schuyler
Ed. Holland
Rey Gerretse

This board wrote a Dutch 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 perswade them to go hunting till a Messenger is sent up for
them to come down & Conclude a peace w^t the Sachims of the [Far?]
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
it's occasiond by News that the Spanyards were to make a decent
[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 Onnahe to Tierondequat
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 Tierondequat from the Sinnekes as you can gett
that may be sufficiant for 30 or 40 families to [illeg.]
it as Cheap as you Can. the Gov.^r writes he does not doubt
but that the Assembly will pay the Charges Mean while we
send you 1 p: blanketts 1 p Strouds & 12 Shirts to make a begin-
-ning what more you agree for the Indians shall receive here but
do your endeavour that you may gett it at a reasonable price.

[2-0228] II-131

Alb^y 6.th June 1738 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

Myn: Schuyler

Step Groesbeek

Rut Bleecker

Ni. Bleecker

John D'Peyster

The Com.^{es} were Inform'd some time past that a few Indians which we Suppose to belong to the Oneydes have molested our people in their passage to Osweego, whither they go to Carry on a trade & Cultivate a frindship 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

This board sent up Jan Bap. V. Eps to desire, in the name of the Com^{es}, that three of their principall Sachims come hither to meet them to treat ab.^t this affair & not to molest any of our people for the future in their passage to or from Osweego for in all the Kings dominions all Roads are free & Open for everybody whatever

Orderd that Jan B. Van Eps be allowd four pounds for his Journey to Oneydes.

[2-0229] II-131A

Att a Meeting of the Com^{es}
19.th June 1738 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myn Schuyler
Ste. Groesbeek
Ab. Cuyler
Rut. Bleeker
Ni Bleeker
J. V. Renslaer
Rey. gerretse
Joh^s J Lansingh
Dirk Tⁿ Broek
Cor. Cuyler
Edward Collins
Phil Schuyler

Certain Mahikanders being Come to Town
on a message sent to them by the Com.^{es} occa=
=sined by a report ~~sent to them~~ of Some of
their people's haveing sett fire to a Saw
Mill at the Half Moon
The Com.^{rs} Speach to them

Children The reason that we have sent for
you here is that certain bad reports have come to our
ears of the unbecomeing behaviour of some of your
people to some of our people at Schaahkook parti
=cularly your breaking the Gun & Glass Windows of
Lewis Viele, abusing Peter Sharpe & by force taking
the Victuals our of His House & severall other
misdemeanors but more Especially the Snapping
with a Loaden Gun at J[im] De forrest & setting
fire to a saw mill at the Half Moon which crime
amongst us is punish'd with Death & if we knew t[he]
pson that had Committed that fact we should be
oblidged to see the Laws putt in execution & have
him punishd accordingly, Such unlawfull facts
you know to be Contrary to the Covenant Chain so
often renewed with your forefathers the Gov.^{es} of New
York & it is your duty to Inform us of Such misdo[ing]
as on the Contrary itt 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 rejoycd that we yet Live to See
and Speak wth Each other, we are very Sorry for the
mischief that has been done by us, we hope that it

[2-0230] II-132

Shall no more happen & because we Sorry we come
to Show you our faces & tell you of it. Fathers we
don't know that we have been guilty of breaking
the glass windows & gun & Strikeing the wife of
Lewis Viele it was occasion'd by Drink so that we
do not remember it. Fathers We have desird
in our Covenant that no drink should be sold us
at Schaachkook & 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 can't tell you who has been guilty
of Setting fire to the Saw Mill, if we knew we would
tell you. We that sitt here have not known for
what we have been Called till we heard it here
now

The Answer of the Com.^{rs} to them
Children

The excuse you make to us of it's
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
Sutter [Suffer] Such treatment. & your Speaking of the
Rum's being Sold at Schaachkook, being the occasi=
=on of the Mischief, we know that some of your people
fetch'd the Rum from Albany with which you were
intoxicated when you Snap'd at [Jelie] D. Foreest &
we Suppose sett fire the the Mill. You Say you do
not know who has done the Mischief but we have

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Good reason to Suspect Tapapeet by reason of His
bad Character & if he or any other is guilty of any

Such Misdemeanor that we can find out he shall
be punish'd according to Law. If you find out at
any time who is guilty of this Mischief or any oy.^r
we expect that you acq.^t us who it is & Deliver
him up to us & thereby 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 psent & we shall [illeg.] [forever]
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

Fathers

If any mischief for the future sha[ll]
be done we shall come and acq.^t you who has done
it, that you may have the pson fetchd.
The Corporation has given us some Land & agreed
with some people to make the fence for us [illeg.]
accident part of the said fence was burnt down
which we our selves have mended. Whereupon
Ab. [fort?] who was to repair it, threatned to sett fire
to our houses. The Hogs & Cattle of s.^d Fort have
destroyd two plantations of Indian Corn & we desire
that he may pay for ploughing the s.^d Lands.

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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 acqt. us who has done
it that we may send for the pson but we expect
that you will bring him with you

As for your fence & Land you Speak &
your Corn you must apply to y.^e Corporation. If
we find that Ab. ffort has treated you in the Man.^r
you Inform us he shall be repremanded for the same
[&] if he or any other should sett your Houses on fire

he shall be punish'd for it according to Law.

The Com.^s Orderd Ph: Livingston to pay
for pork and bread 16/3 --

[2-0233] **II-133A** [very faint & hard to read]
Att a Meeting of the Com.^{es} of
Indian Affairs 20th June 1738 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Coll^o Mynd. Schuyler

Rut Bleeker

Ab Cuyler

Joh.^s J. Lansingh

Ni. Bleeker

Reyer Gerritse

Cor Cuyler

Dirk Ten Broek

Jan Bapt Van Eps being returnd from
his Journey to Oneyde appeard at this Board
with Several of the Oneyde Sachims

The Com. Speech to y.^e Oneyde Sachims.
Brethren We are glad you are come down. the reason we
[have sent for you] [illeg.] complaints that some
people above the ffalls have made to us, that you
[burnt one Batto] and carrying away another and have
driven away all the riders from the Carrying place &
threatning to cutt to piece the [Slays] & Killing the
Horses of our people [illeg.]ing there which we fear is a
[token you] make a breach in the Covenant Chain by
Stopping up the Kings Highway which is free [for]
[all his] [Majesty's Subjects] We now want to know if you
[illeg.] been by your [order &] [illeg.]
[illeg.]

The Reply of the Oneydes to y.^e Com.^s
Brethren We are arrivd here and brought with
[illeg.] we are glad to see you and
[illeg.] have here met as to the
[Batto] [illeg.] and the other was only taken
[away by] a Fisherman & is by this time [again] in it's
place The Covenant Chain we will keep bright &
firm that no breach may come in it. we have not heard
of [illeg.] the Horses [but it is true]
that part [illeg.] was cutt to peices

Brethren

The Reason for which we have drove
away the people we will now tell you It is the

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Fault of the people above the falls who have enrichd
themselves on our Lands & now affront us in the Streets
by Calling us beggars & other abusive Names, we placd
them there because they were poor & now being a little
enrichd 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
rideing & we want also a Blanket & a Shirt some-
times which we have thought fitt to [hold?] our people Earn
by carrying, The Germans will have nothing but
[silver] & we are glad to take a blanket, Shirt &
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
Oneydes but however the path Shall remain open
We desire that those persons above the Falls who are
plac'd as heads among the People may be put out
of Com.^s 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.

Brethren We now desire that Joost Herkemer may
be putt out of Com.^s & that some other [good tree?]
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 so shall Cast him off also.

Brethren We Speak here of good things not of evil. The
path Sharr 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 Battoes &
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
desir'd to know of us.

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Teday is Married to one of Our Oneyde squaws as
[he himself Confesses] he has desired to have the carry=

ing place for [himself] ~~for himself~~ but we are afraid
[illeg.] he calls me [to the] [illeg.] & he ask'd me for
the Carrying place [illeg.] given me a Keg rum but I
entirely refus'd him & told him he might use the carry
ing place as [others] but [Should] not be Master of it.
[illeg.] went up the Squa's went
there in order to carry when they came there it hap
[illeg.] Reason the Christians
desird us not to Carry [for fear of] Some accident by
[falling & hurting] our Selves or breaking a Keg. &
upon [illeg.] they willingly gave us each [illeg.] a Keg
[illeg.] & we were well pleas'd therewith being more
[illeg.] has
[illeg.] the Matter to our
[illeg.]

Gave a String Wampum

The Coms Answer
Brethren You have told what has passed & now we will
[illeg.] tell [illeg.] wherein you have been
[illeg.] wrong

The Battoe w:^h was burnt & the taking away
[illeg.] & [cutting to pieces the Slay] are [illeg.] by
Maj. Garrisons to Osweego [illeg.]
[suffer for want] of provision & are very [illeg.]
[illeg.]

[As to what you say] concerning your being
abused by the Garrison we will inquire into it & if
[illeg.] wrong we [illeg.] them [for] it & [acquaint]
[the gov^r there] with

As to what you say concerning your
carrying, the people who go up [&] down are Master wh[e]
ther they will let you carry or whether they will let
there goods be ridd otherwise it can be no free path

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For all the World over Travellers lett whom they
please carry their goods. so that we take it amiss
that you have drove away the Riders.

Concerning what you say of Herkemer he & two
other psons are appointed by the Government to
Supply the Garrison at Osweege with provisions
and if he has been Guilty of any fault you ought
to tell us that we may acquaint the Govern^{mt}
therewith. You are Mistaken to think that he has
wrote to complain to us about you 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 refu=
ing him for no particular pson ought to have it
but the path Should remain open there 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 forever
& therefore we hope you will be more Carefull for the
future which will always keep the Covenant chain
firm & bright

Gave a String Wampum

Orderd that Ni Bleecker & Dirk Ten Broeck
give the Indians 3 Shirts 5 blankets a [2] gallon Keg
Rum & some provisions

[2-0237] II-135A

Alb^y 28th June 1738 att a meet-
ing of the Com^s of Indian Affairs [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph. Livingston

Myn: Schuyler

Ste Groesbeck

Ph Schuyler

Ab. Cuyler

Ni. Bleecker

Rut. Bleecker

J. Schuyler Jun^r

Dirk Ten broek

Cor. Cuyler

This board rec^d a Letter from some
of the Mohawk Sachims to which
they returnd the following answer

Brethren

We rec.^d your Letter of ye. 25.th Instant wherein
you Inform us that you have rec.^d a belt of Wampum
that the flat heads are comeing down to fight against
your Nation & that they are at Schihondewane 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
proceed from the Notion which was among you now
about three years ago when you assurd us that the flatt
heads were actually seen & 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 attack'd by any
flatt heads but if there be any Truth in what you
[Apprehend] you may be Assur'd that when ever we find
that there is any truth that you be attack'd by any
Enemy we promise you Shall be Speedily Assisted by us
both wth men & Ammunition to Defend You.

[2-0238] **II-136**

Alb^y 10.th July Att a Meeting of
the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs.

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Ph Livingston
Reyer Gerritse
St. Groesbeek
Ed. Holland
Rut. Bleecker
Ni. Bleecker
Dirk Ten Broek
Ab. Cuyler
Jer. Renslaer

The Following Letter from M.^r Barclay
was deliver'd this board & severall Mohawks
Indians Came down & Confirm'd the same

Fort Hunter July 7.th 1738

Sir

I rec.^d yours & according to your
[Rest of page is blank.]

[2-0239] **II-136A**

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{es}
of Indian Affairs att Alb.^y
the 21 July 1738 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Coll.^o Myn Schuyler
Ste Groesbeeck
Rutger Bleeker
Dirk Ten Broek
John D. Peyster

A Letter was deliverd to this board
wrote by M.^r Rob^t Clarke to his Broy.^r Cap.^t
Edward Clarke to which the Com.^{rs} return the
following answer

Mr C[larke]
your Broy.^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
[illeg.] you to be so good to tell
[illeg.] that we desire them to persuade the
[illeg.] as much as in their power to Stay att
home wherein you'l Oblidge.

[2-0240] II-137

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{es}
of Indian Affairs held at Alb.^y
this 26. July 1738

[See Wraxall p. 210-211 for summary]

Present
Ph. Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Rut. Bleeker
Nicolaes Bleeker
Reyer Gerritse
Dirk Ten Broek
Joh.^s Lansingh
John Depeyster
John Schuyler Jun^r
Cor.^s Cuyler

Lourence Claasen Being arrived from the
Sinekas Country gave the following acct
to this board

I arrived at the Sinekas Country the 27.th
day of Aug.st 1737 and there I immediately imparted
to the Sachims the Contents of my Instructions,
after I finished my proposition the Sachims thankd
His honour the Governour for sending me with the
Smith, I Presently inquired how the Indians of
that Castle stood affected to our Governm:^t they
Informed us that 100 Indians of the Sinnekas, Cayouges
and Oneyde Nations were going out to fight against
the Catabaws and Cheriquise I Called together the
Sachims of the Sinnekas and we together Spoke
to the fighters And used our Endeavour on belief
of this Governm^t to perswade 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 [hindred?] but though the Proposition made
to them the day before, Looked like Jestings for
it had been an old Custom that when our B:^r
Corlaer sent any message of importance to them
he sent a Belt of Wampum
The same fighters returned from their Expedition
the Beginning of this Instant month of July
with Seven Scalps and one prisoner, who was
to be burned at Cayouge, but I bought him
free for a white Blanket a p.^r Stockings & a Shirt.
Att my first arrivall in the Sinnekas Country I
found

[2-0241] **II-137A** [writing faint and hard to read]
Jean Coeur there with two french men more I have
[from time to time] made diligent inquiry
[illeg.] the Sachims & Chief of the fighters
whether [illeg.] that they
[have given Consent to Jean Coeur] to build a house
at [Tierondequat] to w^h they answered about
three days after, that they had given him liberty
[on Condition] [illeg.] would keep a Smith there
Give free Lodging to their travellers free flints
[illeg.] I then Called them together
the Sachims fighters [&] principal Squas and
told them if they had given Liberty to the [French]
to Settle at Thieerondequat they had putt a Knife
in their hands to cutt their own throats
[In the] first place the[y] would stop the path
between themselves and the farr Indians that
then would [illeg.] [Comm]unication together
and would not only [hinder] their [Communi=
[cation] but also [illeg.] the trade of [all] the
King of Great Britains Subjects, [from Carolina]
[illeg.] New York, [illeg.] & Boston
that hereafter they might remember [illeg.]
[illeg.] built a house at [illeg.]
[illeg.] forgett all their [illeg.]
[illeg.] they ought to Remember the
[illeg.] when they Suffered the
French to Build their house at Jagara but they
[illeg.] a place of Great advantages
[illeg.] by the Building of that house the
Governor of Canada made a very Great demand
[illeg.] these [illeg.] three [packs] of
Bever and threatened if they did not pay the

[illeg.]
[illeg.] told me
[illeg.] had Expressly forbid Jean Coeur to build
a house at Tieerondequat that they would
[never] Suffer a frenchman to Settle there, and
they said they had not well Considered the very
Great

[2-0242] **II-138**

Great inconveniences with which it was attended
and thanked me for my good advice
The tenth day of this month I called together
all the Sachims, fighters, and Squas, and told
them that the time I was ordered to Reside
among them was near Expired, and that I
intended to sett 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 dissatisfyed with the news they
Received in the Spring that the Cheroquies &
Catabaws were to meet and treat with them
that it occasioned the Loss of their whole years
hunting for that they had every day Expected
a message to come and treat with them at
Albany, but found now that they were Cheated
for the Cheriquees or Catabaws had murdered
a[illeg.] Indian [illeg.] [a plantation]
behind Philadelphia, at the same time they
desired they might have for a Smith next year
after Barnardus [Harsen], Myndert Wimp, or
Hendrick Wemp one of these 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 Sinneke
Castle in Company with Jean Coeur, and parted
with him at the [Sinikas] Lake from thence
he went to Canada with 14 Indians and Six
Squas

[2-0243] **II-138A** [very faint and hard to read]

Att a Meeting of the Commiss:^{rs}
of Indian Affairs att Albany y:^e
2:nd August 1738

[Partly included in Wraxall summary p. 211.]

Present

Coll:^o Mynd Schuyler

Abr Cuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Coll:^o St. Groesbeek

John De Peyster

Nick:^s Bleecker

Dirk Ten Broeck

Certain Mohawk Indians whereof
Several are Sachims Appeard at this
Board in Behalf of the Six Nations.

The Com.^{rs} told them they were ready to hear

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 Indian affairs.

Brother Quider & Corlaer

The [illeg.] arrivd here with an

Intent to have a conference with you for your

[advice] & [some] Information but we have to [aqu.^t]

you that some of [our] Warriours are Gone ag.^t

our Minds & Inclination to fight against the

[Cherikees] & Cattabaws.

Brother Cor. & Que.^r

Since we have no command over the

[warriors we desire] the Com:^{rs} to give us your

Assistance & come into our Country to try to keep

[illeg.] two being like to be more than one.

Bro. Co: & Quider

We Intended before we [illeg.]of the

[Country] of the Cherikee to have prosecuted

the Affair of makeing a peace between us & them

& [illeg.] of their Comeing by a Letter

[illeg.] in the Spring we wait & will find they are

not yet come

B. Cor & Quider The Consultation that we Speak of is this

[2-0244] **II-139**

The Cherikees have sent home Aaron & by him lett
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 send out means
to hinder them-- Since the Cherikees have sent home
Aaron about 3 years Ago with a Message to acq.^t
us that they were willing to make a peace w:th 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 Comeing to us. We
[illeg.] this time only putt out Our Hands to
such oy.^r at a distancebut now we hope to bring
the Affair to a finall Conclusion.

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 [oy.^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 [illeg.] to Speak to us att 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
Butt what shall be concluded on between us here
att Albany when we shall meet here
We have Done concerning this Affair. Now we
Shall Speak of something Else
Bro Cor & [Quieder]

Since we have now Acquainted you with
our intention to conclude a peace w:th the Cherikees
We are resolvd to send our Ambassadors to conclude
a Gen.^l peace w:th them & We desire that we may have
a [boat] to Carry our Ambassadors from New York To
Virginia. Broy.^r We Desire that some of the Com.^{es}

[2-0245] **II-139A**

May go w:th us to Assist us & bear Wittness in this
[Treaty] Gave Two Bever Skins
[The] Reason that we desire to go by Water is that
We Cannot go Safe [on land because] of the
Cattabaws But by Water we May go Safe
Broy.^r Corlaer If we have said any thing contrary to your
Opinion We desire you would Advise us herein
[for the Best how to] [illeg.]

Brother We were weary & full of pain when we came
to Schinechtady, Wherefore we gott two Waggon
to bring us down hither We Desire & beg of you
that you will be so good as to pay them

The [Answer] of the Comissioners to the Mohawk
[illeg.]

Brothers We are sorry that the Letter we [Sent]
you & you [illeg.]

[illeg.] your fighting Men

W[hen we] hear what you [illeg.]

[will acquaint his Hon.^r the Govern.^r herewith]

& [illeg.] [Receive his Answer we Shall]

[Advise you]

[2-0246] II-140

Alb.^y 19.th Aug.st 1738 Att a Mee=
-ting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myn Schuyler

Ph. Schuyler

John Schuyler

St. Groesbeek

Ab: Cuyler

Joh.^s Lansingh

Rut. Bleeker

Ni Bleeker

Reyer Gerritse

Ed. Holland

Othosenont an Oneyde Sachim

& Ondaraghroene another Oneyde Appeard

at this board & made the following Speech

Brethren

I desird you that we might [illeg.]

Smoake together & now by your Goodness we are
here mett, Sometime this sum.^e 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 batos one
of which you said we burnt & that we carried
Away the other Which batos you told us were for
the use of the Garrison att Osweego, the One that
was carried away we brought again to it's place
but the other is burnt, without orders from the
Sachims

Gave a String Wampum
Brethren What has been done at the Carrying place
has been done without consent of the Sachims
who hate it & I sahl use my Uttmost 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 sent 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 beleive there is any truth in
it because they have killd severall of Our people at
Schaisinau this Summer

[2-0247] **II-140A**

He gave 3 Bevers & 2 Dr. deer & desired the Com.^s
would have Compassion on them & Give them powder
& shott for the same.

M.^r John Schuyler engaged to Give the Indians
25 lb powder for the aforesaid Skin

Orderd that M.^r John Schuyler Give the In=
dians Each a blanket Strouds & Also a blanket
Strowd to the boy

Alb.^y 25 Aug.st 1738. Att a
Meeting of the Com.^r of Indian
Affairs [Summary in Wraxall p. 211.]

Present

Ph: Livingston

Myn. Schuyler

Rut. Bleeker

Ste: Groesbeek

Joh.^s Lansingh

The following Letter was wrote to
His Hon.^r the Lieut. Governour

On the 2.^d Instant were here some
Sachims of the Mohoggs who among other
matters made a proposall to have a Vessel to
Convey some of the Sachims of the Six Nations
as Deligates to the Southren Indians to make
a peace with them while the time appointed for
those Indians to be here is long since Elapsd
We take that only to be a Sham while sundry
of Our Indians are Actually gone out in a

Warlike Manner to commit hostilities & several are making ready to follow them, whom we presume can't be Stopped in their Intentions, so that that War is like to be carried on More Rigid then 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 brittish Colonies.

[2-0248] II-141

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 french of Canada their Continual Incroachments on his Maj.^s empire here that of their settling Tieronde=
=quat on the S.^o side of the Cadarachque 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 & think it our Indispensable Duty to say cant be done. but by taking that place in possessions at the Charge of this province in Order to secure the Six Nations of Indians to the brittish Interest & the fur trade at Oswego to the Inhabitants of this province.

We think it very necessary for his Maj.^s interest that some proper persons w.th a Smith & Armourer be sent at the charge of the Governm.^t to the Sinneke Country to reside there for a Year to keep the Indians firm to their Allegiance to his Majesty & prevent the French Settling at Tieron dequat.

[See DRCHNY 6:131-132 for a letter from the commissioners to the Lt. Governor dated August 30th 1738 not found in these minutes. Wraxall appears to refer to it on p. 212 of his Abridgment but gives the date as June 7 1739.]

[2-0249] II-141A

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 24.th day
of Sep,^r 1738 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Stephanus Groesbeek

Reyer Gerritse

Dirk Ten Broek

Joh.^s Lansingh

The Sachims of the Schaach
kook Indians with some others came here and
acquainted the Com.^{rs} that they were come to
Show their respect to their father & brought some
Venison with them that the parents & Children might
eat in frindship together.

In former times a Covenant was made
between our forefathers which we have come to
renew & Confirm.

Your Children of Schaachkook have always
lookd upon the Com.^{rs} as their Fathers and are
glad they can have an Opportunity every morning
to Shake hands & drink together in frindship

The Com.^{rs} Answered

Children

We are glad to see you here and
hope our frindship and Alliance Shall Long
continue there shall nothing be wanting on
our side to maintain and Cultivate our frind=
-Ship and keep bright and firm the Covenant
Chain --

Orderd that Dirk Ten Broek Esq.^r
Give the Indians Seven H powder 14 H lead
a small keg Rum & 3/ in bread

[2-0250] II-142

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 26.th
September 1738 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
John Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Rutger Bleeker
Joh.^s Lansingh
Dirk Ten Broek
John D Peyster
John Schuyler Jr.
Corn:^s Cuyler

Tejenonhogara Alias Cow-
Schiettes one of the principall
Sachims of the Sinnekes Coun-

-try sent to the Com.^{rs} seven hands of Wampum
where by he acquainted them that he intended
to wait upon the Gov.^r and them himself accor-
-ding to his promise but his son being very
sick and likely to die he could not come and
desired to be recused and hop'd they would
consider his poor Circumstances & send him
something.

The Com:^{rs} orderd to be sent to
him

A Large Striped Blanket
A p.^r Stockings
A Shirt and Indian Lap
Four pound powder 12 # lead & Shott
A Small Keg Rum & a course ttatt
M.^r D'Peyster was orderd to give it

[2-0251] II-142A

Albany 3.^d Octob.^r Att a
Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs ---- 1738 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myn Schuyler

Phil Schuyler

Rutger Bleeker

Joh.^s Lansingh } Esq.^{rs} Com.^{rs}

Ab: Cuyler

Maj.^r Jacob Glen

Corn.^{es} Cuyler

This board Agreed with M.^r Joh.^s
Lansingh Jun.^r one of this board to go with
Lowrence the Interpreter to Oneyde for which
he is to have Ten pounds & thirty Shillings
for [Horse] Hire. Lourence 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
M.^r Joh.^s Lansingh is to buy at his Own
Discretion

Instructions for M.^r Joh.^s
Lansingh Jun.^r one of the Com.^{rs} and Lowrence
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 promis'd
before us this Summer, that the path Should
Remain open and free for all his Majesties
Subjects & that they have since continued 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 pub=
lick & Sacred a Manner & not that they would
have gone on again in their Old Course 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.^r

[2-0252] II-143

That Our Traders have in Gen.^{ll} complain'd
to us, of the unlawfull & Abusive treatment
rec.^d from them. Also that the Cachnawage

which came down by the way of Osweego
Ab.^t 7 or 8 weeks since have made Complaint
that yoy [sic] 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 [tretie] made so
often 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 oblidge
to take oy.^r measures & that we will not any
more be treated in this Manner
NB they have taken a belt with them by Order of the
board, w:^{ch} was given by the Schachkook Indians on their
treaty 2 July 1737.

Att A Meeting of y^e Com.^{rs}
att Alb^y 9.th Octo.^r 1738 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myn Schuyler
Nich. Bleeker
Ab Cuyler
Cor. Cuyler
John Schuyler } Esq.^{rs} Com.^{rs}
John Schuyler Jun.^r
Dirk Ten Broek
Reyer Gerretse
Edward Collins

Three Sachims of the Cach-
niwagas Appeared att this board
To a Smoake a pipe

This board agreed to give the said
Sachims as a present Each a blanket Strouds
One Keg Rum & some Tobacco
Orderd that Coll.^o John Schuyler give the
Same.

[2-0253] II-143A

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs}
Att Alb:^y the 16.th day of
Octob.^r 1738 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleeker

Dirk Ten Broel

Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r } Esq.^{rs} Com.^{rs}

Reyer Gerritse

Ab: Cuyler

Edward Collins

Cor Cuyler

Cap.ⁿ Joh.^s Lansingh one of the
Com.^{rs} & Low Claese the Interpreter being returnd
from their Journey to Oneyde Bring the
following Answer

Att our Arrivall att Oneyde we spoeke
to Indians pursuant to our Instructions the 11.th
Ins.^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 & [sic] free for everybody that
goes to & from Osweego, 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 Tra=
-ders & the ffrench Indians have complain'd
that it was Insufferable to be thus used, You
say that the path should remain Open & free for all
the traders, that no man 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 priviledge[s] Let Your Goods be Rid

[2-0254] II-144

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 Earn Something on the Land belong
ing to us from God.

Now You say that you will have a positive
Answer that you Regulate your Selves Accor=
-dingly & 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

[2-0274] II-154

Att a Meeting of the [illeg.]
Indian Affairs at Albany
7.th day of October [i.e. November?] 1738
[Summarized in Wraxall p. 212.]

Present

Philip Livingston Esq.^r

Edward Clarke Esq.^r

The Mayor } of the city of

The Recorder } Albany.

The Sheriff of the City & County
of Albany

This day was laid before this
Board a Commission under the Hand and Seal
of the Hon.^{ble} George Clarke Esq.^r Lieu.^t Governour
& Comand.^r 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.^r Lieu.^t Governour and Commander
in Chief of the province of New York & the territo-
-ries thereon depending &^c

To Philip Livingston Esq.^r one of his Majesties
Councill for the s.^d Province, Edward Clarke Esq.^r
and the Cap.ⁿ Commandant for the time being
of the forces posted at Albany, the Representi-
-tives in Assembly for the time being of the
City & County of Albany, the Representatives
in Assembly for the Time being of the Mannor

of Renslaerwyck, the Representative In Assem
-bly for the time being of the Town of Schenec
-tady, 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 dureing their Last Sessions represented
that it had appeared to them that Seven or Nine
Commissioners were a Sufficient Number to
Transact the Indian Affairs, that the

[2-0275] **II-154A**

Augmentation of that Number of Late years
tended to the expending more of the publick
moneys allowed them in their Own 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 Number,
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 duely 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
Commission for Indian Affairs, And I do here-
-by Constitute and Appoint you the Said
Philip Livingston, Edward Clarke and the
Cap.ⁿ Commandant of His Majesties forces post-
-ed Att Albany for the Time being the Represen-
-tatives in General Assembly for the City and
County of Albany for time being, The
Representative in General Assembly for the
time being of the Mannor 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 Indian
Affairs at Albany & to do and Act in the

Execution of this Commission as heretofore
Usual To hold the Said Commissions for and
dureing my pleasure or the pleasure of the

[2-0276] **II-155**

Gov.^r or Commander in Chief for the time being
And you and Every of You are Also hereby
Directed and required to hold your Severall
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 Spareing in your Expences as pos-
-sible that so the moneys allowed you by the
Colony may in the best manner be Applied--
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
or Commander in Chief of the said province for
the time being, And all persons are hereby
required to take Notice Accordingly and not to
Intermedle 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
1738

George Clarke

By his Honors Command

Fred. Morris Dsecretary

[2-0277] **II-155A**

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{es}
of Indian Affairs att Albany
the 13.th Novermber 1738

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph: Livingston Esq.^r

Cap.^r Commandant

M.^r Mayor

M.^r Recorder

M.^r Sheriff

A petition was presented to
to this board Sign'd by 88 Oswego Traders
praying this board to recommend Lieut. Walter

Butler to the Gov.^r to be their Commissary
for the year Ensueing Whereon this Board
wrote the following Letter to his Honour the
Lieut.^t Governour

May It please your Hon.^r

S.^r

A petition has been presented to us
Sign'd by eighty eight of the principall Oswego
traders praying us to recommend to your Hon.^r
that Lieut.^t Walter Butler may be appointed
their Commissary for the Year Ensueing, We
hope your Honour will be pleas'd 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 --

P.S. Sir. Just After we writt what is on the other side
Alexander Macmartin return'd from his Viewing the Land
on Wood-Creek. who has mett with Surprising Usage from
M.^r John H. Lydius as your Hon.^r 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 --

[2-0278] **II-156**

The following Letter was wrote to the Inter-
-preter

M.^r Lowrence Claese

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 Oblidged to send an
Express for you, you must expect to pay the
Charge we desire you will not fail herein. We
remain.

1739

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs held att Albany
att the city Hall of the Said City
the 6.th day of Jan.^{ry} 1738 .9. [1738/9] [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph. Livingston Esq.^r

Cap.ⁿ Commandant

M.^r Mayor

M.^r Sheriff

Othosonont a Sachim of the Oneydes ap-
-peared att this Board & Said as follows

Bro. Queder I am a Sachim & as Such am Sent here I
am much Surprises you Should meet in thie place
which is sett apart for The correction of Rouges
and theives & if you do not see fitt to Appoint
some other place to meet in I Shall go away with-
-out Saying any More

The Commissioners told him
They Were order'd by their Commission to meet in
any place except a Tavern & that this was the
place to transact publick Attairs [Affairs] & that formerly
Conferences with the Six Nations used to be held
in this place. then he Said

He Was Surprised not
to See the faces of those which formerly used to be
Com.^{rs} & with whom the Antient Covenant Chain has
been made & that he Imagined the Ruin of the Six

[2-0279] **II-156A**

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

You do Swear that you Will faithfully
& truly Execute the Office of Interpreter to the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs & that you will not con-
-ceal 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
[Mentioned in Wraxall p. 212.]

[2-0280] II-157

Att Meeting of the Comissi.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs att Albany
at the house of M.^r Livingston
the 8.th Jan.^r 1738/9 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph Livingston Esq.^r

The Mayor

The Sheriff

The Commandant

Tappapeet with Two Other Schaakook
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 I dont Remember any thing of it
I have been threatned & frighted with being hangd
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 frinds
may Come back again. I am Come here on Assu-
-rance from M.^r Collins that no harm would come to
me while I was here to Speak with you

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 Schaachkook & farther that they Should
Live in peace with their Brethren of Schaahkook
& take Care not to Insult them any More

[2-0282] **II-158**

At a meeting of the Comiss.^{rs} of
the Indian affairs at Albany
this 9.th April 1739 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston Esq.^r

The Mayor

The Comandant

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 Rideing over their goods as they did last
year &^c desireing the Com.^{rs} to take Effectual care
to prevent such practices for the future

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 than the number of Six 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 Com.^{rs} and that the mayor be
desired to send the mesenger from Schonechtady.

[2-0283] **II-158A**

Att a meeting of the Com.rs for
the Indian Affairs in Albany
the 18.th April 1739 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston Esq.^r

M.^r Mayor

M.^r Recorder

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 leads
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
hence.

The Interpreter asked them why they Exacted on the traders to carry over their goods & hindered the Palatines to ride over their goods, w.^h is in Reality stoping up the Road, w.^h has always by Repeated promises from the Six nations been kept open for all travellers, and not I hear says he that you have forced the traders to pay a Blanket for Liberty to have one load rid over to wood Creek and they must also pay the Rider, that is stoping up the Road w.^h cant be suffered by the traders, on w.^h they Returned the Blankets w.^h 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 p.^s 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

[2-0284] II-159

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 & Batoes 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 M.^r 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

Instructions by the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
to M.^r Peter Van Brugh Livingston

Sir We Desire you to go to the Carrying place
leading to Oswego with Lowrence Clase the Indian
Interpreter & Speak to the Oneyda Indians in our
name in the following manner.

[2-0285] **II-159A**

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 promisses, you & your Forefathers
have so often repeated to them & their Ancestors to
keep open the Path, and more particularly renewed
last fall with M.^r 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.^s 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.

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

[2-0286] **II-160**

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 and 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.

I am ordered to tell you that if you or your people comes 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 oblidging them to pay so extravagently for carrying their goods, you mightily wrong the Upper nations & far Indians in oblidging them to pay dear for their merchandise. 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 Posative Answer and send down with me five or Six of your principal Sachims and as many of your Chier Warri=

Rest

[2-0287] **II-160A**

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 18.th April 1739

Ph: Livingston

Ed: Holland

Dirck Ten Broeck

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs at Albany the 3.^d
day of May 1739

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston Esq.^r

Capt.^t Edward Clarke

Cap.^t Peter Winne one of the
members for the City & County

M.^r Mayor

M.^r Recorder

Appeared at this board M.^r Peter
Van Brugh Livingston with Lowrence
Clase the Interpreter 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.

[2-0288] **II-161**

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 4.th May 1739 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston Esq.^r

Cap.^t Peter Winne Representative for the City & County of Albany
The Representatives for the Town Ship of Schonechtady

M.^r Mayor

M.^r Recorder

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 M.^r 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
We have heard the massage that was delivered at the
Carrying place, if you have any thing more to say
we desire you will tell us that we may answer it
All together and we desire you will repeat what was
there said for possibly we may have forgott some
parts of it, Upon which the Instructions to M.^r

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.

[2-0289] **II-161A**

Brother Corlaer & Queder

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 Allowed 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 another 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 Cov.^{ant} Chain, which we can assure you we do not intend.

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 extravagant demands for Carrying the Goods and Pilfering & Stealing from the traders, will oblige them to sell their merchandise dearer to the upper nations & far Indians, w.^h the traders will consequently oblige them to pay & so probably ingage us in a war with them as we formerly have had.

[2-0290] **II-162**

you have likewise desired that we should keep the Path open according to our promises made last year to M.^r Lansing & that you are surprised we should so soon forgett them.

Brethren

We are very much oblinded 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 threatning:

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.

What hurts us most is that you think we design to break the Cov.^{nt} 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 & travelers 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 Rideing, wherefore we desire you now by this
Belt

[2-0291] **II-162A**

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 place, 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 w^h we have done & hope to your Satisfaction, & we desire that we may have our goods Cheeper then other nations. on w^h they gave a String of Wampum.

We now promise that we shall constantly make it our business to go a hunting & planting and not disturb the traders.

The Commiss.^{rs} 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

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and we never intend to break the Cov.^{nt} 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 leeds to Oswego free & open for All traders Ryders & Travlors, which Certainly may prevent many unforeseen Accidents w.^h otherways may happen by unruly & unthinking people.

We are very Sorry to find that the Palatines have treated you in so unfriendly a manner, w.^h we shall Indeavour 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.

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 possably can afford them, on w.^h 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.

[2-0293] **II-163A**

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.

The following goods
were given to the Indians
as a present

Ph. Livingston
Laurens Claeson [original signature]

2 p.^s Strowds

1 p.^s blankets

1/2 bb.^r Powder

1/2 $\mathbb{H}$ Lead

300 Flints

13 Gall.^s Rum

3 Kegs

172 $\mathbb{H}$ Bread

100 $\mathbb{H}$ Bacon

40 $\mathbb{H}$ Tobacco

1/2 Gross pipes

12 Shirts

3 Wagons to carry them

to Schonechtady

a Union Flagg

[2--294] **II-164**

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs}
for the Indian Affairs in
Albany the 5.th May 1739. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Phillip Livingston Esq.^r

Cap.^t Peter Winne

M.^r Mayor

M.^r Recorder

An answer to his Hon.^r the Leu.^t
Gov.^r's last Letter to the Com.^{rs}
viz.^t

May it please your honour

Your favour of the 24.th April
we have Rec.^d and have deliberately
Considered the Reson which your Hon.^r gives
for not meeting the Indians this Season, we
humbly conceive that such a message as your
Hon.^r is pleased to order us to send to the
Indians will at this present time be very
prejudicial 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 Interpreter a month hence
than to dispatch him Immediately, however
we shall waite your Hon.^{rs} directions, after
which we shall send the Inteerpriter to acquaint
them that the Gov.^r 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 Related
your Hon.^{rs} not meeting them this Summer.

Your

[2-0295] **II-164A**

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 deel of Pains 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 End, tho it was lowdly talked in
Town that we could do nothing without Coll.^o
Schuyler who has refused to accept to be one
of our number. We are

Your Hon.^{rs} most Obedient
& most hum^b 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 Acc.^t to this board for his Expences in
going to the Carrying place & bringing down the
Sachims amounting to four pounds fourteen
Shillings & five pence w.^h is allowed & ordered
to be paid out of the first money that is
given by the Gov.^{nt} to the Com.^{rs}

Cap.^t Paschall Nelson appeared at this
Board & desired that they would allow him
for Presents he made to the Indians the last
year

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year while he was Comessary at Oswego as
other Comessarys have had which was granted
and ordered to be paid out of the first money
given by the ~~Com.~~^{es}-Gov.^{nt} to the Com.^{rs}

Att a meeting of the Commiss.^{rs} of
the Indian Affairs in Albany
the 10.th may 1739

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston Esq.^r

Cap.^t Edward Clarke

Cap.^t Peter Winne

M.^r Mayor

M.^r Recorder

Appeared at this board M.^r 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.

That the Frence had invited the Senecas by a Belt of Wampum to go with them and their Indians a Warring against the Farr Indians and that the Senecas had accepted the Belt, which amongst them is consenting to what is requested, but M.^r Myndertse Reports that as soon as he was apprised of it, he summon-ed the Sachims and prevailed on them to Return the Belt, which they did & faithfully promised to say [sic] at home & not joyn the French.

He

[2-0297] **II-165A**

He heard that some of our Traders at Oswego told John Ceur the French Interpreter in the Senecas Cuntry that the small pox was at Albany, on which the Frenchman sent an Express to Neagera, which was Dispatched from thence to the Farr Indians to hinder them from comeing to Oswego, but that he afterwards sent five Seneca Sachims to the far Indians to tell them that it was a falsity what the french had told them relating to the small pox & therefore invited them to Oswego to trade.

M.^r 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 war against the Flatt heads, that there were thirty 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 assured this board that the Indians had absolutely refused ever to sell Tiorondaquatt to the French.

[2-0298] **II-166**

Albany 13.th May Att a Meeting
of the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap.^t Edward Clarke Esq.^r

The Mayor

The Recorder

Appeared at this board Severall of the
Schaahkook Indians and Said by Matquat their
Speaker as follows

Father Your Children are Come to See you & are glad to find
you Well

The Com.^{rs} 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 frindship with our Brethren which has been
Stopped and Interrupted & We are now Come to Clear the
Same again, There never has been Any Misunder-
-standy.^g between us since the Covenant Chain has
been made. The Misfortune that has happened in
Setting the Mill on fire We hope may be forgott &
forgiven & not be thought of any More

Father We hope you Will forgive us the Mischief
that has been done by us We have not done it alone
the Devil has helped us, Fathers We are now Come
to renew the Covenant as Children & hope that it may
Continue until we are grown Old, We hope that
Our Great ~~of~~ King of England & the Gov.^r 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 happen'd but now We hope that we shall
be forgiven and all thrown into Oblivion & not be tho.^t
of any more Whereon they gave a belt

The Com.^{rs} told them viz.^t
When Tappapeet Came to us lesst Winter in Jan.^y
to Solicit a pardon for the Mischief he had done in
Burning the Mill we then told him that if he Would

[2-0299] **II-166A**

Bring two or More of the Sachims 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 Att Schaachkook but Lett them Earn their bread undisturbed & in peace & that they Should no More picke it an excuse that the Devil or Strong Liquor had done the Mischief.

They Said they Desired to Live in peace & frind-Ship w:th their Brethren.

The Com.^{rs} gave y.^m the belt Which the Oney-des gave to Joh.^s Lansingh Last Octob.^r on the Carrying place

[2-0300] **II-167** [Printed in DRCHNY 6:146 with minor differences. Summarized on p. 212-213 of Wraxall.]

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs att Albany the 7.th June 1739

Present

Philip Livingston Esq.^r

Edward Clarke Esq.^r

The Mayor

The following Letter was wrote to his honour the Lieu.^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 accompany'd with 30 batoes with 4 Men in Each were going to Crown point and from thence designed to go to Settle sundry familys on the Land along the Wood Creek, being the Same where your honour Intended to place the Schotch Hilanders. We thought it Our duty to send an express to go up as far as the fork below where Anne Was, Where we are told Leber and some other french now Are, if this report be true which we Are

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 & Incroach so
far on his Maj.^s Empire in takeing 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

[2-0302] II-168

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs held att Alb.^y 29.th June
1739 [Summarized on p. 213 of Wraxall.]

Present

Edward Clarke Esq.^r

The Mayor

The Recorder

The following Letter was wrote the the Reverend
M.^r Barclay
[Sir]

We have had a report in Town that a party
of French men were going to Settle the Wood Creek of
Which we acquainted his Hon.^r the Gov.^r who in his
Answer advises us to send some of the Principall
sachims to the ffrench att the Wood Creek if they should
be there Otherwise to proceed as far as y.^e Crown Point and
Tell them that the Land there belongs to the Crown
of Great Brittain & forbid them to Settle there.

We Desire you would send Lowrence the Interpreter
to Canajoherie for Hendrick Nickus and Cray &
Acq.^t them with the Affair & bring them down if they
Are at home and Willing to go if not two or three oy.^{rs}
And to gett as Many of the Principall Sachims of
your Castle as Come from Canajoherie, 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 Consideration &
that they shall be paid for their Trouble When the In-
-dians Come down please to Tell Lowrence to Come
down with them. The Sooner this is done the better
We Leave All to y.^r prudent Management & Remain

[2-0303] **II-168A**

Alb.^y 29.th June 1739

[See Wraxall p. 213 for partial reference.]

May it Please y.^r Honour

We rec.^d your hon.^{rs} Letter of y.^e 14.th J[une?]
relating to y.^e settling of the ffrench att Wood Creek
We Very much approve of y.^e Method your Hon.^r
has proposed & have Sent for Some of the principall
sachims of the Mohawk & Canajoherie Castles in order
to send them there, We shall in y.^e Mean time endeavor
to gett two proper persons to Send with them to take
possession of those Lands for y.^e Crown of Great Brittain
& to Stay there till y.^e fall which we think will be the
best Can be done in this Affair att present We Shall
do our Selves y.^e 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 ffrench being there &.^c

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs att Alb.^y the 11.th
July 1739

[Partial summary in Wraxall p. 213.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Edward Clarke

The Mayor

The Recorder

By direction of his Hon.^r the Lieut. Gov.^r the
Com.^{rs} haveing desired Six of the Mohawks Indians to
Come hither On which Sundry being Come to Town
Whom the Com.^{rs} Acquainted that they were Informed
that y.^e 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 Makeing Such
Settlements that they will be in danger of being dispossessed
by them of all their Lands they Now Claim it being the
Custom of the ffrench to take by force what we purchase
for Valuable Considerations of which Severall Instances
Can be Shown as the fforts 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

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forbid them to Make any Settlements on those or any
Other Lands belonging to them, that this Encroachment

of the French will be to deprive them of their principall
deer hunting which is a Valueable branch for their
Sustenance Gave a Belt

The Com.^{rs} further Said

Brethren As we are in a Strict and 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 y.^e Intended Expe-
-dition Ag.st the far Indians y.^t Severall are gone to joyn
them w.^h is ag.st Our positive directions, the french do
all in their power to destroy ~~them~~ You to draw you into
A War with our frinds and their Enemies and Send In-
-dians on purpose to draw them off & We do all in Our
Power to promote y.^r prosperity & Wellfare.

Answer of the Mohawks by Hendrick their
Speaker

Brother Corlaer & Queder

We arrived here this morning on y.^r 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 have heard
that y.^e french desiere to Settle y.^e Lands att the Carrying
place w.^h 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 y.^t y.^t 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 y.^t the Gov.^r of Canada doth take
Possession of all the Land he Can by force to surround

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to Surround us & you & y.^t you have no Lands but
what you by from & agree with us for, which we ac-
-knowledge 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 y.^t 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 y.^e Land belongs to us & all the Lands on both Sides y.^e Lake as far as Ochjarego & all the Lands on y.^e Carrying place to the Southw.^d of Crown point belong all to y.^e 6 Nations which we have given positive Instructions to our Deligates to tell y.^e french Commander.

The names of the Deligates are [Schr.?] Nickus Seth and Adam

What relates to Our young men going to War we Answer that we Can't hinder them haveing no Command Over them.

The Com.^{rs} order'd to be delivered to y.^e Indians 2 blankets Strowds to be deliverd by Phil Livingston and 2 belts of Wampum of y.^e Com.^{rs} 2 Keggs Rum of y.^e Recorder Two Waggon to bring them to Schi-nechtady with provisions for y.^e return home

12.th July 1739

Present

the Same as Yesterday The Com.^{rs} repeated y.^e Message to y.^e 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 Writt a Letter to M.^r Will: Kettlehuyn to supply y.^e Indians w.th provisions for the s.^d Journey & the followy.^g Letter was wrote to his Hon.^r the Governour

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Alb.^y 13.th July 1739

[Not in Wraxall.]

May it please y.^r Honour

Sir

Since our Last to your Hon.^r of the 29.th June the Sachims of the Mohawks on Our Message came hither to Whom we Communicated the purport of your hon.^{rs} Letter of the 14.th June. they did readily Agree to deligate four of their Number to go to Crown Point to y.^e french Command.^g Officer there or Where they may meet him to forbid him & the french of Canada in y.^e Name of y.^e 6 Nations to make any Settlements to y.^e S.^o of the Crown point nor on any Lands att the Wood Creek. We flatter Our Selves that they Will punctually pform our Directions they sett out yesterday & May be Expected back within 12 days.

We have Treated with M.^r Hans Hansen to go with an Attendant to take a formall possession of S.^d Lands in y.^e Name of his Most Sacred Majesty y.^e King of Great Brittain, ~~that they were purchased from the Nation~~ As y.^r hon.^r has been pleased to direct us. We hope y.^r hon.^r will be pleased to Excuse us for not Sending [crossed out, illeg.] 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 Expenche that this Affair will be Attended with & the Small Service Such a possession will be att present to pvent y.^e french makeing Settlements on S.^d Lands We Presume it Will roather animate them to promote the Same Vigorously We doubt whether we shall be Able to gett any person to go on Credit of y.^e Governm.^t to take S.^d possession we have not a farthing publick money to Dispose of. the Samll Allowance to defray y.^e necessary & Contingent Charges is Near is Exhausted tho' We Can Assure y.^r Hon.^r we Manage w.th all possible frugality. We Are Informed y.^t the french have Sent Out an Army from Montreal of 200 french & 500 Indians

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who are to be Inforced by french and Indians in their March ag.st y.^e far Indians, by the best Information we have on diligent Inquiry this Army is designed Ag.st Indians who Are now in frindship w.th his Maj.^s Subjects of Virginia & Georgia & Now trade w.th them that is w.th traders from thence for it's Explained to us that they are Scituated on Some of the Southwest branches of Mississipi River. A french Man Who was taken by them And Redeemed by M.^r Oglethorp who furnish'd him with pass & Money to go back to Canada passed by this place this Spring & is gone Along with S.^d Army We Suppose to Direct them to y.^e Habitations of those Indians. We hope y.^r Hon.^r will think it for His Majes.^s Service to Acq.^t the Gov.^{rs} of Virginia & Georgia of this Intended Expedition ag.st their frind Indians y.^t they may be on their gaurd 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 Enterprise its Certainly much more So to us if they Should Suc-

-ceed & destroy s.^d 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 Na-
-tions joyn y^e french altho' Severall had given their
promises not to Engage with y^e french

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Att a Meeting of the Comiss.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs in Alb.^y 23 July
1739 [Not in Wraxall.]

Psent
Philip Livingston
Peter Winne Repre.^{tive}
The Mayor

The Deligates being returnd 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 [Brief summary on p. 213 of Wraxall.]

Present
Ph Livingston
Peter Winne Rep.
M.^r 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 Sachims of the Two Cas-
-tles of the Mohawks to tell him y.^t all the Lands
from their Castle Northward to this fort belonged to
them & that they Would not Suffer the french to
make any Settlm.^t to y.^e southward of S.^d fort that
they had Encroached already far Enough on their
Lands & that if y.^y Encroached further all their deer
Hunting would be destroyed by Such Settlements
& their Nation brought to poverty for Want of Meat
& Leather. this they Said with Great Boldness &
thereupon gave him a belt of Wampum
The Officer replied & S.^d 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
M.^r Leber I expect him back here in 10 days time
with y.^e Gov.^s Answer w.^h Shall y.ⁿ be sent you. the
Officer rec.^d us Very kindly & showed us All the fortifi-
-cations & Strenght thereof with y^e Barracks &^{ca} & said

that the fortification att Alb.^y was not to be Compared to
theires being only Two Brick Houses which One ball
Could Shatter all to peices.

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The Com^{rs} Returned y.^m thanks for the
Message they delivered to the french officer
Att Crown point & orderd y.^t they Should be p.^d
for their trouble 7 blankets Strowds 3 p. Stock.^{gs}
& 3 Shirts & provisions for their Journey home
Wherewith they Were Satisfied.

Alb.^y 11.th Aug.st 1739. Att a
Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs Att Albany [Summarized in Wraxall p. 213-214.]

Present

Philip Livingston Esq.^r

Edwarde Clarke Esq.^r

Peter Winne. a Representative

M.^r Recorder

M.^r Jacobus Myndertse & Comp.^y being returnd
from the Senecas Country Where he has been to keep the
Indians firm to y.^e English Interest pursuant to his
Commission granted by his hon.^r the Governour. he Informs
us y.^t Severall french Indians lately have been in the
Senecas Country in Order to perswade them to go with the
french Army Against a far Nation of Indians by the french
Called Shickhashees that he the said Mydertse 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.

He Also Informs us y.^t Jean Coeur trys all
Ways & Means to gett Tierondequat for y.^e french, that
he has begd of the Indians for Leave to build a small
fishinghouse 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 Sachims
gave him Leave to Settle there to prevent Which the
Sachim Commonly Called Coeschieter is Settled there
& is resolved to hinder the frenchmans settling Tieron-
dequat by All Ways & Means in his power the S.^d sachim
desired to have Low. Claesen & the s.^d Jacob.^s Myndertse to
be his Neighbours & 6 or 7 More such persons As the
Gov.^r Or Com.^{rs} should think fitt

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M.^r Myndertse Also Informs this board that the Indians desired y.^t the Gov.^r Would be pleased to send up this same Comp.^y to Stay there the Next Winter Or if they did not Incline to go that then they might have Bernardus Hartsen for their Smith the Ensueing Winter

He Also Says that he made An Excuse to the Senecas for y.^e Gov.^{rs} Not Comeing up to Albany to treat with them this Summer by telling them y.^t the Govern.^r Was Imployd on Earnest business of the Government & that he Would Come up next Spring he Also Gave them A present in his Hon.^{rs} name As a Token that he Was yet Mindfull of them

The follow.^g Lett.^r Was Wrote to his Hon.^r the Lieu.^t Gov.^r

May It please y.^r Hon.^r

We wrote y.^r Hon.^r the 13.th of Last Month Since which the Indians we sent to y.^e Crown point are Returned & Inform us that they have delivered their Message to the Commander there. Your Hon.^r has Inclosed the Minutes by w.^h you may see what they say on y.^t head. M.^r Jacobus Myndertse is Also returned from the Senecas Country who Informs us that Severall french Indians have been there lately to perswade if possible some of the Senecas Indians to go to War w.th the french Army but that he has Effectually prevented it. The french Indians not being Able to get one of the Senecas to go w.th y.^m he Also Informs us y.^t Jean Coeur trys All Means to gett Tierondequatt for the french he begd them for Leave to build a fish.^{yg} house there representing to them that he is poor & Almost Starved & Can't subsist in the Castle for want of provisions

[sidebar] One of the Sachims granted him his Leave to Settle there to prevent which

Whereupon One of the Sachims Called Coeschiettes Went & settled there himself & desired to have Lowrence Clasen & S.^d Jacobus Myndertse with 6 or 7 oy.^r Persons Whom Your Hon.^r Or the Com.^{rs} Should think proper to Live With him & be Neighbours together. M.^r Myndertse Also Informs us that he Made An Excuse to the Senecas for the Gov.^{rs} Not Comeing Up to Albany

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That he Was Employd 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.

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs at Alb.^y y.^e 10.th Sep.^r
1739 [Summarized in Wraxall p. 214-215.]

Present

Phi. Livingston Esq^r

Cap.^t Clarke

The Mayor

The Recorder

Two Sachims of the Upper Castle of the Ma-
-quase 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 Insist on Settling
the Land att the Wood Creek y.^e Com.^{rs} told them they Should
by no means or perswasions Consent the french to
Settle Any Land to the S.^o of Crown point & when they
have reced S.^d answer to acq.^t the Com.^s with it.

They Say that it seems that the Coven.^t 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
raise.^{yg} an Army to go a fighting on pretence ag.st the
flatheads & have Already sent to the Other Nations
to joyn them, that they Suppose the Intended Army
is to follow & joyn the french Army ag.st the far Indians
which ought to be prevented in due time by sendy.^g
up proper persons to Treat With the Sinnekes on
that head, and We think it necessary that the
french Should by no means Settle Tierondequatt
which We hear they design to Effect Very soon which
nothing Will prevent but the makeing a Settlement
there to which We are assured the Sinnekes will
Consent

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The follow.^g Letter Was wrote to his Hon.^r
the Lieu.^t Governour

Sir

Both your Hon.^{rs} Letters of the 20.th & 30.th
Ultim.^o to M.^r Livingston he lay'd before us, Since w.^{ch}
we have treated w.th some of the Principall Sachims 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 & bring some of y^e Sachims of
the oy.^r Indians Settled at Canada hither & give us
previous notice of their Comeing y.^t We may have some of
the 6 nations here att that time, which we presume answers
what y.^r Hon.^r directs, its the Opinion of y^e S.^d Sachims
that the Gov.^r of Canada is Inclined that a State of Neu-
-trality 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
Comeing hither to Conclude S.^d treaty As Comeing from
themselves.

Our Mohawk Sachims Soon expect to go
to the Lake S.^t Sacrement to receive An Answer to their
Message delivered to the french officer Att 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 reced an Acc.^t that the Sinnekes are Ga-
-thering An Army to go fighting ag.^t the flatheads they
have invited the Cayouges Onondages & Oneydes to join
they whereto they have Consented Which we humbly Con-
-ceive Will be of Ill Consequence & If possible ought
to be prevented to which we will use our best endeavors
tho.^g send.^g a mesage to the Sinnekes Country With
proper presents & Acquainting them at the Same time
that a rupture is likely to be between us & the french
might divert them from it.

We Are Assured that Severall of the Oswego tra-
-ders are now going up thither to fitch their goods for

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fear that in Case of a rupture w.th france that place
may be Surprised & taken by the french we Would have
diswaded them from going by Assureing them that the
Place would be taken Care of and Reinforced by A Num.^r
of Men & Indians of the 6 Nations which We think att 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 take-
-ing possession of Tierondequat for We presume if the Settle-
-ment of that place be Longer neglected while We have
now the [illeg.] from the Chief of the Sinnekes to send 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 Scituated on the Lake that the
far Indians Must pass by it in their Voyage thither & is
the Key to the Sinnekes Country As Oswego is to the
Onnondages & Cayouges

Your Hon.^{rs} 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 pre-
-sume as We Apprehend that there May soon be A
Rupture between Our Crown & that of france that the
Number of 4 is nott Sufficient att this time but that
in All 10 men be sent. 6 to reside Among the Sinnekes
& 4 att Tierondequatt to take possession in Echatt [Escheat?]
of His Majesty No doubt but the Indians Will expect
some presents for giv.^g us leave to Settle Tieron-
-dequatt Wherefore We hope y.^r Hon.^r Will be Ena-
-bled by the Assembly to defray that Charge.

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Albany 24.th Sep.^r 1739. att a Meet.^g
of the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs att Alb.^g
[Partly summarized in Wraxall p. 215.]

Present
Ph. Livingston Esq.^r
Cap.ⁿ Ed. Clarke
The Mayor
The Recorder

The follow.^g is Copy of the Warr.^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 Staets Jun.^r Gent.

Whereas It is highly necessary for his Majesties Ser-
-vice and the Interest of this Colony in Gen.^{ll} that due
Care Should be taken to preserve the Six Nations of In-

-dians firm to his Majesties Interest, to prevent all En-
-croachments 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 Staets
to reside in the Sinnekes Country for the Space of Twelve
months from the date hereof In Order to Use your Uttmost
Endeavours to keep the Six Nations of Indians depend.^g
on this Province firm to his Majesties Interest & to pre-
-vent the seducement of Any of them Over to the french
And Also to Inspect & inquire into all the Occurences
of the Affairs w.^h 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
Att Alb.^y & to transmitt to me & to y.^e Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs An Acc.^t of what Extraordinary Occurences 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 Domini 1739

Geo. Clarke

By the Com.^s of Indian Affairs att Albany

Instructions for Mess.^{rs} Sibrant Van Schaick, Bar-
-nardus Hartsen, Jacobus Van Schaick & Barent Staets
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.^r this Warr.^t directed unto you
dated the 24.th day of Aug.st last past does Appear, the
Orders and directions therein Contained we Would have
you punctually to Observe to the Uttmost of your power
As Also to Endeavour As much as in you 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 Wives & Children from the Insults of the Com-

-mon Enemy and tell the Sachims that their Brother Corlaer has Sent you to reside Among them and Assure them of his tender Care for them

You may acq.^t them that it's Very Uncertain how soon A War may break Out between the Crown of England & that of France by telling them that the Spanjards have taken Seve-
-rall Rich Ships from the Subjects of the Great King of Great Brittain in the West Indies, 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 Where-
-fore the great King their father has given Orders to grant Reprisals and take Spanjards Whereon A War between the Two Crowns may be declared and probably When the French King finds y.^t the English be too Strong & Overpower the Spanjards he May Assist them by Which A Generall War may follow, that therefore they Ought as Well As We to be On their gaurd & not go far from their Habitations.

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You may Also tell the Sinneke Sachims that we Expect that the Southren Indians Will Send deputies here next Summer to treat of A gen.^{ll} peace w:th them & the rest of the Six Nations w.^h will be Obstructed & Hindered if in the mean 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 Tierondequatt this Ensueing Winter & in the Mean time use All your Endeav.^{rs} to keep the Indians firm to their Resolutions to lett us Settle there.

We Expect that you Will properly Employ the pre-sents we have given you which we Must Leave to your discretion & probity haveing nothing further to add but wish you A good Journey & remain

P.S. You May Also tell the Sinnekes to Lett the upper Nations know y.^t in Case a War Should break out between us & the french they Would Nevertheless Be As Wellcome and as Well treated att Osweego as In time of peace & that we take them to be Our Brethren & Shall always use them Accordingly

was Signd by this Board
Order'd that Sibrant Van Schaick &^c 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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Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs} of [sic]
at Albany the 8th Day of
October 1739 [Partial summary in Wraxall p. 215.]

Present
Philip Livingston Esq.^r
Cap^t Edward Clarke
M.^r Mayor
M.^r Recorder

The Com^{rs} wrote to his Honour the
Lieu.^t governor the following Letter

May it please your Honour
Sir

We received your Honours favours of the 17.th
Septem.^r past We have use'd all our Endeavour to
keep our Ind.^{ns} from going out a fighting and have
given Strict Orders to the Company gone to the
Sinnekes Country to use all means in their Power
to prevent their going out But the Ind.^{ns} are very
Uneasy that they have mett w.^t so many delays
from the Southern Ind^{ns} having expected all this
Summer to meett them at Albany to treat of a
Peace w^t them, We hope it may be Effectted next
Year

We have been in Expectation y^t the Assembly
wou'd have rais'd a sum to Enable us to send four Men
to take possession in a formal Manner of Tieron:
=dequat in his Majesties Name and keep it
till they be relieved by others We shall use
our Endeavour to gett people to go on Credit
of the Governm.^t but doubt much whether we
Shall be able to gett proper persons to go while
for three years past no manner of Provision
has been made for those who resided in the
Sinnekes Country

Cap.^t Nelson who is gone up
to Oswego to Relieve Cap^t Butler applied to Us
for

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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 £48: w.^{ch} we delivered to him We beg your

Honour will be pleased to recommed [sic] the paym.^t
thereof to the Assembly
Just now we rec^d the Inclosed from Cap^t Butler
w^h we thought proper to send you We are w^t
great Respect

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs at Albany the
25th Day of October 1739 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Cap^t Edward Clarke
M.^r Mayor
M.^r Recorder

[Sett] Ezras and Gideon three principal
Sachims of the Mohawks Castle appeared
before this Board and acquainted them that
they came by Order of their whole Castle
to Speak w^t their Brethren concerning
an Affair they had formerly spoken off
They said they remembred that once at a meeting
w^t their Brethren, The Com.^{rs} then observed to
~~them~~ Us that it was a great Trouble and Charge
for ~~them~~ Us to Come down to Albany to the Sacram.^t
and hope in time ~~they~~ We wou'd gett a Minester of
~~their~~ Our Own Shortly after M^r 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 y^e Sacram.^{ts}
he gott one to administer for him We seeing
the Care he took and how Inconveniently
he

[2-0319] **II-176A**

He was lodged Consulted amongst our Selves
what we shou'd do for him, and so we agreed
to give him a Piece of Land, But as he was
then going to England He thank'd Us for
our kind Offer, But if it pleased God that he
return'd safe We might then do what we
thought proper

M^r Barclay being return'd and as before goes
on w^t his Usual Care & Diligence Instructing
Us and our Children and also administring
the Sacraments to our great Satisfaction
and saving Us great Charges w^{ch} we used to be
at in Coming to Albany, We have Unanimous:
=ly 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 Com^{rs} and hope they will write to the
Gov^r about it and use Care and Endeavour to
gett the Gift w^{ch} we freely give w^t a good
Heart Confirmed
Lowrence Claese took the following Oath
Relating the [premis] Viz
That Sometime last Summer twelve or fourteen
of the principal Ind^{ns} of the Mohawks Castle
gave to the Rev^d M^r Henry Barclay a piece of
Low Land on the flatts near fort Hunter w^{ch}
he saw marked off with Stakes & Computes

[2-0320] **II-177**

to be about twelve Morgan and into the Woods
as far as the s^d M^r Barclay shou'd think proper

Att a meetting of the Com^{es}
of Indian Affairs at Albany
the 26.th October 1739

[Summarized in Wraxall p. 215-216.]

Present
Cap^t Edward Clarke
M^r Mayor
M^r Recorder
M^r Sheriff

The following Letter was writt
to his Honour the Lieu.^t Governor

[See DRCHNY for a copy of the first part of this letter with minor changes in wording
but dated Nov. 3rd. The third line of this copy refers to the Senecas settling near
Crown Point rather than the French, which is obviously an error. The printed
version does not include the paragraph about the gift of Mohawk land to Rev.
Barclay.]

We have at last rec^d 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 Sinnekes
Settling on the South Side of the lake between
the Crown Point and the Carrying place w^{ch} 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
Rivers and Creeks that empty themselves towards
Canada even to the Carrying Place & Lake of
S.^t sacrament, and that he will not suffer the
English to make any Settlements upon any of
those Lands But that if they shou'd attempt to do it
He (the Gov^r of Canada) wou'd hinder it upon
which he gave a Belt of Wampum as a Token
in Presence of His and our Ind^{ns} But notwith:
=standing He wou'd give all his Right to the
formentioned Land from the Crown Point to the
Carrying

[2-0321] **II-177A**

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 shou'd settle there
Att the Request of Sett Ezras and Gideon three
of the principal Sachims of the Mohawks Castle
We Enclose to your Honour the speech they made
to Us the 25.th Instant

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs Att Alb.^y y.^e 28th Nov.^r 1739 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Ph. Livingston Esq.^r

Edward Clarke Esq.^r

Peter Winne Esq.^r Representative

Edward Holland Esq.^r Mayor

Dirk Ten Broek Esq.^r Recorder

Henry Holland Esq.^r Sheriff

Appeared att this Board Ondatsogo a Sachim of
the Cachnawages on some private business

This board orderd that M.^r Livingston give him a blankett
Strowd a shirt a p.^r Stock^{gs} & a Lap a Keg Rum & some provisions

[2-0322] **II-178**

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs Att Alb.^y this 17.th
December 1739 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Phil Livingston Esq.^r

Cap.^t Edward Clarke

Peter Winne representative [sic]

Ed. Holland Mayor

Dirk Ten Broeck Recorder

Henry Holland Sheriff

The following Sundry Acc.^t of the Contingent
& necessary Charges the Com.^{rs} have been Att Where produ-
-ced 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

Finis Ph: Livingston
Ed. Clarke
Pieter Winne
Ed. Holland
Dirck Ten Broeck
Hen: Holland

[2-0323] **II-178A**

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs att Albany the 17.th December
1739 [Summarized in Wraxall p. 216.]

Present

Phi. Livingston Esq.^r

Edward Clarke Esq.^r

The Mayor

The Recorder

This day was laid before this board a Comission
from his Hon.^r the Lieu.^t Govern.^r which is As follows
LS

By the hon.^{ble} George Clarke Esq.^r his
Majesties Lieu.^t Governour & Command.^r in Chief in And Over
the Province of New York & the Territories thereon depending &
in America &^{ca}

To Cadwallader Colden, Abraham Van Horn, Philip Living-
=ston, Archibald Kennedy, James de Lancey, Philip
Cortland, Henry Lane, David Horsmanden and George
Clarke Jun.^r Esq.^{rs} Members of his Majesties Councill for the
said Province And to Edward Clarke Esq.^r Captain Comman-

-dant 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 Broek Recorder thereof or to the Mayor and Recorder of the said City for the time being & to Philip Schuyler, Jeremiah Van Renselaer, Peter Winne, Arent Bratt, Mynder Schuyler, John Schuyler, Stephanus Groesbeek, Rutger Bleeker, Abram Cuyler, Ryer Gerritse Nicolaes Bleeker, John De peyster, John Schuyler Jun.^r Jacob Glen, Edward Collins, Cornelius Cuyler, John.^s Lansingh Jun.^r & Hendrick Ten Eyck Esq.^{rs}.

Whereas it is highly necessary for his majesties Service that the Six Nations of Indians Coming to the City of Albany be duly managed for the Safety and Welfare of this Province, I have thought fitt to Constitute and Appoint you the said Cadwallader Colden, Abraham Van Horn, Philip Livingston, Archibald Kennedy James de Lancey Philip Cortlant, Henry Lane, Daniel Horsmanden And George Clarke Jun.^r Esq.^{rs} And Edward Clarke, Edward Holland, Dirck Ten Broeck, Philip Schuyler, Jeremiah Van Renselaer Peter Winne Arent Bratt Myndert Schuyler, John Schuyler Stephanus Groesbeek, Rutger

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Bleeker, Abraham Cuyler, Ryer Gerritse, Nicolaes Bleeker John depeyster, John Schuyler Jun.^r Jacob Glen, Edward Collins Cornelius Cuyler, Johan.^s Lansingh Jun.^r and Hendrick Ten Eyck 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 thie 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.⁴ or Commander in Chief of this Province for the time being in Councill 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 att ffort George in New York on the fifth day of December in the thirteenth year of his Majesties Reign. Annoq. domini 1739
By his Hon.^s Command Geo Clarke
ffred.^k Morris D^{ef}ed

The following Oath was taken by the Persons Mentioned thereunder After the Oaths which the Law directs

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 Lieu.^t 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 Broek	Phi. Livingston
Reyer Gerritse	Edward Clarke
Ste. Groesbeek	Abrah. Cuyler
Joh. ^s Lansingh Jun. ^r	Ed. Holland
John depeyster	Myndert Schuyler
Edward Collins	John Schuyler Jun. ^r
Cornelius Cuyler	Rutger Bleeker
	Hend. ^k Ten Eyck
	Ph. Schuyler

1740

[2-0325] II-179A

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs att the City
of Albany the 21st Day of
Janry 1739/40

[Not in Wraxall.]

Philip Livingston
Daniel Horsmanden
Edward Clarke
Edward Holland
Rutger Bleeker
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Philip Schuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Dirck Tenbroeck
Stefanis Groesbeeck
Edward Collins
Peter Winne
Johannis Lansingh Jun.^r
Cornelis Cuyler

The following Letter was
writt to John Schuyler Jun.^r

Whereas there is a Report C[ame?]
in Town that there are three
hundred french Men & Indians
at the Crown Point lately come
there, We Desire that you
will gett a good Trusty Indian
to go thither and Endeavour to

Discover if that Report be True, and Inform
himself as well as he Can of their Strength
Whatever you are oblided to give the the Ind.
we shall see you repaid, The Better to Conceal
the Indian's Design M^r Cuyler sends w^t your
Brother Phil: a Letter to the Comanding 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'll do well
to tell the Ind.ⁿ that you have that you have [sic] had
the Letter sometime by you say ab.^t a fortnight
You must also tell the Ind.ⁿ that it is you that

sends him, and by no means let him know that
this comes from the Com^{rs} of Indⁿ Affairs I am
M^r Horsmanden & M^r Winne took the Oath Re-
-quired by his Hon.^r the Lieu^t Governour

[2-0326] II-180

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of Indian

Alb.^y y.^e 30. Jan.^y 1739/40

[illeg.] [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Ed. Holland
Dirk Ten Broek
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleeker
Hend.^k Ten Eyk
Ed Collins
Joh.^s Lansingh J.^r
Ni Bleeker
Peter Winne
Reyer Gerritse

Fathers
What we have to Say ~~in~~
you Shall presently hear
We are Come to renew & Strengthen
the peace to y.^e northward
We Come ~~to tell you see us~~ And join ourselves to you We
Are now on our on our Way to Agh
ShiCantekook to transact
Certain Affairs
We ~~shall prake~~ are going to
make open the road to Ashe
kantakoke & ~~shall take Care~~
that no harm shall happen in
~~that re~~ 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 what
Intent we go

[2-0327] **II-180A**

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mber the highLand
Makkanders & the Schaachkook

Indians

Fathers We are going to renew the old Cove-
-nant Which our Fathers have made with
those Indians

Fathers When We have opened this road it
will be plain & visible to all that pass that Way
Father We are going to Ashekantekook to see
our frinds 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 Seeside to renew the old Covenant with them
& all the Indians that Live in our Way thither
~~our Errand to the far onegongoes is to desire them~~
to keep the peace between us & the other Indians to
the northward & [illeg.] Our Errand is Also to bring
w:^t us 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 Lett us know
what it is.

[2-0328] **II-180B** [top of page cut off]

Children As for re

~~your forefathers~~ with those [cut off]
you for that ~~but we would have you do it [illeg] same~~
~~manner that your forefathers did~~ but it has Always
been a Custom When Any bad rumours were
Spread abroad that those Indians Came here to
renew the Covenant. It is now between 3 or 4 years
since the sachims 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 french Kings 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 ~~& it~~
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

are knowledge of ~~[illeg]~~ 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~~ Indians you mention at wood Creek

[2-0329] **II-180C**

[cut off] [y]ou have brought [cut off]
[cut off] [b]ut that you go there & no farther
& in the renewal of your treaty we Insist that you In-
-clude all the Subjects of the King of Great Brittain
both here and in New England & that you tell them [illeg.]
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.

* Children We are glad to see you here & [y^t] you have told
us what you Intend to do & askd our Advice therein
What we have to say is As follows

The Indians said [that] this affair proceed.^d from them
that y.^y did it for the best

[2-0330] **II-181**

Att A meeting of the Com.^{rs} of the
Indian Affairs att Albany the
19.th March 1739/40 [Summarized in Wraxall p. 216.]

Present

Philip Livingston Esq.^r

Cornelis Cuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Myndert Schuyler

Steph. Groesbeek } Esq.^{rs}

Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r

Peter Winne

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

By an Express from Schinechta-
-dy this board rec.^d a Letter from
M.^r Bratt one of the Members of this Com.^s
& Lowrence the Interpreter Importing
that an Indian Was att Schinechtady
with news from Oswego, the Comissioners
wrote a Letter to Lourence to desire him to Come

down with the Indian to hear what this board has
to Communicate to them

Att a meeting of the Comissioners of
Indian Affairs att Albany y.^e 20.th
March 1739/40 [Summarized in Wraxall p. 216.]

Present

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Dirk Ten Brock

Rutger Bleeker

Cornelis Cuyler

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Nicolaes Bleeker

Step. Groesbeek

Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r

Myndert Schuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Lowrence Claesen the Interpreter
with the Indian mentioned in
yesterdays minute appeared at
this board

The S.^d Indian being An Onondag-
-ge Acquaints the Com.^{rs} that the Sachims
of his Nation Intend as soon as the
water is open to go to Canada to Condole
the death of Jean Coeur and that the Said sachims
have given an Invitation to All the five nations to go
with them.

Whereupon this board sends up Lourence
Claese the Interpreter with the following Instructions

You are to go As soon As may be to the Mohawks
Castle and Acq.^t the Sachims there that An Onondage
is Come here with Seven hands of Wampum & Acq.^{ts}
the Com.^{rs} that the Sachims of his Nation Intend As-
-soon as the water is open to go to Canada to Condole

[2-0331] **II-181A**

the death of one Jean Coeur & have Likewise Invited
all the Sachims of the five nations to go with them
That we hope & desire they will Not hearken thereto
& that they will by no means go to Canada to Condole
the death of a man who has dureing 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
sachims that the governour is Expected up to Albany to
Speak with them this season that it would Look very
dark that Our Governour should Come up here to Speak
with them & that they should then be gone to Canada to
Condole the death of An Enemy. You Are Also to tell them
that it is open War between Our Crown & that of Spain
but that as yet there is no War with the french that we
know of. that as soon as we hear any farther news
Concerning Affairs in Europe which may Concern us
we will Certainly Lett them know thereof

You are to tell the same y^t Canajoherie & Oneyde
& tell the Oneyde Sachims furthermore that we have heard
that they intend to break their word and promise 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 way over the Carrying place but that
we suppose that this Story proceeds Only from malici-
-ous Lyin

g people that we Cant beleive 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 Took with him One of the belts belong.^g
to the Comissioners.

[2-0332] **II-182**

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} held y.^e 25
March 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Rutger Bleeker

Hendrick TenEyck

Dirk Ten Broeck

Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r

Ab. Cuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

Cornelius Cuyler

Edward Holland

Cap.^t Edward Clarke

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Coll.^o Jeremiah Van Renslaer

Peter Winne

Ed. Collins

John de peyster

M.^r Henry Van Renslaer Jun.^r appeared
at this board & desired that Whereas
he had been prevailed upon for the good
of Province by Cap.^t Edward Clarke in Case
of a Certain Emergency last fall when
the relief of the Men att Oswego was
Increased 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 should
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
Lieu.^t Gov.^r

May it please your Hon.^r

Sir

Upon application made to us by
Henry Van Renslaer Jun.^r to represent to your Hon.^r
the State of the Oswego garrison in relation to the Ex-
-traordinary detachment sent there by your Hon.^{rs} orders
Last fall, we take Leave to represent the Affair to your
Hon.^r as follows, When the party Came to Schinechtady

to go to Oswego, M.^r Wendell & M.^r Herkemer the Two gentlemen Concerned with M.^r Renslaer 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, the s.^d M.^r Rensslaer was prevailed upon by Cap.^t Edward

[2-0333] II-182A

Clarke fore the good of this Province to supply provisions for the said men for six months which the said M.^r 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 just & reasonable that the said Renslaer Should be paid & pray that Your Hon.^r would recommend the same to the Assembly at their next meeting

M.^r Renslaer Informs us Likewise that he is not inclined to supply the S.^d men with provisions for a Longere time then 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 secureing said money for the time to come Otherwise it will be more Expensive & the men Att Oswego will be in danger to want provisions which would necessarily be Attended with pernicious Consequences All which we submitt humbly to y.^r Hon.^{rs} Judgement We are

S.^r Your most Humble &
most obedient Serv.^{ts}

Ph. Livingston

R. Bleecker

John Schuyler J.^r

John de peyster

Hendrick TenEyck

Ed. Collins

Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r

Peter Winne

Dirk Ten Broeck

Ed. Holland

Nicolaes Bleecker

This board gave Joh.^s Seeger orders to buy on the Com.^{rs} Acc.^t a good strowd Coat.

[2-0334] II-183

Albany 31st March 1740 Att a
Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
att Albany [Summarized in Wraxall p. 216-217.]

Present

Dirk Ten Broeck

Myndert Schuyler

Stephanus Groesbeek

Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r

Cornelis Cuyler

Rut. Bleeker

Reyer Gerritse

Nicolaes Bleeker

Abraham Cuyler

M.^r Lourence Claesen being return'd
from his journey to Oneyde gives the
following Acc.^t

Gentlemen

The 22.^d Ins.^t I acquainted the Sachims
att fort Hunter with the Content of my Instructions y.^e 23
I Acquainted the Canajoherie Sachims 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 att home untill they had Spoake 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 Sachims not Compleat wherefore I was Oblidged to send
for those who were Absent, when they were mett I made known
to them the purport of my Instructions & gave them the
belt 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 Jean Coeur the french
Interpreter nor send any wampum there as a token of the
same, Brother We did Intend to go to Canada Othosonont
our Speaker was to go at the head of us, the reason that we
did intend it is this, That no Conference has been be-
-tween 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

[2-0334] **II-183A**

in the first place, All those of Our people who go to Cana-
-da Are Cloathd by that Gov.^r from head to foot. Our Sachims
are Cloathd with Laced Garments to distinguish them from
the Comon people but we Expect no more from Our Governour
at best than a red Soldjers Coat

Brother You have desired us not to go to Canada nor send any
belts of Wampum there. & you Say that you have heard
that we intended to hinder the Riders att the Carrying
place from Slaying Over the Traders goods. We beleive
that it has been said but not by Our Consent. 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 Sachims & Warriours here
present promise that none of Our people shall go to Canada
nor send Any Wampum there; We promise furthermore that
the path shall remain Open for All his Maj.^s Subjects & none
of our people shall Carry any thing over the Carrying place
without they are desired thereto by your people Where-
-upon we give this belt of wampum & shall further
wait the Gov.^{rs} orders.

Orderd. that this Answer be Transmitted by the first
Opportunity to his hon.^r the Leu^t Governour.

Orderd. That M^r Cor: Cuyler give Lowrence 2 Shirts & 2 knives for
what he disbursed for Sending for y^e Oneyde
Sachims.

[2-0336] II-184

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs att Alb.^y the 11. April 1740.

[Not in Wraxall. Wraxall includes an entry for April 11 1740 that messengers were sent to tell the Six Nations that Governor Clarke cannot meet them as early in the Summer as had been intended. It is not included in these records.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Edward Holland

Dirk Ten Broeck

Rut. Bleeker

Nicolaes Bleeker

John de peyster

Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r

IEatiout [Kahout?] a Sachim of the River
Indians accompanied with Other
Indians of S^d Nation, who Say that
Last winter they went to the Carrying
place & treated with the Sachims

of the Onogongeos about a neutrality in Case of War
which they had then done without previous notice
thereof given to this board, then they Acknowledged [sic] their
fault & do now acq.^t the Com.^{rs} that they are going to treatt
with the Shaweno Indians & Link them fast in the
Covenant Chain by belts of Wampum the Onogongo
Indians to One End the Shawnos on the other End
they in the middle. When they have finished this mes-
-sage they would bring this Board Report thereof

The Old Sachims of the Shaweno's are departed
this Life. the young Ones Are not Acquainted with
the road. 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 Shaweno Sachim
dyed Among Us Whose Death We intend to Condole
When we Come there. We desire, As we are but poor
& warm whether is Approaching, that Our fathers would
give us three [hatts] for Our messengers
The Com.^{rs} grant their request that they Shall have
a blanket Strowd att Cap.^t Nicolaes Bleekers & three
hatts att M.^r DPeysters. They Are Enjoynd to bring
report to this Board of All their Occurrences in this
Message.

[2-0337] **II-184A**

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of
the Indian Affairs att Albany
24.th April 1740.

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Nicolaes Bleeker

Abraham Cuyler

Stephanus Groesbeek

Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r

John depeyster

Peter Winne

Cornelis Cuyler

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Philip Schuyler

Myndert Schuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Dirk Ten Broek

Whereas Sybrant Van Scha
-ick & Com.^y is returned from the
Senecas Country of Whom Jacobus
S. Van Schaick is One & now
refuses to return, This Board
has left it to Sybrant Van Scha
-ick to Chose a fitt person in his
Stead who has made Choise
of John Visser of whom this board
Approves.

Orderd. 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 & M.^r Abra. Cuyler & that 7 hands of
Wampum be Also disbursed by M.^r Cor Cuyler
for the same Use & that they proceed on their jour-
-ney on Monday next.

[2-0338] II-185

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs Att Albany y.^e 22 May 1740

[Possibly this is the entry to which Wraxall refers on p. 217, giving the date as April 11th.]

Present

Edward Holland

Dirk Ten Broeck

Phil Schuyler

Jeremiah Van Renselaer

Mynd.^t Schuyler

[illeg.] Collins

John Schuyler

Cornielis Cuyler

John de peyster

Abra. Cuyler

Stephanus groesbeek

The Com.^{rs} a few days since rec.^d the
following Letter from his Hon.^r the
Lieu.^t Gov.^r

2 May 1740

Gentlemen

Untill Coll.^o Spotswood & Coll.^o Blake-
-ney Arrive here, that all things may be fixt as to
the time of Embarking against the Spanjards, 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 & Conclude
a peace in their name and Behalf. with the Six
Nations, which the Southren 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 y^{rs} &^{ca}

was signed

Geo. Clarke

Whereupon they sent for Lowrence the Interpreter
who being this day here present, This board gave
him the following Instructions

M.^r Lowrence Claesen

You Are to up and Acquaint the
Sachims at Onondage that his Hon.^r the Gov.^r has

orderd 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 rec.^d Orders from the King his Master to get
Voluntiers to go on an Expedition against the
Spanjards & that he is orderd 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 from home till he has Mett them here
that they will Use All Endeavours to keep their War-
-rious from going to fight Against the Southren
Indians & More so because he has been desired by them
the southren 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 Spanjards in the
West Indians [sic] That the English Ships have there
One of their Largest Towns & severall Ships
Laden with silver & other Rich goods.

This you Are to Acq.^t the Sachims of All the Nations
between this place & Onondage

was Signd by ord.^r of the Com.^{rs}
Phil Livingston Jun [illeg.]

the following Lett.^r was wrote to Sybrant Van Schaick

We Are desired by his hon.^r the Gov.^r to Acq.^t the Six Nati-
-ons that he designs to meet them early this summer but
that on Acc.^t of this Expedition ag.^t the Spanjards he Could
Certainly tell the time when but that he Would positively
meet them this summer of this we desire you to acq.^t
ye Sinneke sachims. & that you Use y.^r Endeav.^{rs} to keep at
home the young men. The Gov.^r Orders us likewise
to Acq.^t the Indians that he is desired by the Southren
Indians to treat of & Conclude a peace with the Six Nations
in their behalf which they will ratify
the Com.^{rs} agreed with Lowrence for five pounds to hire a man &
horses.

[2-0340] **II-186**

Att a Meeting of the Com.^s of Indian
Affairs Att Alb.^y this 23. day of May
1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

James Ramsay Cap.^t Command.^t

Myndert Schuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

John Lansingh Jun.^r

Peter Winne

Ab. Cuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

Hend.^k TenEyck

Joh.^s Knickerbacker Interpreter for
the Schaahkook Indians appeard at
this board & a Sachim of s.^d Indians
named Matquat
who says as follows

Fathers Your Children are not Come here with a
bad Design but a good One. Butt 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 Submitt nor behave meanly in Which
we have Observed your directions The Ashicanticook
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 Us this
String of Wampum As a token of the Same.

Att A meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs att Albany 24.th May 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Edward Holland

Dirk Ten Broeck

Myndert Schuyler

Step. Groesbeek

Rutger Bleeker

Joh.^s Lansingh

Appeard at this board Severall
Sachims of the Schaachkook Indians
who by Matquat their Speaker Say as
follows

Fathers We Come not to tell you news but
only What happend to us Last Winter past 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
& not Trouble Our Neighbours

[2-0341] **II-186A**

Fathers

You have told us that if Any Mischief happen to Us at
At Schaahkook that we Should Not Revenge it but
Come & Complain here & that you Would tell what
Should be done.

The Comissioners Answered
Children

What you did Last Winter We Approve of & When
those Indians Come here We shall Make them Well Come.
We Are Sorry to find that you behave so troublesome to
your Neighbours As your Selves Confess, We Will Endea-
-Vour to prevent Drink being Sold at Schaahkook
by petitioning the Assembly to Make Act that None Shall
Be sold to you without this City.
the Mayor has writt to the person that Sells Drink &
Will prevent him to sell Any More & then you will be
Without Excuse

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs att Albany y.^e 9.th June 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Peter Winne

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Step. Groesbeek

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Reyer Gerritse

Lowrence Claesen being return'd 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 y.^e purport of the Gov.^s Letter of y.^e 2.^d May
they answerd that they were well pleased that the

Gov.^r would meet them this sum.^r but that they were afraid
that he would Stay for Long that they Would not be
Able to gett the bark off from the trees to Make Canoes
for that they Were now grown old & not able to walk
so far.

[2-0342] **II-187**

To that part of the gov.^s Letter relating to the
treaty of peace between them & the southren Indn's
they Answer that they are Also Well pleased If
they do but send good Conditions to Treat Upon
But that they had much reather that those
Indians Would Come themselves.
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

According to y.^r Hon.^{rs} order in
your Lett.^r to Us of y.^e 2.^d May we sent up the
Interpreter who has Acquainted the Indians
with y.^e purport of the same & brings y.^e Inclosed
Answer to Us, haveing nothing further to add

[2-0343] **II-187A**

Att a Meeting of the Commiss.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs att Albany
y.^e 23 July 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Ed. Holland
Myn. Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Ni. Bleeker
John Schuyler Jun^r
Joh.^s Lansingh
Hend.^k TenEyck

This board gave some Cachnawage
sachims to Bewail the death
of Casagichte one of their Sachims
who was drowned last Spring
above Saraghtoge
1 Blankett black Strowds
1 p.^r black Stock.^{gs} D.^o
1 keg rum & 1 Shirt
ab.^t 6/. worth Linnen

Order'd that Ni. Bleeker give the Strowds and
Shirts, Dirk Ten Broek y.^e keg rum & John Schuyler
the Linnen

[2-0344] **II-188 to II-193** cover the conference between Lt. Governor George Clarke and the Six Nations that opened August 16, 1740. The version in these records corresponds to the version printed in DRCHNY 6: 172-178 with minor differences in spelling. It is summarized in Wraxall beginning on p. 217.]

[2-0356] **II-194**

[Continues Six Nations' answer. Corresponds to DRCHNY 6:178 but printed version omits the last paragraph of the answer which reads:]

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.

[2-0357] **II-194A**

[Continues proceedings with Clarke's response and Six Nations' response.
Corresponds to DRCHNY 6:178.]

[2-0358] **II-195**

[End of Six Nations' response. Corresponds to DRCHNY 6:178-179 with slightly different wording. Adds at the end:]

Then the presents were given them.

[The printed version does not include Clarke's meeting with the Schaghticoke Indians held August 20th, transcribed below:]

[2-0359] **II-195A**

Speech made by the Hon:^{ble} George
Clarke Esq.^r Lieu.^t Gov.^r & Comander in
Chief of the Province of New York &^{ca}
To the Schaachkook Indians in Alb.^y
y.^e 20.th Aug.st 1740. [Brief summary in Wraxall p. 220.]

Present

The Honb.^{le} George Clarke Esq.^r

Philip Livingston

Philip Cortland } Esq.^{rs} of

Dan.^l Hosmanden the Councill

& Severall Other Gentlemen

Children

I Sent for you to give you a fresh
Testimony of the Tenderness & fatherly Afection of the
Great King of Great Brittain my Master Our Common father
& Sovereign 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 att 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 frindship with them
& the rest of your Brethren his maj.^s Subjects, in Whose
name 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 & perswade
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

Children I will do All in my Power to gett a mi-
-nister to Live Among you which you so much
desire, & it would certainly be a means to gather

[2-0360] **II-196**

Your Scattered Branches together again & to make
the Tree grow & flourish which I Shall Always En-
-deavour.

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 Schaahkook & River 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 all oweing 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 oblided 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
Father
Your Children are rejoyced that you renew the Coven.^t
Chain & wish that the Tree planted for them may
grow & flourish
You just now wrapped a belt of wampum Ab.^t the
C 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
gett 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.

[2-0361] **II-196A**

Father
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 [sic] to hinder people
from carrying Rum among you, but At the Same
time you ought to reform your morals & refrain

from drinkg. as much as in y.^r power & not be so
besotted as to sell the verry Cloaths from off your
backs for Rum

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs att Alb.^y the 21. August 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Ph. Livingston
Ed. Collins
Jer. Van Renselaer
Ph. Schuyler
John Schuyler Jun.^r
Hend. Ten Eyck
Rut. Bleeker
Dirk Ten Broeck
Abraham Cuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r
Ste. Groesbeek
Myn. Schuyler

Certain Sachims of the Six Nations Appear'd
At this Board & said viz.^t

Brother Corlaer

Att Our Request you have mett
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 Caniadarko, Canen-
-dagooora, Schanenrade, Tigactderowanje
Schanawade, Ranoghradegaetha, Tejohawende
Attowene, Dehataghquesase, at which we Are
very well pleased, he Also required that the afores.^d
Sachims should be for the English Interest & the
wellfare 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 att an Inconvenient time, when the Old men

[2-0362] II-197

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 Presented a young man of the
Onondages And desired that he might be made a
Sachim in place of Canajogaje the Late Sachim ~~of~~
& that he might be as the Same name, & Att the
same promisd & 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

The Commiss.^{rs} Answer'd
That they approved of the Af.^d Canajogaje & Accepted
of him for a sachim & Expected that he would walk in
the Steps of the man whose place & name he now
bears.

Orderd that a Coat Shirt & p^r Stock^{gs} be given him
by M^r Livingston

They they returned Hearty thanks to the Com.^{rs} for
Complying with their Request

[2-0363] II-197A

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs att Albany this 3 Sep.^r 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myn. Schuyler

Cap.^t Ramsay

Ni. Bleeker

John D'Peyster

Jo. Lansingh Jun.^r

Jo. Schuyler Jun.^r

Ed. Collins

Rut. Bleeker

Ste. Groesbeek

Abraham Cuyler

Adrinagindiage a Cachnawage Sachim
appear'd at this board & in the name of his
Castle & that of Schawenady Says viz^t

About two months since some of our People
were here, & were made Very wellcome by you
at which We are Very glad, You at the
Same time Sent us a String of Wampum

(Look.^s upon us as the Chief nation) to desire us to
use our Endeavor to perswade the Annagongostotay
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 reced that message we sent to the An-
-nagonges, who answered us that they received it
very kind & were Oblidged 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 & Exceed the bounds agreed on,
They therefore desire the Comissioners of the Indian Affairs
to write to the New England people Concerning this
Again & 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 Com.^{rs} Thanked them for Sending y.^e message &
Said they would write our gov.^r with what the

[2-0364] **II-198**

Annagonges Say & when we Receive an Ans.^r
we will Lett you know.

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs att Albany this
24.th Sept^r 1740. [Briefly summarized in Wraxall p. 220.]

Present

Philip Livingston Esq.^r

Myndert Schuyler

Ste. Groesbeek

Abra. Cuyler

Dirk Ten Broek

Reyer Gerritse

Appear'd Att this Board, Arent
Stevens, Hendrick Wemp & C.^o who were Appoin-
-ted by his Hon.^r the Lieu.^t Governour to reside
in the Sinnekes Country for the Ensueing year
to whom were given the follow.^g Instructions

Whereas You are Appointed by his Hon.^r
the Lieu.^t Gov.^r to go & reside in the Sinnekes
Country for the year ensueing on the service of
the governm.^t to Commence from the date here-
-of & to end this day Twelve month.

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 Lieu.^t Gov.^r or Comand.^r in Chief for
the time being or the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs att
Albany from Time to time, with all such Intilli-
-gence 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.

[2-0365] **II-198A**

You are likewise to follow & observe such in-
-structions & directions as you Shall from time
to time receive from the Lieu.^t Gov.^r or the Comand.^r
in Chief for the time being, or the Com.^{rs} 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 anywhere amongst the Indians &
to Keep them from gett.^g any foot.^g at Tierondequat

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

You Are to Use Your Endeav.^{rs} 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 [illeg.] in the names of the Gov.^r & the
Com.^{rs} of [Indian] Affairs, to Appoint the Indian
commonly Called the Blankewilt a Sachim &
desire the Sachims to Accept of him in their
Number, & give him y.^e Presents the other sa-
-chims have had on that occasion

Orderd that the people that go Up to the Sinne-
-kes for the Governm.^t have to the Value of
Twenty five pound in food to be Employed in
presents to the Indians for the Govern.^t & that
Dirk Ten Broeck furnishes.^d goods
orderd Iron & Steel as usual above y.^e Afores.^d Sum.

[2-0366] II-199

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian affairs att Albany the
15.th October 1740. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

James Ramsay

Dirk Ten Broeck

Reyer gerritse

Nicolaes Bleeker

Step. Groesbeek

Joh.^s Lansingh

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Abraham Cuyler

Hendrick Ten Eyck

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 Southren Indians
to conclude a peace w.th the Six
Nations & that what hes 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 Southren
Indians were already warned to Stay at home
which they inclined to do.

Brethren

We are of Opinion that you have betrayed us
It is impossible but you must have known of
this Army that's [illeg.] us which was raiseing
at the Very time of [illeg.] That makes us
say you have [betrayed] us

Brethren

You Very Well [know] that the gov. Spoake 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 Oneydes &
Onondages promise that we will keep our word
& not fight except in our own defence & we will

expect them in our Castles.

[2-0367] **II-199A**

By an Express from Onondage we Are Informed
That at Schanondawane are five hundred of those Indi-
-ans, in whose names the Gov.^r Concluded a peace, Encamped
where they Lay as it where to defy us to meet them.
And That they have att four Severall times taken Scalps
att a Castle belonging to us Called Odego, from whence
they were pursued & some of them taken & burnt 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
in a Book That we sent a Belt to the Southren Indians
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 Comissioners Answer'd
They are very much Surprized that the Six nations should
Entertain such thoughts of the gov.^r or them as to Suppose
them Guilty of Treachery one of the worst of Evils while such a
Long frindship has Subsisted between their & Our Ances-
-tors & that the English here had Always Stood their frind
That Neither his his Hon.^r the Gov.^r nor they know Nothing of any
Treachery ag.^t 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 [Belive] nothing of
any army of Southren Indians com.^g this Way But think
It All Wrong Information & of this you May Acquaint
the Upper Nations.

[2-0368] II-200

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs Att Albany
the 5.th Dec.^{br} 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r

Cornelis Cuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Nicolaes Bleeker

Cap.^t Ramsay

John depeyster

Peter Winne

Ab. Cuyler

Hend.^k Ten Eyk

Jan B. Van Eps Jun.^r Appeared
Att this Board who gave the
following acc.^t

That in his journey from Oswego
some days Ago Comeing through
Onondage A Sachim Called the
Bonte Wiltt told him that Decanonde

& some Other Sachims had Lately in a Confe-
-rence with the gov.^r of Canada given him their
Leave to take Oswego & that the ffrench did
design to Take it this Winter or Early y.^e Next
Spring & Att the Same time told him that this
was Not only a Report but was Absolutely
true & desired him to acq.^t the Com.^{rs} of Indians
affairs with this News.

Whereupon this Board resolved to Send up
the Interpreter with the Follow^g Instructions

M.^r Lowrence Claesen

You Are Imediately to go to Onondage
& there Call Together the Sachims & tell them
that John B. Van Eps Jun.^r has informed us that
he was Told att Onondage That Decanonde
& some other Sachims had Lately in a Confe-
-rence with the Gov.^r of Canada given him

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Their Leave to Take Osweego & That the french accordingly did design To take the Same this Winter or Early the next Spring & you are to Ask the Said Sachims of Onondage whether there be any Truth in this report & To animate the S.^d Indians to Continue firm in Our Interest & to fullfill their promisses Lately made to our Governour To Assist Osweego Whenever it Shall be Attacked by any Enemy & if Anything Should Be done Ag.^t that place, that they Should Imediately inform us by a message according to their Severall promisses heretofore Made & you may lay before them What a bad Scituation they would be in if Osweego Should be Taken by the french You may also tell them, We have as yet no War with y^e french, But how soon it may happen we Cant Tell, That as soon as it happens we will Certainly inform them thereof If you Should find this Report to be True then you must endeavor to gett the Sachims of the Six Nations To send Two Indians to Canada & in thier name to Contradict what Decanonde & his Comp.^y have Lately told that governour & that they had no such orders from them. & if he Should Send any of his people to molest Osweego 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.

[2-370] **II-201**

When you Come down you Are to Bring with you Two Mohawk Indians who you think Are proper persons To Send To Crown point

The Belt y.^t was given Jeremiah Schuyler by the Sinnekes was Sent by Lourence

Order'd That Lourence Take with him a Blanket for the Bonte Wildt

1 dos: knives & 1/2 lb Beads for him Self
7 hands of Wampum to Speak with by the Way
All which M.^r Cor. Cuyler is desired to furnish

Att a Meet.^g of y^e Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs Att Alb.^y y.^e 30.th Dc.^{br} 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Ph Livingston
Rut. Bleeker
Dirck Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
Ni. Bleeker
Jo. Lansingh Jun.^r
Peter Winne

The follow.^g Lett.^r was wrote to
his Hon.^r y.^e Lieu.^t Gov.^r

May it please y.^r 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 y.^r
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 disturbed About the
french tak.^g osweego, with Submission to your Hon.^r
we think that garizon ought to be better Secured
then at present it is, it certainly is of much more
Consequence than is generally imagined, for if that
garizon whould be taken by the french. the Six Na-
-tions Would from our frinds turn to be our Ene-
-mies, which would not only be of bad consequence

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to this Colony in particular But to all his Maj.^s
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
Sinneces Country

Gentlemen

Your lett.^r of the 14.th Ins.^t we have rec.^d & understand
thereby that a great numb.^r of the Sinneces were gone
afight.^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 Loo upon the news of the Army near Sconondowane
to be only a french Story raised on purpose to gett our [sic]
to go to fight after the peace concluded here last Sum.^r
which you ought to represent to them in the Strongest
Man.^r possible tho we Suppose they Are Already perswa-
-ded that it was only a false report. As to the report
amongst you that the french design to take osweego
this winter, We think they will not take it upon them
to disturb that garizon 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 Osweego whether it be peace
or War & that they Shall be Rec.^d by us there as
frinds. You must not let Any Opertunity Slip
without writeing us what news you have.

1741

[2-372] II-202

Att a Meeting of the Com.^s of
Indian Affairs the 6.th day of
January 1740/1 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Abra. Cuyler

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

Cornelis Cuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

John depeyster

Lowrence Claese Being returned
from ~~the Sinnekes Country~~
Onondage gave the follow.^g Acc.^t
of his message.

On the 23.^d December he Arrived at Onondage
And imediately Called the Sachims together, and
examined as Strictly as possibly he Could into
the Conduct of the Indians according to his
instructions and what Business the Two Sachims
went upon to Canada who unanimously declared
that they went on no publick Business, But only
to Condole the death of Jean Coeur the French
Interpreter and a priest lately there deceased.
He then told them That the Com.^{rs} at Albany were
credibly informed That they the Sachims had
Been Transacting with the french to Cutt off
Osweego House, Either this Winter or Early in the
Spring, & therefore Earnestly intreated them to be
ingenious 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 mett on the way Three Oneyde ~~Sachims~~
Indians who told them that they heard the Comman-
-ing Officer that had Been Att Niagara was to be
Releived & Another officer Sent in his Room with
A double Reinforcement and that the officer who
Came from Niagara Was to be sent With fforces to
Cutt off osweego They told them further that the
garizon at Cadarachque was Reinforced with
double the Number of men they formerly had
But As for their parts they knew Nothing of it

And thought that the news only Came from those
three Indians, nor had they Any Business att

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Canada But to Condole the Death of the Inter-
-preter & priest & therefore they Returned the Belt
As not Thinking it Worth While to give Any other
Answer.

M.^r Abraham Cuyler was order'd to give An
Oneyde Indian a Blanket 1 Large Striped Blan.^t
1 Shirt and six kan keg of Rum

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs att Albany the 14.th of
Jan.^{ry} 1740/1

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd. Schuyler

Ab. Cuyler

Peter Winne

Cap.^t Ramsay

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Dirk Ten Broek

Rey. Gerritse

Rut. Bleeker

Ni Bleeker

Joh.^s Lansing Jun.^r

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

This Board Agreed with [Brant], young
Seth and another Mohawk to go On some Business
to Crown point for which they are to have three
pounds Each & some Necessaries for y.^e Journey
Ordered that M.^r Ten Broeck supply them with
Ab.^t 12 lb Bacon & 1/2 Sk: pease.

[2-0376] **II-204** [This page comes before II-203 chronologically.]

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs Att Alb.^y
the 16.th ffebr.^y 1740/1 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

John Schuyler Jun.^r

John de Peyster

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Philip Livingston

Reyer Gerritse

Mynd^t Schuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

Joh.^s Lansingh

Rut. Bleeker

Dirk Ten Broeck

Cornelis Cuyler

The following Acc.^{ts} Were
Read Considered and Allowed

Phil Livingston	£ 26:	03:	22
Rutger Bleeker	4:	09:	11
John depeyster.....	4:	8:	9
John Schuyler Jun. ^r	6:	11:	6
Cornelius Cuyler.....	11:	14:	--
Tod. ^o for Ph. J. Schuyler	1:	10:	--
Dirk Ten Broeck.....	29:	16:	6
Lowrence Claesen.....	20:	09:	--
Nicolaes Bleeker	5:	5:	9
Joh. ^s Bratt	--	10:	--
Arent Stevens.....	2:	08:	--
The Wid. ^w Autje Bleeker	1:	4:	--
Hend. ^k Ten Eyck	1:	15:	--

£116: 04: 10

The Rest of the Acc.^{ts} were Referred
to Be considered the next Meeting.

[2-0374] II-203

Albany 18.th Feb.^y 1740/1
Att a meet.^g of the Com.^s of Indian
Affairs

[Partially summarized in Wraxall p. 220. Wraxall gives date as February 17th.]

Present

Phil Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

Rutger Bleeker

Nicolaes Bleeker

Peter Winne

Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r

Reyer Gerritse

Cornelis Cuyler

The following letter was wrote to his Hon.^r
the Leiut. Governour

May it please your Hon.^r

Your Hon.^{rs} letter of the 21.st Jan.^y we have reced
as to what your Hon.^r is pleased to write concern-
-ing osweego, We Are Convinced the french can take
it in the State is now in, when they please with
only one of their Vessells & a few p.^s of Canon, we
conceive your Hon.^r has mentioned the only
remidies that can be applyed to save that garizon
that is a Reinforcement of Indians of the Six
Nations & Regular fortifications As soon as may
be, we doubt not but y.^r Hon.^r will recommend this
Affair to the Assembly & hope that Hon:^{ble} House will
have such a true sence of the importance of that
place to All this province in Gen.^l That they
will not be Backward to raise What is necessary
for the Secureing thereof without which it must
certainly fall into the Hands of Our Enemies
But if a Sudden War should Break Out between us
& the french we Are Humbly of Opinion that All
Remidies will come too Late.

We Shall not be wanting to represent y.^e Importance
of that garizon Both to our Indians & those of the
french Whenever it is in our power so to do.

We Are Convinced that your Hon.^r has done your
Uttmost Endeav.^r About the Affair of Tierondequat
We imagine ye Report of the Virginia Indians
break^g the peace is groundless & Shall not be want^g
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 Sachims that
went last fall from Onondage to Canada went there

[2-0375] **II-203A**

To Conclude A Treaty of Neutrality Between the
Six Nations and the french Indians, but how True
this may be We Cant Say, We have nor Will be
want.^g to do our utmost endeav.^r in that Affair &
hope to Bring it to effect in due time.
We Are of Your Hon.^{rs} Opinion that Our Allowance
from the Assembly is too Small for the presents
to the Indians & hope they Will at their next meet^g
augment the Same in [Case of of a War] as formerly
However we Will from hencforth Bear Our Own
Expences Att our meet.^{gs}
The directors of the fort at Saraghtoge inform
us that only A Small p.^s of the backs of Two of the
Chimneys fell down Which was Occasioned by a
flood & 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 a days Time

[2-0377] **II-204A**

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indi-
-an Affairs Att Albany this
21.st February 1740/1 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Peter Winne

John de peyster

Ed. Collins

John Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

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

John. H. Wendell	£ --.	06.	--
Peter Winne		4:	--
Myndert Schuyler	3.	16:	6
Gerret van Brakell	1:	01:	--
James Stevenson	--	3	--
Anne Kitchiner	45:	3:	1
John Waters	2.	18.	6
Joh. ^s Seeger for 2 years Ten pence			
till the 14. th june Last	18:	--:	--
2 journeys of d. ^o to Schinechtady	--	12	--
	£ 72:	04:	1
Jacob Lansingh	--.	4:	--
Abraham Cuyler	8.	16:	--
	£ 81:	04:	1

[2-0378] **II-205**

Att a Meeting of the Com:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs att Albany the 4.th day of
March 1740/1 [Summarized in Wraxall p. 220.]

Present

Philip Livingston

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Myn Schuyler

John depeyster

Nicol. Bleeker

Jer. V. Renslaer

Reyer Gerritse

Dirck Ten Broeck

Peter Winne

John Lansingh

Cornelis Cuyler

Rut. Bleeker

Hend.^k T. Eyck

Ed. Collins

Ph Schuyler

Arent Bratt

Lowrence Claesen Appeared at this Board
with Severall sachims of the Six Nations
who say they are Weary of their journey &
Desire to Speak with the Com.^{rs} Tomorrow.

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs y.^e 5.th of Mar. 1741.
[Summarized in Wraxall p. 220-221.]

Present

Arent Bratt

Peter Winne

John depeyster

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Dirk Ten Broeck

Steph. Groesbeek

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r

Rut. Bleeker

Cor: Cuyler

Phil. Schuyler

Nicol. Bleeker

Phil Livingston

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Ed. Collins

Appeared At this board Severall Sachims of
the Six nations viz.^t Kaheskorowane, Deca-
-nonte, Esdras, Sotsenatonecque, Doroos who
say they were deligated by the Six Nations to
say as follows

Brother Corlaer & Queder

It is gods Will that we are safe arrived to meet
you here which is y.^e place to treat about pub-
-lick Affairs The path We Are now Come was of
Old ordained By Our fathers for a free & comon
Road

We Now Come here unexpected to you & in good
Health for Which we thank God who is Our
Master & Reserver this is Our Introduction
To What we design to Tell you.

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Brother Corlaer & Queder We Are now Mett here to Smoak a
Pipe with you & To repeat Some of the principall
Transactions happend Between our forefathers & if
We Should happen To mistake some points we Beg to
Be Excused, as we Cant Write we may Mistake some
heaps [heads?]

It seems as if Some Evil Spirit is Busy to make
divisions Between us by Spread.^g Lyes amongst you

in Order That Way to Make you mistrust us & it
seems As if too much Credit has been given to these
false Reports

you tell us you have heard That the Onondages
And Sinnekes have given over the House at Osweego
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 One Member of which being
hurt the Whole Must Certainly Suffer.

The first Europeans we mett here Were the dutch
with whom we Entered into A Strict Alliance and An-
chored the ship they Came in behind the Hill att
Onondage. The Coven.^t 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 lyable to Corruption But neverthe-
-less there seems 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 & Queder

We have Already desired you to Excuse
us If we have said Any thing Amiss As Our forefathers

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have Agreed to do, Let us not on Either Side be
too Credulous to beleive bad Reports of Each other
But let us on both sides first privately enquire
of the truth of the thing Laid 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 figuratively & Call that werewith we
Are now Charged Rust on the Coven.^t 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 Schandalous
Report

Whereupon We Give this Belt
We know that you have been Very Angry and
Uneasy About This affair. As a Token that we are
Clear and guiltless thereof We give this String of
Wampum.
Broth^r Corlaer & Queder We Now Come to the Conven.^t Chain
which we will on Our parts Endeavour to keep ~~the~~
~~same~~ Strong & bright & Now renew [it] with this belt
of Wampum
you have Always Desired us to bring into Our Covent^t
as many of the nations of Indians As we Could
Which we have Always endeavoured to do & have
perswaded severall nations who are Children to the
Gov.^r of Canada to Enter Into the Covenant with Us
A good trade and a good peace Always go hand in
hand, since the Trad.^s house Att Osweego has been built
the goods have Continually rose dearer Att first they
Were Sold Reasonable but now they are Sold ex-
-travagant, you Always Tell us you have Wool
Enough To make Strowds and Blankets and that the

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the more fur We Bring the Cheaper goods Will be sold
But We find that on the Contrary the More fur We
bring the Dearer the goods
We desire you to give Us An Answer to What We
have said

The Commissioners Answered As follows

We are glad to see you here and That you are come
to Come to [sic] Convince us of your Innocence in the Affair
that was Laid to your Charge That some of your Sa-
-chims had been to Canada & there given their Consent
to the governour of that place to Take Osweego. We
think [we had good reason] to Beleive the report true, because
some of your Indians Contrary to their promisses and Our
Gov.^s Orders went to Canada to Speak with that Govern^r
without Regard.^s the Invitation Our Governour sent to
them to Come here to meet him which We think Looked
As if the Coven.^t Chain was Rusted Indeed, It will
Always be Our Study to keep the Same Bright not
only for our Own Sakes but for the Tenderness we have
for you. We have lately heard That the Gov.^r of Canada
has [again sent an] Invitation to the Sachims of the six
Nations [to] Come down there the next Spring and We think

the messenger that brought That message is One of those Indians 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 Att Onondage We shall then yet Suspect that what has been reported is not groundless, We are glad that you remember & have repeated the promisses you have Always made to Assist and defend the Trad.^g house att osweego & 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 Uttmost 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 upon notice.

Brethren

We Shall not be too Credulous to beleive any bad reports of you, upon Slight grounds, but the beha-
-viour of some of your Sachims & their Intimacy with the Gov.^r of Canada Induces us the sooner to beleive such bad reports as we should otherwise not give any manner of Credit to

You Say It is Our Duty when we heard 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 Accord.^g to our promises.

Brethren

As We keep nothing secret from you we desire you to give us a True Acc.^t Of What was Transacted at Last fall between some of your Sachims and the Gov^r of Canada & the Caghnawage Indians And As one 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 Coven.^t 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 Att Osweego. You know Very Well that the price rises and falls. Which no body Can prevent, however We will

Recommend it to the traders Att Oswego to give the
goods As Cheap As they Can

[2-0283] **II-207A**

Alb.^y 6th March 1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Peter Winne

Reyer Gerritse

Dirk Ten Broeck

John Lansing Jun.^r

Nicolaes Bleeker

Ste: Groesbeek

Mynd^t Schuyler

Hend.^k TenEyck

Cornelius Cuyler

Appeared Att this Board the Same Sachims
as yesterday who Say Viz.^t

Brother Corlaer & Queder

We will Tell you in few Words what

was the Reasons of our going to Canada

Last fall It was not to do Evil but good

We Went down there to treat with that 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 & Queder. The house att Oswego is built for the

benefit of you & the Convenience of us & the far nations &

A great Quantity of Rum is sold there which often occasions

drunken people Who Are allways Well used by the Traders

Att osweego But there is One George Swan Who Often abuses

& beats Our people almost to death When they Are drunk

We Acq.^t 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 of our 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 Ab.^t any affair without their knowledge

& That they would write to his Hon.^r the Lieu.^t Govern.^r

what they Say About George Swan

[For a 1743 bond from George Swan to William Johnson see SWJ Papers 1:20-21.]

[2-0384] **II-208**

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs Att Albany the 23.^d April
1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

John de peyster

Jer. V. Rensselaer

Rut. Bleeker

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Ni. Bleeker

Cap.^t Ramsay

Abraham Cuyler

John Lansingh Jun.^r

Reyer Gerritse

Mynd^t Schuyler

Several Sachims & Others of
the river Indians appeared at
this board & say Viz^t

We have always lived in frindship
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 In good part knowing we hunt but Little
Because we Care not to go far from you & near At
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 Scotchman
settled on our Lands a little above Canameek But
we will not drive him from thence till we Speek to
you to gett our right. when We Clean [Clear] Our Lands
Immediately the Christians Come & Settle thereon.
Here Coll.^o Jeremiah Van Renselaer produced a
Deed Signed by the Indian owners in 1707 for All the
Land from the murderers Creek to the South end of
Beerent [Island] & thence twenty four miles into the
Wood At which the pretended Owner Kahout was Satis-
-fied that he had no Right to the Land at Canameek
The Indians Desired Also to know if there was
Any extraordinary news

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The Commissioners Answered

Children

Our forefathers have always lived in frindship and
we design to the same with you But than we desire
you will not trouble us about Land that your forefathers
have sold Coll^o Renselaers father or any other person
whatever

Coll.^o Renselaer 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
As to what you Say about haveing a Minister from
New England we have nothing against it [y^t is a]
Very good thing that you Should Learn & Improve
your Self in the Christian Religion

As to news we Cant yet Tell Any for Certain only
that [we Are att] war yet with the Spanjards & [that]
our King your father has a great fleet in the West Indies
[who are Sailed] to take some Spanish [place?] But we
have not yet heard to what place they are Sailed
We Accept your present thankfully & In Return
we have ord[ered] for you a Barrel Beer a keg Rum
[thirty Loaves] bread a Syde pork & Sk. pease

[2-0386] **II-209**

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs Att Albany y.^e 5.th May 1741.

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Nicolaes Bleeker

Reyer Gerretse

Abraham Cuyler

Mynd^t Schuyler

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Jeremiah Van Renselaer

Cap.^t Ramsay

John Schuyler Jun.^r

John de peyster

Edward Collins

Rutger Bleeker

Arent Stevens & Comp.^y being
returned from the Sinnekes Country
make the following report to this
board.

Att our Arrivall in the Sinnekes
Country After Calling the Sachims
together We Represented to them
According to our Instructions how
dangerous is for them to suffer the
french to gett ground among them

And used the best Arguments we were master of
to keep them firm in their obedience to his Majesty
represent.^g to them how they had formerly been deceivd
by the french who only want an oppertunity to destroy
them of which they Could not be ignorant if they
called to mind what had heretofore happened
We further told them how treacherous they had been
that notwithstanding our Gov.^r had made A peace with
them in Behalf of the Southren Indians they neverthe-
-less went to murder them That the Occasion thereof
Was Only french Councils & Intregues made Use of
to Weaken & Att Length destroy them. We further
Represented to them how unnaturall a thing it is for
them to burn their prisoners A Vile Custom prevail^g
amongst them

Whereupon the Sachims answered Us.
That they would not have anything 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 & prevent It
Effectually 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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Arent Stevens and Comp.^y also Informed this board
That the French use their uttmost Endeavor^s to Settle
a Smith at Onondage And That they did design
to Settle at Tierondequat this next Sum.^r but
that they represented to the Indians how their rin
must Certainly be the Consequence of Such a Settlem.^t
and that the french designed to Enslave them thereby
Whereupon they gave [All possible] Assurances that
they would not Suffer any frenchman to Live there
The Said Comp.^y Likewise Inform this Board That
a greatt number of Indians Design to Come down
for want of provisions which are Very Scarce
Among them.

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs y.^e 12.th May 1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
John Schuyler Jun.^r
John depeyster
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
Cornelis Cuyler
John Lansingh Jun.^r
Reyer Gerritse
Rut. Bleeker
Dirk Ten Broeck

The follow.^g letter was wrote to his Hon.^r
the Leiu.^t Gover.^r

May It please your Hon.^r
Your Hon.^r will perceive by the Inclosed
Minutes That Arent Stevens & Comp.^y are
Returned from the Sinnekes Country to fetch
provisions which they Say is so scarce there
That it is not possible for them to Subsist
there any Longer. They Inform 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 Hon.^r That some provisions may be Supplied By the publick for their maintainence which your Hon.^r is Very Senceable 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

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Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs At Albany y.^e 18. June 1741

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Reyer Gerritse

Nicolaes Bleeker

Dirk Ten Broeck

Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r

Peter Winne

Mynd.^t Schuyler

The Com.^{rs} Wrote to Andries Brat, Nico^{les} Schuyler, John Cuyler and Arent Stevens and Comp.^y desire^g them to Let the Indians know that Each Nation might ~~Come down~~ send Down for Indian Corn Viz.^t

The Sinnekes 100 Skiple

Cayouges 50

Onondages 50

Oneydes 50

A Letter was Also Wrote to the Com.^{rs} at Schinechtady not to dispose of the Indian Corn Belong.^g to the Governm.^t till further order.

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs Att Albany the 1.st July 1741

Present

Mynd^t Schuyler

Peter Winne

Cap^t Ramsay

Cornelis Cuyler

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Nicolaes Bleeker

Dir. Ten Broeck

This board has been Informed that severall of the Sachims of the Six Nations design Shortly to go to Canada with out the privity or Consent of the Commissioners To prevent which this board thinks necessary That the Interpreter should go to Onondage, with the following Instructions.

Whereas we Are Informed That Severall Sachims of the six nations have Lately had a meeting at Onondage without Our knowledge and That they have Resolved To go to Canada which is against the mutual promisses which have from time to time been made Between us and them and Especially Last March We therefor order you to go from hence to the Mohawks and so on to Onondage to Enquire what has been concluded in that meet.^g at Onondage 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 promisses

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so Often Made to Us That they Should Come to such a resolution without our knowledge and That we are amaz'd 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 Been down here to Speak With Us And If their Errand does Not tend to the prejudices of this province or other his Maj.^s 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 him as being Enemy. & That they Are Resolved to defend that place to the Uttmost of their power

You Are Also to tell the sachims 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 ~~we~~
they have so little regard to their promisses and the solemn
treaty made here last Summer with Our governour 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 Cant tell how soon we may have Occasion for them
We are yet in peace with the french But by the Scituation
of Affairs it may soon be a War, upon which you Are
to give this belt of Wampum.

Tell the Sachims that if they have Occasion for Indian
Corn they may send down Each for 50 Sk. which they may dis-
tribute among their people that want as they think fitt
and that they send Word to the Sinnekes & Cayouges that
their is Indian Corn for them Also.

The Com.^{rs} orderd that the Interpreter take with the belt
given by the Oneydes to the Interpreter y.^e 31 March 1740 and
a Belt from the sachims of the Six Nations to the Com.^{rs}
5th March 1740/1

Orderd That M.^r Cuyler supply the Interpreter with 1 lb beads
[illeg.] 1 lb Tobacco

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Att a Meet.^g of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs at Albany y.^e 21.st
July 1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap.^t Ramsay
Cornelis Cuyler
Peter Winne
Dirk T. Broeck
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
Rutg^r Bleeker
Step. Groesbeek
Nicolaes Bleeker

Appeared At this board Two Indians from Cachnawage
who Inform us that the sachims of their Castle Are
Resolved 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 y.^e Lieu.^t
Governor
May it please your Honour

We think it our Duty to Inform your
Honour that this day Two Caghnawage Indians came from
Canada who Inform us that the Sachims of Caghnawage
are fully resolved To Come to Albany to Treat with us ab.^t
the affair your Hon.^r has so Often been pleased to Recommend
to Us & we so Earnestly desire, We doubt Not but we shall
be Able to bring this Affair to an happy Issue which is cer-
-tainly 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 Uttmost Endeavour to
Execute the Same

We Remain

Att a meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs att Alb.^y y.^e 28 July 1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Reyer Gerritse
Nicolaes Bleeker
Step. Groesbeek
Abraham Cuyler
John Lansingh

A Letter was wrote to mess.^{rs} Arent Bratt and
Jacob Glen desiring them to Deliver the Indian
Corn to the Mohawks

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} y.^e 24 July
1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston
Rutger Bleeker
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Peter Winne

Cap.^t Ramsay
Dirk Ten Broeck
John depeyster

This day nothing was orderd To
Be Entered

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Att a Meet.^g of the Commissioners of
Indian affairs y.^e 30.th July 1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap.^t Ramsay

Ab. Cuyler

Cor. Cuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Myn. Schuyler

Steph.^s Groesbeek

John Lansingh

Rutger Bleeker

John depeyster

Nicolaes Bleeker

Rec.^d a Lett.^r from the people sent by the govern.^t to
Reside in the Sinnekes Country & wrote a Lett.^r to the
Com.^{rs} at Schinechtedy viz M.^r Glen & M.^r Bratt

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y.^e 3.^d August 1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cornelis Cuyler

Abrah Cuyler

Rutg.^r Bleeker

John Lansing

Ste. Groesbeek

John de peyster

Cap.^t Ramsay

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Nicol.^s Bleeker

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

This board agreed with John Lansingh and Anthony
Bleeker to Carry up to the Sinnekes Country 40 Sk: Indian
Corn and a Bar. pork for Which they Are to have £11:-- and
find themselves Provisions.

This board Also Allow y.^e 20 [s.] To Philip Reyley [Geyley?] for hire of
A batoe and ordered Lansing & Bleeker to Hire A batoe
on Acc.^t of the Com.^{rs}

The follow.^g Instructions were given to John Lansingh
Anthony Bleeker and Philip Reyley

You Are to go to the Sinnekes Country with the Indian Corn
and a bar.l pork which is provided for those Indians by the

publick and there deliver the same to the Sachims of the Nation
And Tell them the Gov.^r and Com.^{rs} have But of Compassion to them
sent you Up with the Said Provisions Having by their message
Understood that they were not Able to Come down to fetch it
themselves
You Are to give them 7 Hands of Wampum in Our Name.
Which we give you herewith ---- for that purpose.

[See Bielinski "People of Albany" website for Philip Riley, probably the person
referred to here as "Philip Reyley."]

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Att a Meet.^r of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs Att Albany y.^e 10. Aug.st 1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Phil Schuyler
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Reyer Gerritse
Nicolaes Bleecker
Steph. Groesbeek
Rutg.^r Bleeker
Ab.^r Cuyler
Peter Winne
Dirk Ten Broeck
Edward Collins

Appeared at this board severall Sachims from
Onondage and Cayouge & Say Viz.^t

Brother Corlaer & Queder
You desired us Last Winter that we should in case of A
War assist & defend the house 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 engage-
-ments and not for us alone we now Come to Inform you of the
result of that Consultation which is as follows
That We will joyntly with you Always defend that place
to the uttmost of our power
Brethren
Several sachims of the six Nations are Now gone to Canada
to tell the gov.^r of that place that they Are Resolved to be
Mediator between them and you. they Will Also tell them
not to molest the English in the possession of Oswego
that they are Inclined that Every One should keep What they
have, the french Niagara and you Oswego and further That
they Are Inclined for hav.^g a free and open Trade between All

in the Lake

It is Well known that we are in great want of provisions
& are glad that Care has been taken for us. We Would be
glad If our Brethren gave us some powd.^r & Lead
They gave a Belt

This Board Resolved to send for the Interpreter that what the
Above sachims have said May be translated more exactly

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Alb.^y 12.th Aug.st At the Commiss.^{rs}
Meet.^g 1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap^t Ramsay

Reyer Gerritse

John Lansing

Ab. Cuyler

Phil. Schuyler

Peter Winne

John de peyster

Dirk Ten Broeck

Rut. Bleeker

Nicolaes Bleeker

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Appeared at this Board the same sachims as on the 10.th
Instant & Lowrence Claesen the Interpreter
The Sachims Addressed this Board in the foll.^g man.^r

Brethren

We were here last winter to meet you
Concern^g 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 perticular &
would at Last have Cost us Our Lives. After we had cleared
our selves of the Imputation & were come again to a good
understand.^g 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 whatsoever 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 his
Maj.^s Dominions in these parts, that we should acq.^t you
therewith, you Also promissed us the Same on your parts.
To Which we Answered that we were not Impowered to give
our Answer to what you desired by that belt, But that in
order there to it was neccessary that the sachims of All the Six

Nations should be Consulted About it, Whereupon they
Mett att Onondage and unanimously agreed and resolved
to do and fullfill what was desired by that Belt to defend
and Assist the house Att Osweego against any Enemy what-
-ever and for that Reason some of our Sachims are gone To
Canada To Acq.^t the Gov.^r of Canada with our Resolution
in this Behalf

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
Onondage to Conclude a peace with us to which we Consent-
-ed and told them at the same time that what we promised
we designed to perform & would nevermore have A War
with them for such Reasons as you & they make war Which
is Only for gain But that nothing Would Occassion us to
go to War But the Blood of our people & further that in

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Case any Difference should happen between you and
them, We Will be Mediators between you and make up
your differences.

We shall Now tell you in what man.^r the sachims are
to speak to the gov.^r of Canada which is as follows
We Are Come & Three of Very Sachims which you sent
for by name are here present, As you sent for us we know
that accord.^g to the Common 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 vizt:
We perceive that a Certain jealousy [sic] & Discontent is
Subsisting between you and Our Brother Corlaer & Queder
Concerning the trade & By what we Can perceive you begin
to threaten Each Other, you know how you have begged us
for priviledge to Build a House at Niagara. Our Brother
Corlaer & Queder Also desired us for Liberty to Build
a Trading House At Osweego, which we granted him Also
and now as 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 toge-
-ther, then fight in your Cities, We Are Resolved to Defend
the house At Osweego ag.^t 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

We Desire you Also That you will not make war With
Anybody But Live in peace and mind your Trade

Gave a belt

Brethren As soon as Our sachims Return from Canada we will

Acquaint you with the Answer of that governour

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 Sachims 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 and are glad to hear that you will do your Endeavour for that purpose.

Brethren you tell us That you have given priviledge to the french To Settle Niagara & to us to Settle Oswego and it seems you reckon their Right to the former as good as Ours to the Latter In which we think is a great difference for Oswego was Settled by Consent of the Six Nations and Niagara was built ag.^t their Inclinations 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 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 Sea, 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 governour of Canada to the Sachims which is your duty to do for no Affairs of Consequence ought to be Transacted by you without our knowledge

Brethren We Can't omitt telling you how Earnestly the govern.^r of ~~Canada~~ has Recommended To Us That you should not go a fighting against the Southren indians.

We give you 10 lb powder & 20 lb Lead to Each Nation Cap.^t Peter Winne is to furnish 50 lb powder for £5:13:-- and is to be paid out of the first money.

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Albany 16.th Aug.st 1741 Att a meeting
of the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
[Summarized in Wraxall p. 222-223.]

Present

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Nicolaes Bleeker

Abrah. Cuyler

Step. Groesbeek

Dirk Ten Broeck

Cap^t Ramsay

Cornelis Cuyler

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Reyer Gerritse

John de peyster

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Edward Collins

Appeared at this board an Indian sent by the
Sinneke Castle called onahe who says That he is
Come to acquaint the Com.^s of Indian affairs that
they are in Want of provisions 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 Onahe, the owners of Tie-
rondequat, Consented that That place be settled by the
English, which they think is a Very good thing & that it will be
Well Come News to the Brethren & hope that it may the more
Excite your Compassion towards Us.

The Commissioners order'd That they have 10 [ld] powder besides the
20 [ld] Ordered before and 40 [ld]s Lead and a Shirt to the messen-
-ger and that his gun be mended

Ordered that M.^r Abr. Cuyler furnish the same

The follow.^g Letter was wrote to his honour the Leiu.^t Gover.^r

We have rec.^d your hon.^{rs} favours of y.^e 28.th July and observe
what your Hon.^r is pleased To Say Concern.^g the neutrality with
the Cachnawage Indians, they Are Not yet Come. When they Come
We Shall observe your Hon.^{rs} directions. We Also Observe
what your Hon.^r is pleased with respect to the Ashicanticook
Indians. There are now Severall of that Nation on the Caring

place as we are Informed by the Schaahkook Indians and
Are Comeing down to Speake with them, We Shall take that opper-
-tunity to Speek to them in the best Man.^r we are Able.
A Sinneke Indian One of the Upper Castle Came down here to
desire Some powder and Lead. he Informs us that Arent
Stevens has got Consent from them That Our Govern^t Should
Settle Tierondequat your Hon.^r will perceive what he says
more particularly by the Inclosed minutes.

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Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany y.^e 24. Aug.st 1741

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Reyer Gerritse

Dirk Ten Broeck

Nicolaes Bleeker

Step. Groesbeek

Peter Winne

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Joh.^s Lansingh

Corn. Cuyler

Ed. Collins

John depeyster

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Appeared At this board several Sachims who are
going to the Carying place to Speak with the Aschican-
-tecok Indians in relation to A neutrality in case of
A War

This board gave them a belt to Speake withal in their
Names.

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs

At Albany y.^e 30.th august 1741 [Briefly summarized Wraxall p. 223]

Present

Nicolaes Bleeker

John Lansingh

Corn.^s Cuyler

John Schuyler Jun.^r

Dirk T: Broeck

Reyer Gerritse

Mynd^t Schuyler

Jerem. V. Renselaer

Ed. Collins

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Cap.^t Ramsay

Step. Groesbeek

Appeared at this board five Caghnawage Indians among whom is Osorongoghte one of the Six principal Sachims who with Seven hands of Wampum Say as follows That they had Rec.^d our Letter whereby we desired them to Come & Smoake a pipe, since which they'd a great many of their Sachims out On Other Business as they Suppose we have heard, But that our Business was yet in their thoughts & Seeing they were but a Small Namber at home and the busi-ness here pressing, They Were Sent here to Tell us this. One Reason that the Sachims did not Come is that Beavers were here at A Low price so that they Could bring nothing to Sett upon

The Com.^{rs} Answered

We Well understand your message of which we are not a little surprized. We Cannot Suppose this Answer is owing intirely to you or your Nation, Considering the Coven.^t which doth 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 comeing with Bevers, it is no Custom for Sa-chims to Come with Bevers, when they Come about publick business

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Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs At Alb.^y y.^e Pmo. Septemb.^r 1741
[Briefly summarized in Wraxall p. 223.]

Present

Phil Livingston Esq.^r
Coll. Myn. Schuyler
Coll.^o Jer. V: Renselaer
Cap.^t Ramsay
Coll.^o St. Groesbeek
Cap.^t Ni. Bleeker
Edw.^d Collins Esq.^r
Dirk Ten Broeck Esq.^r
Reyer Gerritse Esq.^r
John depeyster Esq.^r
Rutger Bleeker
Cap.^t Joh.^s Lansingh
Abraham Cuyler
Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Appeared at this board severall sachims of the
Schaahkook and River Indians and several sachims
of the Asschicantecook & Eastern Indians who have
lately had a meet.^g at the Caring place in the way to
Canada and there Concluded and [sic] A Treaty which they
now Come to acq.^t us With and Confirm the same with us

The Schaahkook and River Indians stood up and Said

Fathers

We are Obedient to your Commands, every-
thing of moment that Comes to Our knowlege we come here
To tell you. Our Business at this Time is to Requaint you
of the Effects of Our Meet.^g the Eastern Indians at the Caring
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 should be Att Albany
We have Entered into an Everlasting Covenant with these
Indians, in which Covenant are included All his Maj.^s
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 Asschicantecook Indians shall not for the future
molest any of the Subjects of the King of Great Brittain

in their possessions, Neither in New England here or Elsewhere

The Aschicantecook Indians stood up and Said

Fathers, We are sent from five Castles viz:t Panawankskaek [Sanawanskack?]
Aschicantecook, Nalantschewaek, Waalenaek, and Masiks-
-quek & greet our fathers
Fathers

We Came here to Speak to you & Take you by the
hand & what we shall say Comes from the heart and not from

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the Mouth only. We are united & have Entered into a Coven.^t
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 here and Aschicantecook and have agreed
that for the future your people shall treat with us at our home &
we will 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 Sub-
-jects of the King of Great Brittain our Grandfather between
whom and us an Everlasting peace is hereby concluded.

It is not our fault that we have not entered into this Coven.^t
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 here 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 smoake 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 Brittain
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
That it May never be forgott.

We shall order you a bar.^l Beer to Drink the Kings health & keg Rum
& a fatt Sheap at Schaahkook in your Return

This board Allowed Joh.^s Knickerbacker's account £3:--
This board ordered the Asschicantecooks Each a blanket Strowds &
one keg of Rum

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Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs Att Albany y.^e 3 Septemb.^r [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

James Ramsay Esq.^r
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Step. Groesbeek
Reyer Gerritsen
Rutg.^r Bleeker
Peter Winne
John Lansingh
Dirk Ten Broeck

Severall young Schaahkook Indians appeared at this
board & Desired The Com.^{rs} to give them Two small peices
of Artillery. whereupon they gave a String of Wampum

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
at Albany y.^e 26.th September 1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Reyer Gerretsen
James Ramsay
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
Nicolaes Bleeker
Joh.^s Lansingh
Dirk Ten Broeck
Cornelis Cuyler

M.^r 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 Senceable he had done gave
him a Certificate in the following Words.

We the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs do hereby certify That it consists
with our knowledge That M.^r Andries Bratt has Well and truly
performed the office of A Commissary at Oswego for four months this
Last Summer that is to Say from the ninth day of May to the 9.th
day of this Instant. Given under Our hands this 9.th Day of Sep.^r
1741

The follow^g Certificate was given to Arent Stevens & Comp.^y
We Underwritten Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs do hereby Certify that
it Consists with our knowledge That Arent Stevens, Hend.^k Wimp &
Comp.^y who were appointed by his Hon.^r the Leiu.^t Governour to
resyd in the Sinnekes Country for the year past, Have resided the
appointed Time as usual and performed the necessary Services
for the govern.^t

M.^r James Ramsay had likewise a Certificate given him, that he
had Discharged the office of Surgeon for the Troops of Osweego
last year.

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Att a Meet^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs Att Albany y.^e 3.^d October 1741
[Summarized in Wraxall p. 223-224.]

Present

Rutger Bleeker

Dirk Ten Broeck

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Cap^t James Ramsay

John depeyster

Reyer Gerritse

Step. Groesbeek

Nicolaes Bleeker

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Appeared at this Board Hend.^k & Nikus Two Sachims
of Canajoherie Castle with another Indian, who Say
by The Interpreter viz.^t

Brother Corlaer and Queder

We are Come here in the name of the Two Castles of
the Mohawks and in the name of the Sachims of those
Castles We Come to tell you that we Are in great fear the
Reason thereof is That We Are All Scatterd from Our Castles
and formerly We 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 Elsewhere
and those That are left we Imagine will soon be gone

Brethren We desire That you will keep our Coven^t firm and
Strong and That you will personnally go up and See how it
is with the Indian Castles & if what we say is not True

Brethren Our Forefathers have made a Covenant which was
to Endure for Ever between them and their posterity but we fear

you will make a breach in that Covenant the Reeson of
our fear is That a Chief Sachim of the Oneydes has been
beat Almost to death At M.^r Johnson's and Two of the
same nation have Been [served] in the same Man.^r At the falls & That
you have taken no notice thereof it is one part of the Coven^t
That if a breach should happen they who were the occasion
thereof Should make it up again Wherefore we desire that you
would Settle these affairs and Make them Easy
The said Indians made a Complaint ag.^t David Schuyler Where-
-upon the Com.^{rs} wrote him a Letter.
They gave a String of Wampum

This board agreed with M.^r Joh.^s Lansingh to go to the
Sinnekes Country with the Interpreter for £14 he is to find
his Own horse and Provisions.

The Com.^{rs} referred their Answ.^r To What the Indians Said, till next
Monday

[2-0402] II-217

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
At Albany y.^e 5.th October 1741
[Second part is summarized in Wraxall p. 223-224.]

Present
Mynd.^t Schuyler
D. Ten Broeck
John Lansingh
Reyer Gerritse
Abraham Cuyler
Steph. Groesbeek
Cornelis Cuyler
Ni. Bleeker
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
Rutg.^r Bleeker
Ed Collins
John depeyster
Philip Livingston

Hendrick a Canajoherie Sachim haveing made some
complaint ag.^t David Schuyler they both appeared At
this board --- This Affair is Referred to be Settled by
M.^r Joh.^s Lansingh and the Interpreter ---
Answer of the Com.^{rs} to What was said on the 3.^d Instant
Brethren

You Come to Acq.^t us that All the Nations of
Indians are Scattered and that there is no more a nation
& Desire that we send up some persons to see it. We

thank you for your Information. we have always Endeavored To keep them in their Castles and Do Now send up M.^r 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 M.^r Johnson's, We have been told that the Indians At the falls abused the Minister there after he given them provisions they Still insisted upon haveing more & Stuck his negro thro' the shirt with a knife and Att M.^r Johnson's we have been told that the quar.^l proceeded from the Indians pick^g Corn contrary to M.^r Johnson's orders and we have had many Complaints that the Indians have killed Cattle and Taken Corn from poor people & we of our Own knowledge know That they have killed All the Cattle of some poor farmers hereabout Which we think seems to be a breach in the Covenant Chain

The Com.^s demanded that they should Deliver up John Smart A negro man Lurk.^g among them, That his Master May have him Again and That they Shall be paid for their Trouble

Gave A String of Wampum

[2-0403] **II-217A**

Albany 5.th October 1741 [See Wraxall p. 223-224.]

Instructions for M.^r Joh.^s Lansingh Jun.^r and Lowrence Claesen the Interpreter

Gentlemen

The Chief Errand 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 desire 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 Strong in Our Names and do your Uttmost Endeavour to Effect it & thereupon give them this belt.

You are Also to Enquire what the sachims have been doing at Canada and Endeav.^r to get the truth out of them, So that you may be Able to give us A True Acc.^t 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 Consluded here with our gover.^r in behalf of the Southren Indians

You are in your Return from your Journey to Stop at the Canajoherie Castle and there endeavour to Reconcile the Indians with David Schuyler in the best manner you Can. The Com.^{rs} Allowed M.^r Joh.^s Lansingh £3:-- for trifles to carry with him

[2-0404] II-218

The follow^g Letter was wrote to his Hon.^r the Leiu.^t Governour

Albany 5.th October 1741 [See Wraxall p. 224.]

May It please your Hon.^r

We think it our duty to represent to your Honour how the Six Nations of Indians are All Scattered from their Castles so that there is no Number of them Together, which proceeds Partly from the Scarsity of Provisions among them this year and partly from the Insinuations of the french who use All Possible means to draw them to Cadarachqui Lake, 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 pass thro' All the nations up to the Sinnekes and Endeavour to gather them together and to perswade the Sinnekes to remove their Castle somewhat nearer us, where is a Very Commodious place for them. Another thing we are of opinion, would be a great help is that 100 w 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.^r not doubting of your Hon.^{rs} Endeavours and good Inclination thereto We beg Leave to Inform your Hon.^r that the Allowance of the Gen.^l Assembly to Us As Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs being £170:-- falls Very much Short and that we Are Oblidged To leave many things undone 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 Endeavour 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

[2-0405] **II-218A**

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
affairs at Alb.^y y.^e 29.th October 1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Nicolaes Bleeker

Major Glen

Cornelis Cuyler

Joh.^s Lansingh

Myndert Schuyler

Step. Groesbeek

Rutger Bleeker

Hendk Ten Eyck

Reyer Gerritse

Coll^o John Schuyler

Philip Livingston

Cap.^t James Ramsay

Dirk Ten Broeck

Mss.^{rs} Joh.^s Lansingh and Lowrence Claesen being returned
from the Sinnekes Country bring the following Report

That they had been through All the Nations of Indians and
used their Uttmost Endeav.^{rs} to gett them to Return to their
Castles Especially the Sinnekes and Cayouges 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 possi-
-ble We desired the sinnekes to remove their Castle to
the place where it was Ordered by Coll.^o Mynd.^t Schuyler
and Rob^t Livingston Jun.^r Deceased To Which they Answered
that so many of their people were gone abroad that they
Could not now give any positive Answer on that 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.

We have Also Enquired of the sachims at Onondage what
they have been doing at Canada and Endeav.^r to gett the
truth out of them as much as in your Power upon which they
gave us the follow.^g Answer.

Brethren We have been At Canada and What we have
told the Governour there is as follows.

Onendio

We Are Come here to Speak with you Concerning the
two trading houses att Oswego and Niagaara We Conceive

a difference is Like to Spring up between you & Our Brother Corlaer on that Acc.^t which proceeds from the jealousy [sic] you have to Each other You Must know that a good Trade creates love and frindship, for which reason we forbidd you absolutely not To trouble or Molest the Trading house Att Osweego, You have Also A Trad.^g house, We Advise you to keep a good Regular trade there, that nobody Can have Reason to Complain of you.

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We have agreed that no Settlements shall be made between the two abovenamed Trading houses for the nearer neighbours the more apt to Quarrell. You Must not be Affronted that We Speak so Sharp. We Will Say the same to Our Brother Corlaer for which reason we Comand you not to Make any Quarrel for We Will not Suffer it. Upon Which We gave 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 Sollicitations we Could make use of are gone Out ag.^t the Southren Indians With an Army of 111 Men But we Were Informed near half that Number would return We found a French Smith Att Onondage, we Asked the Indians how they Come to Accept of a french Smith they Answ.^d 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

The Onondages Also told us that the gov.^r of Canada made them the Cayouges, Oneydes and Tuskaroroes a present of 70 Coats 5 barrels powder 10 bags Lead

1 bar.^l knives flints Awls &^{ca}

5 Rolls Tobacco, 5 keggs brandy

And Every person that was there had given to them 1 blanket a Shirt a Lap 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 Answerd them to their proposition That he was not jealous of the English hav.^g Osweego that he Was Content that he had trade Enough and did not design to build Any More trading houses And in the Main. That he thanked them for their proposition & that he acted Very Well

[2-0407] **II-219A**

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 19.th October
1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Dirk Ten Broeck

Cap^t Ramsay

Rutg^r Bleeker

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Cornelis Cuyler

Ed Collins

Nicolaes Bleeker

Appeared at this board Cornelis Van Slyck Jun.^r
who produced a Commission dated the 9.th Instant from
his Hon.^r the Lieu.^t Govern.^r to him and Company to
reside at the Sinnekes Country for the Ensueing
year &.^{ca}

He asked this board whether they had any Comands
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 Com.^{rs} 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 recommend.^g
him to the Assembly for his repayment

The Com.^{rs} Also told him his Comission Sayd that he was
To reside at the Sinnekes Country for the Ensueing year
there to Act dureing that time for the best of this Province
Wherefore they forwarn'd him not To go to Osweego 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 Governour & the
Commissioners of Indian Affairs of All Occurrences of Moment
That shall happen during his residence there

[2-0408] II-220

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs At Albany the 9.th Novemb.^r 1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Dirk Ten Broeck

John de peyster

Rutger Bleeker

Capt Ja. Ramsay

Nicolaes Bleeker

John Lansingh

Rutger Bleeker [sic]

David Schuyler appeared at this board & desired that the Interpreter may be Sent up with him to Reconcile him with the Canajoherie Indians, for that he is really in fear of his Life and goods. -- To Which the Com.^{rs} agreed and Wrote the following Letter to the Interpreter

M^r Lowrence Claesen

Wey Gsocken dat VE met M^r David Schuyler op gaet nahet Canajoherise Casteel, en in de naem van Ons, VE devoir doet om de Wilden met hem te versocuen en All haer queste by te Leggen En Soght haer dat M. Schuyler ons bapost heeft, haer geen quaet of molestatie te doen En dat wy heb Selve Van haere Verwaghte, En doet VE devoir om haer to perswadeeren om All het Voorige te Begraven en daer niet meer Aen gedack-en, maer dat Sy met Elk ander in Vrindsschap en goed e beurs-gschap in het toecoomende sullen Leven En so daer Eenige dispute of Different Tusschen haer Moght Syn, dat sy haer Eygoregters niet moeten Weesen, maer dat sy haer beklaghte Aen Ons Moeten Maken, het Wolk M.^r Schuyler ons ook heeft beloof. Wy Senden VE 7 handt sewant om met haer in onse naem te Spreken

Albany 11.th November 1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd Schuyler

Steph.^s Groesbeek

J. D. Peyster

Reyer Gerritse

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Rutger Bleeker

Cornelis Cuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

Dirk Ten Broeck

Appeared at this board Jeremy a
Sachim of the River Indians who made a present

to the Com.^{rs} of Some Venizon

This board ordered him 5 lb powder 16 lb Lead & 3 / in bread

[2-0409] **II-220A**

Att a Meeting of the Comissioners of
Indian Affairs ye 30.th Novemb.^r 1741

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Reyer Gerritse

Cornelis Cuyler

Rut. Bleeker

Steph.^s Groesbeek

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Mynd.^t Schuyler

John Lansingh

Dirk Ten Broeck

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 Reced your Letter of the 13.th Instant and
Perceive what you say Concerning the french Inter-
-preter and That the french governour had sent Presents
To the Sachims, We Recommand you to do your endeav.^r
to find out what he demands or Desires from them & then
Inform us. As to what you Say Concerning M.^r Trotter
If you take him to be such a Sort of A man, Then Watch
him Narrowly and Lett 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

[2-410] II- 221

Att a Meeting of the Comissioners of
Indian affairs at Albany the 4th
day of Decemb^r 1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Dirk Ten Broeck

John de peyster

Myndert Schuyler

Steph.^s Groesbeek

Nicolaes Bleeker

Hendrick Ten Eyck

John Lansingh

Peter Winne

Cornelius Cuyler

The following Acc.^{ts} were Allowed by this board

To Stephannus Grosbeek	£	20	---	---
To Johannis Seeger for One Years Service				
from June 14. 1740 To 14 June 1741	£	9	---	---
To Arent Bratt and Lowrence Claesen		1:	17:	6
To Philip Livingston		4:	08.	7
To Abraham Truax		---	18	---
To Uldrick Van Kanken		---	12	---
To Ahasueres Roseboom		1.	11:	4
To Tiddy Magin		10:	13:	---
To Anthony Van der zee		1:	01:	---
To Will. Rozen Jun. ^r		3:	09:	---
To Symon Switts		---	14:	---
To Joh. ^s Myndertse		2:	06:	9
To Leiu. ^t Pascall Nelson		8:	---	---
To Richard Miller		4:	15:	3
To Lowrence Claeson		---	13:	6
To Joh. ^s knickerbacker		8:	08:	
Sybrant Van Schaick		2:	14:	
Cornelis Cuyler		7:	19:	7i
Joh. ^s Lansingh Jun. ^r		19:	03:	9
Michal Bassett		--	13:	6
Barnardus Hansen		---	03:	9
Joh. ^s Lansingh		1:	04:	8
Abraham Cuyler		8:	09:	3
Anne Kitchiner		10:	19:	9
Dirk Ten Broeck		8:	05:	
Hendrick Ten Eyck		2:	01:	6
Nicolaes Bleeker		2:	06:	4i
John de peyster		---	12:	---
Peter Winne		5:	17:	6

Then this board drew a Warr. ^t on Philip Livingston Jun. ^r To pay this	£	148:	18:	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

[2-0411] II-221A

Att a Meeting of the Comissioners
of Indian Affairs At Albany the
8.th of December 1741 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Peter Winne
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleeker
John de peyster
Dirk Ten Broeck
Cap.^t Ramsay
Stephanus Groesbeek
Cornelis Cuyler
Nicolaes Bleeker
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Reyer Gerritse
Philip Livingston
Ed Collins

The following letter was wrote to his
Honour the Lieu.^t Governour

May It please your Honour
Sir

A few days ago we rec.^d a Letter from the People
sent by your Hon^r 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 sachims 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 M.^r Henry Trotter a Scotch

man who resided Last winter in France and Came
from Boston here and Went from hence to the Sinnekes
Country this Last fall is Very great with the french Inter-
-preter, that he really beleives him to be A person sent
by the french Court to draw the Indians from their Allegi-
-ance to his Brittannick Majesty & that he Suspects him
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 ensueing We Recommend to your Honour Mess.^r
David Schuyler and Andries Bratt as two fitt persons
for that post & Leave it to your Honour to Appoint as
you Shall think proper

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[-0412] II-222

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs the 11.th Jan.^{ry} 1741/2 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

John depeyster
Myndert Schuyler
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
Nicolaes Bleeker
Abraham Cuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Rutger Bleeker
John Lansingh
Edward Collins

This board rec.^d a Letter from the People in the
Sinnekes Country, and Orderd that M.^r Rutger
Bleeker pay the two Indians who brought said
Letter Each 1 blanket Strowds, 1 Shirt, 2 p^r Stock.^{gs}
1 Lay and Each a 6 kan keg of Rum & 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 30.th december, by which We
Perceive that the french have another expedition on foot
against the foxes, We hope you Will Continue to do your
Endeavour to prevent Our Indians from joyning with
them. What you say Concerning the Report amongst our
Indians that the River Indians intend to make war
against them is entirely groundless of which inform
them. We desire that you will your Endeavour to perswade
the Indians to Remove their Castell to the place mentioned
to them by Lowrence Claeson and M.^r John Lansingh.
We send you by the bearer seven hand wampum whereby
you Are to Acq.^t the sachims that the Southren Indians
have sent tokens 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 gov.^r Will give them S.^d tokens this year at his
meeting them, & Also Inform them by said Wampum that
Lowrence Claesen the Interpreter is dead.
We have inclosed herein an open Letter to M.^r Henry
Trotter ordering him to Come down, 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 Six Shillings

[2-0413] II-222A

The following letter was wrote to M.^r Henry Trotter [Not in Wraxall.]

Sir

We are Ordered by his Hon.^r George Clarke Esq.^r
Lieu.^t Governour and Commander in Chief of this Pro-
-vince to order you instantly on the rec.^t hereof to leave
the Sinnekes Country & forthwith to repair here to Albany
We Are Sir &.^{ca}

Signed by order of the Commissioners
[LS?} Phil Livingston Jun.^r DClerk

The following Letter was wrote to his Honour the
Lieu.^t Governour [Summarized in Wraxall p. 224.]

Sir

We rec.^d your honours favour of the 22.^d Decemb.^r and have
according to your orders wrote M.^r Trotter imediately to
repair to Albany & then We Will order him to Boston
We have order'd a Sinecke Indian now in Town to Acquaint
All the Nations what your Hon.^r informs us of the tokens
the Southren Indians have sent and Also Wrote to the
People in the Sinnekes Country to acq.^t the Sachims thereof
and to use their Endeavours to keep them from going to
fight we have this day rec.^d a Letter from them which
informs 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 perswade Our Indians to
joyn with them in Another expedition against the
Chekashaws, but hoped To keep them Att 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 Lowrence
Claesen the Interpreter is dead, we shall by the next
Oppertunity take Leave to Acquaint your Honour who
we judge the most proper to succeed in that post

[2-0414] II-223

Att a meet.^g of the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs At Albany y.^e 26 January 1741/2 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Abraham Cuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

Peter winne

Cap.^t Ramsay

Rutg.^r Bleeker

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Phil Schuyler

Joh.^s Lansingh

Mynd^t Schuyler

Corn.^s Cuyler

John depeyster

Reyter Gerritse

Dirk Ten Broeck

Six Cayouges, Oneydes and Tuskaroroës 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 now Lowrence
Claesen is dead, in that We Cant 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 Occassion, but without doubt the sachims will
take another Oppertunity to Condole his death in a
Suitable manner.

We desire time till tomorrow to make known the errand
we Are Sent upon

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y.^e 27. Jan^{ry} 1742 [Summarized in Wraxall p. 224-225.]

Present
Nicolaes Bleeker
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Rut. Bleeker
Reyer Gerritse
Ed Collins
Phil Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Joh.^s Lansingh
Dirk Ten Broeck

The Same 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 M.^r 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 Southren Indians in token of
of [sic] which you sent us half 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 by the Other half of the
Belt

[2-0415] **II-223A**

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 Cayouge
one year. We Shall greatly want one to Mend Our Axes,
howes and Other Tools when We rebuild Our Castle.
Otherwise we may be putt to great inconveniencies in Build.^g
when Our tools shall happen to break, we desire Also that
he may Understand mending Guns &.^{ca} 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 Rum, unless it be 2 or 3

keggs to drink your Heaths [Healths]. 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 when 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.

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, w^{ch} we desire Especially may be Cheap at Oswego. The Gov^r 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 there & That you will give us your Answer upon this [Head]

Gave A String Wampum

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We have said What we Are [Orderd] and Have now only to desire you That you Would order A few guns and Axes to be mended for us and That you Would provide a Sled to Carry us 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 Told you.

The Com.^s Answer

Brethren

We Are glad to see you here in health and That We have an Oppertunity to smoak a pipe with you You Say it is difficult for Us to Understand Each Other so well now Lowrence 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 Afighting against the southren Indians, you hereby will Show that you Are honest Men who Are determined to keep their Words and the treaty made with Our Governour in behalf of those Indians.

We Are glad Also to hear That you Will At Our desire gather together your People and Build your Castle a New, It is for your benefit that We desire this and you Will find the good Effects of It. As soon As you have Completed this promise

gave A Belt

You have done Well in Comeing your Selves to Acquaint us of the Resolution you have Made We are pleased to hear that what you Say proceeds from the Heart and not the mouth only Brethren

You Say you Will Not Suffer your people to afighting ag^t the S.^o Indians this two years. Which We Cant understand We Expect that you will keep your Word and the Treaty made with Our Govern^r 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, Onondages and Mohawks to Gather together their people according to your example. You desired of Us That you Might Have A Smith At Cayouge this next Summer to mend your Tools, when you build you new Castle

[2-0417] **II-224A**

Castle, As We are glad to do Any thing That may be for your Advantage, we have Resolved to send one up, As soon as the Water is Open and shall pursuant to your request forbid him to Carry up Any Rum to sell Among You.

gave a String of Wampum

We Will recommend to the traders to sell their goods at Osweego as Cheap As they Can Afford it, but the price of goods is generally regulated according to the Price of Furs in England. Brethren

you Desired that you might have Sleds to Carry you up to the farthest Christian Settlements and Provisions for your journey, We Will Order you Provisions and As for Sleds the Snow is Now Allmost gone, We Cant Tell Where to gett any to Carry you up Wherefor we Will Order you some pence to hire Sleds by the way if you find Any.

Ordered That Each have 1 Shirt 1 Blankett and A keg Rum to Drink his Honours Health.

Att A Meet.^g of the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs Att Albany y.^e 3 feb.^y 1741/2 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Edward Collins
John de peyster
Cornelius Cuyler
Step. Groesbeek
Mynd. Schuyler
Rutger Bleeker
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
John Lansingh
Nicolaes Bleeker
Reyer Gerritse

The follow.^g Letter Was wrote to his Hon.^r the Lieu.^t
Governour

May It Please your Hon.^r

We wrote to your Hon.^r the 11.th of last month, wherein We informed your Hon.^r of the death of Lowrence Claeson the Interpreter and that we would in Our next recommend a fitt person to succeed him in that Post. we have Accordingly made A Tryal of M.^r 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 Canajoherie to Improve himself further in the Indian Tounge. Your Honour will perceive by the Inclosed minutes that the Cayouges Have desired A smith, which We Could

[2-0418] II-225

Not refuse them and Think it Necessary to send One up in the Spring, Barent Staets 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 [March?]
1742. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Reyer Gerritse

Cornelis Cuyler

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Rutger Bleeker

Steph.^s Groesbeek

Jacob Glen

Nicolaes Bleeker

Joh.^s Lansingh

John depeyster

Ed. Collins

His Honours the Lieu.^t Governours Letter of the 19.th
ffeb.^{ry} being read, this board haveing Considered thereof
makes the following Answer

May It Please your Honour

Sir

We have rec.^d yours of the 19 feb.^y Last
wherein your Honour intimates 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 finall peace between them &
the Southren 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 Southren Sachims Came With your Honour It
would not Only be More Agreeable to the Six Nations but
Also make That peace the more Effectual and Lasting.
We did in Our Last Recommend to your Honour M.^r Jacob
Bleeker as a fitt Person to Succeed Lowrence Claesen dec.^d
as Interpreter he being the most Capable in Our
Opinion for that Service, he has some time been gone to
the Mohawks Country further to improve himself in the Lan-
-guage, We Assure your Honour That We Can think of no
Person more fitt, he Understands the Indian Language
better than Any person we know, is Reputed and beloved

[2-0419] II-225A

By the Six Nations & is A Sober Understanding
young man capable In A short time of being A very good
Interpreter
We did Also in Our Last Inform your Hon.^r 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 Wherefore We Could not Well deny it and seeing We have promised, we Are Oblidged to keep our Words.

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs Att Alb.^y the 25.th
March 1742 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Philip Livingston
John depeyster
Phil Schuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Step.^s Groesbeek
Joh.^s Lansingh
Nicolaes Bleeker
Reyer Gerritse
Dirk Ten Broeck
Rutg.^r Bleeker
Peter Winne
Edw. Collins

Agreed with Barent Staets Jun^r to go to Cayouge with Two men besides himself. To sett out from hence in April and Return in August To be out from home four months and work there at Smiths & gun Smith's work for the Indians for which he is to have the sum of £35 -- -- and to bear his Own Expences.

Ordered That Barent Staets buy in this City to Carry up With him, on the Com.^{rs} Acc.^t
60 [ld] flatt Iron
20 [ld] Steel. 2 p^r Tongs. 3 [ld] Wires. 1 Saw
3 smilths files. 3 Small [illeg.] . 1 draw.^g Knife
2 Gimlets. 1 grind Stone & 6/ worth of Soldure.

This board Agreed With Peter Winne to buy a p.^r bellows of £4: -- price. An Anvill of Ab.^t 80 [ld] with [Aspear] at the end if to be had. Otherwise to buy aspear of ab.^t 9 or 10 [ld] w.^t
A Vice of Ab.^t 36 [ld] A small gunsmiths Vice. 1 ounce Borax and A Sney plaet
This board agreed To pay Cap.^t Winne the Cost of the Above particulars out of the first Money they receive, in Case the Assembly refuse to pay the same

[2-0420] II-226

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs Att Alb.^y the 3.^d April 1742
[Summarized Wraxall p. 225.]

Present

Nicolaes Bleeker
Step.^s Groesbeek
Abraham Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Mynd.^t Schuyler
John depeyster
Rutger Bleeker
Cornelis Cuyler
John Lansingh J.^r
Reyer Gerritse

Appeared At this board M.^r Jacobus Bleeker who
Produced to this board a Commission from his Hon.^r the
Lieut.^t Gov.^r Constituting him Indian Interpreter for the
Province of New York And Took the Oath by Law appointed
Subscribed the declaration and Took the Oath for the
due Execution of his office before John depeyster Esq.^r
one of his the Gentlemen thereunto by the dedicum potestatem
appointed

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
Att Alb.^y y.^e 3.^d May 1742.
[Summarized in Wraxall p. 225.]

Present

Mynd.^t Schuyler
Step.^s Groesbeek
Cornelis Cuyler
Peter Winne
Ni. Bleeker
John depeyster
Dirk Ten Broeck

The following Letter Was wrote to his Hon.^r the Lieut.^t Gov.^r

May It Please your Honour

We have rec.^d your Hon.^{rs} fav.^{rs} of y.^e 15 March & 10 April and Are
glad your Hon.^r Approves of Our send.^g A Smith to Cayouge which
we thought necessary We have sent Barent Staets 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 Cap.^t 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 Expence we are at, [illeg.] We defray the expences at our meetings out of our own Pockets, the reeson we did not furnish the people sent to the sinnekes 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 gone up to Build the fortifications At Osweego which We suppose Will be built As soon As Possible

[2-0421] II-226A

We shall Take Care to Let the Indians Know what your [illeg.To illeg.] 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 interviews 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 Gover^r 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^r will yet Come up, If Gov.^r Clinton does not Arrive as soon As he is expected, If not That your Hon.^r will use your Endeav.^{rs} with his Exel.^{cy} to Come up this Season, which we doubt not but by your Honours Representations of the Case he will do.

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 Saragh-toge is finished and without men. If your Hon.^r thinks proper A small Command would Be necessary there. By What We Can hear the Caghnawage sachims design some time this summer To Come down to Treat with us, which we shall use our best endeavours to Effect.

We Are &.^{ca}

[2-0422] II-227

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs At Albany the 14.th May 1742
[Partly summarized in Wraxall p. 225.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Step.^s Groesbeek

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

John depeyster

Nicolaes Bleeker

Cornelis Cuyler

Joh.^s Lansingh

Cornelis Van Slyck Jun.^r appeared At this board with the following Message from the Sinnekes Country from the Sachims there, That Whereas the Com.^{rs} 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 Afighting as formerly. And That they will remove their dwellings & build a Castle together as the Commissioners have desired on the north side of the Old Castle in Conformity thereto they Return the belt of Wampum delivered them by M.^r Lansingh & the Interpreter. They further say That they Will be glad to see those tokens here At their next meeting the gov.^r, which he has rec.^d from the southren Indians to Confirm the peace Concluded with them.

The Chief Sachim of the Sennecas desires that the Commiss.^{rs} 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 sachim with Consent of the Other sachims desired M.^r Van Slyck to acquaint his Hon.^r or the Com.^{rs} That they Consent to sell a Certain Tract of Land lying At Tierondequat 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 molestations or Opposition in the Least and That they desire that Arent Stevens or said Van Slyck May be sent to Survey the Land and Reside Among them and in Case they decline going then that Any Other fitt person who Understands the Languague may Come up whereupon they have sent A String of Wampum

The sachims sent a present to this board of 3 bevers
M.^r Cuyler is Accountable for said Bevers 6 3/4 lb at 5/

[2-0423] **II-227A**

[Not in the version of this conference printed in DRCHNY 6:216 et seq.]

Albany 14.th June 1742

[Summarized in Wraxall p. 225-226]

The Six Nations of Indians being Come to this Place

At the Call of His Hon.^r the Lieu.^t Governour

Addressed his Hon.^r by their Sachims At his Chamber

in the Words following

Brother Corlaer and Quider

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
Howes and Hatchets to be mended

gave a few skins

His Honour the Governour Ans.^d them

That it is With the Uttmost 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 Southren Nation had been in the Sinnekes
Country and desired the sachims to tell him the business
those deputies Came Upon

The Sinnekes Answered That the Purport of What the
Southren Indians Said was as follows

Brethren of the Six Nations We have been at war with
Eath other for many years and I Am sent by the Elder and
Wiser sachims to speak with you the Six Nations in A
frindly 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 am to
Treat with you About this Affair and if possible to Effect it.

[2-0424] **II-228**

who will Bring home to you of your own flesh and
Blood the Prisoners of your nations 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 unsuiteable good men wherefore

we Have thought fitt to desire you in Case a peace is
Concluded between us, To joyn with us That we together
may fall upon them and Utterly extirpate and destroy
them.

If at Any time ~~you~~ any of your People should happen to Come near our Country
We desire Earnestly that they Come into Our Castles freely
and unconcerned and Speek 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 frinds to do.
Brethren As I told you before so Say I now That I Had 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 Has now Past between us.
His Honour the Lieu.^t 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 relat^g the Cattabaws
they had not made Any Answer, but to the Rest of What
the Cherikee deputy had Said they Ans.^d to this 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

[2-0425] **II-229A**

His Honour Answered them As follows
Att my Last meeting with you here, when I concluded
A peace with you in behalf of the Southren 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 Southren Pro-
-vinces that I had Concluded A peace in behalf of their
Indians with you, and that you desired deputies should
Be sent here, 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
that Cherikee came amongst you, It was Not only a peace
I ~~then~~ Concluded with you at that time but A Union between
you and the Southren 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 Southren 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 joyn with the Cherikees in a war against the Cattabaws 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 desire.^g you to keep Steady and firm to that Peace

[2-0426] **II-230 [Should be II-229]**

Speech made by the Hon:^{ble}

George Clarke Esq.^r Lieu^t Governour and Comd^r

in Chief of the Province of New York to the Six Nations of Indians viz.^t

the Mohawks, Oeydes, Onondages

Sinnekes Cayouges and Tuskaroroes

at An Interview with them Att the

City of Albany the 15.th day of June

1742

[Pages **II-229A to II-230** continue the speech. It is printed in DRCHNY 6:216 et seq. and summarized in Wraxall p. 226-227.]

[2-0429] **II-230A**

[Conclusion of Clarke's speech and conforms to the version printed in DRCHNY 6:217. The beginning of the Six Nations response corresponds to a version printed in DRCHNY 6:218 et seq., but has enough variations in wording that it has been transcribed below.]

Answer Made by the Six Nations

of Indians to his Hon.^r the Lieu.^t

Governour y.^e 16. June 1742. [Summarized in Wraxall p. 227.]

Present

The Hon.^{ble} George Clarke Esq.^r

Lieu.^t Gov.^r &.^{ca}

Philip Livingston

James deLancey } Esq.^{rs} of y.^e councill

Dan.^l Horsmanden

The Com.^s of Indian Affairs

and several Other Gentlemen

Brother Corlaer and Quider

We have now mett you at the Place where Our fore-fathers 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 Southren Indians and that As soon

As you Came ~~up~~ Home you Acquainted those Indians

[2-0430] **II-231**

with what passed between us and that When they
heard it they were rejoiced 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 Confir-
-mation 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 Sinnekes Country an Indian from
the Southward of the Cherikee Nation to Speak with us in a
frindly manner As All those will do who desire to Live in
peace and frindship 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.

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 Spoake to us about That Silver Covenant Chain
made between Our forefathers and told us that it is
much enlarged by this union with the Southren 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 Heads
we think not that any thing Shall Ever be wanting on
our sides but will Always keep it free from Rust and do
Now Renew the Same and make it Inviolable

Give A Belt

[2-0431] **II-231A**

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

Cayouge, at which We Are Very Well pleased and the
Sinnekes do now promise that they will Certainly do
it, and the Cayouges Also promise to perform their
Engagements, in confirmation of which we the Six Nations
Give this Belt

Brother

You Also Spoak to us about the House at Osweego
and told us that hitherto you had not fortifyd 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
Now 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 you Our Brother desires
us.

Give A Belt

Brother

You told us that the Great King our Father is
Engaged in A War against the Spanjards which we know
and hope God who is Above all will Enable him to Conquer
his Enemy

Give A String of Wampum

[2-0432] **II-232** [not in the printed version.]

His Honour Answer'd them viz.^t

As we Are now Engaged in A war with Spain, I Can't
promise that those Indians will come here at any Cer-
-tain time and Especially as the Spanjards Lay so near
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 [sic] 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 tomorrow morning, which was done Accordingly
friday June 18 1742

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 Promisses made to this govern.^t
from time to time and that then 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

[2-0433] II-232A

[Not included in the version of this conference printed in DRCHNY 6:216 et seq.

Att a Conference Between
the Hon.^{ble} George Clarke Esq.^r Lieu.^t
Govern.^r and Command.^r in Chief of the
Province of new york &.^{ca} and the
Schaahkook Indians at Albany
the 18. June 1742 [Summarized in Wraxall p. 227-228.]

Present

His Honour the Lieu.^t Gov.^r
Philip Livingston Esq.^r of the
Councill

The Comissioners of Indian Affairs

His Honour made the following Speech to the Sachims
of the Schaahkook 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 Crop of Corn fails are sometimes reduced to great
Extremities & there fore I doubt not but you are so wise
as to Live peaceably with your neighbours, and not
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 forefathers I dont doubt But you Will gladly joyn

with me in renewing it and brightening 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
Asschicentecook Indians which is a good thing and I recommend
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 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

[2-0434] II-233

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 Schaahkook

Answer of the Sachims of the Schaahkook 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 plentiful a place [sic] as any in
the world and That those who Are Not too Lasy 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 And are your Protection and Will endeavour
to Increase our number by perswading As many of our
departed frinds to return As we Can --- Gave Some Skins
The Asschicantecook Indians design to Come down here
to Conclude an Everlasting peace with our father at this
Old Meeting Place.

Father

The Covenant Chain made between our forefathers we will
keep bright and Shining and will take Care that nothing
shall Ever be wanting on our parts

Gave a few bevers

Then His Hon.^r gave them presents

[2-0435] II-233A

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs Att Albany y.^e 18 June
1742 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Dirk Ten Broeck

Coll^o Renselaer

Philip Livingston

Cornelius Cuyler

Edward Collins

Appeared at this board about thirty River Indians
who Say by Jeremy there Speaker Viz.^t

Fathers The Governour told me three days ago to
gett 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
That they May Now Speak

The Indians Answered That they Came expecting to hear
what the governour Would say to them, while he Called
them together, and We have not had the Honour to
hear him Speak, nor to see his face, At Which disappointm.^t
we Are quite Ashamed.

Fathers 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

Gave A few Skins

This board Ans.^d them

Children

We are Sorry it happened That the
Governour went Away before he had Spoak to you the
reason thereof is That A New Gover.^r is dayly expected when
he ought to be At New York. We Will recommend it to the
New Gover.^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 Gover.^r Comes
up here We Will take Care that you gett your Share of the
Presents

Ordered that Coll^o Renslaer give them 2 Sheep on Acc.^t of y^e Com.^{rs}

[Sidebar]

Ordered that M.^r

Livingston furnish y.^e River Indians with

5 galls. Rum

Bread 8/.

A bar.^l Beer

20 [ld] tobacco

1 gross pipes

25 [ld] powder

56 [ld] Lead

3 Sk peases

This board Allowed

Joh.^s Knickerbacker

9 [illeg.] for 4 days

[2-0436] **II-234**

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs At Albany the 18 June
1742 [Summarized in Wraxall p. 228.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Myndert Schuyler

Cap.^t Rutherford

Steph.^s Groesbeek

John Lansingh Jun^r

Cornelius Cuyler

Phil Schuyler

Ni Bleeker

Dirk Ten Broeck

Ed. Collins

Jeremiah Van Renselaer

Appeared at this board three Sinneke Sachims
named Teyeneenhogoron, Tahaees and
Ostagreegie who Acknowledged to have sold
the Land at Tierondequat to Arent Stevens
in behalf And for the Use of this governm.^t and
That they Now in the Presance of the Commissioners
Confirm that Sale.

Whereupon the Com.^{rs} ordered That One of the Owners who is
not here present have 7 blanketts Strowds. 1 Shirt. 1 pair
Stockings and a small bag Powder and Lead answerable
and those three here Present each 2 blanketts Strowds
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 Lands
Ordered That said M^r Livingston furnish said goods
Ordered that Each of the Above Indians have some Shot
This board Made Cawajode A Sinneke, A Sachim 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 Living-
ston is desired to Advance for the Commissioners and That S.^d
Corn be Given to the Onondages aforesaid.

[2-0437] **II-234A**

Att A Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs At Albany y.^e 14. September 1742
[Summarized in Wraxall p. 228.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleeker

John Lansingh

Stephanus Groesbeek

Philip Livingston

Hendrick Ten Eyck

M.^r Andries Bratt the osweego Commissary being
returned from thence, brings us the following advice

That the Sachims of the Ottawawas 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 five Nations to renew the
Treaties formerly made.

M.^e Bratt Also Informs this board That A french
smith is now Att Onondage, that his Wife lately
Arrived there from Canada with Two Battoes loaded
with Trading goods and that the Sachims of Onondage
have desired him by Seven Hands of Wampum that the
french may not be disturbed in their Passage by osweego
M.^r Bratt Likewise Informs this board That the
Fort At Oswego is near finished but That there is no
powder Or ball there.

M.^r Bratt desired That this board would give him A

Certificate That he had performed the office of Commissary
At Oswego the Last Summer which they did in the
following Words

We the Commissioners of Indian Affairs do hereby Certify
That it Consists with our knowledge That M.^r Andries
Bratt hath performed the office of Commissary 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 14.th Sep.^r 1742

[2-0438] II-235

Att a meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs Att Albany 24.th
Sep.^r 1742 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Philip Schuyler

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Johannis Lansingh

Steph.^s Groesbeek

Edward Collins

Cornelius Cuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Peter Winne

John depeyster

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Rutger Bleeker

John H. 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 Att Oswego, upon the same
Terms as the Last Contract to which they Agreed.
The Com.^r Also proposed to them whether, in Case
the Govern.^r Should think fitt to send up a double Garrison
to Ossweego 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 Gover.^r Should think proper

The following Letter was wrote to His Hon.^r the
Lieu.^t Govern.^r

May It please your Hon.^r

We rec.^d your Hon.^{rs} favours of the 14.th & 15.th Instant and
have According to your Hon.^{rs} desire Spoken to mess.^{rs}
John H. Wendell and Gerret Ab. Lansingh Two of the

Last Contractors, whether they would Engage in the
names of All the Last Contractors to Victual the Garrison
At Ossweego at the Same rate of the Last years
Contract, which they engage to do, we Also Asked them
whether in Case a double Command 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 Ossweego is finished but That their
is No powder nor ball

[2-0439] **II-235A**

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs Att Albany 27.th
September 1742 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Nicolaes Bleeker

Stephanus Groesbeek

Dirk Ten Broeck

Rutger Bleeker

John depeyster

The Sachims of the Caghnawages, Schwanedes
And Orondax nations being Arrived here to
Treat About Important Affairs with the
Com.^{rs} 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 Com.^{rs} Well And further Informed this board That the
Sachims of the Mohawks had desired to Speak With them
and Then they would be ready to hear the Commiss.^{rs}

The Com.^{rs} Answered

That they might take their own Time and when they
was ready they Should Lett the Com.^{rs} know and then
they would Speak to them

This board desired M.^r Jacob Bleeker the Inter-
-preter to take the Indians to his House and provide
them Provisions on the Com.^{rs} Acc.^t

[2-0440} **II-236**

Att A Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany 28 Septemb.^r 1742
[Summarized in Wraxall p. 229.]

The Sachims mentioned in yesterdays minute Appeared
at this Board ~~to whom the Com.^{rs} Spoke as follows~~

~~Brethren~~

the Com.^{rs} 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 Com.^{rs} Should first
Speak to them, Then the Com.^{rs} Spok to them As follows
Brethren

We Are glad to see you Here at this place of treating
where the fire 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
to renew the Covenant so Long since made between our
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 liveing 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 frindship 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 Others habitations, Att All
times as well on Account of Trade as on Other business
and receive one the other At All times as Brethren and not
molest Each Other in the Way to And from Each other
But that the same remain Always free and Clear without

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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 Smoakeing 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 that time

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The Sachims Answered
Brother Corlaer and Queder

It has been agreed between our forefathers That if Any
mischance should Happen between Any of our people
that it Should be Amicably Settled. An Indian of
the five Nations has Lost his 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 Treatys
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
fitt 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 Separated, but Always remain joyned firm
to Each Other And We the Caghnawages, Schawenedes and
Orondax in the name of All the Indians belonging To

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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 hears and not from the
Lips only

It is now seven years since we mett together, we now
wipe of the Tears from the Eyes of All of us, which may
Be Occasioned by the deaths 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 Perform your
Engagements on your Parts, as we Shall do on Our parts.
We Also wipe of the Tears from the Eyes of Any Us That
May be Occasioned by any thing that may Have happend
since our Last meeting

Give A Belt

As to what you Say of Osweego, 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 Sachims belonging to Canada present at this Treaty
Are

<u>Caghnawages</u>	<u>Schawenedes</u>	The names of our Indians
D'garihoge	Degarighhonte	present
Schonondo	Tarrotsarie	Old Seth
Cajengode	Oghfidadege	Hendrick
Sagoshies	Sclookakese	Brandt
Tajasigha	Thahothatirliore	Nickus
Onighsighton		

Orondax
Oghkannicks

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[Not in Wraxall.]

The Commissioners Orderd That the Twelve Sachims
have Each a Blanket Strowds, a Blanket a Shirt
and A pair Stockings and That 8 kettles and Two
guns be mended for them.

Cornelius Cuyler to furnish 2 Indians

Dirk Ten Broeck 2

Abraham Cuyler 2

Mynd.^t Schuyler 2

Hendrick Ten Eyck 1

Nicolaes Bleeker 2

Philip Livingston 1

M.^r Depeyster to furnish 6 gatts Rum to y.^e french
Indians and 6 gatts. to Our Indians

M^r Abraham Cuyler is to furnish 2 Sk. Indian Corn
& M^r Livingston 2 Sk pease

The Com.^{rw} ordered M^r Lansingh to furnish 2 blankets
Strowds to be sent to deCarihoge and Spech

The Com.^{rs} ordered An Hundred Weight bread for
the Indians.

[2-0444] **II-238**

Att A Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian

Affairs y.^e pmo. December 1742 [Summary in Wraxall p. 229.]

The following Letter was wrote to his Hon^r the Lieu.^t Governour

May it Please your Honour

We take this oppertunity to Acquaint your Hon^r

That we Rec.^d this day a Letter from Andries Nack who is gone to Reside 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 flatt heads, That the french man boasts of haveing sent Them Out and That he had Appointed A Cap.^t 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 Indians by which he brings Them over to the french Interest and our men there Have No presents with them, but desire to Have orders to give small Presents to the sachims when It is necessary, Our Allowance is Small, If it is to be Extended to defray the presents 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 Sinneke Sachims, to frustrate and Counterballance the french for the frindship 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 Frind 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 next Assembly will Allow.

Att A Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y.^e 21. decemb.^r 1742 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Jeremiah Van Renselaer

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Nicolaes Bleeker

Rutger Bleeker

Steph.^s Groesbeek

John de Peyster

Cap^t Rutherford

Peter Winne

Dirk Ten Broeck

Abraham Cuyler

Mynd.^t Schuyler

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.

[2-0446] II-239

Att A Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the 27.th december 1742 [See Wraxall p. 230.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Philip Schuyler

Ed. Collins

Hendk. Ten Eyck

Nicolaes Bleeker

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Jer. Van Renslaer

John Lansingh

John dePeyster

Rutg.^r Bleeker

Steph.^s Groesbeek

Reyer 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 Uttmost
endeavour to Induce the Assembly to Augment our Allow-
-ance. We Have Already / Although our Allowance
is All Exhausted / ordered M^r Nack to advance £20:--
to the Sinnekes Sachims as he thinks most Proper for
the Interest of this Government and to Use his Interest

to keep the Indians from going Afighting, and for fear
that Letter should Miscarry we Have sent up the
Interpreter to the Mohawks Country to hire three Indians
one to Carry up Our Orders to said Nack and Two to go
Oswego, to Tarry there this Winter to serve as Messen-
-gers 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
Less Accustomed to Travell in the Winter

The foll.^s Letter was wrote to Lieu.^t Hyde Clarke Command.^s
Officer At Oswego.

Cap^t Clarke

We Have sent Up the Interpreter to the Mohawks Country
to hire two Indians to go to Ossweego 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 till our Traders 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 And.^s Nack to Advance £20:-- to the Sinnekes

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[2-0447] II-239A

Att a Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs pmo. Jan.^{ry} 1742/3 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

John Lansingh

Nicolaes Bleeker

Abraham Cuyler

Stephanis Groesbeek

Dirk Ten Broeck

Cornelius Cuyler

Edward Collins

John depeyster

This board rec.^d a Letter from And.^s Nack from
the sinnekes Country to which they wrote the
following Answer

M.^r Andreis Nack

Wey hebben VE brief van den 23. dec.^r ontfangenwaer
op voor Antwoort dient dat Wey VE Alreede geordeneert
Hebben om 20 Pont te Vervechieten Aen de Wilden
in Twee brieven dien wy VE geschreven hebbend Eene
de Erste dec.^r en de Andere Verleede Week die ook
ment dese gelegentheyd op gaet. Wy geven VE hoch
order Voor Twee of drie ponts aen goet Aen de Koe
Schicter te geven private en doet hem de groetensse
van ons, De Wilt Segt ons dat de Wilden in het
sinnekes Lant so boos beunen Op de Fra[illeg.] Jon Ceur
om dat hey het Huys Att gebroken Heeft dat Seygereso-
veert Beunen 8 m Hem in liet Voor jaer Wegh te jaagon
waer toe VE Bok VE best moet doen onder de Wild as
Wy Seiden VE Een Bondt Sewant daer Voor En dat VE
met haer Salt Spreeken om Hett Casteel te Verleggen
daer Sy beloost Hebben,
Wy hebben de Wilt Satisfactie gedaen Voor syn toght
Wy Hebben Alhier geen news. Zo Gblyse

[2-0448] II-240

Att A Meet.^g of the Com.^s of Indians
Affairs y.^e 9th Feb.^y 1742/3 [Mentioned in Wraxall p. 230.]

Psont
Philip Livingston
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Rut.^g Bleecker
John Lansingh
Philip Schuyler
Jo. D Peyster
D: Ten Broeck

The Interpreter being Come from Canajoherie brought
A belt of Wampum from the Sachims there to assure the
Com.^{rs} That they are resolved to keep the Peace With the
Southren Indians and Not follow y.^e Example of y.^e other 5
Nations. He Also Says that An Onneyde Indian Came
There Last Week to Inform the Sachim there That a Party
of 80 Onondages Oneydes &^{ca} Who Went to fight Last fall to
the Southren had Engaged With a party of English at the
Back of Virginia & that Eight English Ware 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
Canajoherie 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 Lindius 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 M.^r Ten Broeck pay An Indian of
Schaak.^k 1 blanket Strounds 1 Shirt 1 p Stockg.^s 1 Keg of
Rum for going again to Crown point upon Com.^s business

[2-0449] **II-240A**

Att a Meet.^g of y^e Com.^{rs} of Indian's
Affairs y.^e 10th feb^y 1742/3 [Brief mention in Wraxall p. 230.]

Present

Mynd.^t Schyler

Ni B[leek]er

Rut. [Blee]ker

John Lansingh

Cornelis Cuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Appeared At this b.^d Twelve Mohawks Sachims and Other
Indians

The Com.^{rs} 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 S.^o Indians and Not break
It as the other Nations have done and he has delivered Us the
the [sic] belt [In] your Name. We Are Glad that you Keep your
Engagements and not Shew your Selves So faithless As the
Other Nations Have done in Break.^g their Solemn promises
And Engagements Made in A publick Manner With
Our Goverment in behalf of the Southren Indians and All
the Subjects [sic] of Great Britain, We Recommend It to you
to Keep your resolutions in this Article and not Suffer
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 Southw.^d

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 so Lately And As it were yesterday
with our Brother the Gov.^r in Behalf of the Southren Indians
And That A party of the Six Nations Have Been a fight.^g
notwithstand.^g to y^e Southward, But that the Sachims had
It 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

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you hereof, and That they are sorry That this dolefull
affair has happened, That the reeson of their fighting is
unknown to them, That they desire the Com.^{rs} to Inquire

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 resolution Should be taken, but That you will
Enquire into this Affair and when you Shall have heard
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 Commissioners 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
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 Amica-
-ble manner whereto Our Endeavours Shall not be wanting
but it being an Affair of Great Consequence we Think
proper first to Acq.^t our Gover.^r therewith And Also What
you say herein and When we have reced his Answer we
will Answer your Belt

[2-0451] **II-241A**

Att A Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs At Albany 21. ffeb.^y 1743 [Mention in Wraxall p. 230.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Cap^t Livingston

Cap^t Rutherford

Coll^o Phil Schuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

John depeyster

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Peter Winne

Jerem. V Renselaer

St.^s Groesbeek

Corn Cuyler

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Severall 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 occurrence between the English and Indians At the back of Virginia.

The Commiss.^{rs} 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.^r

Your Honour will perceive by the Inclosed minutes that the Six nations have An Acc.^t from the Southward That some English and Some of their people, were Lately killed At the back of Virginia. We had this Acc.^t from the Mohawks 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 Alledge 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 father At present but remain

[2-0452] II-242

Att A Meeting of the Commiss.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs At Albany 26.th feby
1743. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Rutg.^r Bleeker
Cornelius Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Rey.^r Gerritse
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Step.^s Groesbeek
Nicolaes Bleeker
John depeyster
Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Appeared At this board Two Mohawk Indians
who were sent to Oswego to reside there till the
Traders went up, who say the reason of their
Comeing Away Sooner is A Report from the Southw.^d
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 M.^r Cor: Cuyler to pay the Indians
1 p.^s Strowds for £9:--:-- and A 6 kan kegg of Rum

The Interpreter Being returned from the Mohawks Country
Says That the Mohawk Sachims told him that they had
consulted Among themselves About the Affair to the
S.^o and desired him to tell the Commis.^{rs} That they think
the 6 nations expect That the Commis.^{rs} 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 feared
if This was not done That the other five Nations would
be for Takeing revenge

[2-0453] **II-242A**

[A shorter version of this minute is printed in DRCHNY 6:233. It does not mention the condolence procedure.]

Att A Meet.^g of the Commis.^{rs} of Ind.ⁿ

Affairs At Alb.^y 7.th March 1742/3 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap.^t Rutherford

Nicol.^s Bleaker

Cornelius Cuyler

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Peter Winne

Rutg.^r Bleaker

John depeyster

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 foll.^g Instructions

M.^r Jacob Bleeker

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 Sachims met there and
what Answer will be given them. you Are to tell the
sachims At Onondage That We Are Sorry That Such A
sorrowfull Accident has happened at the back of Virginia
between some English of that Governm.^t and A party of
These people That we Have not yett gott a Certain Acc.^t
of That matter and Know nothing yett But By Common
report. That as soon as we know the Certainty thereof
we will acquaint them therewith and that we Hope It
will not be the Occasion of a Breach in the Covenant
Chain with Any of his Maj.^s English Subjects, But That
upon the whole we desire They will not be Uneasy
About it, mor take any Resolution without the

[2-0454] II-243

Advice or Consent of Us 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 p.^s [illeg.] and 1 [wt.] beads. and That the Interpre-
-ter pay The Indians who Came down with the message One
Blankett. At the Charge of the Commissioners.

Att A Meeting of the Commiss.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs the 20.th March 1742/3

[A different version of this minute is printed in DRCHNY 6:233-234. Not in Wraxall.]
Present

Nicolaes Bleeker
Cornelius Cuyler
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
John Lansingh
Rutg.^r Bleeker
John depeyster

The Interpreter being returned from the Onondage
Castle brings the foll.^g Account

That According to his Instructions he went Up to
onondage, That when he Came near Onondage he mett
the Oneyde Sachims Comeing back, Who told him the
Meet.^g 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 Sachims of the
Mohawks who were with him, when He Came to
Onondage he desired the Sachims to meet and when
they were mett, He Told Them That his orders from the
Commissioners 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 as soon
as they were Informed of the Truth of this Affair According
to the Old 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 Commis.^{rs} and thereupon he gave

A Belt

[2-0455] **II-243A**

That then he Told the Sachims That Our forefathers
had made an Inviolable Covenant Chain and That
this nor no other Misfortune ought to make a breach
therein, but That the Rust that is thereon should be
wiped of, and That none of their people should Go a
fighting which It behooves them to prevent

Gave a Belt

The Sachims answered The Interpreter
That they Thanked the Com.^{rs} for the frindly message
sent them by the Interpreter and That they do not
doubt of the good Inclinations of their Brethren the Com.^{rs}
to make up this breach, which the Six Nations had Already
in their meet.^g Agreed to do on their parts, and That They
will be Easy till farther news, That if the Virginia
people were Inclined to reconcile It Should not be
want.^g of their Side

Gave A Belt

And they the Six Nations Promise That They Will keep the
Covenant Chain Inviolable That Nothing shall be wanting
of their side and no Intreanges of the devil himself shall be
Able to Break It for Evermore, And ~~We~~ promise That ~~We~~
they will not Suffer Any of their people to go a fighting,
and will for the future take Care of our Castles which ~~We~~ they had 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 Govern.^r of
Virginia designs to do.

The Interpreter Informs the Commis.^{rs} 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

[2-0456] **II-244**

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 theirs and for which they were not yet paid---They desired 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 As 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 next year They would go.

~~They~~ That They Would keep the Covenant And Would not be the occasion of Any breach in the same

[2-0457] **II-244A** [Printed in DRCHNY 6:232 with different wording, dated March 20, 1742/3. Not in Wraxall.]

The following Letter was wrote to his Honour the Lieu.^t Gover^r

May It please your Honour

Since Our Last to your Honour of the 21. feb.^y 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 Onondage 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 from us And their Answer he brings us to which we beg Leave to refer. It seems the Indians are in Generall Very uneasy 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 Sachims is gone to Ottawawe to desire them Indians Not to go A Hunting But to Stay At Home

Att A Meet.^g of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs At Albany 18 April 1743

[Printed in DRCHNY 6:234-235 with very similar wording. Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Abraham Cuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

Cap.^t John Rutherford

Mynd.^t Schuyler

John Lansingh

Rutger Bleeker

May It please your Honour

We Rec.^d your Hon.^{rs} Letter of the 5.th Instant with the Copies of Coll.^o Gooch's 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, haveing never heard Any Such Thing from them And had Any such thing been they would doutless have mentioned it since

[2-0458] II-245

This Affair has happened, but nothing of That sort has Ever 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 Gooch's desire we humbly Conceive it would be furnishing them with a pretence they have never yet thought of.

What Coll.^o Gooch mentions of white men they are supposed to Have been with the Indians we take That to be A mistake which has doubless proceeded from some mongrel Indians That were in the party.

We wrote your Honour the 20.th March and sent Inclosed our Minutes Containing the Answer the Interpreter brought from Onondage 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 would not be Able to gett Any Other Answer from them than we have Already had.

We Conceive It Would Be the best and Cheapest way That Coll.^o Gooch 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 Honour Approves of this we think It would be the properest 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 Sachims Come down here About the time your Hon.^r Can have an Answer from Coll.^o Gooch 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

[2-0459] **II-245A**

We doubt not but Coll.^o Gooch will be very ready to pay us the Charges we Shall be at in this Affair we have severall Accounts That the Six Nations have sent to the far Indians in Covenant with them to be at home and ready to Assist them in Case of Need, the french Also Are continually useing 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 renewed 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 Sachims to Stay At Home and to renew to them the repeated promisses 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 Hon^r

We remain &^{ca}

[2-0464] **II-248** [A different version is printed in DRCHNY 6:238-240. Not in Wraxall.]

Att a Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany the 2.^d May 1743

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutg^r Bleeker

John Depeyster

Cornelius Cuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

Reyer Gerritse

Abraham Cuyler

John Rutherford

John Lansingh

This board received A Letter from his Hon.^r the Lieu.^t
Governour whereupon they Sent the Interpreter to
Onondage With the following message to the sachims
of the Six Nations

Brethren

According to our promise made to the Mohawks who
Came in Feb.^y Last with a belt of wampum the 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 Interpre-
-ter to Inform you That your Brother Corlaer Our Governour
Has recd a Letter from the Gover.^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 &^{ca} upon which the Inhabi-
-tants 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
that Ever by the Treaty At Albany with the Gov.^r of New York,
And Accordingly when they Came up with them on the 18.th 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 Oblidged to return
the fire, now we Have performed our promise and have

[2-0465] **II-248A**

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 Maj.^s 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 sachims who we doubt not but were Ignorant of this matter, and must Certainly now beleive 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 [Cruel] Actions, Cannot, ought not to Be Believed a Word they say about it, for [Cruel] as they Are, so much Shame is Left as Would make them blush to own It.

The Gover.^r of Virginia has desired our Gov.^r to Enquire of you the reasons of this useage and to Lett 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 use his people in this manner, Especially Since the Gover.^{mts} to the southward and their Indians depended upon the faith of the Treaty you made here in 1740. With Our Gover.^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 Alledge 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 broak 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 governour to Intercede and

[2-0466] **II-249**

Make up this Breach for you with the Governour of Virginia which we doubt but upon his Intercession he will do.

This board desired the Interpreter to Enquire whether Any white people were Among the party of Indians, and Also If he Should Hear that the sachims Claimed Any Lands to the Southward to Enquire where they Lye and what they Ask in satisfaction for them

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs At Albany 30.th May
1743.

[Not in Wraxall. A version of this letter is printed in DRCHNY 6:240-241 with minor variations in wording.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

Nicolaes Bleeker

John Lansingh

Rutg^r Bleeker

Philip Schuyler

Peter Winne

The following Letter was Wrote to his hon.^r the
Lieu.^t governour

May it please your Hon^r

We have rec.^d your Honours Letter of the 27.th Last Month
And have According to your Hon.^{rs} orders sent the Interpre-
-ter up to Onondage with Instructions Conformable to your
Honours directions which are here Inclosed and Also the
Answer which the sachims of the Six Nations made thereto
Your Hon.^r will perceive thereby That the sachims do not
make Any pretence on Any Lands in the Governm.^t of
Virginia, but on the Contrary declare that they had not Any
reason to Abuse the people there, And That after useing
their uttmost Endeav.^r it was not in their power to Stop their
people from going to fight to the Southward, But yett 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 alive knows very well That what they say is

[2-0467] **II-249A**

Truth, But upon the whole It seems The Sachims Are
Inclined to make up the breech 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 your Hon.^r knows is the only place

where our Indians will Treat of publick Affairs, in order to a Reconciliation whereto the Indians are really Inclined And we Imagine That If a few of the Southren 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 behalf in the year 1740. If it be not made up we Are Apprehensive some vagabonds Liveing at some distance from their Castles will again go and Murder the people upon the frontiers of Virginia, We Have Already had Certain information That Seven Indians liveing near Shaweno Have already been upon the march, But were Stopped by a Castle of Cayouges Who Live to the Southward, We Have sent a message by Two Indians Who Live to the southward to Desire the Sachims About Shaweno to Stop Any party of Indians that may be so wicked as to go against the Inclinations of the Sachims to renew Hostilities against his maj.^s Subjects which we Beleive 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

[2-0468] II-250

The Interpreter being returned from Onondage brings the following report of his message

That Pursuant to his Instructions of the 2.^d Instant he had been to Onondage where He mett the sachims of the Six Nations and Told them what he was directed, whereto the sachims Ans.^d 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 men Came upon the Confines of That Government in A Hostile Manner and that when the party of English overtook Them, They sent A Man With a token of Peace in his Hand and That our people Shot Him without any provocation and That then the English were oblidgd to fire in their own defence, If these things are 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 one Hogg, one Calf and one young Horse, we were well used by the people of Pensilvania but no sooner did we Come into the Governm.^t 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 severall 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

[2-0469] **II-250A**

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 uttmost Endeavours and More Especially since the
Last peace made with the S.^o Indians

The Govern.^r of Virginia desires you to Ask us what
reason we had to use his people in this manner, we Acknow-
-ledge 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 frindly manner.

Brethren

We the Six nations Are Inclined to make up this breech
in the Covenant Chain And Are Willing to Come to Albany
for That purpose At Any time That shall be Appointed
We desire That the Gov.^r of Virginia may be then present
That we may have An oppertunity 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

Att a meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs 12.th June 1743. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Cornelius Cuyler
Rey.^r Gerritse
Hend.^k Ten Eyk
Ed. Collins
Nicol. Bleaker
Abra. Cuyler
Jere. V Renselaer
Rut. Bleaker

Esdras a sachim of the Mohawks Says That four of
the Cherikees are Come in the Sinnekes Country who Say
That 100 men more of that nation are upon the Way to
Come there to Confirm the peace and That he is sent by
the Mohawks to Inform the Com.^s thereof.

[2-0470] II-251

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs At Albany 1743
on the 14.th June [Brief summary in Wraxall p. 230.]

Present
Philip Livingston
Phil. Schuyler
Cornelius Cuyler
Hendk. Ten Eyk
Jeremi. Van Renselaer
Dirk Ten Broeck
John Lansingh
Reyer Gerritse
Nicolaes Bleaker
Abraham Cuyler
Mynd.^t Schuyler

Appeared At this board Two Asschicantecook
sachims and Severall private men of said nation
who say as follows

Brethren

We Are Come in the Name of the Nation 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 Joyn 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 use 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

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 between 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

Ordered That the foods in the Margin mentioned shall be
given these Indians.

[Margin]

1 fatt Sheep

4 Blanketts Strowds

6 Shirts

2 Keggs of rum &
some bread

[2-0471] II-251A

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs at Albany 29.th June 1743. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Peter Winne

Lieu.^t Blood

Abraham Cuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

Rutg^r Bleeker

Cornelius Cuyler

Nico. Bleeker

Reyer Gerritse

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

This board received a Letter from the Reverend M.^r Henry
Barclay from the Mohawks Country to Which they returned
the following Answer

Sir

We reced yours of yesterday and observe thereby that
there is a report among the Indians That three men and Two
women of the sinnekes who had been prisoners among the
Cherikees were Returned home and That an hundred men of
that nation were daily expected there to Conclude a peace
which we hope they will Effect, and That in order thereto the
five nations will use the Cherikees kindly, The Sinnekes
It Seems are Inclined 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 onondage 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
It 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
therein, we send you Here inclosed 7 hands of Wampum,
which you will Be so good to deliver to the Indians with
this our Answer

[2-0472] II-252

Att A Meeting of the Commiss.^{rs} of Indi-
-an Affairs 5.th July 1743. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd.^t Schuyler

John Lansingh

Abraham Cuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

John depeyster

Dirk Ten Broeck

Cornelius Cuyler

This board allowed the following Accounts

To Abraham Cuyler	£	15:	03:	4 1/2
To John Sanders		---	13:	6
To Philip Livingston Jun ^r		3:	9:	8
To James Stevenson		2:	---	---
To Mynd. Schuyler		6:	12:	2
To Cornelis Cuyler		20:	17:	11 1/4
To Dirk Ten Broeck		24:	17:	6
To Joh ^s Seger		18:	02	--
To Jacob Lansingh for An Acc. ^t of £1: 7:6		---	18:	6
To D. ^o		---	13	---
To Joh. ^s VanderHeyden		1:	5:	---
To Nicolaes Bleeker		10:	---	8
To Philip Livingston		12:	19:	7 1/2
To Jacob Wendell		6:	---	---
To Johannis Knickerbacker		1:	10:	---
To Daniel Toll		---	15:	---
To Jacobus Bleeker		13:	11:	4
To Anne Kitchinor		17:	18:	3
To John depeyster		6:	---	3
To Leend. ^t Gansevoort		---	18:	---
To Jeremy Schuyler for his Service to the Sinnekes Country According to his Agreement 26. th April 1737.		24:	---	---
To Johannis Lansingh		4:	19:	9
To Timothy Magin		---	6:	---
	£	193:	11:	6 1/4

[2-0473] II-252A

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs 15.th July 1743 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

John Lansingh

Rutg^r Bleeker

Nicolaes Bleeker

Cornelius Cuyler

John depeyster

This board Allowed the following Accounts

To Hendrick Ten Eyck	£	10:	18:	6
To D. ^o for an Acc ^t of		---	18:	---
To Michael Bassett		---	15:	---
To Jan Schermerhorn when his Acc. ^t is [give us?]		2:	11:	---
To Philip Van Pitten Jr		2:	11:	---
To Philip Schuyler		---	12:	---
To Sander Van Eps when He swears that he has reced no Satisfaction		2:	6:	---
To Ditto for another Acc. ^t to swear the same		4:	19:	---
	£	25:	00:	6
To Rutger Bleeker	£	4:	19:	---
	£	29:	19:	6
The Accounts Allowed the 5. th Instant Amount to		193:	11:	6 1/4
	£	223:	11:	0 1/4

This board Drew a warrant on Philip Livingston Jun^r for the
payment of the Above sum, in the words following ---

Pay unto the severall persons mentioned on the Other side the
sums of money sett 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 To 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 15.th July 1743

[2-0474] II-253

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs At Albany 28.th July
1743 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
John Lansingh
Rutg^r Bleecker
John depeyster

Appeared At this board four Oghquago 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 Unhap-
-py 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 messsage to the Indians
Liveing below us at Shaweno 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

The Commiss.^{rs} Answered Them
That they thanked 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 Cant but Know
That A small fire is Easier Quenched That a large one and
upon the Whole recommended To them that they Continue
in the same Sentiments

Resolved That the Indians be given the goods in the
margin mentioned and That M.^r Rutg.^r Bleecker furnish
the same

[Margin]

1 Large Blanket
3 Shirts

[2-0475] **II-253A**

[See DRCHNY 4:979 et seq. for a meeting in July 1702 between the Dionondades and NY Governor Lord Cornbury. The record indicates that another meeting was scheduled to be held in 1703, probably this is the one referred to by the commissioners in their answer.]

Att A Meeting of the Comm.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs the 30.th July 1743 [Summarized in Wraxall p. 230-231.]

Present

Philip Schuyler

Nico. Bleeker

John depeyster

Reyer Gerritsen

Rutg.^r Bleeker

Cornelis Cuyler

Abra. Cuyler

Jer. Van Renselaer

Dirk Ten Broeck

John Lansingh

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Appeared At this board Three Janondides, otherwise
Called Tughsaghrondies from the place of their
habitations, the One of which the the Chief Sachim of
That Nation and is named Rondoenie, the others
Are named Tadoniatase, Jagowanaatha and Are
Also Sachims
They Say As follows

Brethren

We Janondides are now Come here by order of the sachims
of our nation, who have Long Since Intended to send
Some people here Upon the business we now Come
for, which is this, We have Always heard That your
forefathers and ours, Have in former times made A Coven.^t
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, Wherefore we are
sent here to desire you to Tell us the Contents of
That Covenant That we may know Every tittle [detail?] thereof
and knowing the same May be Able to observe and keep
It to the End of the World.

Gave A few bevers

Then they Shewed A Very Large belt of Wampum with seven
men marked upon It which they say was given their
nations At Albany in Confirmation of Said Covenant

The Commiss.^{rs} Answered them
That they were glad to see them here and as It was Saturday

today they are desired to dine here on Monday when
they Shall be Made Acquainted With the Contents of the
Covenant they Mention.

[2-0476] II-254

Albany 2.^d Aug.^t 1743 [Summarized in Wraxall p. 230-231.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Mynd. Schuyler

John Lansingh

Reyer Gerritsen

Philip Schuyler

Cornelius Cuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

Ed. Collins

Edmund Blood

Rutger Bleeker

The following answer was returned to
the Three Janondides Sachims

Brethren

You have desired us to Lett you know the
Contents of the Covenant of which this belt was
given as a confirmation alleadgeing you do
not know It, It haveing 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 Commiss.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs here At Albany to Confirm the Covenant then made
and to kept [sic] 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 Common Covenant
and Always be frinds and allies and That the
same Tree which is planted 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 worlds End and

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Always be glad To have An oppertunity 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 device 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 Nation
who you see has A Chain in his hand which is fasted to
the Tree which signifies That we and you Are All joyned
in ~~the same~~ one Common Covenant Chain with the five Nations

Then the Sachims Answered
Brother Corlaer and Queder

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 sachims will ask us with the greatest
Inquisitiveness what It is, who when we tell them will be
As it were Awaked out of a deep Sleep and their understand.^g
will be Enlightned we must Thank you Ten thousand
times for makeing 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 Queder
You have Now told us what the Covenant imports, which we
are very glad to Hear and Now we renew the same, desiring

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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 frindship 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 this path being open
and free for us, we have never yet Brooke 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

Then the Commissioners

We Are glad That we have had this oppertunity 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 spare
no pains 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
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 whereupon we give you

This Belt of Wampum

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Brethren

We Are glad you Are Senceable That it is Better To Trade with
us than with the french, we Are Not Ignorant what Arts and
Intreagues the french use to Keep your Nation 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 us
the more reason you will Have to Be convinced That
we are your Brethren Indeed But the Less you Come
Amongst us the More oppertunity 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
subsisting between us, we beleive you will not give Ear to any
false the reports [sic] the french may raise against us to keep
you from us. you know we use 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

Give this Belt of wampum

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 pswade All the nations About us to do the same
and will Inform them that we have renewed the Covenant
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 Att All with
Any wars of the french, But will be frinds 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

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the designs of the french and we'll have no more to do
with them

The Com.^{rs} said

That they were glad That they knew the french so Well
and That they had taken such wise and good
resolutions

Orderd That the Indians have 1 p. Strowds,
Each 1 Laced Coat, a Laced Hatt a shirt, &
11 galls. Rum some pipes and Tobacco Among them
And provisions for their journey.

The Com.^{rs} ordered the secretary to write to Johan. I.
Herkemer to furnish the Indians with a fatt sheep or a
young Hogg & that He provide people to ride the Indians
over the oneyde Carrying place.

And Also to write to Lieu.^t Clarke At Ossweego to
desire him to use the sachims kindly

The Indians made a present to the Commissioners
consisting of 24 bear skins
10 deer skins
2 Vishers
2 Otters
4 bevers.

[2-0481] **II-256A**

Att A Meeting of The Commiss.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs 14th August 1743
[Brief summary in Wraxall p. 231.]

Present

Philip Schuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

Cornelis Cuyler

Reyer Gerritse

John Lansingh

Lieu.^t Blood

John depeyster

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Rutg.^r Bleeker

Othosonont and Two Other Oneyde Sachims
appeared At This Board and Say as follows

Brethren

We Are Come to Inform you what has happened
between the Six Nations and the People from the South-
ward, we are not Employed by the Six Nations to bring
this message, but we thought It our duty to Acquaint
you therewith Viz.^t

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 Haveing sent a Man to Onondage
to Speak With the Six Nations about this Affair and finding
them Very Easy Inclined And resolved not to revenge the
Affair Informed the Govern.^r of Virginia thereof who was
glad to hear it and desired the Pensilvania Govern.^r That
As he yearly conferred with the Six Nations To Make up
this Affair for him with them and That he the Govern.^r
of Virginia would pay the Expence

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Then the Man from Virginia Said

Brethren

We Are now Come About That Affair which Happened
through our fault And As the sun is darkned by reeson
of the death of so many of your people which Happened
unexpected we give This Belt of Wampum to Wype
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 upon the Last Head.
We Say It is Our fault that this Affair has Happened

between us and the Ax 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
gave A Belt of Wampum

Brethren

It has Always been A Custom That when Any diffe-
-rence 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 as soon as possi-
-ble 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 Coven.^t
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

[2-0483] **II-257A**

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 p.^s Strowds, 2 for the Oneydes
and four for the Onondages and 9 p.^s for the Six Nations
in generall to Condole the deaths of All your people As Well
those That died their naturall deaths as Them That Lost
their lives in this Accident

The Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs Ans.^d the Indians

That They were glad this Affair was Amicably made up and
thanked them for their message

The Commissioners Also Told the sachims what had passed
between them and the janondides a few days ago

This Board ordered That The Indians have 25 [wt] powder
and 57 [wt] Lead. ordered That M.^r Collins furnish the
powder at 219 p [wt]

This Board ordered Othosonont A Blanket Strowds A shirt
and a p.^r Stockings and Each of the young Indians A
Shirt

Att A Meet.^s of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs y.^e 15. August 1743. [Not in Wraxall.]

Psent
Phil Livingston
Johan.^s Lansingh
Lieu.^t Blood
Rutger Bleeker
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Nicolaes Bleeker

Andries Nack being returned from the Sinnekes Country
appeared At this board to Inform the Comm.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs of the State he Left those Indians in and what
Had passed there since his Residence in That Country

[2-0484] **II-258**

Att A Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y.^e 30.th August 1743 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Philip Livingston
John Lansingh
Rutger Bleeker
John Depeyster
Dirk Ten Broeck
Edmund Blood
Nicolaes Bleeker

The following letter was wrote to his Honour
the Lieu.^t Governour

May it please your Honour

Andries Nack & C.^o being returned
from the Sinnekes Country and As it is necessary others
should be sent up there to keep Those Indians firm to his
Majesties Interest, we recommend to your Honour John J.
Lansingh, Anthony Bleeker, John Abeel and Tobias C. Ten
Eyck, one of which is a smith and another An Armourer
to reside there for the Ensueing year, desireing if your
Honour Approves of them that Their Instructions may be
sent up by the first oppertunity That They may be dispatch-
-ed as soon as possible, Hopeing your Hon.^r will recommend
to the Assembly to raise A Salary for them, As 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 severall
Tienondides sachims Have been down here to renew their
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 Southw.^d
have lately been in Onondaga and Acknowledged that the Vir-
-ginia people were in the wrong in the Affair with some of
our Indians Last Winter and have promised the Indians a large
present And So Concluded a peace with them. we are --

[2-0485] **II-258A**

Att A Meeting of the Commiss^{rs}
of Indian Affairs 15.th Septemb.^r 1743 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston
Myndert Schuyler
Jeremiah Van Renselaer
John depeyster
Philip Schuyler
Rutg^r Bleeker
Nicolaes Bleeker
Dirk Ten Broeck
John Lansingh
Edward Collins

Resolved That John J. Lansingh
and Com.^y shall have for presents to the
Indians At the Sinnekes Country to
the Value of £23:-- or £24:-- in
Strowds Blankets and Shirts & That

At their return they Shall render A Just and True Acc.^t
thereof as also [i^p] Iron, some Steel, files a grind Stone &.^{ca}

1 p. ^s Strowds to be deliverd	p Dirk Ten Broeck
1 p. ^s Blanketts	p Abrah. Cuyler
2 p. ^o Garlice	p Rutg Bleeker

Psent as Above and
Abraham Cuyler
Reyer Gerritse
Hendrick Ten Eyck

[Not in Wraxall.]

Severall Schaahkook Indians appeared at this
board and made a speach and Then gave this board
a present of Venison.

Orderd That they be given 25 [wt] Powder & 5 [wt] Lead by
Philip Livingston. Rum and bread by Hendrick Ten Eyck.
ordered That Joh.^s Knickerbacker be Allowed 12 / for his
service

[2-0486] II-259

Att A Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs 30.th September 1743 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
John Lansingh
Peter Winne
Nicolaes Bleecker
John de peyster
Rutg.^r Bleeker
Phil. Schuyler
Abraham Cuyler
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Edward Collins

Severall Mohawks Indians appeard
at this board and made the follow.^g
Speech

Brethren

We have long Since had a fort in our
Country where the Govern.^{rs} formerly
have Sometimes posted one officer
and sometimes Another And At length
Lieut.^t Butler was sent to Command
there who proved A Very good Officer to us, we never have-
-ing had Any difference With him, wherefore we desired
the Governour at that time That he might be continued
their and the Governour Promised us that he should
not be removed but remain there dureing 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, wherefore we desire That Lieut.^t Butler may again
be Appointed to Command there This Board Answered
That it is not in their power to do Anything 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 G. Clinton
[Partial summary in Wraxall p. 231 omits the Mohawk's complaints.]

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.

[2-0487] **II-259A**

As Commissioners of Indian Affairs we hereby Acquaint
Your Excellency That severall of the Mohawks Indians
were this day before us to desire of us That Lieu.^t Blood
might be removed from the Command of Fort William
and Lieu.^t Butler restored which we Told Them, As
your Excell.^{cy} will perceive by the Inclosed Minutes was
not in our power, But That we would Lett your Excellency
know what They said we Have nothing farther At psent

At A Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs At Albany 8.th Octob.^r
1743 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Nicolaes Bleeker

Myndert Schuyler

Peter Winne

Rutger Bleeker

Cornelis Cuyler

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Canajoherie 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

Resolved That M.^r Jacobus Bleeker the Interpreter go up
with the following Instructions

M.^r Jacobus Bleeker

You Are to go up to the Canajoherie Castle and Inform
the Indians That the Com.^{rs} are Acquainted by A great
Number of Inhabitants of Canajoherie 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

[2-0488] **II-260**

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 Commiss.^{rs} 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 Insist 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 give them Seven Hands of Wampum

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs 24.th October 1743

[Summary in Wraxall p. 231-232.]

The following Letter was wrote to his Excellency
George Clinton Esq.^r

May It please your Excellency

We have received your Excellencies
favours of the 11.th Instant and will p first opportunity
Acquaint the Mohawks That your Excellency Intends to
order Lieu.^t Butler again to fort William

As we seem to be upon the brinks of a french war
we think It our duty to Acq.^t 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

[2-0489] **II-260A**

Uttmost Endeavour to have All put in the best posture of
defence.

And First we begin with his Maj.^s Garizon at Oswee-
-go of how Great Consequence that place is to this Governm.^t
would take a Long time to Inform 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 Allegiance and fidelity to His Majesty and
this government depends chiefly thereon and should It be
taken from us by the french, Those Indians would not only
not be in our Interest but in All probability joyn 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 Garrizoned 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 As Well as Fort William 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 5 or 6 men with A Number Not Less than Twenty Indians with Ammunition and provisions to reside there dureing the Winter. If Any better means can be thought of we shall be glad, But It will be necessary That what resolutions so ever Are taken It be Speedily done before the Winter come on And we hope your Excellency Will recommend

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It to the Assembly to pay the Expence thereof.
The uppermost nation 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 Intreages 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 Opinions 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 Northren 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 who reside in the Sinnekes Country be by Some means or Other prevent.^d from being there for the future.

The Fort At Saraghtoge 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 Outschout 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 used In case of need.

[2-0491] **II-261A**

The Fort here in this City wants some repairs and your Excellency will perhaps Also think proper That it Should be stronger Garizoned, a great number of the men being Absent and That An Experienced officer be ordered to reside therein Especially At this criticall Juncture. There Are Severall persons in this County who have small Cannon At their houses, which we thought ought to be removed for fear they should fall into the hands of the Enemy in case they should Invade us. This, Sir, Is what occurs to us At present which we Take Leave humbly to Offer to your Excellencys Consideration We Are sorry to Hear by your Last That you was Indisposed we hope this may find your Excellency and family in A pfect State of Health which we wish may Continue Long so beg Leave to Conclude

Att A Meeting of the Commiss.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs At Albany 25.th october
1743. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Dirk Ten Broeck

Reyer Gerritse

Johan.^s Lansingh

Nicolaes Bleeker

John depeyster

Myndert Schuyler

Peter Winne

Philip Schuyler

This board rec.^d A Letter from his Excellency Governour Clinton. [See DRCHNY 6:249 for text of the letter.]

This board Agreed with Abraham Wendell for the sum of £32:-- To go to Osweego for Interpreter and To Stay till the first of May next.

Ordered That the Clerk write to Mss.^{rs} Johan. J. Petri and Johan J. Herkemer to desire them to Supply said Abraham Wendell with Two Barrels pork 15 Skiple pease and the Like Quantity of [meal]

[2-0492] II-262

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs y.^e 29.th October
1743 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Nicolaes Bleeker
Peter Winne
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
Lieu.^t Helling
Reyer Gerritse
Dirk Ten Broeck
John depeyster
Rutg.^r Bleeker

The following Letter was wrote to his Excellen-
-cy

[A version of this letter with some minor differences in wording from this one is
printed in DRCHNY 6:250-251]

May It please your Excellency
Since our Last of the 24.th we reced
your Excellencies favours of the 19.th Instant whereby
your Excell.^{cy} is pleased to Inform us That you reced a dispatch
from the Lords Justices commanding your Excell.^{cy} to putt 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 Garizon
At Osweego 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 neces-
-sary for provisions Battos Steersmen &.ca 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
severall 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 Ossweego duties which are not Sufficient to pay more
That a single Garison nor / as we are Informed / hardly That.
We Could not gett Steersmen for the Battos under £7:-- each and
Then they would not go unless Two were in A Batto and At Leest
four Battos would Have been wanted. But as the season of the
year is so far Advanced That it is Very uncertain whether they

[2-0493] II-262A

Could have gott to Ossweego By reason of the Ice, We Think it is better they Should Stay Than go up and Run the Hazerd of Looseing All the Provisions and Turning back. We have therefore only Hired M.^r Abr. Wendell as an Interpreter whom we think a fitt person To go up to Ossweego 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 M.^r Wendell is to Carry up in the Batto he goes in. Lieu.^t Helling 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 Lieu.^t Helling the Com-manding Officer, who Also Thinks It Impracticable for the men to up at this season of the year.

Your Excel.^{cy} may depend we Will do Our Uttmost Endeavour to preserve the Six nations Steady to his Majesty But We Cant do what we Think necessary In order thereto, not Haveing Allowance Sufficient from the Government, to Make the Indians presents Requisite to keep them firm to the British Interest

We Are &^{ca}

This Board Agreed with Two Mohawk Indians to go to Osswego with M.^r Abraham Wendell and To Reside there with him till the first of May next, for which they Are to Have Each Six Blanketts Shirts. 1 Chr. Blanket. 1 In. Blanket & 1 pair Stockings.

Resolved That M.^r Nicol.^s Bleeker Advance 1/2/ p. In. Blankets & An [Axe]
M.^r Johan.^s Lansingh 1/2 p. Indian Blankets
M.^r Cuyler. 6 galls. Rum 1: of Bread and 2 Empty Barrels
M.^r M.^t Schuyler 1 Ch. Blanket and 2 doz: knives.
M.^r Ten Eyck. 16 Ells Shruiberry. 1. Blank.^t 2 p Stock.^{gs} and [illeg.]
M.^r depeyster 1 Sk salt and 15 Empty Bags.
M.^r Livingston. 2 p. garlix bee p. pipes. Kettles &^{ca}

ordered That the Clerk write to M.^r Herkimar to Lett M.^r Wendell Have 20 [wt] Butter

[2-0494] **II-263**

The following Instructions were given to M.^r Abraham Wendell

You are forthwith to repair, with the Two Mohawk Indians we Will send you to Ossweego, And in your way thither you Are to hire four more Indians one At Oneyde, one At Onon-dage And one at Cayouge, And If you Judge it neccessary you may Also Gett one or Two Sinnekes with you, who are to Stay with you till the pmo. May Next. The Indians Are to Serve As Scouts At the Garizon of Ossweego, And you As Inter-preter Between the Officer and them.

We Also desire you to give your Council to the Commanding Officer If he requires the same On 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 Gar-rison without orders from the Commanding Officer and 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 Ossweego

A Letter was Likewise wrote To M.^r Lindsay.

[0495] **II-263A**

Att A Meet.^g of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs At Albany y.^e 4.th
November 1743 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Nicolaes Bleeker

Dirk Ten Broeck

Abraham Cuyler

Rutger Bleeker

The following order was drawn on the
Treasurer of this Colony

M.^r Abraham depeyster

Pay unto Coll.^o Phil Schuyler and Cap.^t Peter Winne the sum of Two Hundred pounds Being for the Allowance of Last year By the Assembly of this Colony to us as 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 4.th Novemb^r 1743/4 [sic]

The following Memorial was drawn up
Memorial of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs To Coll.^o
Phill Schuyler, Cap.^t Peter Winne, Cap.^t Robert Livingston
Cap.^t Abraham Glen, and M.^r Jan B. Van Renselaer Re-
presentatives in Gen.^l Assembly for the City and County of
Albany

As a French War is daily expected we would desire
you to use your Uttmost Endeavour 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 At Least Twenty

[2-0496] **II-264**

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 uttmost Endeav.^{rs} to gett
our Indians from us by makeing them Large presents.

We desire you to Speak to his Excellency to give orders to
the Collonels of Ulster and dutches County That in Case of
Neccessity They Shall Send up Each One Hundred Men
At the request of Our Collonel or Commander of the Militia.

We Also desire you to Raise Money for the payment of
Abraham Wendell and Eight Indians with the Charges of
provisions &.^{ca} who Are to Stay At ossweego till may next,
we Compute It Will Amount to One Hundred and fifty
Pounds.

[2-0497] **II-264A**

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs y.^e 8.th Novemb.^r 1743 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Philip Livingston
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
Edward Collins
John Lansingh
Corn.^s Cuyler
Nicolaes Bleeker
John depeyster
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Rutger Bleeker
Abraham Cuyler

Severall River Indians Appeared At
this board And Complimented the
Commiss.^{rs} with a present of Venison

This board in Return gave them 25 [wt] powder 56 [wt]
Lead. one hundred flints. 1 Sk Salt and some bread.

The Indians desired of this board That They might not
be disturbed in the possession of the Land at Canameek. [Kaunaumeek? community
near present day Lebanon NY. Frazier, The Mohicans of Stockbridge, p.45.]
that if they were not Left in peace there, They would be
oblidged to Leave this Colony and go Among the New England
people. That they desire now 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. Renselaer
And All That this board Can do is to Speak to Said Coll.^o
Renselar About It, and That they would do It as soon As
An Oppportunity offered.
Ordered That the Clerk write A Letter to Marte V. Deusen
About A Hatt Kahout the Indian says the s.^d Van deusen
took from him by Violence, That if it be so, he Return It.

[2-0498] II-265

Att A Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs the 6 decemb.^r 1743 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cornelis Cuyler

Mynd.^t Schuyler

John Lansingh

Coll.^o Phil Schuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Nicolaes Bleeker

The Following Letter was wrote to his Excellency

May It please your Excellency

Yesterday we reced. a Letter from

Cap.^t Lindesay Commander at Osweego and from M.^r 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 Garizon in Case of need. We send here Inclosed

Copies of said Letters whereby your Excellency will perceive

That severall Articles will be wanted in the spring. We think

It Very necessary That the Cannon Should be sent up there next

Spring. Lieu.^t Goven.^r Clarke sent up some to this place

for That purpose which Are now in the Garizon here for want

of money to send them up. We Remain

This Board sent Two Indians to Crown point.

[2-0499] **II-265A**

Att A Meeting of the Commiss.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs 28.th decem.^r 1743 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Phil Livingston
John Lansingh
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
Cornelis Cuyler
Rutger Bleeker
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Nicolaes Bleeker

The following Letters were wrote

M.^r Abraham Wendell

Your Letter of the 16.th Nov.^r last we
have reced. and are glad to hear you have gott safe to oswego
we Have nothing particular to write to you only to recom-
-mend to you to use your Endeavour to fullfill your Instructions
and keep the Indians Quiet. By All the news from Europe
Affairs Are yet in A Very Unsettled State How it will Turn Out
At Last we we know not. If any thing Extraordinary Happens
we will Inform you thereof. We do not however Apprehend a
french war will break out this winter we wish you A happy
New year and remain

M.^r Lindesay

We rec.^d yours of the 16.th novemb.^r 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 Excel.^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

[2-0500] **II-266**

Barrel in the Room thereof Early next Spring.

In the latter End of September Affairs were yet in
a very unsettled posture in Europe, what will we [sic] done in
the Spring we know not, if in the meantime anything
Extraordinary should happen we will Inform you thereof.
we would however Recommend to you to be Always on
Your gaurd. we wish you a happy new year and remain

Att A Meeting of the Commiss.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs 30.th december
1743. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Stephanus Groesbeek

Rutg^r Bleeker

Dirk Ten Brouk

John depeyster

Nicolaes Bleeker

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Philip Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Edward Collins

Peter Winne

Reyer Gerritse

Johan.^s Lansingh

The Commissioners have Thought proper to
recommend Jacob Glen of Albany As a fitt
person to be Commissary At osweego for the
Ensueing year and wrote the following letter
to Acquaint his Excellency therewith

May It Please your Excellency

Sir

We are honored with yours of the
21.st 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 Excellencys directions, and will Accordingly
send up to M^r 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 generall

[2-0501] **II-266A**

Assembly passed in the Sixteenth year of his majesties
Reign Entituled An Act to support the Trading house at
Oswego &.^{ca} 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 opportu-
-nity to Recommend and nominate to your Excellency M.^r
Jacob Glen of Albany As A fitt person to Execute That
office and doubt not but your Excell.^{cy} will approve of our
nomination.

1744

[2-0501] II-266A

Att A Meet.^g of the Com.^{rs} for Indian
Affairs the 2.^d January 1743/4 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Rutger Bleeker

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Cornelis Cuyler

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Nicolaes bleeker

Lieu.^t Helling

Dirk Ten Broeck

The Two Indians sent to Crown point the sixth
of december being returned Say That the Garizon
at that place Consists of forty men who Are All
new Cloathed And That a patrol is Constantly kept
between s.^d fort and the Wood Creek And That
they Could not hear Any Extraordinary news At
Crown point.

Ordered That M.^r Ten Eyck pay the Indians for their
Trouble Each A Strowd 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
Excell.^{cy} the 30.th Instant

we sent Two Indians some time ago to Crown Point A Strong
french fort About fifty Leagues to the North Eastw.^d of this place
to see in what state That garizon is, they Returned this day and
Inform us That the garizon Consists of About forty men well
Cloathed and That the french keep a patrol Constantly going
backwards and forwards from s.^d fort to the fall upon Wood Creek
We Remain

[2-0502] **II-267**

Att A Meet.^g of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs At Albany 14 January
1743/4. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Johannis Lansingh
Edward Collins
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
Nicolaes Bleeker
Rutg.^r Bleeker
Peter Winne
dirck Ten Broeck

The following Accounts were this day
Allowed, and a warrant on Philip
Livingston Jun.^r to pay the Same
was Signed.

To Cornelis Cuyler his Account	£ 16:	18:	4 1/--
To Myndert Schuyler	1:	10:	---
To Rutg. ^r Bleeker	1:	15:	---
To John Lansingh Jun. ^r	---	5:	6
To Hendrick Coster	2:	---	---
To Nicolaes Bleeker	9:	11:	9
To Abraham Cuyler	11:	6:	8
To Andries Nack when he Swears his Account upon Interrogation	20:	10:	6
To Hendrick Ten Eyck	7:	01:	6
To David Ab Schuyler	3:	16:	---
To Philip Livingston	10:	18:	1
To Ed. Collins	8:	19:	3
To Jacobus [Redlitz]	---	3:	---
To Dirk Ten Broeck	11:	07:	9
To Joh. ^s Bleeker	---	3:	---
To Anne Kitchener	30:	---	2

£136: 06: 6 1--

This board propose That a resolve be made thatt All the
Commissioners in the County Shall pay their Equal Share to
the Expences of the Comissioners / Except the Com.^{rs} At Schinooktady /

[2-0503] **II-267A**

Alb:^y Jan:^y 16 1743/4

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutgert Bleeker

Cornelis Cuyler

John Lansing

Dirick Ten Broeck

Philip Livingston

A Letter Was rec:^d from ye Sinnickes Country and the
Following Answer was wrote them

UE:^d brief van den 4^{de} Jan:^y is ons ter handt Gecoomen
Wy syn Verblyt om te hooren dat UE:^d In Gesontheyt
Syn wy Hebben UE:^d in december Laest geschreven in hoe
het hier geligen was het welk wy UE: nu weeder VE:^d bekent
Maken dat het nogh geen orlogh is, En Wy Verwaghte dat
Het Van de winter niet sall uyt breekan Het is heel goet
Dat de willden VE belooft hebben het Kasteel te Verleggen
UE:^d Moet UE:^d devoir doen om haer Meer en meer Reicte
Moedigen dat Sy het dogh in het voorjaer doen sullen
Wy hebben de wilt betalt voor Syn Toght tot Syn
Genoegen UE:^d Moet Continueren om ue:^d devoir
Te Doen onder de wilden Voor Het best Van het
Goverment. UE^d moet de Sackemakers Seggen dat
Ingevall dat het orglogh Mught Worden tusse
Ons Ende de franse dat Wy Verwaghte dat Sy het
Huys of osweego Sullen Helpen defendeeren tegen
de franse Ende dat wy Verwondert Syn day Sy haer
Twee Man niet gesonden Hebbe na ossweego 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

[2-0504] **II-268**

Albany the 28 Jan:^{ry} 1743/4 [Not in Wraxall.]

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:^{cy} 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~~ your Excl^{ys} persusal we hope that what may be necessary

Shall be Sent to oswego Eerly next Spring that that Impor-

=tant place may be Securd & defended against att [all] attempt[s]

In Case of a french war and our Indians guarded aga

=inst the false infirmations 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
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 Excl:^y mentioned in the your
Form.^r letter that cannon Should be Sent to osweego but
Here are no Powder nor ball Sent for y^m with our
best Regard we Remain

[2-0505] II-268A

Com:^s meet^s 24th feb:^y 1743/4 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Peter Winne
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Hendrick Ten Eyck
John depeyster
Nicolaes Bleeker
John Lansing
Myndert Schuyler
Philip Livingston

Appeared at this [blank in original] Joh:^s Bratt of Schonectandy Who
Complained that Some Schawena Indians Had a
Cow of Him at Canajoherie which they refused
To Deliver Back the foll:^s Letter was wrote
To M:^r Henry Barclay

Sir

The bearor Joh:^s I Bratt of Schenectandy
Complains to us that he Lost A Cow ab:^t three years
Since and that he heard Lately that some Shaw
=ena 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 Scho-
=harie to See those Cattle one of which he Says is his
Cow with 2 Calves the one two years the other 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 Like-
Wise tells us Those Cattle Are since Carried up to Cana-
=joharie Castle he Says that Lawrence the Indian [And?]

His wife of Schoharie know how the Affair of his
Cows Stands, we Desire y:^e fav:^s of you ~~That~~ To use y:^r Endeavor
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:^d y:^{rs} Exc:^y Favours
Of the 12:th Instant wherein y:^r Exc:^y Directs us to

[2-0506] **II-269**

Write to the Sinickes to Remove the french out of the[ir]
County [country], which we Never neglect to desire them and what they Have
Frequently promised in their Publick Treaties with our Gov:^r
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 Your Excell:^y is here at the ~~Conference~~ Conference with
The 6 Nations, our best Endavours to Secure the Indians In
Our Interest Shall Upon No Occasion be want:^g M:^r
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 Impossebility of the passage ~~they say~~ in winter Season
By reason of ye Snow & in Summer for want of Battoes
To go up with We Remain

[2-0507] **II-269A**

Att A Meet:^g of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs At Alb:^y 19. Mar. 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

P.Sent
Cornelus Cuyler
M:^t Schuyler
N Bleeker
Dirck T Broeck
Hendrick T Eyck
John Lansing

This b^d received 2 Lett.^{rs} from osweego one from
Ab Wendell and one from Leu:^t John Lindesay.

This board allowed Each of the Indians a full Suit and
Desired M:^r Hendrick T Eyck to advance it with some
Provisions 14 [wt] bread a peck of pease and a Shoulder of
Bacon & A keg Rum

May it please your Excell:^y

We this day rec:^d two Letters from ossweego one from
Lieu:^t Lindesay and Another from M:^r Wendell the Interpreter there
Lieu:^t Lindesays we Send here Inclosed for your Excellencys perusal your
Excell:^y will preceive 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 Threatn^d to go to Cadarachqui a french garrison for People
To take oswego which M:^r Wendell also Complains firms and further Says That he
called All the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs a pack of Rouges your
Exc:^y will pceive that M:^r Lindesay is of opinion
It Whould be best he Should be removed from thence, which
Also is our sentiment. severall Complaints ag:^t him have been made to us here
to fore by the Indians whom he often Abuses, of which we have Informed
Lieu:^t Gov:^r Clarke. M:^r Collins one of our body p the fabour of whom [we] send
This will further Inform your Excell:^y of this fellows Charat:^r [illeg.] [from?]
Behavior

Your Excell:^y will pceive what M:^r Lindesay Says Concer:^g a
Curtain 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 we refer It to your Excell:^y

We Remain

[2-0508] II-270

M:^r Lindesay

We rec:^d yours of the 4:th marc. this day, whereby

You Inform us of Swans Ill behavior we Do now

Aquaint his Excellancy with that as well as the rest of your Letter and as soon
As we Receive his ans:^r we will acq:^t you therewith, we are very Sensible how
Necessary It is that Curtains Should be made for the Cannon, And 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

M:^r Wendell

UE:^d Van den 3 mart is ons ter handt gekoomen

Aengaende wat UE:^d Schryft Van Swan wy hebben het de Gov:^r bekend

Gemackt Ende wanner hy Syn Antwort becoomen Hebben s^o sullen

UE:^d daer van Informaereen wy Troy felen niet of ue deot UE devoir:

Met de Wilden als wat aengaet twee barrels rom Ende andere goederen

Op te Senden, VE syt well bewust dat wy hef Geernse Soude doen, day wy

De meddelen Hadd maer het Meest dat wy doen kunnen is ofte

Schryven na New York so als VE:^d na ons doet, En daer blyft het gemenly:^{ck}

Stehen, Wy Hebben hier geen nuys, van wegens ue blybe wy Hebben

Geen order om VE Langer te Huren, so kunt VE [als] Comen al UE lyt

[illeg.] scheene is

[2-0509] **II-270A**

Att a Com:^r Meet:^g the 4 May 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Rut:^r Bleeker

Hend:^k Ten Eyck

Cornelis Cuyler

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Nicol:^s Bleeker

John Lansing

Dirck Ten Broeck

M:^r Ab. Wendell being returned from [osweego]

His time being apeared

The follow:^g Acc:^{ts} are upon Credit of the govern:^t

Disbursed by the Severall Persons hereunder

Named as P:^r their Acc^{ts} Appears by directions

From his Excell:^t G:^o Clinton Esq:^r for the

Charges of M:^r Ab Wendell and s^d Indians

Who were sent up to Reside at osweego by ord of his s:^d Excellency from
the first day of Nov:^r 1743 to pm:^o may 1744

X To Nicolaes Schuyler as p: ^r acc: ^t	£	[1]	18:	---
X To Cornelis Cuyler As p D ^o		11:	15:	---
X To Mynd: ^t Schuyler as p D: ^o		1:	16:	---
X To Peter Winne		3:	2:	---
X To John Lansing		4:	10:	---
X To Philip Livingston		9:	17:	6
X To Johan J Herkemer	19/8	---	19:	8
X To John de peyster		1:	19:	6
X To Johan J Petri		7:	01:	6
X To Nicolas Bleeker		4:	13:	---
X To Hend: ^k Ten Eyck		14:	18:	3
To Abraham Wendell		44:	4:	---
To Rut: ^r Bleeker for 1 p: ^c Stroud to pay y: ^e Indains		9:	10:	---
	£	115:	05:	---

[2-0510] II-271

May it please y:^r Excellency

We [rec^d] your Excall:^ys fav:^{rs} 24 April desiring us to Send up the Interpreter to bring down the Indians to meet your Excellency here the 14 of June next we have accordingly ordered him to go up on Munday next

Abraham wendell the Interpreter who resided at osweego Last winter is returned from thence Inclosed we Send your Excellc:^y On the acc:^{ts} of the Charges that have Accrued on his & the Indains being At osweego am:^o in the whole to [£ 119:05:9] which we hope the assem-bly will pay this meet:^g.

M:^r Lindesay has Sent us a Let:^r an acc:^t which we Send here Inclose^d

~~The Interpreter was sent up with the foll:^g~~

~~Instructions~~

~~M:^r Jac Bleeker to Invite them to Come Down you Are to met Tuesday to All the 6 nations and Inform Them That the Gov:^r is to meet them twice on the 14:th of June Next and you are to Come with them and Take Care you Have them hare upon that day Resolv:^d That M:^r Bleeker buy provisions at the fall for the Ind:^s to bring them down to Schonectandy. Resol:^d that he hire a man to go up with [him at] the Charge of this board~~

The Interpreter was Sent up to the Six Nations With the following orders

M:^r Bleeker. You Are to go up next Monday to Invite All the Six Nations to Come down to Meet the Govern:^r here on the 14.th 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 falls to bring the Indians down to Schinechtady.
And Also That he hire A Man to go up With him At the Charge of this board

[2-0511] II-271A

Com:^{rs} meet^g the 20 May 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Corn: Cuyler

John Lansing

H T Eyck

D T Broeck

M:^t Schuyler

Ni Bleeker

Rey:^r Gerritse

J D Peyster

Rutg Bleeker

Whereas the Com:^{rs} Are Informed that 12 or 13 of
The Mohacks Indians Are going or gone a
Feight^g to y:^e Southw^d this B.^d thought proper to
Send up Joh:^s Lansing one of this € board with a belt
Of wampum to Stop them or Send for them Back with
y:^e foll:^g Instructions

M:^r Lansing whereas we are Infor:^d that 12 or 13 of
The Mohacks Indians are gone or going a fight:^g we
Desire you to go to the Mohacks Castle and Repesant to ye
Sackims that we have had such Information and we Desire
Them in the name of the gov:^r 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 Surprises us that they the Mohacks who Live
Amoung us and have been Instructed in the Christian Religion
Should Suffer y:^r young Men to go a fighting and Especially
As the gov:^r 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 Wampom

[2-0512] II-272

Com:^{rs} Meet 25 may 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Rut^g Bleeker

E.^d Collins

John Lansing

Phil Schuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Philip Livingston

Ni Bleeker

Corn Cuyler

Lieu:^t Helling

Dirck Ten Broeck

Peter Winne

John De peyster

This Board hav.^g Rec.^d a letter from his Ex:^y
George Clinton Esq:^r dated y.^e 18 Instant
That he Shall very soon order a sarg:^t a Corporall &
Twenty men to Oswego to Reinforce that
Garrison, that y.^e Com:^s provide Provisions batoos
& oy:^r Necessaries for ym that y.^e assembly
have Resolved to Defray [the] Expence thereof in order
To Effect y.^e Same y.^e Com:^s have this day a-
-greed with M:^r Henry Beckman Jun.^r to under
take y.^e Same for Six months from y.^e time s:^d
Detachm:^t Shall be sent from albany and to be p:^d
In Such proportion and on y.^e Same terms as y.^e
oy:^r Datachm:^t now there are provided & paid, the
Com:^{rs} on motion of s^d Beekman promise in Case
y.^e Provisions Should be Intercepted or taken by y.^e
Enemy in ye voyage to oswego that they Shall Recommend
To y.^e Gov:^r assembly that it Shall be paid and if at y.^e
Expiration of six months y.^e money Shall be p:^d

Copy

Assembly Chamber 17 may 1744

[See Wraxall p. 232.]

Resolved nimine Contra that if his Ex:^{ly} with y.^e advice of
y.^e Councill Shall Send to y.^e trading house & fortification
At oswego for its defence another detachm.^t of his maj:^s
Troops this [hause] will provide for ye Charge of trans-
-porting & victualling [there in] y.^e Same proportion
As y.^e Troops already there Supported

[2-0513] **II-272A**

Com:^{rs} meet:^g the 27 may 1744

The follw:^g Letter was Sent to

M:^r Joh:^s Knickerbacker [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingst:ⁿ

Rutg:^r Bleeker

Peter Winne

Dirck T Broeck

H T Eyck

Ni Bleeker

J D Peyster

P Schuyler

Corn:^s Cuyler

Edward Collins

Mindert Schuyler

John Lansing

The follo:^g Letter was Sent to

M:^r Joh:^s Knickerbacker

M:^r Knickerbacker

Wy Versoeke UE Twee Van de beste Wilden

Die VE keygen Can Cito na de Cruyn punt te Steur.^{en}

Over de wegh Van het Lack van Sacrema om

Te Verspiede en Laet haer over de wegh Van

de Hout kill weder om Coomen S^o zey jets

Moeten Van neus so laet haer Cito weeder keern

Daer sey het news Hooren om ons te Informeeren

wy ye waghtie die wilden hier weeder Sullen waesen

in 10. Dagon, wy sullen ve

En de wilden Voor ve moyte te betaelen

Wy [?] soeken ve de Schaahkooks wilden bekend te

Maka dat de gou:^r hier Sall weesen de 15 van de

Naeste maen om met Haer te Speekan

The follow:^g Letter was wrote to osweego To M:^r Lindesay

we think [Incumbent upon us] to Inform you by this Express that Copy

of the Declaration of warr of france ag:^t England [And?]

England Ag^t the french are arrived by the way of boston

But his majesties Express which we Suppose he has sent

is not yet arrived we Inclose you A Gazette Containing Copy

of these declaration, as it is no Longer disputable

but y^t it is Actually war with the france we think it proper

To acquaint you that you may be upon y:^r Gard asoon as war

is here proclaimed we will again Inform you thereof twenty

men a Sargt & Corperall will be sent up to [reinforce y.^r garrison]
In a few days and 6 months provision with them so that with your
Cannon & this new reinforcement you may stand a good argument
if you do not Suffer y.^r Self to be Surprised

[2-0514] **II-273** 273

M:^r Barclay

We desire.^d M:^r Joh:^s Lansing who went up to y^e Castle
A few days since to gett 2 Indians there to Come down
here to go to Canada in our Service he Inf:^s us at his return that
y.^e Sachims had promised to send down 2 Indians as soon as
The messengers who are sent to bring the Indians back
from fight:^g returned but as it is uncertain when that
will be we desire you to send down 2 good Trusty Indians
Imediately upon the rec hereof. we send you herein Close^d
A Letter for M:^r Lindesay which we desire you to
forw:^d by An Express for which We Desire you to gett
A mohacks Indian who Can be trusted and to agree
with him for his Journey which we will see paid we must
Desire you to use all the dispatch you Can herein
The Copy of the 2 declarations of war the English &
french ag.^t 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.

[2-0515] **II-273A**

Alby 28:th May 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

PL: PS: JDP:

H T:E C:D: MS

JL: R: B RG

The foll:^g Letter was wrote to Henry

J. Beckman

Sir

we send this Express to Inform you that the Coma
=nd is Come Up from York and that 15 barr:^{ls} of pork is
Also Come which the gov:^r has sent up for the Indians
But as gov:^r presses us, that y^e Comand Shall be
Imediately Sent up to oswaago we have thought
fitt to Take that pork for you & John Beckman
Will Return time Enough to bring pork for y.^e
Gov:^r so that we Desire you to use your utmost End:^r
To Gett ready That y.^e party may go for osweego next
Monday please to write A Line in ans^r When you

Think you Can gett ready
p order of the Com:^{rs} of In

[Sidebar]

This board received Two Letters from his Excellency dated 22 & 24 May. & Wrote the foll.^g Letter To his Excellency. We have received your

[main text] Exc:^{ys} favours of y^e 18th Inst

wherein y:^r Excell:^{cy} desires us to provide Provisions

At osweego

& To carry up A Reinforcement to the Garrison,

we have accordingly Contracted with

M:^r Henry Ja Beckman To provide Every thing necassa

=ry for the Carrying up s:^d party & provisions for 6

Months

Since which we rec:^d your Excellen:^{cs} further

Favours of ye 22^d & 24 Ins:^t with Serg:^t Philips wherein

Your Excell:^y recommend to us not to Loose a mom

=ments time but to give the party all the dispatch

Possible M:^r Beckman with whom we Contracted

[2-0516] II-274

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 ~~for~~ bold

His maj:^s Service to take y^e 15 Barrels pork which

you Sent up p m:^r Eghbertse, for the use of the party &

M:^t Beckman has Engaged to have as many ready

For y:^r Excell:^t at your arrivall here, we hope y:^r

Excell:^{cy} will not take amiss the freedom we have ta

=ken herein which we Judged neceasary at this time

The party will sett out for osweego next

Monday the Cannon & powder have been gone to

Oswego Some time ago. we are here in a great Consterna

=tion at the news of warr with the french, as being the

frontiers of this Collony and not a penney at our Comm

=and to Carry on the necassary affairs of the Country

An outscout of 25 or 30 men would be Absolutely Necass

-ary for which the Assembly have not raised Any Thing

has not raised any thing at which we are

Surprised.

[2-0517] II-274A

Att a meet:^g of the Com:^{rs} of Indian
affairs y:^e 30:th may 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

PSent
Mynd^t Schuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
John de peyster
Hendrick T Eyck
Nicol:^s Bleeker
Joh:^s Lansing

M:^r Barclay

We rec:^d yours of yesterdays date p m^r Butler

Wherein You Informed us that the Sachims make
Objections to Send an Express to osweego which we think
Entirely frivolous. This is Useage which we did not Expect
from them. Had war been proclaimed we would Have Acquaint^d
them in form but for us to Tell them that we daily expect
It is needless. haveing 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 Castle being Acquainted
with the Errand, which is A Very weak Excuse and Contri-
ved only for an Evasion. We again send you the Letters
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 A batto and gett provisions of Johan
J. Petri which we will see paid, As we write him in the In-
closed Letter, and we will Also pay them as John Bowen
asks Three pounds Each. Pray do your Endeavour to hurry
Bowen Along As fast As you Can.

[2-0518] II-275

Att A Meeting of the Commiss.^{rs} of
Indian Affairs the 13:th June 1744 [Summary in Wraxall p. 232.]

Psent
Philip Livingston
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Edward Collins
John Lansingh
Reyer Gerritse

The following Letter was wrote to his Excell.^{cy}

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 as your Excel.^{cy} 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 Conse-
-quence 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

[2-0519] II- 275A

And To Remain there untill Releived, That the Indi-
-ans may have Reason to rely on his Majesties Assistance
to defend them, And if this be not done, It will be of
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

Att A Meeting of the Com.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs the 14:th June 1744 [Summary in Wraxall p. 233.]

A French Indian Named Aguarasa appeared At this
board and Says

That He is sent by the Sachims of Caghnawa-
-ge to tell the Commissioners, That they had sent to this place
in the Spring to know what news of peace or war and
the messengers were told That here was no news And now
a declaration of war was sent from Quebeck to Montreal
25 days Since, At Which he Says the Caghnawage Sachims
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 sachims of Caghnawage were
Inclined to keep the Covenant and not to meddle 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 Sachims Are Willing to Come Either
here or At Onondage to renew the Covenant

[2-0520] **II-276**

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
Sachims of his nation, Where to 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.

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 the Subjects of the King of Great Brittain
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 Answers That the french Indians were determined not to Intermeddle in the war At All, And That they Would not Assist the french If they Should be Attacked by the English

[2-0521] **II-276A**

Att A Conference Between his Excel:^{cy}
George Clinton Esq.^r Gov:^r and Com-
-mander in Chief of the province of New
york &.^{ca} And the Sachims of the Six
Nations of Indians the Mohawks
Oneydes, Onondages, Cayouges, Sin-
-nekes And Tuskaroroos Att the
City of Albany the 18.th June 1744

Present
His Excellency George
Clinton Esq.^r Gov:^r of N:york

Philip Livingston }
James deLancey } Esq:^{rs} of the
Daniel Horsmanden } Councill of this
Joseph Murray } Province

Coll.^o Stoddard }
Coll.^o Wendell } Com.^{rs} for the pro-
Coll.^o Berry } -vince of the Ma-
M.^r Choate } -sachusetts bay
M.^r Hutchinson }

The Hon:^{ble} Roger Wollcott Esq.^r }
Lieu.^t Govern.^r of Connecticutt } Com.^{rs} for the Colony
Coll.^o Stanley } of Connecticutt

The Commissioners of Indian Affairs
for this province

Here follows the Governours Speech
Brethren

[The text of this speech is printed in DRCHNY 6:262 et seq. in wording that is very close to this version, although there are differences in the list of those present. The conference is summarized in Wraxall beginning on p. 233. This page corresponds to DRCHNY 6:262-263.

This version of the conference includes transactions with Massachusetts, the Schaghticokes, a "French Indian," the Onondagas, and a French priest that are not printed in DRCHNY.]

[2-0522] **II-277 to II-279** [continues Governor Clinton's speech, corresponding to DRCHNY 263, with minor variations in wording and one additional string and two additional belts of wampum.]

[2-0526] **II-279**

Answer of the Sachims of the Six
Nations of Indians to his Excellen.^{cy}
George Clinton Esq.^r At Albany the
20:th day of June 1744

Present
His Excellency George
Clinton Esq.^r &^{ca}

Philip Livingston
James de Lancey
Daniel Horsmanden } Esq.^{rs} of the Councill
Joseph Murray

The Commiss.^{rs} for the province of
the Massachusetts Bay
The Commiss.^{rs} for the Colony of
Connecticut
The Commiss.^{rs} of the Indian Affairs
for this Colony

Brother Corlaer and Queder

[Text of speech is printed in DRCHNY 6: 264 et seq. with minor variations in wording.]

[2-0527] **II-279A to II-280A** continues the Six Nations' response to Clinton. The Six Nations give two half belts in the printed version and one belt in this version. The printed version includes a reply from Governor Clinton that is not included here.]

[2-0530] **II-281** 281[Not printed in DRCHNY, which does, however, include Proposals of the Commissioners of Massachusetts to Governor Clinton and the Commissioners from Connecticut at 6:267.]

The following is Copy of what y:^e
Comiss.^{rs} of the Massachusetts bay
and Connecticutt said to the Six Nations
of Indians At Albany y.^e 18:th June
1744

Present
Ut Ante; Eodem die
Brethren

It was by Accident That Governour Shirley and the Great Council of the Massachusetts Bay, and Govern.^r Law and the Great Council 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 these Strings of Wampum to pave the Way to A free and Open Conference Together

We are Commanded in the first place to Remind you of the Long and uninterrupted Frindship That has Sub-sisted / not only between his maj.^s Subjects in Generall but / In particular between the Governments we repre-sent and you the Six Nations, which Frindship 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 direct-ed to brighten the Chain of Frindship And to revive That Antient amity and the Same to perpetuate

Gave A Belt

[2-0531] **II-281A**

His Excellency the Hon:^{ble} George Clinton Esq.^r Governour of New York has Already Acquainted you That War has been been [sic] declared between great Brittain and the French and y.^t there is A necessity of your being united with these govern-ments against the Common Enemy. The french Our Neighbours tho' few in Number compared with the English in the severall governments and their neighbouring Frinds, yet Are A rest-less 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 Joynt forces To
oblidge them to A more peaceable behaviour themselves.
In former times the weight of the War has fallen more heavily
upon One Part and Sometimes on Another and Our Unhap-
-piness 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 Steady in the behalf of the governments we repre-
-sent 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 Cheerfull Concurrence.

A Belt.

[2-0532] II-282

Answer of the Six Nations of
Indians to the Com.^{rs} of the Massachu-
-setts Bay and Connecticut Colonies
At Albany y.^e 20. June 1744

Present As Ante

Brethren of the Colonies of the Massachusetts bay and Connecticut
You told us that you Accidentally heard that A Confe-
-rence was to be here At this time. Between our Brother
the Governour of New york and us, and That as soon as you
heard It, you determind 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 to 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.

A String of Wampum

Brethren

We Are glad to Hear from you, That you and All the goverments
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 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 york
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 york
for we Are Convinced that in the Unity of the Colonies Consists

[2-0533] **II-282A**

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 apprehensive 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 york 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

[2-0534] **II-283**

Speech of His Excellency George
Clinton Esq.^r Governour and Command^r
in Chief of the province of New york
to the Schaachkook and River Indians
At Albany y:^e 20:th June 1744 [Summary in Wraxall p. 235.]

Children

I am glad of this Opportunity to Assure
you of the Tenderness and Affection of the great King of Great Brittain
my master and our Common father towards you and to acknowledge
Publicly the Just sence I have of your dutifull behaviour to him and the
Affection you have for your Brethren his maj:^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 Endevo:^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 & defensively against the Subjects of the s:^d
french king and I do Expect that you will all Stay at home
to waitie [sic] 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

[2-0535] **II-283A**

Speech of the Honourable The Commissi-
-oners of the Colonies of the Massachusetts
bay and Connecticutt to the Schaahkook 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 vissitt
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 accounts 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 attempting
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 ---
The french in These parts are but a handfull
Compared with the English -- The English Govern=
ments are now united and will Live and Dye together

[2-0536] **II-284**

And if the French behave as they us:^d 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 present
from thence but we have their orders to procure Something
here which Shall be Delivered You ---

Answer of the Schaahkook and
river Indians to his Excellency George
Clinton Esq.^r Gov.^r of New york and the
Commissioners of the Colonies of the
massachusetts Bay and Connecticut
y:^e 21. June 1744

Present
ut Supra.

Fathers of the three Provinces

We Are glad to see you here and bid
you Wellcome. 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 bever 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 A greater and Stronger people than we, we hope you
will Take Care That no harm Comes to Us.

[2-0537] **II-284A**

Fathers of Boston and Connecticut

Whatever you desired of us yesterday we Engage To per-
-form and we Are Very willing to Cultivate a Close frindship
with you. And we will Take Care to keep the Covenant chain
bright

gave A small belt of Wampum and Three martin
Skins

Att A Meeting of the Comissioners of
of Indian Affairs At Albany the 20.th
June 1744 [Summary in Wraxall p. 235-236.]

Present
Philip Schuyler
Cornelius Cuyler
Rutg.^r Bleeker
Jo. Lansingh
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Jacob Glen
Jo. depeyster
Nicolaes Bleecker
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Peter Ten Broeck
Edward Collins

The Commissioners answered Aguarasa the french Indian
to what he said At this board y:^e 14:th Instant. Viz.^r

You told us the other day, that you was sent here by
the sachims of the Caghnawages to Inform us, That they are
Inclined to keep the Covenant Subsisting between us, and in
consequence thereof not to meddle with the present War be-
-tween us and the french, and That they Are Willing to
meet here or At Onondage 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 breake It.
But in order thereto we Expect / as we have Always Told you /
That All the Indians liveing in Canada the Schawenides, Onagongos
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 this 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 sachims of Each Nation to this place

[2-0538] **II-285**

In forty days or sooner, if they can, where we will Receive
them kindly, and Confirm this neutrality with All

Albany 21. of June. O.S. 1744

A message which Aguasera an Indian of the Cagnawaga
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
makeing war among All Civilized nations / Send forth his
people, whether frenchmen or Indians, under his Government
or Influence, inhumanely to murder and destroy women and
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 wars. Then the said British
Governments will revenge the Same in like manner on the
Subjects of the french King in North America

[2-0539] **II-285A**

Att A Meeting of the Commiss.^{rs} of the
Indian Affairs y:^e 22.^d June 1744 [Summary in Wraxall p. 236.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Nicolaes Bleeker
Johannis Lansingh
Phil. Schuyler
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
Dirk Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
Rutg.^r Bleeker

Seven Sachims of the Onondages appeared at this
board & Say

Brethren

When you first wanted to build a house
At Ossweego, 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 recompance, wherefore we
have now Thought proper to Ask for satisfaction
Gave a Belt

The Commissioners Answered them
That this Affair ought to have Spoke of to his Excellency
And that they Could not give Any Answers thereto, but think
It best That they refer It. till they meet his Excellency
again

The Com.^{rs} ordered Ni Bleeker to give them
Each A Shirt

[2-0540] **II-286**

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs at Albany y:^e 22 June
1744. [Not in Wraxall.]

Examination of Michel Houden a French Priest This
day arrived from Canada by the Way of osweego.

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 was declared but was prevented by the gaurds.
Quest.	But what motive had you to leave your Country.
Answer	If you please I will Tell you in a Smaller Company not careing 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
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 frind in France that war was proclaimed against the English and Dutch, Whereupon the Govern. ^r Imediately sent a Reinforcement to Cadarachqui and Onejagara of 30 men Each and that there was great Talk of Takeing 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 Imploy 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 Onejagera. & That the french had been under great Apprehensions That Cadarachqui 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 Lest they Should be A means to fire the rest of the Town. That the Governour Generall came up last Winter from Quebec 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 Takeing Ossweego, which they think a Very Easy matter, and Only waite 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 Takeing 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 Mons.^r Beauharnois is a very old man and Almost Childish and seems to be A Very Timorous man, and the Gov.^r of montreal he beleives to be dead by this Time.

That the Greatest part of the Captains and Officers are Old and Infirm, some gouty, Some Sick &.^{ca} That one Mons.^r 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 Castles to Call their people together and That he Would then give them the Hatchet. That he beleives 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 Can't 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 S.^t Johns- to facilitate the Carrying provisions to Crown point, and That there is A sloop in the Lake Champlain.

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He Further Saith. That there Are 100 Men At Crown point

He Also Saith That the Cannon which were in the fort At Chambly 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.

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 beleives 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 S.^t Lawrence and Then to take Oniagora, After which Canada must Surrender of Course not haveing Any Communication with the sea or the far Indians.

That the Walls of montreal are in A bad Condition and Almost Tumbling down, that At montreal were 18 Guns At the North End of the Town but not Mounted. That the Wall was Terressed with another Wall Inside

That At Quebeck are 40 p.^s Cannon and Two mortars.

That the Country Was Settled About 25 Leagues below Quebeck.

That the french had great Hopes of perswadeing our River Indians to settle At S.^t Francois with the Abenackies, and That the Governour had ordered the priest resideing there At the arrivall of Some River Indians, who were Expect.^d to Come and Treat with the Abenackies, to Kill A beef for them and to give Them Tobacco &.^{ca} 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

[2-0543] **II-287A**

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs y:^e 29.th June 1745. [i.e. 1744?]

[Not in Wraxall. "1745" is probably incorrect. See p. II-293 for payments to these scouts.]

Present

Philip Livingston

John depeyster

Cornelius Cuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

Phil. Schuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

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 Schinechtady Road, and That they had not observed Any thing of the Enemy.

The following persons Were upon this Ass

David Schuyler	10 days
William Hogan	10 days
John Lewis	10 days
Gerard. ^s Lansingh	10 days
Jacobus van dolen	10 days
Michel Sharp	10 days
Johannis Fort	10 days
Jacob Quackenboss	11
Thomas Christiaense	11
Gerrit Quackenboss	5
Richard Crawley	5

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Att A meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs At Albany the 3.^d July
1744. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

John Lansingh

Reyer Gerritsen

John depeyster

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Nicolaes Bleeker

The following Letter was wrote To M.^r Lindsay

Sir

We received yours of the 26:th Instant, wherein you write us that the Governour has given you liberty to draw on Philip Livingston Esq.^r for £50:-- to be laid out in Such goods As you judge proper for presents to the Indians. M.^r 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 M.^r 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.^{cy} shall order us Herein shall be done, but he doubtless Expects M.^r Butler will Stay till another is sent up.

We Are informed that your men Are often drunk, you would do well to keep them Sober at this Time, while you can't Tell how soon the Enemy may come to Attack you, and It is a Shamefull thing If True, That men 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 Severall people were comeing down in Battoes, we have however paid him.

We doubt not but you will putt your self in the best posture of defence, and Keep A good Look out, that you be not Surpriz.^d 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.

[2-0545] **II-288A**

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs y:^e 6.th July 1744

The following Letter was wrote To the Governour [Not in Wraxall.]

May It please your Excellency

We have Received your Excellencies favours of the 29.th of last month relating the French priest. M.^r Lindesay writes us that M.^r Buttler does not Incline to Stay with him as Interpreter, and recommends three persons (to witt) John Visser Jun.^r, Jacobus Myndert-se and Arent Stevens, as the Only men that are fitt for that Service we beleive them to be fitt persons, As Are 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

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 ---

[Summary in Wraxall p. 236-237.]

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.

The Fort at Ossweego to be Better fortified the Wall being in A Very bad Conditon, 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
Same

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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 Hand Grana-does &^{ca} 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 [20?] 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 Schinechtady to the carrying place of the Lake St Sacrement there to meet the other outscouts.

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 Interpreter, this and the secureing Oswego, we Conceive to be the only methods, that can be taken or putt 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 At y.^e least. 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 Blockhouses for which Gunners Ought likewise to be provided, The Fort At Schinechtady and fort Hunter Are Likewise without powder or ball.

10. The City of Albany is At present destitute of A Field Officer the Collonel Lieu.^t 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 Schinechtady, to go to the relief of Any Neighbouring Village, that may be Attacked by the Enemy, At A Minutes Warning.

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

[2-0548] II-290

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs At Albany the 10th
July 1744 [Partial summary in Wraxall p. 237.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Peter Winne

Cornelius Cuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

Andries Bratt Esq.^r haveing resided at Osweego, As
Commissary being returned, brings the following Account

That An Onondage Indian told Lieu.^t Lindesay that some french men with some Caghnawage and Schawenidie Indians were Expected to pass Osweego in their way to Onondago to Speak w:th the Sachims there, and desired Lieu.^t Lindsay that he would give them Liberty to pass Osweego 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 Prisoner or kill them As It was his duty to do, war being Actually declared Between the Crowns.

M.^r Bratt Also says That some Ottawawe Indians went from Osswego To Canada, to Treat with the governour there, and desired him Bratt 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 had passed At Canada.

M.^r Bratt told this board That he was Come down some-what before the Usual Time, but As All the Traders were gone home he thought he needed not Stay Any longer.

The Commissioners told M.^r Bratt That they were of opinion That he had done the duty required of him by the Act of Assembly.

[2-0549] **II-290A**

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs y:^e 11. July 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Nicolaes Bleeker
John depeyster
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
John Lansingh

This board rece^d 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 Sinnekes Country last fall being returned from thence M.^r Bradt the Commissary At Ossweego Informs us that the Sinneke Sachims who mett him between this and Ossweego 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 reside 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.

We reced your Excellencies favours of the 5:th Instant wherein your Excel.^{cy} orders us to send up Two Indians of Every Nation to Osweego 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 whether 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 time, hoping the Assembly Will Provide for the payment thereof.

[2-0550] II-291

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs y:^e 12:th July 1744. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

John depeyster
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Dirk Ten Broeck
Nicolaes Bleeker
John Lansingh
Reyer Gerritse
Mynd. Schuyler
Rutg.^r Bleeker

The following Instructions were given to
M.^r Jacobus Bleeker the Interpreter

M.^r Bleeker

You Are to go to the Six Nations, begin-
-ning with the mohawks and So to All the Nations up to the Sinnekes
Country, And in Each Nation you Are to Convene the Sachims and
Tell them, you Are Sent by the Governour to desire them to Send
Two of their men to Ossweego to Assist the Garrison As Outscouts
and to remain there for Two months, That they Shall Have provi-
-sions And such pay As you can Agree with them for, and If you
Cannot perswade the Mohawks Or Oneydes to go, you Are To pro-
-ceed to Onondage and use your Endeavours there, And If you can-
-not Gett Any of them to Go then you Are to Come back, but If the Onon-
-dages consent to send men, then you Are to proceed to the Sinnekes
Country and Gett 12 Men of the Onondages, Tuskaroroes, Cayouges
and Sinnekes.

A Letter was wrote to Lieu.^t Lindesay to provide the Indians
till the Commissioners send up Provisions.

Resolved That Anthony Bleeker go with y:^e Interpreter to y:^e
Sinnekes Country for y:^e Sum of £8:-- and If he return back At Onon-
-dage 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.

[2-0551] **II-291A**

Att A Meeting of the Commissioners of
the Commissioners of [sic] Indian Affairs y:^e
13:th July 1744. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

John depeyster

John Lansingh

Rutger Bleeker

Peter Winne

Cornelius Cuyler

Hendrick T. Eyck

Several of the Schaachkook Indians who lately
went to Aschicantecook this day returned from
thence And Appeared At this board, give the follow.^g
Acc.^t of their Journey, in the presence of Waliliwit
An Aschicantecook Sachim, and Gray Lock A Mas-
sasqueek Sachim and severall Other Indians of that
Tribe.

Fathers

We Are glad that We had your Liberty to go to Asschicantecook
and Are Very glad to see you At this day in Health.

The Aschicantecook and Masseesqueek Indians were Very glad
that we came among them to keep open the road and to renew the
Covenant, and Say that they Will now frequently come down to this
place. Severall of the Eastern Indians were At Aschicantecook
waiteing our Arrivall and They heard what passed between Us
And Were glad that there was so Strict A frindship 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 Rivieres 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.

The

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The Governour of Canada Spoake 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 frindly 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

Beleive 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.

The following Indians are in the Abovementioned Covenant Included

Massessqueck
Asschicantecook
Wanlenaak
Nalanchewack
Mataghquetack
Panawaemskaik
Michkemak

Turn Over

[2-0553] **II-292A** [Not in Wraxall.]

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 Reyley and Nicolaes Van der Volgen have Offered their Service to go there with another man for one year, One As Smith, the other 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 Excel.^{cy} approves of this and will be pleased to Signify your Approbation the people Shall be Imediately sent up. We hope your Excel.^{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.

Several of the Schaahkook and River Indians who Went to Treat With the Aschicantecook and Missesqueek Indians are this day returned from Canada, And Inform us That they have renewed the Treaties Subsisting between them and those Indians, and that they have made A Treaty with severall 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 severall of the french Indians will come down to Albany to Assure the English of their Sincere Intentions with Respect to the Neutrality.

[2-0554] II-293

Att A Meeting of the Commiss.^{rs} of Indian
Affairs At Albany y:^e 24.th July 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Philip Livingston
Mynd.^t Schuyler
John Lansingh
Nicolaes Bleeker
John depeyster
Corn.^s Cuyler

The Province of New york Deb.^t 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 6/	£	8:	---	---
To William Hogan 10 days At 4/		2:	---	---
To John Lewis 10 days At 4/		2:	---	---
To Gerard. ^s 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 Quackenboss 11 days		2:	04	---
To Thom. ^s Christiaense 11 days		2:	04	---
To Gerrit Quackenboss 5 days		1:	---	---
To Richard Crawley 5 days		1:	---	---
To John Cuyler for A Birch Canoe for the use of the Outscout		4:	---	---
To Nicolaes Bleeker for 23 [wt] bacon At 9. ^d		0:	17:	3
To Hendrick Ten Eyck for 6 1/4 [wt] Kettle at 3/ --:		---	18:	9
To Dirk Ten Broeck for 56 [wt] bread	£ 0: 6.--			
3 galls. rum At 4/6	0:13:6			
1 Sk peese	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 reced your Excellencies favours of the
17:th Instant and Will According to your Excel.^{ys} 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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As soon As he Comes back, we Will Inform your Excellency
what Success he has Mett with.

We Inclose your Excellency An Acc.^t of the Charge &
Expence of the Outscout, which was sent to Observe the Motions
of the Enemy by order of your Excellency. Hopeing your Excel:^{cy}
will recommend the payment thereof to The Assembly, we have
Nothing further of moment to Communicate to your Excellency.

The following pass was given to Sconondo An Indian

The Commissioners of Indian Affairs in y:^e City of Albany
To All Whom It May Concern.

The Bearer hereof Sconondo A
Caghnawage Indian arrived here yesterday from Canada and
tells us, That he is going to Speak with the Honourable Collo.^l
Stoddard At Northampton and desired us to give him A [Lett-]
-pass, We do therefore by these presents Certify That We do
beleive his business to be as Above is sett forth, Given under
Our Hands in Albany y:^e 24.th July 1744

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Att A Meeting of the Com:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y:^e 30:th July 1744. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present &.ca

The following Letter Was wrote to his Excellency

May It please your Excellency

Since our Last to your Excellency of y:^e
24:th Instant, we have not reced any of Your Excel.^{cys} Commands
so That this serves Only to Inclose An Account of M.^r Henry Beek-
-man for Supplying provisions for 24 men your Excel:^{cy} ordered Up
to Ossweego, we Agreed With him to Supply them At the same rate
as the Act of Assembly Allows y:^e Victualler of That Garrison w:^{ch}
Amounts to £ 210: 9: 3. y:^e Other part of the Account is for One half
of the Charge Accrued on Transporting the Troops thereto being Only
To pay half That Charge As he Supplies those men but for A year

and he has disbursed severall Sums for Other Services As by his Account Will Appear. We Also Inclose An Acc.^t of M.^r Dirk Ten Broeck for Sundry disbursements for the Fort At Saraghtoge which Accounts We hope your Excellency Will recommend to y:^e Assembly for payment.

[2-0557] **II-294A**

Att A Meeting of the Com:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs At Albany 31. July 1744. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Edward Collins
Nicolaes Bleeker
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Jo: Lansingh
Dirk Ten Broeck
Rutger Bleeker
John depeyster
Cornelius Cuyler

M.^r Bleeker the Interpreter being Returned from the Sinnekes Country Informs Us That he has sent Three Mohawks & Two Onondages to Ossweego. That the Oneydes were not At home and the Cayouges promised to send Two men there Very soon. the Sinnekes promised the Same but beleives the Latter Are not much to be depended Upon.

He Says On his Arrivall At Onondage there were Eleven Caghnawage Indians, and A french man who had Spok 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 Bonte. That the Caghnawage Indians had given the sachims of the Six Nations 11 belts of Wampum in this Conference and That the french Man had given them near the Value of £ 200:-- presents.

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 Ossweego 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.

[2-0558] **II-295** 295

Com:^{rs} meeting y^e 1 of august 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Cornelis Cuyler

John de peyster

Dirick Ten Broeck

Nicolas Bleecker

Hendrick Ten Eyck

[Ru]tgart Bleecker

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

C^t 29

1: 2: Iron

50 [T] Steal

12 files

1 grind Stone 1 Broad ax 1 Hand Saw

2 Sides Leather

1 flagg which they are to gett of Andries Bratt & the
Commissioners will pay Peter winne for y.^e Same

The Commissioners resolved that they have for present
£ 20:-- ordered that m.^r Cornelis Cuyler furnish the Same

Instructions for myndert wemp Philip Reyley and
Nicolaes Van der Volgen

Whereas his Excellency George
Clinton Esq:^r 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 uttmost
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 uttmost to
bring

[2-0559] **II-295A**

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~~ and To ~~Sachims~~ have 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 meet.^g 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.^e gov.^r or we Shall send you from time to time and if any thing material happens you are to acquaint the Gov.^r or Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs therewith.

May it please your Excellency
The Interpreter is returned from Sinnekes Country and Informs us that he has sent 5 Indians to Osweego & that he has the promise of 4 more to be sent there M.^r 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 provissions for the payment of those Indians and the Charges to Accrue thereon, we Inclose to your Excellency a letter we this day rec.^d from M.^r
Lindesay

[2-0560] **II-296**

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 Informs us that when he Came to onondage there were 11 Caughnawage 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 Bont, and that no other matters had been treated off, that the french Interpreter had made a present to y^e 6 nations at onondage 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 osweego 2 months at three pound

per month & when that time is Expired, We Think it will be best that m:^r Lindesay makes a new agreem:^t with them or Send for others, As m:^r Lindesay has now Indians with him and m:^r Butler being on the way Comeing down it is of great necessity that an Interpreter be Immediately sent to him.

[2-0561] II-296A

Att a Meeting of the Com:^{rs} of Indians Affairs at
Albany y:^e 15:th of aug:^t 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Nicolas Bleeker
Cor:^s Cuyler
Hen:^k Ten Eyck
Dirk Ten Broeck
Ed: Collins
Jo: Lansing
Jo: De Peyster
myn:^d Schuyler

May it please your Excellency

We have received your Excellencies favo:^{rs} of y:^e first 7:th & 8:th Ins:^t 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 Lindesay were three Mohawks, which the Interpreter Sent up & that no more were yet Come, we will do our Endeavour to gett an Interpreter to send up to m:^r Lindesay As soon as possible which is Absolutely necessary, we hope the Assembly will Think proper to send Speedily a greater force to osweego 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 As soon as we receive which we will send It with the Other provissions to Oswego for the Subsistance of the Interpreter who is to go up, and the Indians. m:^r Buttler 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:^d the Indians that he designed to take osweego this fall and Desired the Indians to send 30 of their men with his people only as Spectators to See the fort at Ossweego Taken, which they promised To do

[2-0562] **II-297**

Gentlemen

The gov:^r has ordered us to send provisions
To Oswego for y^e Subsistence 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
wich 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 As soon 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 forgett 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 [illeg.] is to be bought
here, we would have been glad of an ans:^r to the Letter we
sent you and to know what your house designs to do
for the frontiers. We Are--

[2-0563] **II-297A**

Att a Meet:^g of the Commissioners of Indians Affairs in
Albany y^e 15:th of august 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

John De Peyster

Rutg:^r Bleeker

Mynd^t Schuyler

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Reyer Gerritse

John Schuyler

John Lansing

Cornelis Cuyler

Ed: Collins

Nicolas Bleeker

Dirck Ten Broeck

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 gove:^r & assembly
to give him a handsome Allowance as well for y^e time
past as the Time to Come

Albany y^e 18 august 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Abraham Cuyler

Cornelus Cuyler

Ed: Collins

Dirck Ten Broeck

nicolas Bleeker

John Lansing

Mynd^t Schuyler

John de Peyster

Hendrick Ten Eyck

The Com:^{rs} ordered [gerett] Lansing to buy the follow:^g
Articles for Cap:^t Buttlers Voyage to Ossweego & that they
will see him p^d

1 Barrel Pork

3: w:t Bread

6. Sk pease

28 [lb] Sugar

1 peck Salt

14 [lb] Tobacco

1 gross pipes bags for
bread & pease To hire

2 Tents

3 gall Wine

[2-0564 **II-298** 298

Att a Meeting of the Comissioners of

Indians Affairs in Albay [sic] y^e 24 aug^t 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Two Mohawks indians who we sent as Spies to Canada
Being Returned back acq:^t this board that when they
Came to Caughnawage They told the Sachims that they
were Come ab:^t the Meeting that they sent agwarasa
about, who Told the Com:^{rs} that the Cagnawage 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 neutrality & that
y.^e 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 Gov:^r and received an answer,
answered them that what they did design to do abo:^t
The Meet:^g was Already done that they had been
At onondage. They say Likewise that the
Govour:^r of montreal Sent them word that they Should

not Come Into the City but go home.
They say further that the day after this happen.^d
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
Already said, then they asked the Sachims wether
they had any thing further 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 beleive that to be
false because they heard Severall Say that they
had taken up the Hatchet and by all they Could
Preceive they beleive that was the Truth

[2-0565] **II-299**

Att a meet.^g of the Comm.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
y^e 25 august 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cornelis Cuyler

John de Peyster

John Lansing

Ed. Collins

Nicolas Bleeker

Rut.^g Bleeker

Mynd Schuyler

Hendrick ten Eyck

Dirck Ten Broeck

Reyer Gerretse

The Comm.^{rs} ordered m:^r 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 Com:^{rs} Said as follows

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 [sic] 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 wampen
as a messenger from your Sachims to acq:^t 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:^d 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^e message Aguarase brought us we are now Infor:^d That the Governour of Canada has offerred the hatchet to his Indians and that your nation as well as Severall other nations have taken it up against the English Subjects

[2-0566] II-299

which is absolutely a Breake of the Covenant between us & Contrary to what Schonondo [has said] at Boston we would now only ask you what your Sachims and the other nations Liveing 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^e Comm:^{rs} told them about the Covenant is well known to them all it is true that the Gov:^r of Canada has offerred them the Hatchet and that they have taken it up but not within [sic] an Intent To use it unless they are first Attacked. they say further that the Sachims of Caghnawage had a Meet.^g 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 Coven:^t with y^e English but might go and fight as they had Long Since Intended ag.^t the flatt heads

[2-0567] **II-299A**

Att a meet.^g of y^e Comissioners of
Indian affairs the 27th august 1744

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
John Lansing
Nicolas Bleeker
Hendrick Te Eyck
Abraham Cuyler
John de peyster
Reyer Gerritse

The following Letter was wrote to Coll:^o Stoddard

we rece:^d your favours of the 14:th 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 Intilligence who returned y^e
24 Instant and Informed us that the Caghnawage
Indians as well as onagonges Schaweindes &^{ca} have
at the desire of the gov:^r of Canada Taken up the Hatchet
against the Enemies of the french, and that the Sachims
of Caghnawages behaved very Cooly 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 Acquaint us that a great number
of Schawenide, and onongonges were at montreal
Signing [sic] and danceing as it is usual for Indians who go
to war to do, that the Govo:^r 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 [sic]
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 we Remain

[2-0568] II-300

Att A meet:^s of y^e Commissioner of Indian
Affairs y^e 27:th august 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Rutgart Blecker

Mynd:^t Schuyler

John De Peyster

John Lansing

Niecolas Blecker

Dirck ten Broeck

Cornelus Cuyler

Hendrick T Eyck

Edward Collins

Reyer Gerritse

May It please your Excellency

Since our last of the 13:th Instant we rec:^d your
Excellency [sic] fav.^{rs} of y^e 9 & 15:th Instant in the first of
which your Excellency orders us to provide Capt Buttler
with y^e necessary accommodations for his Voyage
to ossweego, which we have done and he is accordingly
gone up from hence y^e 21 Instant. your Excellency
Cautions us to keep Cap:^t Buttler's going to osweego as
Secret as possible but it Seems it was So publick
at new york that people Comeing from thence had
told it in this place before our Letter was opened.
We have sent young M:^r Buttler as your Excellency
desired with his father to Oswego as Interpreter upon
y^e Credit of y^e Goverment. In your Excellencies
favours of the 15:th Instant your Excellency Informs us
That the Two officers here had Complained that the
forts here and at Saraghtoge wanted repair and
your Excellency is pleased to order us that they be
Immediately 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 psons
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 y^e 21 Instant wherein your Excell:^y orders us that
an Interpreter & the whole Compliment of Indians

[2-0569] **II-300A**

Indians your Excellency has ordered be forthwith sent to Ossweego. we have done all we Could to gett Indians to Go up to which it Seems few are Inclined M:^r Blecker the Interpreter has been Sent up to the Sinnekes the uppermost of y.^e 6 nations & has used his uttmost Endeavour to prevail upon 2 of Each nation To go up To Ossweego, and by our Last acc:^t from thence 5 only were arrived and we beleive 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 ammuniion & provisions be Sent there Very Speedily without _____ which, we Look upon that place to be Inevitably Lost

We Lately Sent 2 Mohawks to Canada for Intilligence who returned from thence y^e 24.th Instant and Inform us that the Caghnawage onongonges and Sekawaindes have at the Instance of y^e Govour:^r of Canada taken up the Hatchet ag:^t the enemies of the french and that a Great number of Indians are at montreal Singing Danceing 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 fighting, 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 ossweego.

[2-0570] II-301

Att a meeting of the Commissioner [sic] of
Indian Affiars y^e 6 Sep:^r 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Ed: Collins
Cor: Cuyler
Circk Ten Broeck
Myndert Schuyler
John de peyster
John Lansing
Niecolas blecker
Reyer Gerritse
Hendrick ten Eyck
[A]br: Cuyler

The following Letter was wrote to John
Knickerbacker

M:^r Knickerbacker
De Comissinaers Versoecke UE weder so
Goedt te Zyn om Twee Wilden te huren
om te gaen Verspieden nae de Cruynt punt
Gelieft haer te Seggen dat sy moetenver gaen by
het Lack Van Sacrama Ende Weeder om Commen
by de wegh van de hout kill Ende so haer jets
Extraordinaer voor mogh komen op de wegh, dan
mode Sy weeder om Comen Voor notitie [nolitie?] te geven.

Wy denken dat het goet sonde Lyn, day zy
haer Canoe by Tienonderoge Late Blyven, Ende
Dan over Landt Loopen voor het fort op de Cruynt
punt beheym ti Spieden

Att a meet:^g of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y^e 6 September 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

The foll:^g Letter was wrote to the Gov:^r

May it Please your Excellency accor:^g to your Excellency
orders to us In your Letter of the 15th august last to provide
Cap:^t Butler with Every thing necessary and Suiteble for
An officer for his Journey To osweego we desired M:^r
Gerret Lansing to provide what we thought necassary
and proper for that Voyage, of which we Inclose your Excellly
the acc:^t amounting in the whole £ 39:19:41 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
Y:^r

[2-0571] **II-301A**

Att a meet^g of y^e Commissioners of Indian
Affairs the 9:th September 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Niecolas blecker

John Lansing

Dirck Ten Broeck

Abraham Cuyler

John de peyster

This board agreed with

Jan Fort

Jacob Quackenboss

Abraham Fort

Andries Van Vranken

To Go on 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/ p:^r diem

Att a meeting of the Commissioners y.^e 11:th
Sept 1744

This board rec^d Information by 2 Indians that an
Army of french were seen Last friday on the Cadaraghqui
Lake which Is presumed was to take Osweego where
=upon this board Sent Anthoney Blecker Joh Abeel and
John Hogan, to go with 3 Indians to gett Intelligence
of this Affair with orders that they go Immediately towards
Ossweego and if they gett no Intelligence on their Journey
to proceed quite to Ossweego and As soon as they hear
the true account of this Affair wherever they are that
they Immediately return to Acq:^t us thereof

They Are To have 4/ P. diem

[2-0572] **II-302**

Att a meet:^g of y^e Commissioners of Indian
Affairs y^e 12th September 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

M:^r Jan fort, we bennen geïnformeert dat UE:--

Gepresenteert heeft op de Brant waght te gaen so UE

Genegin Lyt om te gaen So Versoeck UE morgen in de

Stadt te Coomen, Ende brenge mett UE Jacob Quakenbose

Soon Van Joh:^s Quackenboss Ende nogh 2 Goede man

meer dat UE hier mett UE 4 moet Coomen de Rest

Vant Volk Sullen wy beschicke Ende ook 6 Maquasse

Wilden om mett UE te gaen voor Een maent so UE met

Genegen moght Syn om te gaen So Sendt dogh het Volk

Att a Commissioners Meeting y^e
17:th September 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Schuyler

Hendrick ten Eyck

Myndert Schuyler

Nicolas Blecker

Cornelus Cuyler

Ed: Collins

M:^r Jan Fort

you are to go the Caring place Leed:^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 S^t Sacrament and so
To the Schinectady 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 thereof 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 & a gall:
Rum

[2-0573] II-302A

the following Letter was wrote to Cap^t winne & Robert
Livingston Junr

Genlemen [sic]

we would hereby desire Cap:^t 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 Cap:^t winne may
possibly have Left n: york before this Letter
Comes to hand we direct it also to M.^r Livingston
whom we desire in that Case to do for us what we
desire of Cap:^t winne and we Inclose herein y^e
order on the Trassurer to pay the money.
an order was drawn on the Treasurer accordingly

May it Please your Excellency

We received your Excellencies favours p:^r Coll:^o Schuyler
wherein we have rec:^e the agreeable news that your
Excellency had ordered 5 men to Ossweego, we

have advice from Cap:^t Buttler that he was Safe
Arrived at Ossweego, and that by accounts he had
from Indians there he is Like 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 Ossweego which they said was going
to take that place, but by the Circumstances of the
Story we Beleive it to be Groundless, we hear a
Report that the french are building a wooden
fort

[2-0574] **II-303** [See Wraxall p. 238.]
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 Entruely [sic] at the mercy
of a Subtle & Enterprising Enemy which a fort in the place
we mention would in a great measure prevent

Att a meeting of y^e Commissioners the
27:th September 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Mynder Schuyler
Rutgart Blecker
John de peyster
Nicolas Blecker
John Lansing
Hendrick te Eyck

Two Indians haveing been upon the Scout
ordered that nicolas Blecker & Hendrick ten Eyck
Pay Each one of them

[2-0575] **II-303A**

Att a meeting of y^e Commissioners y^e
28 September 1744 [Brief mention in Wraxall p. 238.]

Present

Philip Schuyler

Niecolas Blecker

Edward Collins

Cornelus Cuyler

Hendrick ten Eyck

John Lansing

Reyer Gerritse

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Peter winne

John de peyster

About 30 Indians of the mohawks oneydes, Came
Down to Speak with this board and made the following
Speech by othosonont an oneyde Sachim

Brethren it is Some time ago that you have
Thought proper to make Some of our young
people Sachims and when you made them Sachims
they were Told that if any thing happend they were to
acqt you therewith we have now Thought proper to
Bring them with us old Sachims that they may
hear & See what passes between us to gain some
Experience Bretheren as we said before we have
Told that we Should always Inform you if any
thing of Consequence Came to our Ears and as 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 with in a Silver Covenant Chain of friendship
which is now Broken by you and has never been
So firm 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
gett a handfull of powder

Give a Belt of Wampen

[2-0576] **II-304**

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 afear^d but only

desire you to tell us now what your Intentions really
are Give A Belt of wampen
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 [afraid] 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 ~~afraid~~ 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 went 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 assist 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 & giveing them over
and that all they had yet Said were only reflections on
Gentlemen without Comeing to particulars & we desire
To tell ~~them~~ us the particular & from whom they had
heard It
They answ.^d they had heard it from the flattheads

[2-0577] **II-304A**

 The Commissioners answered
Brethren

 You have Always been Looked upon
by us as men of Sence and we are Sure many
of your people here are So which makes us the more
Astonished and Surprized 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 which we will
Now do to you and therfore we tell you that this
News is Contrived by Some wicked person who
has been Sett 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 divisions between us and you, who
you know are so Strictly united as you yourselves
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 deliver'd
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 To preserve the Covenant Inviolable In spite of the devil &
Expect the Same from you upon which we I Give you the
Belt of Wampem

[2-0578] II-305

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 fals hood 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 meddle 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 Message was sent you by the king
What the king desired of you he has wrote to our
Govour:^r & he has Acquaint:^d 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 this war and desired you not to go far from
home but to take Care of your faimlies untill you
receive his message which y^e 6 nations then promised
To do & we Expect & doubt not but they will be as
Good as there words

[2-0579] **II-305A**

September 29.th

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 Ossweego without acquaint:^g
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 we 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 Com:^s gave them a Cash powder & [illeg.] w^t 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
Brethren
you told us yesterday that we had promised
To Assist In the war but [we have] 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 we therefore bury the Same in oblivion
That it may not be Thought of for the future
Gave a Belt of wampum

[2-0580] **II-306**

We have heard your reply to our answer of yester
=day wherein you tell us that this news you hard from
y^e flatt heads had it been from a white man & we Could
have got him into our [Custody] we would have
punnished him Severely & we Expect for y^e future
You'll in no wise give Credit to any Such false
Story because you must be Sensible that the Covent^t
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 promis
-ed 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 [this] but be
punctual to your promise as you have always
been --- whereupon part of the gov:^{rs} Speech was
repeated relating the war

[2-0581] **II-306A**

Att a Comm:^{rs} meet:^g ye 8 october 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

P:Sent
Myndert Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
John de peyster
John Lansing
niecolas Blecker
Peter winne
Dirck ten Broeck
Rutgart Blecker
Capt Helling
Ed: Collins

This board rec:^d a Letter from his Excell:^y one from
Lieu:^t Butler & Lindesay and one from Robert
Livinston Jun:^r this board ordered that M:^r
Cornelis Cuyler pay an Indian who hath resided at
Osswego 6 Blanketts Strouds and they further
ordered a [wt.] powder & 3d lead & a Small keg of rum

May it please your Excellency

We have received your Excellency
favours of the 25:th of Last month wherein your Excellency
Informs us that Lieu:^t Butler had Complained
that he had provisions only to maintain his garri:ⁿ
for three weeks and that he has Ammunition there
only for three days we have not Sent the provisions
or ammunition for the use of that garrison so that
we Cant give a very particular acc:^t thereof but as
we have been Inf^d there is much more ammunition
that M:^r Buttler mentions had he given an acc:^t of
what particulars he had it would have been Easier
to Judge thereof The Contractors have lately sent
up 6 months provisions the former 6 months being
to Expire the first of november next to which time
the provisions m:^r Buttler had ought to have held
out but M:^r Lindesay has been obliged to furnish
The Indians who ~~with provisions~~ have from time to
Time resided with him with provisions which must
Occasion that it now falls Short but we have now

Sent up Some pork which the Assembly Allowed
To make up that defencey so that by this time

we

[2-0582] **II-307** 307

Beleive that garrison to be well Supplied It has
Been usual To Send up 6 months provisions
There and when that was Almost Expended to send up
The Same Quantity so that it is not to be Expected
That there Can be 6 months provisions In Store we
preceive by your Excellency Letter that you Expected an
acc.^t from us that the detachm:^t of 50 men were gone
To Ossweego we would not have neglected doing
That had we thought your Excellency had Expected
It from us but we Imagined Coll:^o Schuyler was
The proper person to acq:^t your Excell:^y of his proceedings
Therein he has done we will not neglegt to give
Your Excellency timely notice of what is [Intrusted]
To our mancigement [sic] from time to time we are Convinced
That your Excellency has very much taken to heart
and has done all things In your power for the Service of
This Country and for the preservation of Ossweego for
which we are under the greatest obligations to your
Excellency we are Sorry that the Assembly Could not
Be prevailed upon to build a fort at the Carrying
Place Leading to Canada the necessity whereof is So
Evident we hope they may be prevail:^d upon at their
next meet:^g to give their Consent

The People sent to the Sinnekes Country Informs us
That they have acc:^t that John Ceaur the french
Interpreter is Expected there with 12 frenchmen which
will much Indanger their Safety in that place we
Believe the Report to be true haveing been Infor:^d
That the s:^d french were ready to depart from Canada.
It will be of Very dangerous Consequence to have

So

[2-0583] **II-307A**

So many french residing in our most powerfull
Nation of Indians and will very much Encourage
The french party among them we think it is absolu
[blank in original] & ought at All not Events to be prevanted
the Easiast manner to Effect which we think is
to order Lieut Buttler as soon as he has an acc.^t
that the french are arrived In the Sinnekes Country
to Send Lieu^t Visser with 20 men of the millitia at
osweego to repair thither with provisions ammuni

=tion to reside there this winter in which time it
Is not probable that Garrison will be Attacked
we are about agreeing with a Smith to go to ononda[ge]
which as soon as we have done we will give your
Excellency notice thereof

The £ 300:-- allowed us for outscouts
will Very much fall Short of what we Shall want
for that purpose and without outscouts we Can not
Live here in any Security

Att a meet:^g of Commissioners y^e
10 october 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Cornelis Cuyler
Rutg.^r Blecker
Reyer Gerritse
John de peyster
John Lansing
nicolas Blecker
Hend:^k Ten Eyck
Pieter Winne

This board agreed with Antho:^y Blecker John Abeel
& Garrardus Lansing to go to onondage for 6 months
and John Abeel to Serve there as Smith dureing s:^d time
for which they are to have £ 36:-- upon Credit of the
Goverment --- They are to have 2 bars of Iron &
about 25 [wt.] Steal 6 files & to hire a Screw & and a Small
grind Stone & a hammer

agreed with John Quackenboss to make a bellows
of 4 feet long for £ 4:15

[2-0584] **II-308**

Att a meet:^g of the Commissioners
y^e 16 october 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Nicolas Blecker
Rutgart Blecker
John Lansing

Instructions for Anthoney Blecker John Bell and
Garrardus Lansing

You are to go to onondage where you are to reside the
winter and untill the begin:^g of aprill where John Abeel
Is to work at the Smith trade dureing y^e s^d time and you

are to use y^r uttmost Endeavour and dilligence to keep the
Indians firm to his majest Interest and to undermine the
french faction amongst you as much as you Can and in
Case any news of Importance Should Come to your
Ears or any thing Extraordinary happen att onnondage
you must give us Information thereof this is all we
have at present to Recommend to you to remain

The Comm:^{rs} ordered a Screw to be bought

Comm:^{rs} meet:^g 17 october 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cornelis Cuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Reyer Gerritse
Nicolas Blecker
Hend.^k ten Eyck
John Lansingh
Dirck ten Broeck

Jan fort being returned from y^e outscout
Informs this board that all is well on the
frontiers, they have been out 30 days

Jan fort 30 days at 5/6	£ 8:	5:	---
five men more 30 days at 4/	30:	0:	0
	£ 38:	5	
2 Indians 30 days at 2/	6:	---	
	£ 44:	5	

ordered that Hend.^k ten Eyck
& myndert Schuyler pay the
Indians Each £ 3---

[2-0585] II-308A

Att a meet:^g of the Commissioner of
Indian Affairs y^e 19 octob:^r 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Hend:^k Ten Eyck
John Lansing
Rutgart Blecker
Niecolas blecker
Dirck Ten Broeck
Cornelis Cuyler

6 Indians who were sent by this board upon y^e
outscout Returned this day haveing been out 31 day[s]

att 3/p:^r day is £ 4:10 Each [is] £ 27:18: Resolved
that m.^r Ten Broeck and ni: Blecker pay Each
2 of y^e Indians & Cornelis Cuyler & John Lansing
pay Each one

Comm:^{rs} meet:^g y^e 9 november 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
mynd:^t Schuyler
Rutgart Blecker
Niecolas Blecker
Cornelis Cuyler
Ed: Collins
John de peyster
John Lansing
Dirck T Broeck
Hendrick T: Eyck

The following letter was wrote to Coll:^o Stoddard

Sir

By a Caghnawage Indian who Came in this
Place yesterday in 17 days from Canada we are Inf^d that
12 days ago he mett an asschicantecook Indian woman
about the middle of the Lake Champlain who told him that 20 days
before that time about 30 of the asschicantecook Indians
went from the missitqueck Castle afigthing to some part
of new England and that they went up out of the lake some
what beyond otter Creek what truth there is in this report we
Cant say but if they are actually gone we judge their design
Cant be ag^t your parts but must be more to the Eastw^d
By the time of their Sett:^g out the s:^d Indian tells us that
he had not heard of any such thing being on foot when he
Last [Laft?] montreal and that he is sure those of his nation
have no Ill Intent about 60 of their men being lately
Gone att hunt:^g Some up the otter Creek and Some near
the Leake of St Sacrem^t this is all we have to Inform
your Hon^r att present So we remain

Yr

[2-0586] II-309

Comm:^{rs} meet:^g y^e 18 nov:^r of 1744 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

mynd: Schuyler

John Lansing

Rutg.^t Blecker

Ni Blecker

Ed: Collins

Hendk Ten Eyck

John de peyster

The Interpreter returned from the Sinnekes Country and Says that according to order he went To the Sinnekes Country & after Calling the Sachims he delivered his massage that in Case any french should Come amoung them that they Should drive them out of their Country or if they did not that they Should not be surprized if the Gov:^r Sent people to take them away by force

The Interpreter says that the Sachims who where at home were in the french Interest and those that were In the English Interest were gone a hunting

That the Sachims who were at home answered that this Errand was of the Same purpert with the proposall that the gov:^r made to them in the Last proposition whereto they ans:^d the gov:^r that they Left it to him to do with the french as he thought proper that now they Expect two french Smiths who where naturall born Indians who they desired that if they did Come that they may ~~be~~ not be disturbed that now the peace was Settled and they thought that if those french Should be disturbed that it would occasion a war between all the Indians to which they are not Inclined & therefore they hoped that in Case those french Should Come they might be Suffered to Stay there Quietly

[2-0587] **II-309A**

Att a meeting of ye Comm:^{rs} ye 3 december 1744
[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Niecolas Blecker

Reyer Gerritse

Cornelis Cuyler

Peter winne

Dirck Ten Broeck

Myndert Schuyler

John Lansing

Hendk ten Eyck

Rutg:^t Blecker

May it please your Excellency

We rec:^d your Excellencies fav:^{rs} of the 17:th october in due time and have according to your Excell:y orders therein Sent ~~the~~ M:^r Blecker the Interpreter to the Sinnekes Country To Expostulate with those Indians about Some french that were Expected in their Country of what Dangerous Consequence it will be to Suffer Them to reside amoung them and [how] contrary to their Engagment with your Excellency and the other British Colonies and that Excellency was determined not to Suffer any french among them M:^r Blecker is returned and Informs us that the Greater part of the Sachims in the English Interest were gone a hunting by wich means the greater part of the Sachims mett to hear his message were in the french Intrest or at least much Inclined that way that they ans:^d him to his message that it was true that they had promised at their last meet:^g with your Excell:^y that they would Leave it to your Excell:^y to do with any french that might Come among them what you thought proper that now they Expected two french Smiths who where born among them to reside with them this winter & as the neutrality was now Settled they fear that if those french Should be mollested it might be the occasion of a Rupture between them and the Indians in the french Interest to which they are not Inclined wherefore they hoped that in Case those

[2-0588] **II-310**

2 french Should Come that they might be
Suffered to stay Quietly John Ceur the french
Interpreter with his party was not arrived
those the reason of which we take to be that he has
had Information that Lieu:^t Visher and his
Company were going up the Country which
we Imagine has frightned them from pursuing
that Journey thay say further that it is for the
English Interest that they bring powd:^r with
them which they distribute among there people
with which they go ahunting and what skins they
gett they sell to the English The Interpreter
further report that the Sachims firmly & faithfully
promised that they would not Suffer the English
Smith among them by any means be molested
or disturbed ---- Haveing wrote thus far we
Rece:^d a letter from lieu:^t Buttler from osweego
who Informs us that he has likewise wrote
to your Excellency wherefore we Shall not trouble
your Excell:^y with the Contents of this letter
We are as yet thank god not disturbed by
the Enemy how long it will last is uncertain
we will to morrow send Spies to observe
the motion of the french at Crown point
The Smith we sent to onondage is
Safely arrived there and also one which we
Sent to Cayouges

we are

[2-0589] **II-310A**

Att a meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y^e 31 December 1744 [See Wraxall p. 238.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Nicolas Blecker
John Lansing
Hend:^k ten Eyck
rutgart Blecker
Peter winne

the following lett:^r was wrote to his Excellen:^y

may it please your Excellency

We have rec:^d your Excellency favours of y^e 14.th
Instant and are Very Sencable that the french

make presents to y^e Indians of powder & other
Goods for no other Reason but to gain an Influence
over them and to seduce them from the Intrest
of his majesty that may In time make use of them
against us and the best Indeed the only means we know
of to prevent their Succeedig in their design we judge
to be to build a fort In the Seaneas [Senecas] Country & Contanually
to keep a Garrison there which we are of opinion would
affactually Prevent all the Introagues of y^e french among
those Indians and without that be done we look upon
all the Trouble and Expence we are at to have no
other Effect than to putt off the Evil day for some
time wherefore we Ernestly hope that the Assembly
will not longer delay to Content raise money for
that use then their next meet:^g we have had
Indians outscouts to Crown point who left that place
the 12 Instant and Inform us that by the best observa:^s
they Could make there were but 31 men in that fortres[s]
officers and priest Including which is but a very
Slender garrison for Such frontier fort we will very
soon other Spies & Scouts to watch the Enemy and will
Inform your Excellency from time to time of Every thing
of moment that Comes to our knowledge

[2-0590] II-311

The following Letter was wrote to abrah DePeyster Esq:^r Treasurer
of this Colony

[Not in Wraxall.]

Sir

we have rec:^d by Cap:^t winne two orders from you
The one on mess:^{rs} John waters and ab: Dow for £ 140:-- and
the other on Jacob Ten Eyck for £ 68:-- we have sent for
those gentlemen and have offered them your orders m:^r
Ten Eyck has accept:^d to pay that draft upon him in a few
Days wherefore we keep the order on him m:^r waters
tells us he is ready to pay £ 70:-- half of the order on
him and m:^r dow sayes he has not acte:^d in the
Excise and that m:^r thom.^s williams is to pay and that he
he will pay it in the Spring wherefore we have thou[ght]
proper to send back that order we are in great want of
that money wherefore we desire you would send it up p:^r
the post and also the £ 100 allowed us for abraham wendell and
that Expences accrued on his residing att Osweego we are

1745

[2-0590] II-311

Comm:^{rs} meeting y^e 8 January 1744/5 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Niecolas Blecker

Rutgart Blecker

Reyer Gerritse

John de peyster

Dirck Ten Broeck

Mynd^t Schuyler

Hendrick ten Eyck

Edw:^d Collins

Peter winne

M:^r Johan:^s Knickerbacker

De Commissinaers Van de wilde affaire versoecke
dat UE mett den Eersten drie goeden trouwe wilden sult
Aff Senden hier nae Albany De Commissinaer wouede
mett haer Spreken Van weegen na hett noorde te gaen
So die Twee wilden die Laest na de Cruyn punt
waeren thuys syn so versoeckade mons:^r dat UE die
Twee sult Senden mett Een andere goede trouwe
wilt of anders drie anderen die UE goedt ordelt so dia[n]
goeden wilden T huys syn so versoeck dat UE voor drie
wilden sendt nae de drage plaets p oste waer sy syn mogen

[2-0591] II-311A

Att a meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y^e 12 Janu:^y 1744/5 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

myndert Schuyler

Niecolas Blecker

Reyer Gerritse

Dirck Ten Broeck

Edward Collins

John Lansing

Peter winne

John de peyster

Hend.^k ten Eyck

Claes Van der Volgen arrived this day from the
Sinnekes Country with a Lett:^r from myndert wemp and
Philip Reylay

Att a meet:^g of y^e Comm:^{rs} y^e 18 Jan.^y 1744/5

Mess:^{rs} myndert wemp and Philip Reyley
we have received your letter p:^r Claes Van der Volgen of the 31 december last
wherein your Gave us and acquaint us that John Ceeur the french man is
arrived there with Large present for the Indians we are Sorry to hear that
the french have so much Interest among the Sinnekes which will doubtle[ss]
grow yett Stronger by means of the great presents he brings with him we
know very well that the Indians will not take so much notice of you
as of the french because you have no such presents to give them all that
we Can recommend to you at present Is to do your best among the
Indians to Convince them that they do wrong to be Led away by the
french man for the sake of his presents from their friendship they owe
To us by the old Covenant and in the mean time we will write to the
Governour how things Stand with you and will Send down your
Letter to him p:^r the first oppertunity & This board Sent three
mohawks to Spy for 15 days M:^r Hendrick wemp
wy Hebben UE brief van de 30 december ontvangen Ende hebben
UE Verstaen hett geen UE Schryft Van Jon Ceur de fransman UE
doet well om ons te kennen te geven hett geen UE tee oren Comt
Van weegen lants saaken UE te Continueren UE devoir te doen
onder de wilden voor het best van hett Lant hier is tegen woordigh
geen neus daerom Verblyven

[3-0021] III-20

[Top of page is missing. Continues from vol 2 p. II-311A, possibly with pages missing
in between. Likely refers to the false rumors mentioned in Wraxall on p. 238.]

[illeg.]

Te Informeeren van de valse oproce die al hier onder de [illeg.]
Gewestie dat wy gesint soude zyn haer Casteels of te loop[en]
So Een grondeloos malle notice is dat hett Seier niet waert Sou[illeg.]
Aen UE te mentioneeren had halt niet geveest dat de maquasse
Sinneloos waeren als om Sulk Een Valse Sprookie bekend te maken
6 naties de welke ook Sonder Twyfell aen de Sinnekes ie Gee[illeg.]
de onondages hebben Garrardus Lansing aff gesonden om de [illeg.]
Van dit news te hooren Ende nu gaet de voor Seyde Lansing [illeg.]
Van der Volgen Ende een maquasse op mett wien wy Een [illeg.]
Bandt Senden om de Sess naties bekend te maken datt helt[illeg.]
Valse Ende grondeloos Is helt welke VE ook aen de Sinnekes
bekent maken doet haer de grtenis van ons wy syn
UE:D 88:º Dienaer

Minutes of the Conference Between Eight [of]
the Commissioners of Indian Affairs and the
Sachims of the Mohawks At the Mohawks C[astle]
on y:^e fifth day of February 1744/5

[Mentioned in summary on p. 238 of Wraxall.]

Present

Cap.^t Rutherford

Coll.^o Phil. Schuyler

Cornelius Cuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

John Lansingh

Jacob Glen

Arent Bradt

Peter Winne

Edward Collins

Brethren

You desired your Minister M.^r Henry Bar[clay]
to Write to Us and sent Two of your people to Acquaint us, That [illeg.]
was a great Commotion Amongst you, and That you desired the Com[missioners]
to send At Least Eight of their body to this place, which they im[medi-]
-ately did, and we have been here severall days waiteing imp[atiti]
-ently to hear what you Have to say to us, And Therefore we [desire]
you now to Tell us the Occasion of this Extraordinary message you
sent To Our board That we may be Able To Answer you

[3-0022] **III-21** [top of page is cut off; appears to continue the entry on the previous
page.]

[illeg.]

sachims Also Came down upon the same Account And have Enquired
Into the Cause of Our Alarm, and They have found It to be an Evil report
proceeding from the devil, which they resolved should be buried in Obli-
-vion, Least by Makeing A Strict Enquiry into the Matter, we should make
the Affair much Worse than it is.

The Com.^{rs} Answered the Indians viz.^t

Brethren

We just now Told you That we Came here upon the message you sent
to the Com.^{rs} That we Might Hear what you Had To Say. You Are Very
Senceable That it Contrary to Custom for Any of Our body to Come into
your Country to Treat with you About any business whatever, But
Albany Always has been and yet is the place where you Ought To Come
when you have any thing to Say to us. It Surprized us very much
That you Should desire us to Come up here, but Our Surprise is Still
greater At the Answer you have just now made us viz.^t That All you

have to Say to us proceeded from the Devil. you ought not to Have Any dealings with the devil at All and If you Had you Ought not To Trouble us to Come up here to hear Such A Silly Story, nor Ought you To hae Alarmed the Brethren of the Other Nations by your messagers, And we Received A Letter, Some of you Sent Us, So Rash and unbecomeing as we could not Hav Expected from you.

You Likewise tell us That If you Should Enter into A Strict Enquiry into the matter, you Would make tthe Affair Worse, Wherein you Are certainly wrong and Like An Unskillfull Sugeon who instead of Search.^g into and Cleansing the Wound to the bottom only Heals over the Skin by which means it soone breaks out again and becomes worse that Ever but we, Like A Skillfull Surgeon are for going to the Bottom of the wound That so It may be Healed [In] a durable and Lasting manner If we have been Guilty of Any breach in the Covenant At which you ha[ve] been Alarmed, we desire you to Lett us know wherein, If not, Then Tell

[3-0023] **III-22** [top of page is cut off]

[illeg]

-ed to y:^e frindship Subsisting between us.

A Belt

The Indians Answered Viz.^t

Brethren

You Complain to us That We have sent for you to Come [up] and That we have now Only so silly A Story to Tell you, in which [you] Are Very right, and It proceeds from nothing but Our folishness [and?] Weakness. We know Albany is the place where All publick busin[ess] Ought To be Transacted and That we Ought not To Have desired [you to] come up here. But you May depend That you Shall never hear [any] more such Silly Stories of us and That we will not be so Credulous for the future.

A Belt

[3-0024] **III-23** [top of page is cut off]

[illeg.]

One of their Own number for that purpose. They write us That they have Acquainted your Excellency with Every thing material passing there, whereby the Necessity of A Fort further Appears.

Cap.^t Buttler has sent down a french man who deserted from the fort At niagara; he Informs us That the french of Canada design to Attack Ossweego in the Spring of this year with 2,000 Men which is Very probable, wherefore your Excellency, we hope will Think proper to Continue at Least y.^e Same number of militia at that fort As now are There.

There has Lately been a Very great Commotion among the mohawks occasioned as they Say by A Report Among them

that the English designed to murder them, they Sent messengers to All the five Nations and to their people At Hunting, to Acquaint them with this Story, We Thought proper / which Was Also desired by some of the better sort of the mohawks / to send up Eight of Our members to quiet them and prevent their murdering the Inhabitants which Was with great difficulty Effected.

We sent messengers Immediately to the five nations to Contradict the Acc:^t Sent them by the Mohawks.

We have yesterday had an Acc.^r by our Spies from Crown point, who bring us nothing new from thence. they Say there are but 30 men in That garison which is but a small number for so large A frontier fort. We have now Three Indian Spies out that way and Intend this week to send Four to Montreal, that we may know what is doing there, At their return we will Acquaint your Excellency with what they have Observed.

The people in the Sinnekes Country write us that unless more people Are sent there in the Spring they think themselves in So much danger that they dare not remain there.

[3-0025] **III-24** [Top of page is cut off. This meeting is not mentioned specifically in Wraxall, although he mentions the rumor about New York cutting off the Six Nations on p. 238.]

Dirk Ten Broeck

Nicol.^s Bleecker

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Jer. V. Renselaer

John Lansingh

Reyer Gerritse

Ed: Collins

Rutg.^r Bleeker

Peter Winne

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Eight Onnondage Sachims haveing yesterday [Appeared]
At this board To make the Accustomed Complim[ents?]
do now again Appear and Say as follows

Brethren

Our forefathers have agreed That this sh[ould] be the place where publick business Should be Transacted, where[fore we] now Come to speak with you, concerning a devilish report among us when we Came down As far As Canajoharie, we heard It was made [illeg.] but being so near we Thought It best to Come down here to Speak W[ith] you Our Brethren, not That We noticed It much, but by Agreement [of?] Our Ancestors we Are Oblidged to Acquaint Each other with Every thing Extraordinary that Shall Happen.

We the Six Nations Are One body and One
flesh, Sometime Ago you Sent for the Two Castles of the Mohawks to [Call]
them down here, which is An Unusual thing, It being Customary when
One Nation is sent for, That the Others Are so Also, It Seems As If One
part of the Chain is thereby Cutt off, We Would therefore desire you to
tell us what you Would then Have Said To the Mohawks

A Belt of Wampum

Brethren

Now We Will go on to Tell you What We have further to Say. It is
sometime ago Since you Was At the Mohawks Castle and Made Up [The]
Idle Story That was Amongst Them, Those That were drunk in their
understanding you made sober. It is Our desire and Inclination that
the silver Covenant Chain by which we Are Linked Together Should
remain bright and Strong for Ever

A Belt of Wampum

Brethren

When you Were in the Mohawks Country you desired That
All Uneasiness might be buried in ~~Obivion~~ Oblivion And done Away out
of our minds, and we do now Lest Any dissatisfaction might
remain in your minds Concerning this Affair, desire That It may [be]
Allso done Away

A Belt of Wampum

[3-0026] III-25 14 [top of page is cut off]

[illeg.]

or you, but now upon Acc.^t of those false Stories, we Thought proper
to Come down to renew the Covenant with you.

Gave A Belt

Brethren

Formerly goods were sold Cheap At ossweego, but After Your
traders had for Some few years Traded there they Advanced the
price of their goods so high That we must seek redress from you
we have often mentioned this Article To the Governour but have
never yet mett with Success, and we desire That you will not
putt us off, and the price of powder is At present so very Extra-
-vagrant That We know not how to gett It we desire That
you Will order It so That We may have It At A Reasonable
rate

Gave A Belt

Brethren

We Think proper to Acquaint you That We design to Go To Canada
in the Spring, we The Six Nations have Long since resolved not To
Intermiddle in this war between you and the french. If you who
are of one Colour Think proper To fight It is Well, We do not Incline
to Concern our selves with It, because when we once Engage in A
war we Cant Easily make It up, Our blood growing too Hott

but you white people Easily make up matters and sometimes
in a year or Too Are At peace Again

The Lake whereon the House of Osweego
Stands belongs to us wherefore we will go to Canada to Talk w:th
That Governour About It. We have a Covenant With the Gov.^r
of Canada Also made At the Conclusion of the Last peace with
them but If He Will not Lett us Alone Then we will have no
more regard to That Covenant; And We Will Acquaint you at
Our Return what has passed between us and Then Consult
what It is to be done

Gave A String of Wampum

[3-0027] **III-26** 14 [top of page is cut off]

sachims [illeg.]

Brethren

You tell us A Devilish Story came To your [Ears in?]
your Country and That you Came down to Enquire Into it.
when you Came to Canajoherie you heard That It was All [illeg.]
As you was So near you thought proper to Come down here to Speak
with us. You Told Us That you did not regard the report, but
That by Agreem.^t of Our Ancestors we are To Acq.^t Each other with
any thing of moment That Shall Come to Our Ears. You did Very
Well to Come Down here to Speak With Us when you was so near
to Acquaint us with what you had Heard. Altho It Was Made Up
We know very well that you Are A people of more sence than [to]
give any manner of Credit to such foolish Idle Stories.

Sometime Ago We sent to the sachims of the
Two Castles of the Mohawks to send down Three men of Each Castle
which you say is an usual thing, It being Customary when one
nation is sent for That All the Others Are So Likewise, whereby
you say It Seems as if part of the Covenant Chain is Cutt off, and you
desired us to Tell you what we would have Told them. we know
very well that if Any business which Concerns us All is To be
transacted; It ought To Be in A Generall Meeting but What
we sent to the mohawks for was only a private affair between
us and them relating to Outscouts which we wanted and they
had refused us, About which we wanted to Speak with their
Sachims, had It been Any business relating us All we would
have sent for you Also. We Must Tell you That you very often
Omitt Acquainting us with what passes Among you Especially
with the french who often Come Among you, & you do not always
Acquaint us what they Come To do; which ought Always to [illeg.]
immediately As has been Usual

Gave A Belt

Brethren

You Tell Us that Some days ago we mett the Six Nations

At y.^e Castle of the Mohawks and Convinced them of their Error
in giving Any Credit to such Idle Stories Which is True, [and]
That It is your desire that the Silver Covenant Chain whereby
we Are Linked together Shall remain strong and bright for Ever
which

[3-0028] **III-27** [top of page is cut off]

[illeg.] thought prop[er] [illeg.]

uneasiness or dissatisfaction that might remain therein, you
may depend that We Are Entirely easy About that Affair, but
we desire you as you go up to Speak to our Brethren the
Mohawks, That they Should Take Care for the future not To
trouble us with such false Stories which might be the occasion
of much mischief

Gave A Belt

Brethren

The Silver Covenant chain so long since made between our
forefathers you have Also renewed to us wherein you have
done well, we do also now renew the same and are determined
to keep it bright and Strong to the Worlds End and If Any breach
therein Shall Ever happen It Will Not be Our fault

Gave A Belt

Brethren

You have Spoken to us about the price of goods at Oswegee
we are certain you have generally been supplied there at
reasonable rates by our People and Always Will be, there Are Sheep
enough in England to make Cloathes for you to the End of the world
but goods are now somewhat dearer than usual which is not occa-
sioned by any Scarsity of goods in England but by reason of the
freight being so dear, and what the Reason of that is We will
Explain to you. the people who manage the Ships must be brought
up to That business and now so many of them go privateering
upon the french that the merchants Cant gett Sailors to manage
the Vessells without giving them great Wages, And the great
number of Vessells going out privateering Last year Took
so much powder as occasioned a scarsity the Consequence
whereof was That powder was then dear but now it is plenty
and reasonably Cheap, you Can now buy It for furs As Cheap As
fformerly. You know how It is With the price of goods sometimes
they rise and then ffall and It is the same with Your [ffurrs]

Gave A Belt

[3-0029] **III-28** [top of page is cut off]

[illeg.][regard the Covenant you] [illeg]

Acquaint us with your design, but we are of opinion [that]
the French design to Attack the house At osweego, which [y^e French?]

Prisoner tells us he will do in the Spring. It will be better [for]
you to Stay At home and be upon your Gaurd and in readiness [to]
defend the same which we Expect of you. you are a wise [people?]
if you Consider well you may Easily conceive what the Govern^r [of]
Canada means by haveing a design upon ossweego. It is to [deprive]
you of your Liberty and make you as Slaves and Negros, and
therefore you ought to be upon your gaurd against all the [Snares?]
he lies for you and to Show him that you are senceable of this we
would have you stay at Home, and then he will not dare [to]
Attack Ossweego for ffear of your Resentment for Attacking A [place]
belonging to your Brethren and Standing along your Lake [illeg.]
Summer the Sachims of Caghnawage and Schawenide sent us [word]
they Would Come here to Treat with us, but the Governour of [Canada]
has hindered them from Comeing here Telling them that he might
perhaps soon Want Them, the same thing our governour At [his?]
Last meeting desired of you and you promised him to do where[fore]
we now desire you Also To Stay At home
Gave A String of Wampum

This board made Tiohagwende Son of Kahiskarowane A
Sachim and ord.^d him a Laced Hatt and A Blankett Strowd
and gave the Sachims presents As in the margen
[Margin:]
1 p.^s Strowds
25 [wt] powder
56 [wt] Lead
3 blanketts
pipes & Tobacco
2 keggs of Rum
Some Shott

The Sachims Answered

Brethren

We have heard what you have said and
are Very thankfull for your Answer and All Kind things You
Have done To us, but As to the Last Article about going to
Canada we Cant give a full answer but will make It Known
to the Six Nations and They Will Acquaint You with what
they determine herein

[3-0030] **III-29** [Top of page is cut off. Not in Wraxall.]

[illeg. G---]

Corn.^s Cuyler

Edward Collins

Mindert Schuyler

Rutgart Blecker

Nicolas Blecker

Reyer Gerritse

Hendrick Ten Eyck

John de peyster

Dirk ten Broeck

[illeg.] Board [illeg.]

Schinectady four men as outscouts to the road over y^e Albany

River above above [sic] the Carrying place Leading to the

Lake of S^t Sacrament and to the Sackondage river to

Stay but at furthest 10 days and this board will

Allow them 3/p.^r day & provisions

Att a meet:^g of y^e Commississioners p.^{mo} march

1744/5 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Schuyler

Nicolas Blecker

Rutgart Blecker

[Corn^s] Cuyler

Jacob Glen

John Lansingh

Reyer Gerritse

Pieter Winne

Cap:^t Rutherford

Dirk Ten Broeck

Appeared att this board Hendrick and Aaron two Sachims
of the Mohawks who Said as follows

Brethren we are sent by the two Casstles of the mohawks
to acquaint you that all the uneasiness we were in is Intirely
Over & we are heartly Glad That you found means to bring
all right again so soon the oneydes formerly desired us to Come
and Live near them and promised us the great flats to live
upon which we did not refuse afterwards they have Sold that
Land and now Lately the Sachims of the oneydes who Came
up from this Place offered us oriskinie to Settle upon
which we Laughed at well knowing they had Also Sold
that land and we are well Satisfied where we are
we thought it however proper to Come and acq.^t you of this

Give a Belt

Brethren

You do well to acq.^t us that the oneydes desired you to Come and
Live at oriskenie nothing of moment ought to Come to your
Ears but we Should be acquainted therewith
we are Glad that your Eyes are at Last opened & that
you now are Satisfied that all the Stories are false which
you made so much noise ab^t
this board gave Hendrick a p:^s Strowds & promis:^d him 20/ a month
as a pension

[3-0031] **III-30** 16 [Top of page is cut off. Not in Wraxall.]

[illeg.]

John Lansingh

Hendrick T Eyck

Dirk Ten Broeck

Rutgar Blecker

Nicolaes Blecker

Myndert Schuyler

[illeg.] with the C[illeg.]

Said After the Usuel Compliments

Brethren

we are Sent by the Cayouges to this place to Speak with [you]
Concerning the false Report Spread among the 6 nations [we]
knew y.^e onondage Sachims were gone here and we we were orde[red]
To Enquire of them how affairs Stood if we Should meet [them]
and then proceed on our Journey to Speake with you [illeg]
according to the antient Covenant made between our forefathers
To ask you from whence this false news proceeded which w[e]
Now Desire you To tell us Gave A Belt

The Com.^{rs} answered them

Brethren

You told us that you was sent down by the Cayouges [to?]
Enquire of us ab:^t the false Reports which were Sprea[d]
among the 6 nations ~~Indians~~ your Sachims have done we[ll]
to Send you down here according to the old Covenant to En[quire]
of us whence this Report proceeds which you desire us to [?]
you the first that we have heard of this Story was by two
Mohawks who where Sent down here to acquaint us that
Such a Report was among them upon which Some of our
Body went up to Enquire Into it and the answer the Mo[hawks]
made was that It proceeds from the Devil and that was all [the]
Answer we Could gett from them and then we made up the
Matter with them Give A Belt

This board ordered atterowane a blew Camblet Coat trimd w[ith]
Lace & a Laced Hatt & a fine Shirt. the other Indians to h[ave]
a Suit Then the Indians proceeded

according to Custom I renew & make bright y^e Coven:^t Chain
Give A Belt

Brethren the Cayouges have desired me to tell you th[at]
they always have been attached to you and that they never
Intermiddle with y^e french nor go to Canada & that the Br[ethren?]
may depend that they will never give Any Countenance to [the]
french but will Ever Remain firmly attached to the Eng[lish]
Interest

[3-0032] **III-31** [top of page is cut off]
[illeg.]

they do now by you make so publi[ck] a Declaration that
they do design to Continue in the Same way of thinking & not to
maddle with y^e french nor to give Countenance to them in anything
give a Belt

the Commissioners asked him how he takes y^e neutrality between
them & the french Indians ~~Should attack~~ to be in Case the french
Indians Should attack ossweego wether then the 6 nations do not
think themselves obliged to assist us ag:^t y^e french he answ.^d that
the 6 nations had never yet resolved in a meet:^g of the 6 nations
what measures to take in this war but a Generall meeting
would Shortly be at onondage about it & that they will acqu:^t
this board with ye result of that Meeting

The Indian ffurther Says, That One of their people Came lately
from Canada; by whom the Gov.^r sent Letters for Cadarachqui &
Niagara and the Sinnekes Country That the Governour of Canada
sent Wampum by them to the Six Nations To Acquaint them that
he had no Evill design against the English, That he Would not
Attack the English before he was Attacked by them And That y:^e
Six Nations Need not be uneasy About Any design of his upon
Osswego that he Assured them he would Not Attack That place

[3-0033] **III-32** 17 [Top of page is cut off. Not in Wraxall.]
[illeg.] March [1744/5]

Corn. Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Nicol: Bleeker
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
Jo. Lansingh
John de peyster
Rutg.^r Bleeker

the following Acc:^{ts} were this day Allowed and A Warrant Drawn
on the Treasurer to pay the same.

To Jacobus Bleeker	£	23:	17: [third col. illeg.]
To Johannis V Veeder		1:	16:
To Dirk Ten Broeck		4:	18:
To Nicolaes Bleeker		14:	19:
To Cornelis Cuyler		75:	13:
To Anna Bleeker		02:	05:
To Abraham Cuyler		13:	17:
To Hendrick Ten Eyck		22:	---
To Johannis W Quackenboss		5:	---
To Arent Bradt nicolaes Schuyler Joh: ^s Bradt and Harme Vedder Jun ^r		11:	---
To Johannis Seger		9:	14:
To Nicolaes Schuyler		3:	01:
To Philip Livingston Jun ^r		46:	08:
To Abraham Wendell		2:	11:
To Johannis Goewy		---	12:
To Nicolaes Schuyler & Andries Bradt		1:	11:
To Johannis Lansing Jun ^r		11:	15:
To Andries Bradt		---	18:
To Lodolph Shoemaker		---	18:
To Nicolaes Schuyler		---	9:
To Marte Van Slyck 1/2 freight in 1742		---	1:
To Johan Jost Petri		3:	1:
To Arent Bradt		---	12:
To Andries Bradt		1:	4
To John De Peyster		11:	16
To Myndert Schuyler		6:	9
To Philip Livingston		6:	14
To John Bowen		3:	---
To Ahasuerus Rosseboom		---	1
To Johan. ^s Lansing		---	14
To Johanis Knickerbacker for an acc: ^t of £3:3--		2:	14
To D: ^o knickerbacker for an acc: ^t of 27/		1:	4
		=====	
Carried forward	£	29:	[illeg.]

[3-0034] **III-33** [Top of page is cut off.]

To Johannis [Truax?] [illeg.]

To Jillis Truax --- 15: ---

To Dirk Steel --- 18: ---

To myndert Van Geveren 1: 11: ---

To antie Blecker 2: 5: ---

To Hendrick Beekman 1: 13: 9

To Anne Kitchiner y^e remainder of her acc:^t

being £ 18: 4: 4 is allowed in the acc.^t of y:^e outscouts 54: 12: 11

To Jacob Lansingh 1: ---: 8

£ 356 1 7

M:^r Philip Livingston Jun^r Pay unto the Persons in the
above List named the sum sett against Each of their names
amounting in the whole to three hundred and fifty Six pounds
one Shilling and Seven pence half penny out of the money
to Come to your hands for account of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs and for your So doing this is your warrent Given
under our hands in Albany the 13:th march 1744/5

[3-0035] **III-34** 18 [Top of page is cut off; right edge is mostly illeg. Not in Wraxall.]

1: 5

2: ---

To David Schuyler 2 :---

To Johannis Lansingh Jun:^r 15: 9

To Dirck Ten Broeck 38: 8

To Anthony Blecker John Abeel and John Hogan 6: 10:

To Hendrick Ten Eyck 30: 11:

To Cornelius Cuyler 16: 12

To myndert Schuyler 6: 14:

To Jan fort and Company 38: 5:

To Arent Stevens and Company for an acc.^t of £17:3:6 16: ---

To anne Kitchiner for Expences to y:^e Indians 18: ---

To Cornelius Cuyler for an account dated y^e 13 march
1748 25: 9

£ 253:18: [illeg.]

M:^r Philip Livingston Jun^r Pay unto the severall pers[ons]
above named the sum sett against Each of their name amounting in [the]
whole to two hundred fifty three pounds Eighteen Shillings & [illeg.]
pence half peny out of the money to come into your hands wh[ich]
is allowed for outscouts to us as Commis:^{rs} of Indian affairs [and]
you So doing this is your warrent Given under our hands
in Albany the 13 march 1744/5

[See Wraxall summary p. 238.]

May It please Your Excellency

We have rec.^d your Excellencies fa[vours]
of y.^e 15 ffebruary Since which we rec.^d A Letter ffrom Ou[r]
people in the sinnekes Country who Inform Us That Jon Ceur the
ffrenchman who resides there has been the Occassion of y.^e upr[est?]
Among the Indians of which we Acquainted your Excellency in [our?]
Last, which he Effected by Sending his Emissaries Among the
Lower Nations, & then made the Sinnekes beleive that y.^e Accoun[t of]
our design to Cutt them Att Came from this way, at which he [illeg.]
them to such a degree That they had 80 young men Ready [illeg.]
Expected 50 more in a few days to Come down to destroy some
[Out Settlements], when very [Fimously?] A Messenger we had sen[t]

[3-0036] **III-35** [Top of page is cut off. Not in Wraxall.]

[illeg.]

To Peter Winne	3:	2:	---
To John Lansingh	4:	10:	---
To Philip Livingston	9:	17:	6
To John J Herkemer	---	19:	8
To John dePeyster	1:	19:	6
To Johan Joost Petri	7:	01:	6
To Nicolaes Bleeker	4:	13:	---
To Hendrick Ten Eyck	14:	18:	3
To Abraham wendell	44:	4:	---
To Rutger Bleeker for 1 p. ^c Strouds to pay y ^e Indian	9:	10	

£ 115: 05: 3

M.^r Philip Livingston Jun^r pay unto the above named
persons the severall sums sett against Each of their names
amounting in the whole to one hundred and fifteen pounds five
Shillings and three pence out of the moneys to Came unto your
hands for an acc:^t of the Com:^{rs} of Indian affairs In the said acc:^{ts}
being allowed on the 4:th may Last as p:^r their minutes of that
day appears for the Charges of m:^r Abraham wendell and five
Indians who were by orders of his Excellency sent up to reside at
Ossweego from pm^o nov:^r 1743 to pm:^o may 1744 and for
your So doing this & your warrent Given under our hands in
Albany the 13 march 1744/5

[Continues from bottom of page III-34.]

We had sent To the Sinnekes arrived which frustrated the
Scheme of the french man whose design plainly was to sett our
Own Indians upon our backs. This frenchman Cannot be rooted
Out unless a fort be built in the Sinnekes Country where the Indians
Live which we hope the Assembly will agree to do At this meeting

and If they do not the Sinnekes will be Entirely Lost to Us, which will soon follow with the Loss of All the Six Nations.

Yesterday Arrived from Canada four Indians whom we had sent there As Spies, they tell us That nothing is Stirring there but That they heard from the Indians That the french design to
Attack

[3-0037] **III-36** 19 [Top of page is cut off; right edge is illeg.]

[illeg.] Was [illeg.]

[illeg.] to the [Eastward?] of

[illeg.] Annapolis if [illeg.]

[illeg.] Inform Us That there are 150 men At Crown po[int]

which fort has It Seems been Lately reinforced.

As the Assembly is now Sitting we think It a proper time to Acq.^r your Excellency that y.^e £300:--- Allowed Us for Outscouts is Almost Expended not being £ 50:-- remaining, and altho We have had a very favourable winter yet by occasion of the Slackness of the weather which makes the da[nger] of the Enemy not so Great yet the money Allowed us will be Spent do[wn] before the year is Expired, where fore we hope the assembly will Allow us £ 100: more for That use for this year and then £400:-- yearly which is not Sufficient to do That service As It ought to be done. Our Allowance As Com.^{rs} [of] Indian Affairs will by no means serve us. the present years Allowance of £ 2.5[illeg.] is Likewise near Expended and the necessity of giving the Indians not only Co[illeg.]

but daily Encreases. this board Was formerly in Time of War allowed £ 300: p. we hope your Excell.^{cy} will recommend It to the Assembly to Augment Our A[llow-] -ances to the sums Above mentioned. It Can hardly be Imagined what Trouble [illeg.] have with y.^e Indians who Are Continually craveing and Without giving them [illeg.] All Our Trouble Signifies Little. The french our Enemies not only continually gi[ve] presents to their own Indians but Are Always bribeing Ours, which Makes I[t] necessary that we Should be Enabled to keep Our Indians firm in Our Interest we Cannot forbear once more to mention to your Excellency the necessity of a for[t at]

y.^e carrying place Leading to Canada between Hudsons river and the Wood Creek [on?]

the bank of the said River, this fort is Necessary for A Rendez Vous for our outs[couts]

and will be a great Security to our Settlements which Now Lie Open & Expo[sed] to the Enemy. Ger.^t Lansingh's Acc.^t for Sundrys Supplied to Lieut Buttler [on] his voyage To osweego his Excell.^{cy} was desired to recom.^d To y.^e Assembly.

Att A Meet.^g of y.^e Com:^{rs} of Indian Affairs
14 March 1744/5 [Not in Wraxall.]

Psent
mynd.^t Schuyler
[nicol.?] Bleek.^r
[John] de peyster
Rutger Bleeker
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
Jo. Lansingh
Dirk Ten Broeck

The follow.^g Letter was wrote to Coll.^o Stoddard

Sir We have rec.^d your fav:^{rs} of y.^e 25 ffeb.^y since which we have had an Acc.^t by
[illeg.]

Indian of y.^e cayouge Tribe, who Came from Canada. That a party of French
[illeg.]

went from Quebeck About Christmas to y.^e Eastw.^d to Attack an English place, the
Sa[id]

Acc.^t is Confirmed by four of our Indians whom we had sent to Canada for
Intelligen[ce]

& returned from thence 2 days Ago. which makes us give some Credit to the rep[ort]
we fear y.^e french by some of their Emissaries have had A Very Early Acc.^t of y.^e

design ag:^t

Cape

B[reton?]

& have sent this party to reinforce That place, the Contrary to which we hope may
prove

Truth

we would be much oblided to you for An Acc.^t of what Ships of War Are Arrived &
yet

Expect.^d

on this Expedition & how many Land forces are going or Already Gone & desire you
if It be

[not?]

too Troublesome, to give us y.^e News you from Time to Time receive relat.^g the
Success of

this

undertaking.

[3-0038] III-37 [Top of page is cut off. See Wraxall mention p. 239.]

Present

John De Peyster

Rutger Blecker

Nicolaes Blecker

Dirk ten Broeck

John Lansingh

[illeg.]

[But]tler att Ossweego [illeg.] appeared at this

Board who whas Sent down by Lieu:^t Buttler, he says to the

Same purport as Lieu:^t Buttlers Letter of y.^e 7 march.

y.^e Indian Says he was desired by the onondage Sachims to tell
the Commis:^{rs} that they design to go to Canada to Speak with

the Gov:^r to tell him not to molest osswego

A String of wampum

NB. The Sachims were down here Last winter & y.^e Comm:^{rs}
Desired them not to Go to Canada they promised them to Send
them word whether they would go or not. y.^e Indian is Called
the flatt nose he Says y.^e french have 3 barks in y.^e Lake
of about 40 foot keel. y.^e Commissioners ordered M:^r Ten Broeck
To Give y.^e Indian a Laced hatt. 2 Blanketts Strowds
1 Shirt a p:^r Stocking 1 lap & a Keg of rum 5/ in pence

Att a Meeting of y.^e Commis.^{rs} of Indian
affairs y.^e 25 march 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cornel:^s Cuyler

John Lansingh

Nicolas Blecker

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Dirk T Broeck

Rutger Blecker

Reyer Gerritse

Ed: Collins

John de peyster

Appeared at this board nine Indians of y.^e mohawks Castle
who said as follows by Luykas their Speaker

Brethren this is the place where all publick business
between you & us ought to be Transact:^d where we are now
Come to Speak with you. the Affair which happened this
Last winter has Given so Great uneasiness amoung Some
of our people that perhaps Some of them will Come soon
To offer to Sell their Lands which we desire you will not
buy if you did it might be of bad Consequence

Give [1/2] A Belt

Brethren

we will now further Speak to you ab:^t that unhappy Affair
what we had in our thoughts that is that we who are here present
never believed a word of it but are in our harts [one] with you
our English Brethren & do now renew & brighten y.^e
Covenant Claim [ie Chain] whereby we are Linked together

Give 1/2 Belt

[3-0039] **III-38** 20 [Top of page is cut off; right edge is partly illeg.]
[illeg.] [especially as you C[illeg.]
[illeg.] that affair which [happened]
[illeg.] given a great uneasiness to Some of your people [illeg.]
are not yet Easy in their minds which Can proceed from nothing

Else but a disaffected principle of mind towards us or otherwise
are void of understanding, as we are Sure no man of Sence amon[g]
you Can Ever beleive that we had any design to hurt you who are
Brethren and one with us. you do well To Caution us not to buy any la[nd]
of any of your people and you may depend that we will not buy a[ny]
Land of your people, nor Suffer any body Else to do it, you know [illeg.]
well that we and our fathers before us have taken all the Care we [illeg.]
to have that land kept for you as long as the world Endures
you may Remember that the writing this City had from you [Some?]
years ago which Colby burnt and about which So much noise w[as]
made that we took the trouble to gett that from you only to keep it [illeg.]
you for fear that other people Should gett it who wanted to Buy [illeg.]
for their own use you may be Sure we will do our best Endeav[or]
that that Land never be Sold Give 1/2 Belt
Brethren
you have renewed the Covenant Chain to us wherein you have d[one]
well we do now also Renew Strengthen & brighten it on our pa[rts &]
desire that you will not give your Selves any further uneasin[ess]
about that Affair of Last winter. if there is yet one or two [illeg.]
foolish uneasy people among you Lett them alone & take [illeg.]
notice of them & then they will Soon Leave of their Silly Stor[ies]
Give 1/2 Belt
we hear you design to Go a Hunting we will order you S[ome]
powder & Shott and if you Shall perceive any thing of mo[ment]
we Expect you to give us notice
give 14 [wt] powder & 28 [d] Lead

[3-0040] **III-39** [Top of page is cut off. Not in Wraxall.]

Present

[Mynt.^t Schuyler

Nicolas Blecker

Ed: Collins

John Lansingh

Hendrick T. Eyck

Rutger Blecker

[illeg.

[illeg. Informs [illeg.]

negro wench of Andries Van petten is suspected to hold

a Criminall Correspondance with y.^e Mohawks Indians

this board desired John de peyster & Philip Livingston

Jun.^r who are To go to Schinectady tomorrow, to Enquire

Into this Affair In Conjunction with the Justices

At Schinectady

Commissioners meeting y^e 9:th april 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

John Rutherford Esq:^r

Myndert Schuyler

Nicolaes Blecker

John Lansingh

Rutger Blecker

Brandt a Mohawk Sachim appeared at this board and Inform:^d them that their nation designed to go to onondage to Condole y^e death of two of your Sachims and desired y^e Com:^{rs} to be pleased to give ~~you~~ them A Belt of wampum to make use of in that Ceremony which the Com:^{rs} Granted the Com:^{rs} Gave Brandt y^e Indian 2 blank:^t Strouds

Commissioners Meet:^g y^e 10 april 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

myndert Schuyler

John Lansingh

[Corn.^s] Cuyler

Hendrik T Eyck

Rutger Blecker

Cap.^t Rutherford

Myndert wemp and Philip Reyley being returned from y^e Sinnekes Country appeared at this board and Informed y^e Commissioners that when they left the Sinnekes Country the Indians Seemed to be Easy & Quiet and seemingly well Contented. but that the greater part Are in the french Interest; and that John Cair the french man was there when they Came away.

[3-0041] **III-40** 21 [Top of page is cut off; right edge is illeg. in places]

[illeg.] the Comis:^{rs} of [illeg.]

[illeg.] y^e 17 april [illeg.] [Not in Wraxall.]

[illeg.]

Cornelius Cuyler

Nicolaes Blecker

Dirk ten Broeck

Rutger Blecker

Edward Collins

John de peyster

[illeg.] [Mohawks] sachim Came down here at y^e [desire] of this board with Sehojowane & 3 others of the Same nat[ion]

The Commissioners Spoke to him as follows. we are Surp[rised] To hear that you & Some of your Relations are Very uneasy a[nd] Turbulent, we want to know the Reason and true Cause of Your Actions In this manner & of your throwing up your off[ice?]

of Sachim Aaron Answered
Brethren

It is true that we are Uneasy and that I have declined [illeg.]
refused to act any Longer as Sachim & I will now give you
my reason for it. My house has Always been the pla[ce]
where y^e publick Consultations of our nation
have been kept, and that Honour had been Conferred upon [illeg.]
by the universall Consent of my nation to be held dureing [illeg.]
behaviour and it happened last winter that we were Alar[med]
by a Devilish report among us that the English had an Evil
Design against us. whereupon a number of your body Came u[p]
to our Castle when it Seemed as if y^e other Sachims had an
Eye upon me, and Called y^e Councill In another house, at which [illeg.]
Somewhat disgusted and from that time they have slighted me to [illeg.]
degree as not to Call me to their Consultation, which I bore with [illeg.]
Long as I Could, but at Last I thought my Self obliged to give [illeg.]
that office which my Brethren thought me not worthy of, wherefo[re]
I Called a Generall meeting of y^e Sachims and when they mett related [illeg.]
them In what mannor I had been affronted for a Long time [illeg.]
that as I held my office dureing good behavior I thought I [illeg.]
behaved amiss tho In what I knew not but as it Seemed by [illeg.]
their useage to me they thought So, I was willing to resign [illeg.]
Office Entirely and would no more Intermiddle in any publ[ic]
Business and then I Gave them the belts of wampum belong[ing]
to that nation thereby resign:^s my office. the Commission[ers]
Then asked him if he or any other of his nation that he kne[w]
of where yet uneasy about y^e Report they had amongst the[m]
Last winter
He answered that he did not know any that were uneasy
about that Affair & that he was not, they haveing been [illeg.]
Easy & Quiet as to that when y^e Comm.^{rs} where at their Castle [illeg.]
winter

[3-0042] **III-41** [Top of page is cut off.]

[illeg.]

[illeg.] have not]

y^e divisions amongst you [from] your own mouth & it is our
Business to make up and hear [so] that friendship may again
take place amongst you which may otherwise be of ill Consequence
we do therefore order & Insist that you resume your office.
and we will Send our Interpreter to y^e Castle to acquaint the
Sachims with our Resolution in this affair

He Answered

That Differences ought not to Subsist Long amongst brethren
& therefore as the Commissioners Insist upon it he would again
Resume his office. he Informed the Commissioners that 7 of their

Young men were gone a fighting to y.^e Southward ag.^t the
Cattabaws & had been gone So long that they Could not be got
Back Some of them Went to avenge the deaths of Some of their Relations who were
killed last fall

NB those that went out Last fall we have been told were

Sent by John Lydius

This board ordered 3 blanketts Strouds & 2 Shirts & desire

That M:^r Ten Broeck advance it

[Not in Wraxall.]

Remarks of the Commissioners of Indian affairs upon the
Examination of m:^r Lydius. how true m:^r Lydius his Infor=
=mations may be as the armament at Canada we Cant tell
tho the Circumstances he mentions are of no weight with us
as that they are to be Commanded by Mess:^{rs} Belletre and
Lauon whom we are told by one of our own board who is
Personnally acquainted with Both are young men who were very
Lately only Ensigns and therefore not Likely to Command
So Large a party and the Governour Genr:^l Comeing to
montreal so Soon we think it nothing Extraordinary he
haveing arrived there the winter before sooner than the
Last winter and we are Informed from persons full as well
Acquainted with Canada as m:^r Lydius that the Governor
Generall frequently Comes up in the winter but not with
standing

[3-0043] **III-42** [top of page is cut off and part of rt. edge is illeg.]

[Not in Wraxall.]

[illeg.]

[illeg.] of this

[illeg.] board to whom he Applied for a hear[ing]

The nine Mohawks Indians which m:^r Lydius [illeg.]
mentions to have lately been at Albany were at our board and
Told us that all the Mohawks were Easy and well Satisfied [illeg.]
to the Rumor that the English designed to murder them but tha[t]
Aaron and a few of his relations were Troublesom whereup[on]
we Sent for Aaron who Came down this day and upon asking
him the Cause of his acting in the mannor he did we find [it]
proceeds from differences among themselves as your Excellency
will See more largely by the Copy of our minutes of the day
wherefore we much doubt wether those Indians told m:^r Lydius
what he Alleadged they did they all being Easy & Quiet as
far as we Can find and as to m:^r Lydius his apprehensions
of dismall Consequences we know not whence they proceed for our
parts We have no Such dismall apprehensions
we have not heard of any mohawks Indians Intending to [remove]

to Canada this Spring Excepting Some Surmiseses of Aaron haveing
Such an Intent and we do not think that he will [go?]
some of the Onondage sachims have acquainted us with their design
to go to Canada to tell the Govournour of that place that if he mo[lests]
ossweego they will defend it and perhaps a few Sachims
of Some of the other nations may go with them we have Cautioned
them against the Crafts and Intreuiges of the french, the Indians [M:r]
Lydius mentions Killian Nickus and David with one more were
not Sent to Canada by the Sachims of the Mohawks but hired by us
To go there as Spies which m:r Lydius Very well know tho he did not
mention it for those Indians Informed us that when they went up
they Stoped at his house and told him the business they were sent
upon whereupon m:r Lydius told them that the Commissioners
were a parcell of fools or words to that purpose and that if th[ey]
Viz:^t the Indians would go to Canada why they did not Go [illeg.]
men with their Hetchets to Scalp and then turned them ou[t]
of his house this the Indians told us Immediately upon [illeg.]
return we heard that M:r Lydius had accused our Indi[ans of]
Saying the above at Canada about the English designing [illeg.]

[3-0044] **III-43** [Part of top is illeg.]

[illeg.]

french Indians [illeg.] our [illeg.]

it Absolutely and we did not nor yett do think it [illeg.]

our Indians with y^e french Indians as M:r Lydius has Inform^d us
which would be a great affront to our Indians to believe the
Enemies Indians before them and besides that we did not
believe a word what the french Indians had Said. m:r Lydius
Acquainted Some of our board that he had been Informed by the
Indians that the man who Instilled the notion into the mohawks
that the English Intended to destroy them lived between Schinechtady
and fort hunter and he likewise told one of our board before he
went to new york that the Indians had told him the mans name
was waraghjage which he found upon Enquiry to be the Indian
name of m:r william Johnson a gentlemen of a Character far above
any Suspicion of that sort. how this agrees with his Affidavit
wherein he Says they would not tell him who it was is Very
Evident as we did not think any white person had been Instrumen:
=tall in Setting up the Indians and they had declared to us they were
Very Easy and Quiet we thought it Very wrong to Say Any thing further
to them about it Especially as Some white persons was to be accused
by the Indians which we think would be wrong and herein we
differ from M:r Lydius who has no business with it, and thereupon
he was pleased to proceed to new york that our Mohawks have
had a design to take away m:r Lydius his Life we Cant Say &
if this happened last winter it is Very odd he never mentioned it

till now But that Some of them are greatly displeased with him
we Believe it truth we have been Informed by the Reverend M:^r Henry
Barclay and m:^r Blecker our Interpreter they have been told by the
mohawks Indians that m:^r Lydius In defiance of this Government perswade
Some of the Mohawks young men to go a fighting against the Indians
at the back of Virginia our allies notwithstanding he will know that
the governors from time to time have taken much pain to hinder
and Stop our Indians from Going against those our friends and we have
accordingly to our duty used our Continual Endeavours for that purpose in
which Engagements severall of the Mohawks have lost their
Lives which the Ralations of the deceased attribute to M:^r
Lydius and are angry and displeased with him about it this M:^r
Lydius has not thought proper to Insert In his Examination but
Instead thereof gives if aa a reason why the Indians
designed

[3-0045] II-44 23 [Top of page is illeg.]

[illeg.]

[illeg.] they wanted [illeg.]

Is a Very [illeg.] one he would have acquainted your
Excellency of this before now but Thought it hard to [Accuse]
any men upon Indians Evidence

Albany y^e 17 april 1745

Signed by orders of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs

[Not in Wraxall.]

The Examination of John Lydius

John Lydius of the County of Albany being examined Saith
that he was lately informed by a french Indian who Came from
Canada about the Beginning of March That an Army was
then sitting out there consisting of between five and six hundred
French Men under the Command of Messieurs Belle etre
and Lanon both which Commanders understand the Indian
Language wherefore he Conjecturas that they may gett Indians
to go along with them and it is reported that the design of this
armament is against the Chickasiass or Chicketsaws but the
Said John Lydius Saith that he hath formerly lived upwards
of four years at Canada and well knows that if [sic] never was usual
for the Governor Generall & Intendant to Come to Montreal in
the winter But the Indians informed him they were both
there last Winter and therefore concludes some more Extraor-
=dinary Enterprize is in agitation And that the Report of
the attacking the Chickesaia is only an artifice but that the
Design is against Ossweego as they must pass by that place
In or ordor [sic] to go to the Chieckesaia

That notwithstanding what has been done by the
Commissioners for Indian Affairs in order to appease the

late Tumults among the Mohawks he Very believes they are [far]
from being Satisfied or Content for that on Sunday was Sev[illeg.]
last nine Indians Came to Albany among whom were [illeg.]
a Mohawks Sachim Moses Killian & Lucas the two [illeg.]

[3-0046] **III-45**

Sons of Sachim & all there principal Warriours among young
Men who informed him that the Mohawks were Very uneasy
and said there were but two other Mohawks Indians to wit
Abraham of Conajoharie & Brandt of fort Hunter who were
Satisfyed that the late Report of the English intending to
destroy them were groundless, and the Said John Lydius is very
apprehensive that if this Affair is not more narrowly looked
Into it may be Attended with dismall Consequence

That Some french Indians informed him that Severall of
the Mohawks intended to remove to Canada next Spring &
particularly Aaron a Mohawks Sachim and that all the Sachems
of the five Nations were to go thither in order to Speake to the
Governour of Canada this Spring

That Some French Indians whom he Saw at Albany
last Sunday was Seven night informed him that four of the
Mohawks among whom were Killian Nickus & David
went (after the Commissioners had been up among them) to
Canada with a Belt of Wampum from their Sachims to the
Governour & Caghnawage Indians to acquaint them that
if they had not heard in the winter of the Designs of the
English and fled for it they would have been destroyed and the
said John Lydius verly Believes had the Indians been
really satisfied that the English had no Such Designs and the
Report was Groundless they would not have Sent Such A
Message

That he informed severall of the Commissioners for Indian
Affairs of the foregoing in order that the French Indians might
have been Examined & confronted with the Mohawks

That Severall Mohawks & French Indians informed
him that the man who Instilled the Notion into the Mohawks
that the English intended to destroy them Lived between
Schenechtady and fort Hunter But they would not tell him who
it was Saying if they did The person would be hanged that
he the said John Lydius thereon told Some of the Commissioners
if they had power to Indempnify the man &
would do it he would leave his Son as an Hostage with
the Indians for his Safety if he was discovered that he might
tell whence he had the Report that So the Matter might be

Cleared up

[3-0047] **III-46**

That he Spoke to several of the Commi[ssioners and] acquainted them with the foregoing & told them he [illeg.] for his Majestys Service & the Interest of the Colony they should inquire into it if they did not he would proceed to new york and Acquaint his Excellency the Governour with it

The Said John Lydius further Saith that last winter Some few Days before the Commissioners went up into the Mohawk Country twelve of the Mohawks Indians (Men Women and Children, among whom was one Kinjegree fled from fort Hunter on the Rumour of the English intending to destroy them and were going towards Canada and were to pass by his House and haveing no provisions left they began to Consider what they Should do to be Supplied an on Consultation as he the said Lydius was near & a Family by himself they concluded to go to him as Friends and Stab him by the fire Side and than possess them =Selves of his Things But the Women Overruled them & would have the men conduct them to Lake St Sacrema & then return to execute their said Design But before they had got to that Lake the Commissioners being at Fort Hunter sent a Message to Call them back which reached them before they got to the lake and prevented the Execution of their purpose of all which he was Informed by a french Indian & the same was afterwards owned by the nine Mohawks before mentioned which he Saw at Albany

That afterwards when the four Indians went with the Belt of wampum to Canada they Called at his house and he haveing heard of their former design he used them more Cooly then he used to do & Some French Indians being then there the four above mentioned told them as the said John Lydius was informed that if it was not for Regard to them they would have destroyed him

John H Lydius

New York April 6:th 1745
Sworn in Councill

[3-0048] **III-47**

[Not in Wraxall except for mention of Mohawks' fear of being cut off in summary on p. 238.]

Albany the 17:th April 1745

May it please your Excellency

We have receiv:^d your Excellencies Letter of the 6:th Instant with the Examination of m:^r John Lydius upon which we made Some Remarks which are here Inclosed your Excellency is pleased to Say that you are Surprized that we refuse to hear him or meet upon his applications wherein we hope your Excellency will be

Convinced that we were right when you see our answer he is really a Very troublesom man and we take him to be a man of Bad principles and for our parts we do not Care to have any thing to do with him

The Mohawks Seem to be Quiet and Easy and we will Continue to do our Endeavours to keep them so as much as Lies in our power which we Can do much Better without the Intervening of m:^r Lydius than with it for we fear if he is not forbid by your Excellency to Intermiddle in Indian Affairs which is properly our province as Long as we are Commissioned we Shall be again in a Little time Embroiled with our Indians To which his Actions have a direct Tendency

When he came to this place last Some time before he went to new York he brought with him a french Indian who Is the principle warriour of his nation and has Stayed at his house till his return from new York and is there Still what he keeps him there for we do not know.
we will order Copies of our minutes to be Sent your Excellency monthly as you desire

we have no Vouchers of m:^r Lindesay
But do Inclose a Certificate of what he has done by our orders we are

may it please your Excellency
Your most Humble Servant
R:^t B

[3-0049] **III-48**

Commissioners Meeting the 18 [April] [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Hendrick T Eyck
Nicolaes Blecker
John Lansingh

Two Schaackkook Indians being sent for app[eared]
At this board to go on y^e outscout Viz:^t Taphapeat [&?]
Wahanaquan the foll:^s Letter was wrote To Johann[es]
Knickerbacker

Wy Versoecke UE om tegen Matquat de
wilt te Spreken dat hy Syn Consent geeft dat deese Twee
jongen wilden taphapaet de Brenger deses Ende
Waghanaquam uyt Verspieden Gaen nae Masseesquaek
Ende Canada Ende dat Een Andere wilt mett haer gaet die
Van de Cruynt punt weeder om moet Coomen om ons neus
te Brengen Ende Sendt de wilden Toghvoort So draes Als

Moogelyck doet de Groeteniss Van ons aen Matquat Ende
seght hem dat wy hem Een presentie Sall given Als hy in
de Stadt Comt de wilden die Van de Cruynt punt weeder
om Comt die verwaghte wy In 10 dagen Ende die Anderen
die na Canada gaen die Sette wy 30 dagen lyt nae day Sy
Van Schackkook Gaen

Agreed with the 2 Indians for £ 3-- in money and they are
ordered Each a [wt] powder & shot a quarter bread amongst them
the Indians that Goes to y^e Crown point is to have a suit and
1/2 pound powder & 2 [wt] Shot

Comm:^{rs} meeting y^e 23 april 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

John Lansing

John de peyster

Hend:^k Ten Eyck

Nicolaes Blecker

Cap:^t Rutherford

Cornelus Cuyler

Dirk ten Broeck

Philip Livingston

This board Agreed with Jan fort Abraham fort And.^{re} Van
Vranken and Christiaen Christiaense and Jonathen hagedorn
To Go upon the outscout for three weeks and to keep between
y^e wood Creek the Lake S:^t Sacramento and the Schinechtady
road to send us word Every 7 days how they find it and if any
thing Extraordinary is discovered by them then to Come
Immediately to Give Intilligence

They are to have 4/ a day Each and John Fort
as Cap:^t to have 5/6 p:^r day

[3-0050] III-49

Albany the 22 april 1745 [See Wraxall p. 238 for reference to second part of letter.]

Present

Cap.^t Rutherford

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Rutger Blecker

John de peyster

Coll:^o Philip Schuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

the following Letter was wrote to his Excellency In
Answer to his of the 13:th april Instant

May it please your Excellency

We have received your Excellencies favours of the 13.th
Instant Concerning two persons to be Sent to the sinnekes
Contry for one year of whom your Excellency desired our
opinion Especially as to m:^r Schuyler to whom your
Excellency Informs us objections have been made that he
has lost his Interest and Repute amongst y^e Indians by
reason of Some Imposition in his dealings with them formerly
Seaverall years Since there was a Report that Schuyler had
Imposed upon Some of the far Indians but that he has Ever declined
deelings and Intercourse with them is what we have not heard if
it is true which we do not know that he has Imposed upon
Some far Indians we do not Think it has at all lost his Credit
among the Six nations and we are of opinion that he is a fitt person
for the Service for which he is Recommended and m:^r Jacobus Myndertse
we do Likewise Judge to be A fitt person he understands the
Indian Tongue Very well and has Considerable Interest among
the Indians in the Sinnekes Country we are Sorry to find the
Assembly have not raised money for a fort in the Sinnekes
Country which is So Very necessary and the Sending up a few
persons to Reside there for a year we do not think any way answe:
=rable tho it is the best that Can be done if a fort is not agreed neither
has the Assembly as we are told thought proper to raise money for
a fort at the Carrying place Leading to Canada it really Surprise
us that So many people live Scattered upon our frontiers should
be Laft to the mercy of a Restless and Enterprizing Enemy
who may at any time destroy when they think proper we
have So often wrote upon this head to your Excellency
& that your Excellency has So Strongly recommended it to
the Assembly and all has proved fruitless that we would
be Silent were we not moved with Compassion that So little

Regard is had to the Safety of our farmers who must
Live upon their Lands in Continual danger of being
Barbarously Muredred

[3-0051] **III-50**

Muredred or otherwise be obliged to leave their [illeg.]
to be reduced to Baggery we understand [illeg.]
Excellency letter that you are to have no Interview with the [6]
nations this year proceeding as we Suppose that the Assembly [illeg.]
decline to raise proper Supplies for that purpose it is of grea[t]
necessity that your Excellency Should meet y^e 6 nations Every year
duering y^e war and that to that End the Genera:^{ll} Assembly
Should raise instead of £ 400:-- double that Sum which if they
Decline your Excellency is Certainly right not to Come up

Att a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs y^e 27 april 1745

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Nicolaes Blecker

Dirk ten Broeck

Joh:^s Lansingh

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Rutger Blecker

Edward Collins

Mr Jacobus Blecker being returned from the Mohawks
Country Informs this board that according to order he had delivered
his message to y^e Mohawks Sachims that the Comm:^{rs} had reinstated
Aaron in his post as a Sachim and Expected that they would accempt [sic]
him as Such and respect him accordingly which the Interpreter says
they were Very Glad to hear and they received him again as a Sachim
and Seemed Exceeding well Satisfied and they told the Interpreter
that he might assure y^e Comm:^{rs} that they were Reconciled together
and that all y^e former differences which had Subsisted were now
at an End the Interpreter Also Informs this board that Aaron y^e
Mohawks Sachim told him that when he was in town a few days
ago John Lydius asked who was that man that had instilled y^e
notion into the mohawks that the English designed to murder
them and named Severall of y^e principall people of this City &
County to him & asked him if it were any of them

[3-0052] **III-51**

Commis:^{rs} meeting y^e 1 may 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Myndert Schuyler
Nicolaes Blecker
John de peyster
Dirk Ten Broeck
Phil Livingston
Corn:^s Cuyler
Hend:^k Ten Eyck
Edward Collins
Rutger Blecker

Philip Reyley Appeared at this board and Informed
that he and his Company were now Return^e.^g to y^e Sinnekes
Country and desired to know if the Com:^{rs} had any Comm:^{ds} [commands]
to that place the Commissioners ordered him to Go
up as soon as may be and to observe the Instructions
Given them Last fall & that they Stay there a month
Longer then y^e time they were to Stay to make up
y^e time they have been from thence

Att A Meeting of ye Commiss:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y^e 2 may 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Mynd:^t Schuyler
John de peyster
Reyer Gerritse
Nicolas Blecker
John Lansingh

five of the Schaakkook Indians appeared at this board by
Matquat their Speaker said as follows

Fathers

We thank you for what you have said you
Must not take notice of any Stories you may hear of us But
Lett your hearts be Clear of all distrust of us we have long lived
at Schaakkook where we have Enjoyed peace & plenty among y^e
Brethren & we hope that we Shall long live In peace under
the Shade of the tree planted at Schakkook

We thank you that you have made Some new Sachims
amongst us and Confirm the old ones

We will keep a watchfull Eye upon the Enemy and
Give you notice of what may Come to our knowledge
& will keep our people together as much as we Can
You may depend that we will not move from Schaakkook

Gave A Belt

[3-0053] **III-52**

Commissioners meet: 4th May [1745] [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Blecker

John Lansing

Nicolas Blecker

Edward Collins

John de peyster

the following letter was wrote to M:^r Hendrik Frey

Sir

Hendrick the Canajoharie Sachim Complains to us that you have distrained a horse for a Debt of John Smart which Horse he Lays Claim to as it is dangerous at this time to provoke the Indians we desire you to make the matter Easy with Hendrick and Lett him have the horse back he Says that John Smart has paid y.^e Debt how that is we Cant Say but we Desire you to do your Endeavour that Hendrick is made Easy

Two Caghnawage Sachims being in town were Sent for by this board and the Commissioners told them as follows we thought proper to send for you to desire you to tell the Sachims when you Come in Caghnawage that Every thing is well here between y.^e Brethren of 6 nations & us we thought proper to Acquaint you of this because you perhaps have heard of Some Evil disposed person that there is a diffrence between us & our Brethren y.^e Mohawks which we now tell you is false but that all the misunderstanding that has been between us is made up of which Hendrick here present may assure you of which you Can acquaint your Sachims at your Comeing home. you may Likewise assure your Sachims that we are of the Same resolution that we have Always been to keep firm to y.^e Covenant made between us & you, y.^e road Shall remain open & if any thing Comes to our Ears that may be detrimental to them we will Acquaint them therewith & that we Expect they will also keep their Engagements

Then Hendrick of Canajoharie Sachim told them that their was no differences Subsisting between their nations & their Brethren y.^e English but that all was made up long ago. y.^e french Indians Said they would deliver their Message as was desired

[3-0054] **III-53**

Commis:^{rs} meet.^g ye 6 may 1745 [See Wraxall p. 238.]

Present

Cap:^t Rutherford

Nicolas Blecker

Rutger Blecker

Jacob Glen

Cornelis Cuyler

John Lansing

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Hend.^k ten Eyck

A Sachim of y^e Cayouges appeared at this board Sayes that he
Is Come down at the desire of y^e Commis.^{rs} as he thought it might
Be A Matter of Consequence that y^e Comm:^{rs} wanted to Communicate he
Came down Imediately & is now ready to hear what they have to say

The Comm:^{rs} Said Viz:^t

We know you to be a man that is firmly attached to y^e
Interest of the English and daily hear good report of you wherefore when
attrowane was down here Lately we desired him to tell you to Come down
here we had no particular Bussiness to Communicate to you but only for
the Respect we have for you [on] acc:^t of your fidelity to us we desired to
See you as friends Should do & we doubt not but you will Continue in the
Same good disposition towards us and not to middle with y^e french

Brethren

You desire me that I Should Continue firm to y^e English Interest and
not Meddle with y^e french which I promised^d when I was made a
Sachim & y^e Naturall Hatred we have to y^e french allow us to have
any respects for ye french the old wounds are Still fresh I went up
last winter to the Sinnekes Country to hear what John Cour y^e french man
Said to y^e Sinnekes but I did not regard him much wherefore I went to
Niagara to hear from that Commandant at that place what they
designed in this war he told me that the french would not begin
Hostilities but would waite the motion y^e English he told y^e
Commandant that the English his Brethren were of y^e Same way
of thinkings he says he makes it his Business to go among y^e
far Indians to make & renew y^e Treaties between them accordingly
To y^e Gov.^{rs} Instructions at y^e Generall Interviews he [thankd] the
Comm:^{rs} for their present the Comm.^{rs} with 7 hands of wampum
desired this Sachim to desire their Sachims in Case y^e french
Should Attack ossweego we Expect that they will defand it he
will do so & doubt not but they will take to heart

The Comm.^{rs} gave him 3 blankets Strouds 1 laced hatt
2 Blanketts 4 Shirts 1 keg of rum[3-0055]

[3-0055] **III-54**

Commissioners Meet.^g y^e 7 may 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap:^t Rutherford

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Jacob Glen

John Lansing

Hend:^k ten Eyck

Reyer Gerritse

Nicolas Blecker

Coll:^o Schuyler

John de peyster

Edward Collins

Rutger Blecker

Dirk ten Broeck

Arent Bradt

The Hon:ble Coll^o Stoddard appeared at this board & Informs y^e Commrs that he was sent by the Government of y^e Massachusetts Bay to treat with y^e ~~Indians~~ Sachims of y^e Mohawks about an uneasiness that Governm:^t has been Informed the Mohawks have Conceived upon a Report the English Governments had Some Evil design again[st] them

Att a Meeting of y^e Comm:^{rs} of Indians
affairs the 9 may 1745 [See brief mention p. 237 of Wraxall.]

Present

Rutger Blecker

John Lansingh

Cap:^t Rutherford

Myndert Schuyler

Ed: Collins

Phil Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Nicolas Blecker

Hendrik ten Eyck

John de peyster

The following answer was made to Coll:^o Stoddard

Sir

We have perused the Letter from his Excellency Gov:^r Sherley To our Govournour and that to the Chief of the 8 tribes whereby and by what you told us we preceive that [Govou^r] Sherly has been Informed that those Indians are possessed with more than ordinary uneasiness and Jealousies and upon that acc:^t has desired you to Come up here to Conferr with Some of their Chiefs

we will first Inform you what the Report you have heard has proceeded from and how we have found the Indians disposed since and Leave you to Consider wether you think it necessary that we Should send for Some of their Sachims down here for you to Conferr with them about y^e Letter End of January last Some of y^e Chief of y^e mohawks Sent an Express to Acquaint us that A Report was Spread among them that the English had a design to Cutt of y^e 6 nations which had occasioned Such a panick fear among them that many of them were fled into y^e woods for Shelter wherefore they desired that we would Send a number of our Body to their Castle to Convince y^e foolisher Sort of their people of the fal[se]

[3-0056] **III-55**

Groundlessness of said rumor upon which message we Sent up 8 of our Body to Inquire into this matter and to Convince y^e Indian[s] of their folly in Giveing any Credit thereto when they Came there they made Inquiry of the sachims from whence they had this report and who whas [sic] the first author of it and Spoke to them of y^e unreasonableness of Some among them to Give any Credit to such stories they Seemed to be Very much Ashamed of themselves for haveing occasioned the Comm:^{rs} Going up about So groundless A Report and told us that the devil who Contrives all mischief was likewise the Author of this & begged us to Excuse their foolishness and weakness and promised us that they would no more behave So for the future the Sachims Likewise in private Conference desired that we would not Insist upon haveing the author of the Report named in publick but pass it over telling us at y^e Same time it was one of their people and those of our Board were of opinion that the Indians they Named as the Author was By Intervalls Somewhat Crack brained as they themselves likewise thought & So this affair Ended

The Onondages and Cayouges Some Short time after they heard the Report Sent down Some of their Sachims to Assure us that they never Gave any Credit to it and Express at the Same time more than ordionary fidelity to his majesty and Since that time we have had divers reports one time that it proceeded from the french man in the Sinnekes Country at another that Some of our own people were the Authors of it but those Reports we take only to be uncertain Conjectures M:^r Joh Lydius has Lately talked as if the Mohawks & the rest of the 6 nations were not Satisfied in their minds with Respect to this Affair and were yet uneasy & has for Some time past acted Very Strangely haveing made it his Bussiness to gett y^e mohawks Indians to his house and their to hold private Conference with

them & as one in Particular Informed our Interpreter asked him whether it was not this or that white man amongst us that had Instilled that notion into their heads naming some of our princi:
=pall people to them in order to have them accused and would have had us send for y^e mohawks Sachims to Examine them which we did not think it proper to do as those Indians were Entirely Quiet and Easy and had told us as we Conceive what they
[knew]

[3-0057] III-56

and moreover we did not Think it right to tempt [illeg.] by repeated Examinations to name any white person [as y^e] Author of the said report and furthermore we have great [illeg.] to be upon our Gaurd ag:^t M:^r Lydius by reason that he has Frequently Endeavoured to Exasperate y^e mohawks as they Say against their minister the Reverend M:^r Berclay which Can proceed from no principall Consistent with the Interest of his Majestys Collonies in north America & is Continually oppo-
-sing us in our acting for the Good of the Country Aaron one of y^e Chief of y^e mohawks Sachims Came down here a few days ago at our desire it haveing been told us by Some of that nation that he was uneasy and perhaps would go to Canada to which he has been Inclined some time we Enquired into the Cause of his uneasiness and whether he was possessed with any Jealously of y^e English haveing an Evil intent ag:^t the 6 nations or them In particular or if any his nation did Still retain any Such Jealoussy he declared that he did not nor did he know any of his Nation that did but that he was uneasy at Some Ill useage he had received from the Sachims of his nations which Matter we Settled between them Hendrick a Canajoharie Sachim and one who was y^e most uneasy of any of that Castle was down here las[t] week and declared at this board to Some Caghnawages that all y^e uneasiness and Jealousies which y^e 6 nations had Conceived of their Brethren y^e English were long Since removed and that all was Easy & Quiet with them as to our Indians in generall they Seem at present to be more than ordinary Easy & Quiet but yet the[re] are many among the Sinnekes and Some among y^e other nations who are much Inclined to y^e french Interest which proceeds from y^e presents they often Gett from them our Govo:^r design[s] Shortly to Send two persons to y^e Sinnekes Country with Consider[able] presents to reside there a year In order to keep them firm to [us some y^t] are now y^e most wavering & upon the whole we doubt not but you will Be Convinced that there is no necessity to Confer with y^e mohawks abo[ut] the Bussiness mentioned in Govournour Sherly Letter

[3-0058] **III-57**

Att A Meeting of y^e Commissioners
y^e 12 may 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Cap.^t Rutherford
John de peyster
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Blecker
Philip Schuyler
Edward Collins

This Board Received a Letter from Coll:^o Stoddard
and Martin Kellogg and desired them to meet at this Board
And than Gave them this Answer

Gentlemen

We do not Remember that You proposed
To us to send down for the Mohawks for you to Confer with
Them but it is true that we raised Some objections ag:^t Your
Confering with them Either here or at their Castle and were in
hopes to Satisfy You that there was no necessity of any Such
Conference but as we See that has not had the desired affected [sic]
and no orders from Govou^r Clinton Come to hand we are ready to
Send for y^e Chief of the Mohawks & Such orders [sic] of them as you
Desire

Comm:^{rs} meeting the 15 may 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Cap.^t Rutherford
John Lansingh
Hendrik Ten Eyck
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Nicolas Blecker
Myndert Schuyler

Jan Fort haveing been upon y^e outscout for 20 days
& returned & Informed this Board that all was well upon
y^e frontiers

four Schaakkook Indians haveing been upon
y^e outscout returned from Crown point

The Commis:^{rs} ordered them Each a Suit
for payment and it is ordered that M:^r Ten
Broeck pay them

[3-0059] **III-58**

Comm:^{rs} meet:^g y^e 16 may 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Philip Schuyler
Rutger Blecker
Nicolas Blecker
Myndert Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Hendrick T Eyck
John Lansingh
John de peyster
Ed Collins
Reyer Gerritse
Cap.^t Rutherford

Severall of the Mohawks Indians haveing been Sent for [to come]
Down here by the Hon:^{ble} Coll:^o Stoddard the following appeared
at this Board Coll:^o Stoddard Told Them that he had a Letter
from the Govou:^r of Boston To them which whas [sic] Interpreted to
them By M:^r Blecker the Interpreter In the Presence of Martin
Kellogg The Letter is as follows

My Good Friends & Brethren of the eight nations

Being informed that you have entertained a
Jealousy that the English & Dutch of these Governments are
engaged in a Design to destroy you and that thereupon
you are withdrawn from your hunting & planting grounds
and are going to Confer with the Govournour of Canada our
declared Enemy, I Send this Letter to remove from you all
such unjust & Groundless Suspicions

I am Surprized that any such unfriendly & unreasonable
Apprehensions of this Goverment as well as of the Goverment
of new York & Connecticut, who have always treated you
with the strictest Justice & Friendship should arise in
your Breasts, and as to this Goverment in particular it is
evident by all our Records from the earliest times of the
English Settlement in these parts that we have had a
constant Correspondence with your tribes & have shewed
our inviolable Friendship to you in innumerable Instance[s]
And the Chain of Friendship between us has been brightened
from time to time by solemn Treaties & more particularly
by the Treaty our Commissioners had with you in June
last at Albany & by the Treaty which I had afterwards at
Boston with the Delegates you sent hither wherein you
have in the plainest manner declared your Resolution
that all the Tribes of Indians in these parts as well as your

Selves Shall Continue in a State of peace & neutrallity with the french
& English Goverments and that if any of the tribes Shall break [the]
Covenant [of]

[3-0060] **III-59**

Neutrality by acts of Hostility that you would joyn with the
Injur^d Party against them and in all these Treaties you and your
Ancestors have in the most express Terms declared your obedience
& Attachment to the Crown of great Brittain & your Resolution
not to side with any of our Enemies; and I do now appeal to you
whether the English or Dutch especially this Governm:^t have
not punctually & religiously observed their Treaties with you
and whether in one single Instance you Can Charge us with
unfaithful & false Dealings with you and if you Cannot are not
these Suspicions most unfriendly & injurious to us, And I
Cannot suppose that they can Spring from any other Cause but
the Intrigues & Contrivances of the french who are both your
& our Enemies and are the most perfidious & deceitful of any
People you Can have to do with, and I am Surprized that A
People of your wisdom & Good Judgment Can be so imposed
upon by the French & the Indians that are in their Party who
Can have no other Intent but to Divide you and us that they may
the more easily carry on their designs for the Hurt of us Both
If there has been any misunderstanding between the English or
Dutch & you which has occasioned this Strange Conduct of which
we are at present unacquainted we desire you would Communicate
it to us, and you may depend upon it that no Endeavours Shall
Be wanting from this Government to obtain every thing for
You that may recover & Strengthen your obedience to his
Majesty & your kindness & affection to all his good Subject

And I the rather now press you plainly to declare if you
have had any Injury done you by any of his Majestys
Subjects because this Method is not only reasonable in it
Self but we have expressly stipulated in our Treaties that if
any Injury be done to either party the Injured Party Shall not
Break off from the Treaty But apply to the other for Rediess [Redress]
and in Strict Compliance with that article I do now Send
You this Letter hereby assuring you that I know not the
Least Ground you have for any Disaffection to the
English or dutch As Also that I am determined at all
times punctually to observe our Treaties with you & to
do you all acts of kindness in my power and to this Letter
I Shall

[3-0061] **III-60**

I Shall expect a free & full answer from you

I am

Your Good friend & Brother

[3-0063] **III-61**

Comm:^{rs} meeting y^e 17 may 1745

[Brief reference to some of this in Wraxall p. 238.]

Present

Cap:^t Rutherford

Edward Collins

Rutger Blecker

John Lansingh

Dirk T Broeck

Mynd:^t Schuyler

John de peyster

Cornelis Cuyler

We Have rec:^d your Excellencys Letter of y^e 27:th april & 11 of may. your Excellency in the first Letter seems to be of opinion that our Reasons for not Hearing M:^r Lydius we[re] Insufficient and that we ought to Give Ear to all Intilligence [illeg.] time of war. we assure your Excellency that our Endeavours are not wanting to Gain and Examine into all Intilligence of Conseque[nce] to y.^e Country but as to m:^r Lydius his Affair he had acquainted Some of our Board with what he wanted to say to us wherefore & for the the other Reasons offered before we Conceived there was no necessity of hearing h[im]

Coll:^o Stoddard Came to this place some days Since to Exam[ine] Into the Report which was last winter among the Mohawks and desir[ed] our Assistance therein and at the Same time he acquainted us that his Excellency Gov:^r Shirly had wrote to your Excellency upon that head wherefore we desired him to Stay for your Excell:^y orders which we did not receive in Less then 6 days after he Came here and in the mean time Coll:^o Stoddard being Very Inpatient with our Leave he Sent for the Mohaw[ks] to Come down here where a Letter he brought from Gov:^r Shirly Chiefly Concerning y.^e uneasiness among the Indians was read to them whereto the Indians among whom were those who are Called the most disaffe[cted] of that nation answered him as in the inclosed minutes ~~in they~~

Whereby it appears that the Indians are not uneasy as we have heretofore Informed your Excellency notwithstanding Coll:^o Stoddard told us that m:^r Lydius had by Letter informed him to y.^e Contrary. the Indians have not Hunted as formerly by reason their uneasiness last winter Happened at their usual Time of hunting but we have Certain Information from persons Liveing upon the Spott that they ha[ve] planted as much Corn as Ever heretofore. We observe that Some of [ye] Wappings river Indians have been down to new York and pretend To be Sent by y.^e mohawks with a message to your Excellency we

have had an oppertunity to Examine the Mohawks upon that
head and they deny haveing Given them any Such orders as your
Excellency will perceive by our minutes Inclosed, we have asked Aa[ron?]
what answer he gave Lydius to the Questions he Asked him [to]
which he tells us he answered he knew not who it was [but]
Thought had Come from white people
we rece:^d the Copy of apotion [a petition] which your Excellency has b[een]
pleased

[3-0064] III-62

to Send us of which we had not heard any thing till Some days
after it was Sent Down It Seems by Some Expressions therein
that it is from People Inhabiting to y.^e northward of this City, if it be not
In Convenient to your Excellency we would be Glad to know their
names. y.^e people upon our frontiers are doubtless Very much
Exposed to y.^e Insults of the Enemy as we have very often
acquainted your Excellency and we Can Safely appeal to y:^r
Excellency whether w have been wanting in our Represent:
=tations upon that head Sett^s forth the necessity of a Fort at y.^e
Carrying place and that outscouts Should be kept there for y.^e
Security of those people we know not what the petitioners
mean by Saying that they Can find no Relief here it not being
in any persons power here to Give relief in any thing Sett
forth In the petition neither has any person Spoke to our Board
upon that head the Indians we find at present in a good
disposition towards us as we have already Informed your
Excellency y.^e apprehensions of the petitioners very probably
proceed from the noise M:^r Lydius has made ab:^t the uneasi:
=ness among the Indians which we the readier believe because
we find that his name is not forgotten in y.^e petition and it is
a Very Easy Matter to frighten people whose minds are already
filld with fearfull apprehensions of the Enemy and not without
reason it Seems the Late Assembly has not had the Regard to your
Excellencies repeated Representations of the Necessity of fortifying
our frontiers that they Justly and Evidently merited we hope the next assembly
will Consist of Such members as have a Heartly [sic] & Sincere
Desire to Serve their Country; we Continue to send outscouts
as often as we dare take it upon us for fear of being ~~So~~ too much In
Advance. we will by the first oppertunity acq:^t Lieu:^t Visher with
y.^e paragraph of your Excellencys Letter Concerning his being
Interpreter

[3-0065] **III-63**

Commissioners meeting y^e 6 June [1745]

[See reference to need for forts on p. 238 in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap:^t Rutherford

Coll:^o Schuyler

Dirk T Broeck

Hend:^k T Eyck

John de peyster

John Lansingh

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Pieter Winne

Ed: Collins

Rutger Blecker

Reyer Gerritse

Cornelis Cuyler

Robert Dunbar and John Fort haveing been on y.^e ou[tscout]
to the Lake of Saint Sacrament & inform this board [illeg.]
they have observed nothing Extraordinary

Robert Dunbar was out 16 days at 4/ Is	£ 3: 4
Joh: ^s Fort --- ---- 15 days at 4/	3: ---: ---
2 Indians Each four p: ^s of 8/8	£ 6: 4
Is -----	3: 4
	£ 9: 8: ---

and a Kegg of Rum

This board agreed with John Fort & Robert Dunbar [illeg.]
to go upon the out scout for a month and 2 Schakk[ook]
Indians. the Commissioners allowed john Fort 20/ to Buy
provisions for y.^e Indians resolved 4 [wt] Powder and Some Sh[illeg.]
Be given them by m.^r Ten Broeck

Cap:^t Rutherford Represented to This Board that Repeated
Complaints had been made to his Excellency Gov:^r Clinton of the
Insufficiency of the fort at Saraghtoga either for Defence or proper
Accommodation for A Garrison and Cap:^t Rutherford [likewise]
Acquainted us that he found the men Could not Subsist upon
their pay without Some assistance and that he had now his
Excellencys orders for withdrawing the Detachment there which
he Communicated to this Board in order to try if any way Could
be fallen upon to repair the fort and better accomodate the
men knowing in that Case his Excellency would be Glad to
Continue Them

Cap.^t Rutherford proposalls being refered To a
Committie of m:^r Cuyler m:^r Collins & m:^r De peyster they
report as follows

As to the fort wanting Repair we Cannot Certainly
Tell in what Repair it is tho it may doubtless want some
And as to the mens pay we are not proper Judges how far
their pay will go or whether It is Sufficient to maintain
them, But as Cap:^t Rutherford Informed the Comm:^{rs} that [illeg.]
Govo:^r had ordered him to Remove that Garrison & Complained
that the pay would not maintain y^e men we think

[3-0066] **III-64**

Think that Rather than that the Garrison Should be
Removed and at this time & our Inhabitants be thereby
frightened from their Habitations the Commis:^{rs} Should
give them as a psent £ 9:--- which they desired M:^r
Livingston to pay to Cap:^t Rutherfords order

Att a meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs y^e 13:th June 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Two Indians Sent here by the Asschicantecook & misseequeek
Indians appeared at this Board & said as that they were
Sent by their tribes to Acquaint the Commissioners that the
sachims of their nations Intended to be here about month
hence the Comm:^{rs} told them that they Should Be well
Come

June 17th 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Johan:^s Fort one of the outscouts

Being returned from the Lake of Saint Sacrement to
Give Information Infor: this Board thatt all ~~was~~ is well there

[3-0067] **III-65**

Commissioners meet.^g y^e 26 [sic] June [See Wraxall p. 239.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Nicolas Blecker

John Lansingh

Peter Winne

Hendrik Ten Eyck

Rutger Blecker

Philip Livingston

John de peyster

The Commissioners being informed that Canaghquasse a Caghnawage Indian had Lately been in y^e mohawks Count[ry] the Interpreter was sent up to Enquire of y^e mohawks what [illeg.] Said Indian had Said to them & to tell the Mohawks that [they] Should acq:^t us with any thing that Came to their Ears & not hold Conferences with french Indians without giveing us not[ice] & Enquire also how many Indians are gone to Canada, what their Business is at Canada

Albany y^e 19 June 1745

[See Wraxall p. 239.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Blecker

Nicolaes Blecker

John Lansingh

Hendrik T: Eyck

The Interpreter being returned from the mohawks Country Says that the Indians told him that Canaghquasse had Lately been in their Castle and had told them that the Gov:^r of Canada was ready to receive them if any of them Incline to Go to Canada the Interpreter Says there are 8 of the mohawks appointed by th[eir] Nation to Go to Canada & that Some others are gone with them. That 2 Ships of war newly Built there are Gone from Quebeck to Cape Breton to gett Intilligence what wa[s] Doing there

May it please your Excellency

Your Excellencys Letter of the 12:th Instant Concerning Some of [our] Indians Going to Canada we rec.^d and In Answer thereto Acq.^t Your Excellency that the Mohawks have sent 7 or 8 of their Sachim[s] to the upper nations to Go in Company with Some of them to Canada by the way of Osweego This Journey has been in Agitation Since Last fall and the onondages acquainted us therewith Last fall winter we hve used our Endeavours To

prevent their Going but have not been able to prevail upon [illeg.]
To Stay they tell us that the sole End of their journey is to [illeg.]
the Gov:^r of Canada that in Case he molested ossweego he must
Expect that the 6 nations will resent it but we are of opini[on]
that the Chief End of their Journey for the Sake of the pres[ents]

[3-0068] III-66

they Expect to Gett from the Govou:^r of Canada our Indians
seem as Easy and Quiet as Can well be Expected in time of war
But the Continual Endeavours of the french to draw them over to
their interest ought by this Govern:^t to be more heartily opposed.
the Misseesqueek and Asschicantecook Indians have Lately sent
us a messenger that they design to Come to this place in about
30 days to renew the neutrallity with us we have now 2
2 white men & 2 Indians upon y^e outscouts, we are in great hopes
the new assembly will Take more Effectual Care for the defence
of our frontiers than the Last house thought proper To do

A french Indian has Lately been in the mohawks
Country & has there told our Indians that the Govo:^r of Canada will
Receive with open Arms Such of them as are willing to Go
To Live there we have sent our Interpreter to Enquire into
this affair who is returned & Informs us that he Cant find out
that he has mett with any InCouragement from the Mohawks who
Say that they will acquaint us with all the messages they
Receive from Canada
The Mohawks also Sent us word that the said french Indian told them
that two new Ships of war one of 40 Guns built at Quebeck are
Gone from thence to Cape Breton to Gett Intilligence

Att a meeting of the Commis:^{rs} y^e 22 June 1745

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Hendrik Ten Eyck

John Lansingh

Rutger Blecker

Nicolas Blecker

Cornelis Cuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Edward Collins

Lieu:^t John Lyndesay being returned from Ossweego laid
Before us Severall Accounts of his Disbursements at Ossweego
and as we are informed that he has been Very Serviceable to the
Country while he has been at Ossweego we have resolved
To write to his Excellency our Govournour a Letter in his
favour as follows

May it please your Excellency
Lieu:^t Lindesay being returned from Ossweego laid before
us Severall accounts of his disbursements dureing his residence
In that Garrison and as we are well Informed by many of our
Treaders who have been there that no officer ever did or Could
Behave better for the Countrys Service than he did and has had an
Extraordinary Influence over the Indians, which we are Very
Sencible

[3-0069] III-67

Sensible Could Not be Effected without a Very great Expence
we think it but Very Just & Reasonable he Should be
Reimmbursed by the Publick we beg your Excellency would
Be pleased to Recommend his acc.^t to the Generall Assembly
for their allowance

As for news from ossweego we referr you to M[r]
Lindesay he being the last from thence We are with Very
great Respect

Commissioners meeting y^e 2 July 174[5] [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Mynd:^t Schuyler
John de peyster
John Lansingh
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirk T Broeck
Hend:^k T Eyck

Robert Dunbar one of the outscouts app:^d at this baord To [illeg.]
Information of the occurrences that they had mett with, Say [illeg.]
That nothing material have they observed

A Number of Schaakkook Indians appeared at
this Board among whom is Pissix and others who have
been 2 years at ottowawe who Say

Father
It is about 2 years ago Since we want [sic] to ottowawe we
Acquainted you that we are going & Told you that we
would return we are accordingly now Come back & are
Glad to See You in health
Schaakkook is the place where we was born where
we design to Live & Die we did not Intend to Go away
But want up only To hunt bevers
Gave a few Bevers

Children

We are Glad to See You here in health after your Long
Voyage and you do well to Come Back To your Father to this place
where our fore fathers have always mett Each face to face to Speak
about Good Things Since you went away you have doubtless
heard that war is declared between us and the french wherfore
we desire that you would All Stay at home at Schakkook
or Else Go up to fitch your wives and families and than Come
Back to your native Country and Especially pissix who [is]
A Sachim and ought to be att home and Such of you as [desire?]
To Go back for a while we Expect that you will do you[r]
[illeg]

[3-0070] III-68

To Encourage the ottawawe Indians to Come to Trade
att Ossweego. the Comm^{rs} ordered them 2 blanketts Strouds

A Letter was wrote to the Assembly for y.^e Cont^s
Commissioners and outscout money

Coenr:^t weyser the pensilvania Interpreter haveing been to onondage
Gives y.^e following acc:^{ts} of his proceedings he Shewed this Board his Instructions
from Govo:^r Thomas to Go to onondage to desire the 6 nations To send 5
deputies to williamsburgh or Philadelphia to Conclude a peace with
with a Like number of y.^e Cattabaws

they answered
That they were now Going to Canada & about their Return they would
have a Meeting of y.^e nations & then answer the belts
Given them by s.^d weiser

Commissioners meeting y.^e 3 July 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Reyer Gerritse
Rutger Blecker
Cornelis Cuyler
Ed: Collins
Dirk T Broeck
Nicolaes Blecker

Aaron A Mohawks Sachim appeared at this Board with
Johannis and another of the Same nation Aaron said that
he was Sent by those of his nation to Inform their Brethren
that they had received the belt wampum the Com.^{rs} had thought proper to Send
up to them with Abraham one of their Chiefs and that Abraham
had acquainted them that you desire by the said Belt that we

Should not Suffer any of our ~~young~~ people to Go afighting to the Southward to which we have agreed both at the uper and Lower Castles the young men have Likewise promised us that they would Stay at home according to your desire

I am Likewise to Inform you what has ~~Lately~~ happened at Cayahage where is a Settlement of a mixture of the Six nations near the place where y.^e Schewenos lately did mischief to Some of the pensilvania traders Some of the Schewenos Indians and a few french men Came there lately and brought with them a Small Silver hatchet which they desired them of Cayehage to take up, but did not Say against who they would have them fight, Sometime after they went with the

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The Hatchet to Some English Treadors and Told them [illeg.] Story and told the English that if it was desired they would [illeg.] use of the Hatchet against the Schewenos who had lately molest[ed] [illeg.] English treadors the Comm:^{rs} answered that he Should tell the Sachim[s] and wariors of his nation that they had done well to do as they was [illeg.] desired by this board to keep home their people and that is was for [their] own Interest to Stay at home Least by Scattering abroad they [illeg.] would at least be no more a nation

John H Lydius being desired to Come before this Board accor=dingly Came and It was told him That It had been Rumoured Abroad that he had Said That Aaron Had Told him that Cornelis Cuyler Henry Barclay Nicolaes Blecker Jacobus Blecker and Philip Livingston Jun[^r] were the occasion of the uproar among the Indians last winter in the mohawks Country he answered that Aaron had told him So whereupon Aaron was asked whether he had told Lydius what he Alledged which the Said Aaron absolutely denied and [illeg.] that M.^r Lydius said he believed it the more because the Indian denied it, and that he would Go on with it & a great deal of Very wild Discourse

[The following entry is crossed out but legible.]

Commissioners meet:^g y^e 4 July 1745

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Steven Van Renselaer

Reyer Gerritse

Cornelis Cuyler

Nicolas Blecker

John Lansing

Rutger Blecker

Hend:^k T Eyck

Dirk T Broeck

John de peyster

M:^r Barclay is in the Mohawks Country the rest of the
Gentlemen Aspersed by Lydius have made oath of the fals[ity]
of what the s:^d Lydius Says against them which affidavit we
Send here inclosed

[3-0072] **III-70** [Not in Wraxall.]

Albany the 4:th July 1745: Then appeared before

Me John de peyster and Edward Collins Esq:^{rs} Justices of the
peace for the City and County of Albany Corn:^s Cuyler Nicolaes
Bleeker Jacobus Blecker and Philip Livingston Jun:^r Esq:^{rs}
who Each one for himself declared upon the Holy Evangelist
of Almighty God That They had not directly or indirectly Either
By themselves or by any other person or persons for them
Been Concerned in buying any of the Lands at the mohawks
fflatts from the Indians nor that they had not by any ways
or means whatsoever to their Knowledge Given any occasion
To the Late disturbances among y^e mohawks Indians
nor have in any way or means whatsoever been privy to it

[3-0073] III-71

Commissioners meet:^g the 4 July 174[5]

[Lydius's role is omitted from Wraxall's discussion about the Six Nations' fears of being cut off; see Abridgment p. 238.]

Present

Steven V Renselaar

Reyer Gerrittse

Cornelus Cuyler

Nicolas Blecker

John Lansing

Rutger Blecker

Hendrik T Eyck

Dirk T Broeck

John De Peyster

May it please your Excellency

We Think it our Duty to accq:^t your Excellency [illeg.]

H. Lydius has for Some time past Spread abroad among the [illeg.]
of this County that the Reverend Henry Barclay Corn:^{es} Cuyler [illeg.]

M:^r Nicolaes blecker M:^r Jacob Blecker our Interpreter [illeg.]

Livingston Jun:^r had been about buying from the Mohawks [illeg.]

Lands at Tiononderoga and were the Authors of the Late uproar among [illeg.]

Mohawks and at the Same time made Vile Use of many [illeg.]

Insinuations to Gain himself Credit [hinted?] as If [all] our [illeg.]

were Concerned in the Said affair for what Evil Ends of his [illeg.]

This man acts So basely we do not Know but we Suppose it [illeg.]

To make himself Considerable among y^e Lower Sort of people [illeg.]

he has not worse Views, we were Informed that the s:^d Lydius [illeg.]

frequently Said that Aaron and Hendrick mohawks sachims [had]

Told him that the afor:^d Gentlemen were Authors of the s:^d Distur[bance]

among them and yesterday it happened That Aaron Came [illeg.]

upon Some Business with us as your Excellency will See [by] [illeg.]

minutes inclosed when we Thought proper to send for Lydi[us]

That he might be Confronted with Aaron and that the Indi[an]

might be Asked --- whether he had told m:^r Lydius what he

alledged, Aaron after being asked, 2 other Indians being [also?]

present, flatly denied that he had told him any Such thing

which Lydius Still persisted in Saying that he beleives

was Truth that the s:^d Gentlemen were concerned in [raising]

the Disturbance among the Indians and that he would [illeg.]

with it, he Likewise told us that the said Disturbance

among the mohawks was not yet made up which the Event [illeg.]

would [illeg.] what he means by those Expressions we know [illeg.]

But are much affeard he will use his Endeav:^{rs} to Excite [illeg.]

disquietudes among the Indians at Least his actions [Tend] [illeg.]

way & his frequent Conferences with Indians of all denom[illeg.]

which he seems to make his only business Gives him [illeg.]

oppertunity to do much mischief to y^e Country which [illeg.]
Impossible to prevent as long as he is Suffered to [illeg.]
that [illeg.]

[3-0074] III-72

As Lydius was married & Lived Some time in Canada our
nearest Enemies where his Eldest Son Is Yet Living we think
that Some more than ordinary tokens of his fidelity to his
Majesty king George the Second ought to appear before he
Should be Suffered Especially in time of war to reside
in any part of the Country where he Can have it in his power
not only to Excite disturbances among our own Indians but
have an oppertunity by the Assistance of y^e french Indians
to Carry on a Correspondance with the Enemy*
[sidebar] *M.^r Barclay is in the Mohawks Country the
rest of y^e Gentlemen Aspersed by Lydius have
made Oath of y^e falsity of what s.^d Lydius says ag.st
[them] which aff:^d [illeg.] here inclosed

The following Letter was wrote to Collo Stoddard
ye 10 July 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Sir We received Your Wellcome Letter about the taking of
Cape Bretton & am obliged to you for Sending this Express
this Good news which whas So long wished for ocationed a great
deal of Joy in our Town & was demonstated with the Discharge of
the Cannon of the forte & Blockhouses Burn fire &:^c In Short our
whole town was in full Life as your Express will Inform you
we did also Immediately dispatch Expresses through the five
nations and to ossweego to advice them ~~with~~ of this Glourious
Action, as the keeping of this place is of the Greatest Consequence
to his Majesty it being a Good begining towards the reduesing
of our most Inviterate Enemy the french in Canada we doubt
not but Gov:^r Shirly will make propper [remonstrances] home
In order to Gett the Same Effected. Yesterday one of our outscouts
Came from y^e Carry place who Sayes that 40 Arondax Indians were
Gone from Crown point 20 thereof acted as outscout in the lake St:
Sacrem:^t 4 to Go try & take a prisoner at Saraghtoge or Some of
our Settlements and Sixteen to Go towards your parts for the s^d
purpose how true this is Seeing the Information is from the
franch Indians we Cant Say however thought proper
To Advice you thereof we Suppose that the french on
their Return from Cape Breton will make An attack on Some
of your parts here or ossweego wherefore we ought all to be
upon our Guard & keep a watchfull Eye on their motion
we have at this Juncture no more to add, but that
we are

[3-0075] **III-73** [The Orondax attack is mentioned on p. 239 of Wraxall.]
Commissioners meeting y^e 11 july 1745

Present

Corn.^s Cuyler

Peter winne

Nicol.^s Blecker

Joh:^s Lansing

Rutger Blecker

Ed: Collins

Hend:^k T: Eyck

Dirk T: Broeck

A Caghnawage Indian being Come to Town last night the [illeg.]
Sent for him and from him Gett the Intilligence following
that he was at Crown point about 15 days ago & Came from thence [to]
albany where he Stayed a Very Short Time & then went back to [Crown]
point where he was informed that y.^e day after he had Left Crown [point]
being 14 days ago 4 Caghnawages Came there from Canada & told [illeg.]
Command:^r that they were Sent by the Gov:^r of Canada To go [illeg.]
head of otter Creek to See whether the English had built any [forti]
fication there and the Same day there Came Likewise to Crown
point 43 of the orondax Indians in fighting possture who [said]
they Came to Go upon y.^e outscout
to west End of the Lake of St Sacremen:^t & to the fork[s of]
wood Creek by order of the Govor: of Canada That the afor:^d Caghna[wages]
proceeded on their Voyage to y.^e head of the otter Creek & the oron[dax]
Instead of comeing this way Joyned them Immediately & went a [illeg.]
them as far as the frontier Settlements of new England from when[ce]
they were returned to Crown point Except 17 orondax where the [illeg.]
Informant left them 5 days ago he also Says that one of the Cagh[nawages]
told him that he feared the s.d orondax who were left behind would do mis[chief]
and desired him to tell the Commis:^{rs} that if they heard of any mischief
being Done they Should not think that the Caghnawages done it [illeg.]
y.^e orondax The Inform:^t Says that when he Came from [Crown]
point y.^e orondax & Caghnawages who were returned from y.^e
outscout sett out for montreal which was all Except y.^e 17 afore[said]
Robert Dunbar one of the outscout Came Down from the Lake of Sa[int]
Sacrament to Inform this board that one Gingege an Indian who
Lives upon y.^e Carying told him that y.^e Indian who is here pSent told [illeg.]
that there is a number of Indians Gone from Canada to the N: England
Settlements near fort Dummer to take a prisoner & that 9 Came [this]
way to Saraghtoge or thereabout for the Same purpose & that 25 [were]
Come:^g to Go upon the Outscout upon the Carrying place

May it please your Excellency
on monday last we rece:^d the agreable news of the taking of Ca[pe]
Breton by Letter from Coll:^o Stoddard, we hope the English [illeg.]

[3-0076] III-74

Attended with Success Especially against y^e french in n: america
 Coll:° Stoddard writes us the 6:th Instant that he had an Express that
 morning to Inform him of y^e probability of a mans being Taken by y^e
 Indians at y^e great meadow which is about 11 miles above fort Dummer
 by the minutes herein in Closed your Excellency will perceive that a
 party of Indian of the orondax nation who Live within 30 English
 miles of montreal were Sent by the Gov:^r of Canada to Go upon the
 outscouts that way and we Conjecture by informations of Robert
 Dunbar one of our outscout that Some of them are also upon our
 frontiers and as those Indians are a Barbarous murdering people
 we are apprehensive they may do Some mischief to y^e Inhabitants
 upon the frontiers who Live Entirely Exposed to y^e Insult of y^e
 Indians, we take Leave to refer y^r Excellency to the inclosed minutes
 for the information we have of this affair

Albany y^e 17 July 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Hend:^k T: Eyck

John De: Peyster

Dirk: T: Broeck

Peter winne

John Lansingh

Robert Dunbar & Johan:^s Fort haveing been upon y^e outscout
 Returned this day their time being Expired

Robert Dunbar 43 days at 4/	£	8: 12: ---

Johan: ^s Fort 43 D:° at 4/		8: 12: ---

allowed them for provisions for y ^e Indians		1: ---: ---

£	18: 4: ---

To appamit a Schaakkook Indian

39 days at 3/	£ 5: 17: ---

To paghkanock at 3/	5: 17: --

To wappewie 8 days 3/	1: 4

£	12: 18

To paghkanock	£ 5: 17

£	31: 2

Robert Dunbar paid him £ 3: 3

£ 2:15 Remains

To appamit	£ 5: 17: 0

To w ^m Kettle	2: 1

To Rob. ^t Dunbar	5: 6

	2: 6: 6

£	3: 10: 6

[3-0077] **III-75** [See Wraxall summary p. 239.]

May it Please Your Excellency

Since our Last we heard from N: England that a man was murdered by the orondax Indian upon their frontiers but as [illeg.] Had it only by Comon report we did not acq:^t your Excellency Imediately Expecting better Information, this day we again [rec'd] an acc:^t from Sheffield In N: E that another man was murd:rd by french Indians near Connecticut River 15 miles Lower down [illeg.] said river than they murder the former those men were found most Barbarously murdered haveing their Eyes plucked out their [illeg.] heart taken out the Crown of their head taken off and most Inhumanly mangled and butchered. we hear 15 N: E men [are] Gone in pursuit of them y^e people of our County are daily Exposed to and must Expect the Same barbarous Cruelties [to] prevent which the Gener:^l Assembly have not Taken any Step that we know off. a fort at the Carrying place ought to have been agreed upon at their last meeting and provision made for a Garrizon there and for outscouts. the money allowed us for outscouts to September next is already Expended & [illeg.] Exceed:^d & the necessity of Sending out parties is now Great[er] Than it has yet been. our outscouts Consist^s of 2 white men & 2 Indians Returned Last night their time being Expir[ed] But have not discovered any thing of moment we will Send 6 or 8 men & Some Indians out again as soon as we Can gett them. we are

[3-0078] III-76

Att a meeting of the Commiss:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs the 20:th July 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Blecker
John De Peyster
Peter Winne
Corn: Cuyler
Nicolas Blecker
Dirk: T: Broeck

The Commissioners drew a warrant on Philip
Livingston Jun:^r to pay the following Sums out of the
Money allowed for outscouts £ 49: 5: 6 To Jan Fort
Andries Van Vranken Christiaen Christiaense & Har^s
Hagedorn £ 21: 10: ---

Robert Dunbar 16: 3: 6
To Johan:^s Abr: Fort 11: 12: ---
49: 5: 6

To Thomas Buttler as Interpreter
att ossweego £ 26: 13: 4

To David Schuyler & Company
for Going upon the outscout
when the Gov:^r was here Last year £ 28: 6: 6
£104: 5: 4

This Board agreed with Jan fort Robert Dunbar Har. Hagedorn
Abraham J Fort and:^s Van Vranken and Richard Crawley to Go
upon the outscouts. Jan fort to have 5/6 p:^r diem and the rest 4/
p:^r day this board gave them 112 [wt] bread. the follow:^s Instructions
were Given to Jan fort

You are to Go on monday next upon the outscout
with Robert Dunbar H: Hag:ⁿ abrah:^m J Fort and:^{rs} Van Vranken
& Richard Crawley who you are to take under your Command
& they are to obey you and follow your Instructions you are
to keep a Constant Look out to y^e Lake of S:^t Sacrement
the wood Creek and the albany river above the Carrying
place and where you Judge it will be Likelyest to
Discover the Enemies motions and you are to send down
one of your Company Every 10 days to Give us intilligence and
to send us Immediate notice you are to Stay out 30
days before you return home with your party you are
Likewise to take with you two Schahkock Indians to
& assist you on the outscouts dated in albany y^e

20th day of July 1745

[3-0079] III-77

Att a Meeting of y^e Comm:^{rs} y^e 24 July [illeg.] [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap:^t Rutherford

Cornelus Cuyler

Peter Winne

Joh:^s Lansing

Nicolaes Blecker

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Hendrick T: Eyck

Dirk: T: Broeck

Rutger Blecker

Two new England Indians appeared at this Board [illeg.]
Schaakkook Indians, the new England Indians [Informed]
this board that Coll:^o Stoddard had Sent them to Schakkook
To Enquire whether any of their people might possibly [be]
Concerned or have been the authours of the Barbarous [murders]
lately Committed in N: England of which Some Suspensions
had been Entertained by reason of a Schaachkkook Indian
Haveing On acc:^t of Some ~~mischief~~ misbehaviour [been]
put in Confinement by m:^r Willard Command:^r at fort
Dummer which said Indian had Threatned M:^r willard that in [Case]
he was not Set at Liberty in 4 or 5 days time his Schaakkook
relations would revenge themselves upon Some of the N: Eng[land]
people & this murder happen:^s about that time was the [occasi]
=on of [those] Suspensions but upon Enquiry they find the [said]
Suspensions groundless. this board Sent two Schaakkook
Indians to Enquire at Crown point or if they Cant be
Informed there what Indians have Committed the mur[ders]
In new England than to proceed to masseesqueek

albany y^e 26 July 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Reyer Gerritse

Nicolaes Blecker

Hendrik: T: Eyck

John de peyster

Joh:^s Lansingh

A River Indian named magatawe Complains to this
Board that Jan Van Alstyn of Kinderhook had taken a
Gun from him which he had borrowed of major States & s:^d
Staets now demand y^e Gun of him in which Case the Said
Indian desires redress from this board this board after Con[sider]
=ation y^e affair wrote y^e following Letter to Jan Van Alsty[n]

Sir an Indian named Magatawe hath made his Com[plaint]
to us that you have taken from him a Gun which he had
borrowed of major Staets if so we do hereby ord:^r you to de[liver]
the Gun back to y^e said Indian unless you Can make ap[illeg.]
that before us that it is your property which if you neglect to do you must Exp[ect]
the Consequences for it is our Business to take Care th[at]
Justice to be done to the Indians we are

[3-0080] **III-78**

Att a Meeting of y^e Com:^{rs} of Indian affairs
y^e 28:th July 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Blecker
Nicolaes Blecker
John de peyster
Hend:^k T: Eyck
John Lansing Ju:^r
Dirk T Broeck
Cornelis Cuyler

Adam an Indian who is originally A mohawk and now lives
at Cayahage desired this board to meet and accordingly appeared
at this board and said Viz:^t

That the Indians of Cayahage went Some time ago to Speak
with the french Command:^t at Tughsaghrondie and told him that
the french In this Country did not behave as they Should do that as soon
as any Indian nation misbehaved they the french Immediately fell upon
them in a warlike manner to distroy them which they the Cayahage
Indians told them was wrong, that if any of their Indians did any thing
wrong it ought in an amicable man [sic] to be reconciled, the french
Command:^t being Lately Come there, Thanked them for their good
Councill and promised that It Should be as they desired & moreover
Told them that if any body molested his Brethren of Cayahage
That he would assist in their defence.

He Says that Last ffall a french man with Six of the Chief
of y^e ottawawe sachim & a great number of other ottawawes Came to
Cayahage and the french man Endeavoured to Exasperate them aga:st
the English by Telling them the English had been y.^e occasion of the
deaths of many of their people & they were ready to revenge it & french
man offered them the Hatchet ag:^t the English and begun to sing & dance
the ottawawes Joyning them & they desired the Cayahages to take
up the hatchet & Joyn with them in the Dance which they Absolutely
Refused to do telling the ottawawes they might dance that
had taken up the Hatchet

The Cayahages answ:^d the french man that they thought he must

have Lost his Sences by Strong Liquors otherwise he would never propose
To them to make war upon the English their Brethren that they and the
English were one body
And one flesh And That it was not possible That one Body
Should fight against It Self. they also Told the
ottewawes that they thought they had Gott Drunk with their
father y.^e franchman otherwise they never Could be so senceless as
To take up y.^e hatchet against the English with whom they were
In a treaty of Alliance and besides that they yearly Confirmed y.^e
Treaty with the Sinnekes, who are one with the English that the English
had never done them any harm & if any might formerly have been
killed by Either

[3-0081] III-79

Party it had always Immediately been made up and [upon]
the whole they absolutely refused to take up the Hatch[et]
They advised the frenchman and the ottawawes to Sleep [illeg.]
That They might gett Sober & recover their Sences and
Think better what they were about. the Com:^{rs} told him [illeg.]
They were Glad his people had behaved so well and [answered]
The french So wisely and desired him to use his Endeavours
To Confirm his people in y.^e Eng Interest & that if they [were]
apprehansive of any hurt from the french they Should [be]
heartily well Come to take Shelter and protection among [illeg.]
The Commissioners told him the news of Cape Beton [sic] [and]
Gave him a present

Att a Commissioners meeting
the 29th ~~September~~ July 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Mynd:^t Schuyler
Nicolas Blecker
Johan:^s Lansingh
~~[illeg.] V Renselaer~~
Rutger Blecker
~~John de peyster~~
~~Edward Collins~~
Hendrik: T: Eyck

Cornelius Cuyler
Abraham Cuyler

appeared at this board a Principall sinnekes
Sachim named Sejahowa who Said as follows

Brother Corlaer and Queder
I am Glad to See You who are the managers of aff[airs]

Relateing to us the Six nations and That in this place which
has So long been the place where all Things relateing to us [are]
Transacted. You do Very well To Furnish us with a Smith [and]
armourer yearly which is a great Conveniency to us and [illeg.]
haveing Goods with them we Can Supply our Selves at [illeg.]
Before I Came from home Some of the Sinnekes of my [nation]
determined To Go to Canada at y^e Desire of y^e french Gover[nor]
But I refused it & Determined to Come down here to see you
which my Son who was here last winter inf:^d me that [you]
desired to See me here I would Come often but Chuse to [Stay]
home to take Care that all things are kept in order

the Indians gave a present to y^e Comm:^{rs}

y^e Commissioners gave him 4 blanketts Strouds a Shirt
10 [wt] powder & 28 [wt] Lead. the Comm.^{rs} asked him the [illeg.]
what bussiness y^e Sinnekes sachims were Gone to Canada [upon]

He answered

That they are not Gone upon any particular bussiness but
upon the desire of the Gov:^r of Canada & what y^e business will be he Can [illeg.]

[3-0082] **III-80**

Commis:^{rs} meeting y^e 2 aug:^t 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

John Lansing Junr

Hendrick: T: Eyck

Cornelus Cuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Peter Winne

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Dirk T: Broeck

Edward Collins

Philip Reyley being returned from the sinnekes Country tells
This board that myndert wemp is not well or Else would have appeared
at this board. Philip Reyley Informs this Board that the
sinnekes sachims Expected all this Summer to be Called down
here to meet the Govour and that they yet Expected to be Called
Down for that purpose. that Jon Ceur had left the sinnekes
Country about the middle of June that ab:^t [16] of y^e sinnekes
were Gone to Canada to Speak with that Gov:^r that Jon Coeur
told him he beleived y^e Gov:^r would send him back again
as usual. Philip Reyley also Informs us that in discourse
with Jon Ceur he proposed to him to become a Subject of his
Majesty king George the Second and told him he would live
much better among y^e English, and discourse him upon his

Subject hinting To him that perhaps this Goverment would
Do something for him Jon Cour answered him that it was a
Ticklesh point to discourse upon, & at ye Same time [hinted]
that if the Gov:^r of new York would write to him & Engage [~~him~~]
something handsome that he would accept it. Philip
Reyley think £ 80 or £ 100:-- a year would draw
him of from y^e allegiance of y^e french king

Commissioners Meeting y^e 4 aug:^t 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Mynd:^t Schuyler
Phil: Schuyler
Dirk: T: Broeck
Hend:^k T: Eyck
John de peyster
Corn: Cuyler

Two Schaackkook Indians who were Sent by this board to y.^e northward
to Enquire of what nation of Indians they were to had Committed
y^e murder in new England returned and informed this board
that they had been as far as y.^e Carrying place where they mett an
Asschicantecook Indian who Came from Crown point of whom they
Enquired who had Committed y.^e murder af:^d and the said Indian told
him that he was at Crown point when a party of orondax Came there
with 2 scalps from n England and that the Command.^t at Crown
point was Very angry with [these] Indians for haveing murd^d
y^e n England people for that they were only sent as outscouts
to observe the motion of the English 2 of the orondax had taken
y^e first English man prisoner but he Endeav:^g to Gett off they
killed him.

[3-0083] **III-81**

and it was another party of y.^e Same Company of orondax
who killed y^e other man

The Indian likewise informed this board that the
Indian af:^d Infor:^d him that the Asschicantecook [Indians]
& the rest of y.^e french Indians were Very much dissatisfied [with]
the orondax for haveing Committed this murder

The follow^g Letter was
wrote To Coll^o Stoddard

When we heard of y.^e Barbarous murder Comm[itted]
upon your frontier we sent two Indians to y^e northward [illeg.]
Enquire who were y^e perpetrators of this horrid peice of
Treachery & Cruelty, who are returned & Informed us that they [illeg.]
an asschicantecook Indian upon the Carrying place [who]
Told them that he was at Crown point when the Scalps of [illeg.]

tow men killed were brought there by a party of [orondax]
Indians and that the Command:^t at Crown point was Very
angry with the Indians who he Says were only Sent as
outscouts, for haveing Committed this murder and that
y.^e asschicantecook Indians were Very uneasy about this affair, [that]
they Intended to Come to this place to renew and Confirm
their Treaties but Stop:^d when they heard of the s:^d [murder]
we are of opinion that the Govo:^r of Canada has not Sent [out]
this party to murder any English but that their own Cruel
Temper has tempted them thereto, an Indian who lives
near you being now here we Thought proper to write you [illeg.]
Line we think it something Strange that we had [not]
a Line from You to acq:^t us with this affair

[3-0084] **III-82**

Att a meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian affairs at
Albany on friday y^e 9:th august 1745
[See Wraxall p. 239-240 for summary.]

Present

Cap:^t Rutherford
Steven Van Renselaer
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Blecker
Edward Collins
Philip Schuyler
Hend:^k T: Eyck
Peter Winne
Cornelus Cuyler
Nicolaes Blecker
Johanis Lansing
John de peyster
Dirk Ten Broeck

Ten Mohawks and Tuskaroro Sachims haveing been to
Canada among others of y^e 6 nations to treat with the Govourn:^r
of that place returned ffrom Thence & bring y^e following acc:^{ts}
of what passed with the Govour:^r of Canada they Say that
the Onondages without Consulting y.^e other Six nations
renewed y^e Covenant they had formerly made with the Govou:^r
of Canada & did also frequently Confer with the french Govournour
In Private and what then passed they know not, they Say the
Gov:^r of Canada Told them that the french had taken an English
Vessell and found Letters on board which Gave an account
that y.^e English designed To take Canada and that when once
they had made themselves Masters of that then they Intended
To Destroy the Six nations. they Say that after they had
been 4 days in montreal they heard some Indians Cry out as

they usual do when they Come home from fighting which they Expected was some Indians who had been afigthing to the Southward ag:^t y^e Cattabaws, but upon Looking out they were Told that some orondax Indians had 2 Scalps of English men which Surprized them Very much, and Immediately y.^e Gov:^r of Canada sent for them and told them y:^t he had sent out a party 3 Caghnawages 3 Schawenides & 3 orondax to go as far as the head of otter kill to see whether the English building any fortifications there, and that without his knowledge 20 orondax Indians were Gone after them and had killed 2 English men at wich which the Govou:^r of Canada seemed to be Very angry and told them that he had not Given any orders to his Indians to kill any people in N: England, but had told the party he sent out To take a prisoner for Intilligence if they Could Conveniently, that the Govou:^r of Canada turned the orondax away and would not lett them go Come into his house that the Gov:^r of Canada told them that the road Should always be open for them whatsoever Should happen between them and ye new England

[3-0085] **III-83**

People.

That the news of Cape Breton being Taken [illeg.] To montreal while they were there and a few days [after] [illeg.] Express Came from Quebeck who was but one night [illeg.] way & Inform:^d the Gov:^r that 2 or three fisher boats were [Come] [illeg.] the river to Quebeek & brought an acc:^t that they had seen [an] English man of war in the river which they Supposed to [be] part of y.^e fleet Comeing to Take Quebeek & that the Gov:^r of Quebeek went down Immediately from montreal to Quebeek [with] 1000 men & had ordered y:^t half of y.^e militia Should follow him [down]

They Inform:^d likewise that 3 of y^e misseesqueek Indians as [they] were Inform:^d were Gone to N: England to take a prisoner, they [Said] Likewise y^t Sconondo a Sachim of Caghnawage told them the [illeg] the day that the news of Cape Breton being taken Came to [montreal] that they the Caghnawages were determined to assist their [father] ye Gov:^r of Canada under whose protection they live ag:^t all Attempts which Should be made against him. the Onondage [sachims] told the Gov:^r of Canada that he Expected that he would in no [wise] molest ossweego and if he did they would perhaps turn ag:^t him in their affections that the french Should Think themselves well [off] To have 2 forts along the Same Lake with which they ought [to] be Satisfied

They Say that they asked y^e Govo:^r of Canada ab:^t y.^e [English] people who were taken at y^e back of pensilvania & the Gov:^r [of] Canada answ:^d them that he knew nothing of it, that he had [not] heard anything of it, they Say y.^e Caghnawages had also [promised]

ye Gov.^r of Canada to send 100 of their people to y^e assistance of
Quebeck

They Say that the Gov.^r of Canada did not Give them pres[ents]
So large as usual & that he told them the reason of it was
Because the English had blocked up y.^e river that their
Vessels Could not Gett in

They Say there is 130 men at Crown point

[3-0086] **III-84**

Att a meeting of y^e Comm.^{rs} of Indian affairs at
Albany munday mourning y^e 12 aug:^t 1745
[See Wraxall p. 240.]

Present

[My]ndert Schuyler

[John] Lansingh

[Re]yer Gerritse

[Ni]colas Blecker

[Hendr]ick T: Broeck

[J]ohn De peyster

[He]nd:^k T: Eyck

[Cor]nelis Cuyler

The Interpreter informed this board that [A] Trusty mohawk
Indian who Came from Canada informed him that when they were
there the Gov.^r Told them Viz.^t you Gave the English Leave at first
To build a Treading house at ossweego but Instead thereof they built
a Strong house and afterwards they have Surrounded it with a Stone
wall and mounted Cannon therein which they have done only to
destroy you, that when they Go to murder you Cant fly to me for
protection but to Stop you there and kill you, you Escaped destruction
Very narrowly last winter when the English designed to murder you, and we
have Lately taken an English Ship on board of which was a Letter importing
that the English designed to take Canada, and as soon as that was taken
then the English designed to murd:^r the Six nations. Children I Expect
the English will Certainly attack me and therefore in order to defend my Self
ag.^t them I have give the Hatchet to all the Indians under my protection
ag:^t the English who have all of them Taken up the Hatchets and promised
to defend me ag.^t the English to y^e uttmost of their power and I have sent for
all the upper nations to Come down here near me that they may assist me
as I have occasion, Children I have Just now told you that the English
designed to destroy all your nations & that you are on the Very Brink of
destruction wherefore out of y.^e Tender regard I have for you I desire that
you will Come & live in my Country where I will receive you with Open arms
and I do now desire that you will take up the Hatchet ag.^t the English,
to Assist me ag:^t them and then he laid down a large black wampum
belt with the figure of a Hatchet in it. the Indian Said that
our Indians answered the Gov.^r of Canada that they would take the belt

with them and Consider of it at onondage in a full Councill of y.^e Six nations & then Give them their answer

The said Indian also sayes that the Caghnawages took up the Hatchets ag.^t the English at montreal in the presence of y.^e Sachims of ye 6 nations then there, and afterwards at Caghnawage the Sachims of the Caghnawages desired the mohawks to Joyn with them in the war ag.^t y.^e English and Gave them a Belt of wampum to Carry home to their Castle To Consider of it & then to send them their answer he Sayes y.^t the french Gov.^r Gave them Large presents

[3-0087] **III-85** 44 [See Wraxall p. 240-241.]

May It please Your Excellency

We have rec.^d Your Excellencies Letter of y.^e 31 July with [illeg.] paragraph of Gov.^r Shirleys Letter therein Inclosed and have Consid[er]ed the Same when we rece.^d Your Excellencies Letter ~~and that it will be [necessa~~
~~=ry that the warriours be Called down here as will ye Sachims~~
[sidebar] We had Already sent Two Indians to the Northward to Enquire Who Were the Authors of this Murder who brought Us An Authentick Acc.^t that it Was Committed by

Some of the Orandax Indians we have formerly mentiond to your Excellency & [illeg.]

daily Expect^d the mohawks Indians from Canada & resolved to [wait] till their arrivall before we sent our Interpreter to the Six nation[s] about the murder Committed in N England the mohawks returned Last Friday and we Examined them about what passed between the Indians of [illeg.] 6 nations and the french Gov.^r when they informed us of Sundry particu[lars] ye minutes whereof ye 9 Instant are here inclosed but they were either Afear'd or ashamed to tell us the truth. Since which our Interpreter [has] sounded a trusty man of the mohawks in private who Informed him of what has actually passed at Canada the Contents of which is Contained In the minutes of this day Your Excellency will thereby percieve that [the] Canada Indians have all taken up the Hatchets against the English So that there is now an End of the neutrality with y.^e Indians & we [may be] Attacked by them as soon as they Conveniently Can, but what is [Still] worse is the french Gov.^r is about Setting our own Indians against [illeg.] which it Seems he has Heartily Laboured at this meeting, and has actu[ally] offered them the Hatchet against us which they have not refused but [told] him that they would Consider of it at onondage & then give him their answer So that our Indians are It Seems Almost Gained by the french to their Interest and if the most Effectual & Speedy Care be not Taken

----- We must Expect to have them our Enemies as our Indians [Seem] to be in so waveing [sic] a posture we have thought it proper not to Send [our] Interpreter up about the murd.^r in N: England as Judgeing that he would meet with no Success We think it Absolutely necessary that your Excellency Should Come up here as soon as possible to meet the 6 nations

& it would Likewise be proper that Comm.^{rs} from y^e massachusetts bay
be then also present to Endeavour to take Some new measures [with]
y^e 6 nations and if it be then thought proper to prevail upon them
To take up the Hatchet ag:^t the french if this be not done y^e french
will Leave nothing unessayed to make them our Enemies in [which]
they have already made Considerable progress and the french [illeg.]
So Great a number of Indians in their Interest as makes [illeg.]
Indians fear full to offend them especially As we do not [illeg.]

[3-0088] **III-86**

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defence & Safety as Affairs [Are] at present at this Crisis it will be
absolutely necessary that the Assembly Enable y:^r Excellency
To make presents more than ordinary in order to which they
Should Likewise Consider that y^e price of goods is greatly
advanced and that it will be necessary that ye warriours be
Called down here as well as y^e sachims we hope that the
assembly will at Last resolve To raise money for a fort
tress at the Carrying place and to keep a proper number
of men there for outscouts to protect our frontiers in Some
measure ag:^t the Enemy. the £ 300:-- allowed us by y^e
Assembly for outscouts Is Considerably Exceeded.
as soon as y:^r Excellency resolves to Come up here it will
be necessary that we are Acquainted therewith that we may
Send up the Interpreter to Call the Indians down here at y^e
day appointed
If a fort be not built at y^e Carrying place for a Rendez Vous
for our outscouts it is Impossible to keep any parties out, so
that our Country must then Lie Exposed to Enemy.
Even to the Gates of this City. We think it necessary that
the provinces of Virgina maryland and Pensilvania Should
Likewise Send Comm:^{rs} with presents to Attend at this
meeting for this Affair Concerns all the provinces in an
Espcial manner

[3-0089] **III-87** 45

12 Aug.^t 1745 [See Wraxall p. 240-241.]

present

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Dirk T: Broeck

Rutger Blecker

Hend:^k T: Eyck

John De peyster

John Lansing

Steven V: Renselaer

Reyer Gerritse

Nicolaes Blecker

Corn: Cuyler

The following letter was wrote to the members of the [illeg.]
County of Albany manors of Renselaer & Livingston

Gentlemen

Some of You were psent when the Mohawks Came from Canada
Last week when it was Very Easy to See by y.^r behavie[r] at this
Board that they prevaricated in their acc:^t of what passed between
them and the french Gov:^r of Canada of which we have now great
reason to be Convinced one of the mohawks who Came from Canada
a Trusty fellow has Given an acc:^t of what passed and Says that [ye]
Caghnawages & all y^e Indians in Canada have Taken up y^e Hatchets
ag:^t us and that the Govo:^r has offered the Hatchets to our own Indians
to Assist him ag:^t us in the present war which our Indians did not
refuse but have Taken y^e belt of wampum with them & promised
To Consider of it in a full meeting of y^e 6 nations at onondage &
then send their answer the french have So Great a number of Indians
In their Interest & who have taken y^e Hatchet for them and they
Give our Indians Annually So many presents that our 6 nations
both out of Self preservation & Self Interest must naturally lean
to y^e french Side the occasion of which is that this province do not in
any man:^r assure the Indians of protection ag:^t the french in Case they
Engage in a war ag:^t them by building fortifications in their
Country & do not Give them any Considerable psents in Comparison
with the french, you are no doubt fully pswaded of y^e necessity of his
Excellency meeting y^e Six nations of Indians this season and of the
necessity of more than ordinary psents to be given the Indians at
this time Especially Considering that Very probably his Excellency
will Call down not only the sachims but the warriours [sic] of y^e 6 nation[s]
In order to Induce them to take up y^e Hatchet ag:^t our Enemies
the french to which End Large psents are necessary and if you
Consider y^e prise of goods at this time y^e Sum of £ 800:- pounds
usually all:^d for psents must appear to you as it really is not at
all Sufficient If your house does not at this Sitt:^s take proper

Care to raise y^e Supplies necessary to Gain y^e affection of the
6 nations then we must Certainly Expect to Loose them and [probably]
Very Soon His Excellency would do well to bring up with him
a number of Guns & a Quantity of powder & Lead and [Hatchets]
which are proper to be Given to Indians in [time of] [illeg.]

[3-0090] **III-88**

As we are now brought to this point that we must psuade our
our [sic] Indians to fight y^e french or they will psuade them to fight ag:^t
us we hope your house will at Last be Convinced that it is Absolutely
necessary & that they ought in Conscience to raise money for y^e
defence of our frontiers, and take Care that a fort be Erect^d at y^e
Carrying place & a number of men to be Constantly kept there as
outscouts if this be not done it will be Imposible to Gett any people
To Go out after one man is killed in our Country & then the whole Country
about this place must be laid in ashes, how any man Can take it
upon him to Suffer his Brethren to be Exposed to be murther^d by
merciless Heathen we Cant Say but Sure we are that it is wrong.
we would Likewise desire you to Consider that it is necessary
that a number of men of 100 at Least Should Reside here Constantly
In the pay of the province the Coll:^o ought Likewise to have power
To Command of y^e Militia of Dutches & ulster County to Come up
to this place when he judged it necessary and y^e fine for psons not
appearing upon Command of y^e Colonell be the necessary Ever so urgent
by y^r militia act is but £ 5 which we take to be no punishment
addequate to y^e Cowardice & baseness of those who do willfully [absent]
themselves from y^e defence of their Country

We Conceive it necessary that an act of Assembly be made that
no Strong Liquors be Sold in this County to y^e Indians Except:^g
Ossweego under Such restrictions [penalties] & reservations as to
the branches of Legislature Shall seem meet we think it would
be proper that no one ought to Sell Strong Liquors to y^e
Indians without Leave from y^e mayor or Recorder & Aldermen or
Some Such method

[3-0091] **III-89** 46

Albany august 15:th 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Hend:^k T: Eyck

Joh:^s Lansing

Nicol:^s Blecker

John depeyster

Rutger Blecker

Coll:^o Stoddrd

We are favoured with yours of the 11:th Instant as to what [you] write about the Six nations demanding up the murtherers of the two men lately killed please know that when re rece:^d your former letter acquainting us w:^t y:^t murder Several of the sachims of the 6 nations were then gone to Canada who are Since returned and [they] Confirm to us that the Orondax Comitted that murther and [illeg.] the Gov:^r of Canada had prevailed on his Indians to take up the hatchet to defend him ag:^t the English to the utmost of their Power and Sent [for] all the upper nations of Indians to Come down and [assist] them

That on the Govou:^r receiveing the news of Cape Bretons being taken and apprehending an Attack upon Quebeck he went Imediately thither and ordered a number of forces to follow him [illeg.] they Say a thousand Christians and Indians together so That the neutrality is broke. only a few of the sachims of the mohawks returned this way the rest Going home another way those who Spoke with us Seemed not Sincere in what they said but seemed Very Evasive but we expect the Mohawk Sachims down in few days from whom we hope to find out the truth of what was transacted at Canada. it Seemed as if they were ashamed to tell us what they had done Certain it is they were well Entertained by the Gov:^r of [Canada] for the Speace of 20 days and had Each of them a Suit of Cloaths [illeg.] 140 in number and Some of them Cloaths were of great price. as there is to be a great number of forces at Quebeck, we are afraid in Case they be not Attack:^d by our people they will turn their forces ag:^t our or your frontiers. we have acquainted our Gov:^r therewith and desired him Very pressingly to Come up which we doubt not he will do especially as our assembly are now Sitting they will En[courage?] him to Come. the mohawks likewise Confirm that there are thr[ee?] Indians Gone out from missisqueuck towards your frontiers [Two lines crossed out & illeg. appear to relate to trade]

We do not think we had any Authority to hinder the french Indians Comeing here While the neutrality [illeg.] [bottom of page may include another line too dark to read.]

[3-0092] III-90

Tho we must Say that but Very few have been here this
Summer who we believe Came only as Spies and not for any
Trade that we know off

We hope our fleet may have the Good fortune
To Take their Ships which if they do the goods they Can
Gett from hence we believe would be of little Service to them

We heartily wish it were in our power to Cause
the Indians murtherers to be delivered up or Satisfaction
made for their Cruelty but at psent Can do nothing but
By Entreaty unless all the Gover^{ts} Join with us in it

Att a Meeting of y^e Commissioners of
Indian Affairs at Albany y^e 27:th aug:^t 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Rutg:^r Blecker

John Lansingh

Nicolaes Blecker

Reyer Gerittse

Corn:^{es} Cuyler

Hend:^k T: Eyck

Dirk: T: Broeck

Five Sachims of the mohawks nation appeared
At this board and Say as follows

Brethren

The onnondages are the principall occasion of our
people going to Canada this Summer and we Expected that they
would have Given you Early notice of what was transacted there
but as they have not yet done it we have thought proper to
Come down here to acquaint you with what we know of that affair
Last winter you Sent Some of our People to Canada as Spies who when they
were there were Ill used by the Caghnawages & when our people
were there Last the Caghnawages & Schawenides Called our people
Together and Excused themselves for the Ill useage they gave those
that were sent there Last winter & told them that they were determined
to keep peace & friendship with them and Said also that they had
heard that y^e English had Like to have destroyed them Last winter
But that they were Glad to be [inf:^d ?] Since that it was now all over
and at the Same time they told our people that if any of them were
Inclined To Come & Live among them they Should be Gladly receiv.^d
By them whereupon they Gave this Belt of wampum
The Govou.^r of Canada told our people that the road to this
Country Should always be opened for us & he expected that his
people Should always have the Same Liberty to Go to our Country
whereupon he Gave A Belt of wampum

[3-0093] III-91

Brethren

We ordered our peopll when they went To Canada that in Case the Gov:^r of Canada Should propose any thing to them they Should not Give any answer thereto but referr y^e answer to the Sachims at Home & In pursuance of that ord:^r they had not Given the Gov:^r any answer but referred it to their Sachims at home

Brethren We have you know Very well for a Long time past lived In a Strict friendship with y^e french Indians and have Lately Entered Into a Covenant with them To remain neuter In the war between the English and french which Covenant they have broken by taking up the Hatchet ag:^t the English & going down to Quebeck to resist y^e English we would now propose one thing to you whether it would not be best that we Should yet once Endeavour to bring the french Indians back to their performa[nce] of y^e s.^d Cov:^t & that in order thereto we Should Send Some of our people to Crown point to Speak with Some french Indians ab:^t this affair

Brethren Some time ago one of our people who Lives at Cayahage was dow[n] here to Speak with you & he told us that you had Sent A belt of wampum by him to desire all those of y^e 6 nations who Live there to Come home to their own Country In which you have done Very well we have likewi[se] Sent a Belt by the Same man upon the Same Subject

Brethren When the french Govour:^r Gott the news of taking Cape Breton he se[nt] for those of the Six nations that were there & told them that the English had taken Cape Breton & that he would defend himself ag:^t y^e English to y^e uttmmost of his power that as for his own Indians he was Sure of their Assis[tance] and as to the 6 nations he would not ask them for Assistance but if any of them would Go to Assist ~~their~~ him they might but yet it was but right that Children Should Assist their father that as the Caghnawages & Schawenides took up the hatchet & after that ~~dennent~~ Decanonde an Onondage Sachim Likewise told the Gov:^r of Canada he would Assist him

The Commissioners answered them Brethren

We have heard what you have said & you have done well to accq:^t us with what has passed at Canada as to the Invitation of y^e french Indians that they would make you well Come if any of you would Come to Live in their Country we Expect that you will take no notice of that but Stay in Your Native Country among y:^r Brethren

The french Indians you Say have Broken the Covenant you [had] made with them So that you must now be Convinced that they are A [false] people and not at all be trusted as to y^r proposall to Speak [illeg.]

[3-0094] III-92

Indians to try to bring them back to y^e performance of y^e Cov:^t we do not think it proper at this time that you Should go to Crown point for this purpose because your going there Can aff not have

any Good Effect for those Indians would only referr you to the sachims in Canada & we Expect a letter daily from our Gov:^r to Call down the 6 nations to meet him here and then he will Speake to you about all affairs of Consequence. -The Indians Said That the Gov:^r of Canada when he Spoak to them about this affair that he Showed them a Large Balt of wampum with Hatchet figured therein that after this was over the Mohawks took the onondage Sachim to Task for this behaviour when he Seemed to Be much ashamed & told them he would not do what he p[ro]mised they desire that their names may not be mentioned in this Affair but that the onondages Should be told that the french Indians have Inf:^d of this

Att a meet:^g of y^e Comm:^{rs} y^e 29:th aug:^t 174[5]

[See Wraxall p. 241 for reference to sending the interpreter, named as Arent Stevens rather than Jacobus Blecker.]

Present

Cornelis Cuyler

Nicol: Blecker

Rutg:^r Blecker

Reyer Gerritse

Dirk: T: Broeck

Johan:^s Lansing

This board rece:^d a Letter from his Excellency of y^e 23 agu:st Ins:^t desiring y^e Comm:^{rs} to send y^e Interpreter to bring down the 6 nations of Indians to meet his Excellency at Albany y^e 4 of october next to renew their Engagements with him

The Com:^{rs} accordingly gave the Interpreter the following Instructions

M.^r Jacobus Blecker

You are to sett out tomorrow to go to the Six nations to Invite them down here to meet his Excellency at this place on the 4:th day of october next and you are to Stay your Self and Come down with the Indians you must likewise according to Custom take Care that provisions be ready at Burnets field when You Come down with the Indians. If you Can find out that any of the 6 nations have taken any belts from y^e Govou:^r of Canada you must desire them to bring them down here.

This board Agreed with Anthoney Blecker for £ 8:-- to Go with the Interpreter to bring down the Indians & he is to find his own horse

[3-0095] **III-93** 48

Att A Meeting of y^e Com^{rs} at Albany ye 30th aug:^t 1745

Present

Corn:^s Cuyler

John Lansing

Dirk T Broeck

Nicolas Blecker

Steven V Renselaer

May it please Your Excellency

We have rec^d your Excellencys letter of y^e 23 Instant and have according to your Excellency ord^r this morning Sent up the Interpreter to bring down the Indians to meet your Excell:^y here on y^e 4 of october next, here inclosed is an acc:^t of Goods disbur=^sed by the people who resided in y^e Sinnekes Country last year over & above y^e allowance made them by us for that purpose amout:^g to £ 23:10 as also a Certificate of their Service there for the term of one year for which they are to have accord:^g to agreem:^t with us by your Excellencys ord:^{rs} y^e Sum of £ 100:-- which Sum we desire your Excellency to recommand to y^e Assem[bly] for payment.

We are Sorry to hear y.^t the Assembly have allowed [but] £ 1000 for psents to y^e Indians it being not Sufficient at this Time & more Especially as y^e price of goods is much advanced. we are in hopes that the Assembly will yet resolve to Vote an additional Sum for that purpose

The following Certificate was Sent to his Excellency We do hereby Certify that mynd:^t wimp & Philip Reyley & C.^o have resided in the Sinneke Country in the Service of y^e Govern:^t from pmo aug:^t 1744 to pmo aug:^t 1745 as usual as wittness our hands y^e 30 aug:^t 1745

[3-0096] **III-94** [Not in Wraxall.]

Comm:^{rs} meeting y^e 8 Sep:^r 1745

Present

Rutg:^r Blecker

Hend:^k T: Eyck

John Lansingh

Corn:^s Cuyler

Nicolaes Blecker

Philip Schuyler

Dirk: T Broeck

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Three Mohawks Indians appeared at this board who
Bring two Letters ffrom Johan J. Petri acquainting
The Commissioners that there is a great Mortality
Among y^e Indians of y^e upper Nations &.^{ca}

The Follow.^g Letter Was Wrote To the Interpreter
M:^r Blecker

De maquasse Wilden hebben ons Late
Weeten dat daer Gesante Zyn in onndage Van Drie
Bysondere naties om mett de Vyf naties te Spreken
Ende Macken ons ock bekent das de onndages Versoeke
day wy Een Van ons op Sullen Senden om tegenwoordigh
by de propositie te zyn maer ter wyl dat de Govou:^r
de sess naties Sall moeten So denken wy best te [L]yn
dat Gy UE devoir Sall doen dat de Vreeinde willden
mett onse naties aff Coomen Ende dan kunnen sy haer
Besigheden in onse tegenwoordigheyt Vor handelen
Maer also zy niet meett onse wilden aff willen
Coomen dan moet UE Sorgh dragen dat het alles
Voor hett best Sall Verhandelt werden tussen die
wilden Ende onse
Het Goede nues dat Cap:^t Bryant behouden in
New York is aengecoomen Lalt UE Sonder
twy fell Aen Genaem zyn niet meer Als

[3-0097] **III-95** 49

Att a Meeting of y^e Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y^e 9 September 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap:^t Rutherford

Rutger Blecker

Hendrick: T: Eyck

Peter Winne

John Lansing

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Nicolaes Blecker

Cornelis Cuyler

John: D: Peyster

Two Cachnawages App:^d at this board & Say
that they were Sent by the Gov:^r of Canada to Deliver a [pack?] of
Letters to y^e Chief man of this City which they Deliv:^d to [ye]
Mayor of this City who desired them to keep it & deliver:^d it [illeg.]
this board which they now deliver Sealed up & being broke
open proves to be A Letter from Mons.^r Beauharnois with a
pack:^t of Letters for Govou:^r Shirley which he desires may
be Sent to him with Speed it relat:^g to the Exchange of [21]
prisoners he has of y^e English in his Country ag:^t [the]
Like number of ffrench prisoners taken on board of a Vess[el]
In July Last near Cape Breton Island

Collo Stoddard

Sir

We have rece:^d y^e pack:^t here inclosed
from Mes:^{sr} Beauharnois Gov:^r of Canada to Govou:^r Shirley
which he informs us is in Relation to y^e Exchange of 21 english
Prisoners which are in Canada & is Inclined to Exchange for a
Like number of french prisoners taken the 24 July last N: S: near [Cape]
Breton he desires the pack:^t may be forward:^d with all Speed, the [pack:^t]
was brought us by Rice & Tarbell 2 Eng:^s prisoners among y^e
Cagh Nawages the Gov:^r of Canada desires if we Think proper that those [people?]
Should Stay here for an ans:^r from Gov:^r Shirley but it will doubtless
be more agreeable to y^r Gov:^r to send an ans:^r by Some English By that
means to have an oppertunity to Spy their Country we have
therefore thought proper to order the Indians back [Imediately]
there is Likewise a Letter to a french prisoner from his
wife

[3-0098] **III-96**

Att a meeting of y^e Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y^e 13 September 1745

[See Wraxall p. 241.]

Present

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Philip Schuyler

Peter Winne

Joh:^s Lansing

John de peyster

Hend:^k T: Eyck

Rutger Blecker

Nicolaes Blecker

Cornelis Cuyler

This board Agreed with Arent Stevens for £ 14:-- to Go to
Onondage if he has long Journey then to have £ 15:--

The following Instructions were Given to Arent Stevens

You are to accq:^t the Six nations that our Govou:^r has
ordered us to Inform them that the Govern:^r of Boston
has declared war against y^e Canada Indians on the 23 day of
August Last being obliged thereto by the breach of the treaty
of neutrality which those Indians have made by killing and Scalping
Two men upon the frontiers of new England

You are to tell the Indians that the Govou:^r has Sent you up not
only to Acquaint them herewith & Satisfie them that the new Engl:^d people
had Great reason to proclaim war against those Indians but likewise
that they may have an oppertunity Imediately to take Such Steps as may posibly
prevail with the Indians in the french Interest Engaged with them in the
Treaty of neutrality to make Satisfaction to the Gov:^r of Boston for the
murders Committed upon their people and Confirm the treaty of neutrality
that matters between those Indians and the new England people may be at
peace again that the Govou:^r of Boston Expects this from them and it is
their duty by the treaty of neutrality to use their Endeavours for this
purpose and that they must Consider that it is a Great Affront upon
them that the Canada Indians dare to break the treaty made with
them & not make any Satisfaction for the Same So that it is their
duty to use their Endeavour to prevail upon the Canada Indians
to deliver up y^e murderers to Justice that a Step [Stop] may be put
to further Bloodshod [Bloodshed]

[3-0099] III-97

Att A Meeting of y^e Comm:^{rs} of [Indian]

Affairs y^e 18 September 1745

[Not in Wraxall other than reference to Stevens.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Nicolaes Blecker

Johan:^s Lansingh

Steph: Van Rensselaer

Rutg:^r Blecker

John de peyster

Edward Collins

Hendrick: T: Eyck

The following Letter was wrote to his Excellency

May it please your Excellency

We have rec:^d your Excellencys fav:^{rs} of y^e 4th & 9th of this month and have according to your Excellencies ord:^r Sent up Arent Stevens to onondage to acquaint y^e Six nations that y^e Govou:^r of Boston declared war ag:^t y^e Canada Indians in resent =ment of the murders Committed by those Indians on the [frontiers] of new England Contrary to the Tenor of y^e Treaty of neutrality [and] have given him orders to Inlarge upon y^t affair accord:^g to y^e Tenor of y^r Excellencys Letter upon that Subject

The Govournour of Canada Sent 2 Caghnawage Indians with his pass to this place with a pack:^t for Gov:^r Shirley Relating to y^e Exchange of 21 English prisoners ag:st So Many french we Thought proper that those Indians Should not Stay here for an answer from the Gov:^r of Boston but to Return Imediately thereby to Give an opportunity to y^e [Gov^r] of Boston to send an answer to Canada by some of his own people who may then Spy the Enemies Country

The 2 Caghnawages took it Very much Amiss that they were not Allowed to trade here as usual they have [illeg.] Brought a few bevers with them which they said was their own, we told them y^e reason of it was that Some Canada Indians had murdered Some of y^e N: E people Contrary [to] y^e treaty of neutrality & that till Satisfaction is made to y^e New England people for those murders they must not Expect either to trade or Come into our Country they [Ans^d] that they had Invoilably kept y^e treaty of neutrality & that [it] Is not their fault that other Indians had broake it and that [y^e] Govou:^r of Canada was greatly displeased with the orondax [Indians] for Committing the s:^d murder but how far they are to be [believed]

Is uncertain but those Indians Seemed to be much Inclined to [have]
that Affair reconciled

When our Interpreter went up to Call down y^e [Indians]
[missing line?]

[3-0100] **III-98**

An Account that 6 delegates of y^e Some of y^e [sic] far nations were
at onondage to treat with y^e 6 nations & and [sic] we ordered our
Interpreter to Invite them down here to be present at y^e Interview

When they may be of use to Carry messages to their respective
Nations from y^r Excellency we have now under Consideration
y.^r Excellencies Letter of y^e 9:th Instant Concerning what proposall[s]
we think requisite for y^r Excellency to make to y^e Indians
at y.^e Interview of which we think we Shall be better able to
Judge when y.^r Excellency comes up but in the mean time will
Note down what occurs to us at psent as first to renew & Streng:
then y^e Covenant Chain in y^e usual form to accq:^t the Indians of
the reduction of Cape Breton to his Majesty obedience & to
Inform them that y^e Canada Indians have broken & violated
the Treaty of neutrality in the psent war between the English
and french by murdering some people upon the frontiers of new
England & that the new England people in Resentment thereof
have proclaimed war ag:^t those Indians and the Chief point to
be Considered in our opinion is whether it will be best to Spurr
on our Indians to Endeavour to prevail upon the french Indians to
make Satisfaction for y^e s:^d breach of y^e neutrality or to prevail
upon them if possible to make war with those Indians in Conjunction
with us. how our Indians Stand Affected in this Respect
we will be better able to Judge when our Interpreter & arent
Stevens return from y^e Indian Country the Consequences of a war with
the Canada Indians ought to be well Considered before it be resolved
upon & Such measures taken as will secure the frontiers ag:^r the Enemy
It is to be hoped that Some methods may be fallen upon to obtain
Satisfaction for y^e Infraction of the treaty of neutrality & that y^e Same
may be again renewed & Confirmed
we Likewise think proper that your Excellency Should
Speak to the mohawks Concerning their Behaviour last winter
when they pretended that the English had a design to murder
them and to Enquire of them what were the Grounds of
of [sic] The distrustfull behaviour of their Brethren
which they Showed at that time

[3-0101] III-99

Att a meeting of y^e Comm:^{rs} of [Indian Affairs]
the 20:th of September 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Blecker
Nicolaes Blecker
Hendrick: T: Eyck
John de peyster
Dirk: T: Broeck

Jan fort being Returned from y^e outscout with [those?]
of his Comp.^y Informs this board that y^e 3 Indians he [had]
with him upon y^e outscout refuse to serve serve [sic] longer [illeg.]
outscout

The acc.^t of y^e Indians who have upon the outscouts

Anpamet	60 days at 3/	£ 9: ---: ---
Wanpatinwa	35 days at 3/	5: 5: ---
Capskinkos	95 days at 3/	5: 5:
		£ 19: 10:--

Hendrick the Indian has likewise been
with this outscout 31 days

£ 4: 13

£ 24: 3: ---

The acc.^t of white people upon this
outs:^{kt} to this day Excluded

Jan fort Cap. ^t	60 days 5/6:	£ 16: 10: ---
Robert Dunbar	60 dys: 4/	12: --
Abraham Jo Fort	60 days 4/	12: 00: ---
andr: ^s Van Vranken	60 d ^s at 4/	12: 00: ---
Harm: ^s Hagedorn	30 days at 4/	6: ---: ---
Peter Van Vranken	36 days at 4/	7: 4: ---
Rich: ^d Crawley	13 days at 4/	2: 12:
		£ 68: 6:
		£ 92: 9: ---

M:^r Ten Broeck was desired to pay
one Indian & M:^r C: Cuyler was desired
to pay another & M:^r Nicolas Blecker
was desired to pay the other
this board agreed with Jan fort to go upon y^e outscout

again at 5/6 p^r day & with the following persons for
4/p:^r day Viz:^t

Robert Dunbar
Harm:^s Hagedorn
Joh:^s Ab: Fort
Joh:^s Van Vranken
Jacob Heunstraet
Rich:^d Crawley and ordered that Abrah[am]
Jo Fort & And:^{rs} Van Vranken Stay with this out[scout]
& that Jan fort hire one or two Indians to go with them the [Com.^{rs}]
ordered the outscouts one hundred bread for y^e Com[pany]

[3-0102] **III-100**

Att a meeting of y^e Comm:^r y^e 26 Sep:^r 1745
[See Wraxall p. 241.]

Present
Philip Schuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Nicolaes Blecker
John Lansing
Rutger Blecker
Edward Collins
Steven Renselaer
Dirk T: Broeck
Hend:^k T: Eyck

Arent Stevens returned from his Journey to y^e 5 nations
and said he had observed his Instructions all the way up
& had been within 6 miles of onondage when he mett the
Sachims of the onondages and Cayouges
then he told also them his message according to y^e Instruction[s]
Given by the Commissioners they did not give him an
answer in forme:^s Saying they were going down to
Albany where the nations would all be together and
then they would Speak upon that head to y^e Govou:^r but
at the same time the principall men told him that they
took it an honour done to them that the Govou:^r Sent that
message

wrote a Letter to maj:^r Glen & arent Bratt to
provide the Indians with provisions when they
Come down

Albany Octob.^r 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]
His Excellency desired this board to draw up the heads of Such
Articles as they think Should be Mentioned to the Six Nations At
this Interview with them. which Was done and is As follows
The Commissioners of Indian Affairs humbly Conceive It proper that

his Excellency Speak to the Six Nations upon the following heads.
(1.) To mention Something to them Concerning the absence of the Sinnekes.

(2) To Renew the old Covenant Chain.

(3) To acquaint them of the Success of his Majesties arms in the Reduction of Cape Bretton and to give them Some account of our army in flanders.

4. To acquaint them that the Cannda Indians have Broken the Neutrality in the Present war Between the English and french by murdering some People upon the frontiers of New England and that the New England people have for that occassion declared war against the Canada Indians, and as our Indians undertook by that Treaty To Joyn with the Injured party we think proper That the Hatchet be given them against the french and all the Indians in Canada to be made use of upon his Excellencies Cammand But in Case
the

[3-0103] **III-101**

the french Indians make Satisfaction to the Mas[sachusetts] Government for the Said Murders we Conceive there [to] be no necessity of makeing use of the Hatchet unless [the] Canada Indians should Committ further Hostilities.

To assure the Indians That they will be Supplied [by this] Government with all necessaries to Carry on the war [illeg.] That this Government will Exert themselves vigourously [illeg.] the Said war against the french and Indians & [illeg.] the Indians That this Government will assist them [If they?] Should be attacked by the french.

(5.) That the Mohawks should be Spoake To Concerning the[ir] behavior Last winter, when they pretended that the Eng[lish] had a design to murder them and To Enquire of them wh[at] were the True grounds of their distrust at that time.

6. To Speak to them about the Behaviour of Decarondo an Onondage Sachim who went from Montreal to the assist[ance] of Quebeck with Some of his Dependants. which is a Declaration of war against us.

6 To ask them what Promises and Engagements they made [the] Governour of Canada or the Caghnawage Indians when they were there last Summer and about what affair It was That Some of them Took a belt from the french Gov^r & brought it home to Onondage

To ask them what they told the Governour of Canada [illeg.] the Scalps of the two English men were brought there by the Orondax.

7) To desire the Indians to Leave two of Each nation here to serve as outschouts this winter for a Reasonable payment & to be always ready for that Service when they Shall [be]

Desired

8) To desire the Indians To Settle in a body in their Castle[s]

9) Some of the Canajoherie Indians have lately Stolen [four]
horses from the farmers here for which they ought to [be]

Checked.

[3-0104] **III-102 to III-108** are the text of Governor Clinton's speech to the Six Nations at the conference held with multiple colonies in Albany in October 1745. The speech is printed in DRCHNY 6:296 in nearly identical language and summarized in Wraxall p. 241-242.]

[2-0594] **II-313** [Returns to vol. 2. There are no records for the rest of October or for November 1745.]

Att a meeting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 6th

Day of December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap^t Rutherford

Myndert Schuyler

Coll.^o Philip Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Dirck Tenbroeck Esq.^{rs}

Stephen v Renselaer Com^{rs}

Peter Winne

Hendrick Ten Eyck

The Com.^{rs} ordered the
Resolutions of the Assembly
[respecting] the Repairing
of the Block Houses for

Quartering of the Regular Troops expected
from New York to be read but referred the whole
to Coll^o Philip Schuyler who promised to use
his Endeavour to gett private Houses to lodge
them in

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 8th
Day of December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Johann.^s Lansingh
John De Peyster
Dirck Ten Broeck
Stephen Renselaer
Hendrick Ten Eyck

Two of the Out Scouts
Wampenous & Wampeway
being returned the Com^{rs}

order M.^r Hendrick Ten Eyck to pay each of
them for ten Days at 3/ p^r Diem

The Com.^{rs} directed the
aforesaid two Indians to go out again and
sent Directions to Harmes^s Knickerbacker to
gett two Indians more to go along with them

[2-0595] **II-313A**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 9.th Day
of December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Johannes Lansingh
Dirck Ten Broeck
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse

The Com.^{rs} ordered a Letter
to be writt to Peter Konyn
to make the Iron Work for
two large Gates for the

Indian Fortification at the Mohawks
if M^r Wemp Lieu.^t Burrowes and the Neigh=
bourhood think them necessary for their
Defence and to desire Peter Konyn to speak
to those Gentlemen to give the Com.^{rs} their
Opinion in a Letter from them

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 11.th
Day of December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Coll.^o Philip Schuyler

Nicholas Bleecker Esq.^{rs}

Dirck Tenbroeck Com.^{rs}

Peter Winne

Rutger Bleecker

John Depeyster

Robert Dunbar being return.^d
with the four Indians who
were sent with him to View
the Frontiers gives the following Account

They went from Saratoge to Batten Kill
from Batten Kill to Cajejoune Eastward
Thence northward to the Road that the
french and Indians came who destroyed
Saratoge, Thence along the Same Road
Westerly some time, Then Northwards

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Toward the Wood Creek, Then Westerly
till they came on the Road that leads to
Fort Nicolls, and so to where John Lydius's
House Stood then returned home but saw no
Enemy The Com.^{rs} agreed with Robert
Dunbar and Joshua Brooks to go out again
with five Indians to spie the Frontiers for
ten Days to go up the East Side of the River
and return by the West Side of the River
Ordered that Coll.^o Myndert Schuyler pay the
four Indians Ampamack, Cohas, Pahquemick
and Pomodit each of them for Eight Days at
three Shillings p^r diem, and also to give them
a Buck Skin to make Shoes

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs}
the 14.th Day of December
1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Dirck Tenbroeck
Stephen Renselaer
Nicolas Bleecker Esq^{rs}
Johannes Lansingh Com^{rs}
John Depeyster
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Reyer Gerritse
Cornelis Cuyler

May it please your Excellency
Sir

We rec^d your Excell.^{ys} favours
of the 9.th Instant yesterday We have desired
Coll.^o Schuyler to send a Sufficient Detachment
of

[2-0597] **II-314A**

Of the Militia to protect the Work Men
who are to build the Fort at Saratoge But
think it is Impossible to spare so many of
the Militia of this County as is Sufficient
to garrison that Fort when built, Not one
Man can be expected either from the Northw^d
or Westward of this place, for if they leave
their Habitations the whole Country lyes
naked and exposed to the Enemy and all
their Settlements and Effects lyable to be
destroyed every Moment And the Militia
in Town and to the Southward of Us have
very hard Duty to keep Watch in Town and
go out in parties to view our Frontiers to
the northw^d Coll.^o Schuyler having no
direct Order to Command any Militia from
the lower County's but Occasionally upon
any Emergency which can be of little Service
to Us in Case we should be suddenly sur=
=prized Therefore we humbly beg your
Excellency would be pleased to order fifty
Men of the King's Troops to Garrison the
Fort at Saratoge when built

The Inhabitants of Schaahkook have
built two small Forts there and they being
few in Number are not able to defend them

[2-0598] II-315

We beg your Excellency would be pleased
to Order twenty five Men of the Regular
Troops to garrison them; besides a good
Number of Militia and some Indians to lye
with them and serve as Out Scouts, That place
being now the Northermost Settlement of this
County and likewise at present of great Moment
to be secured being there is a very Considerable
Quantity of Grain there. Hitherto we have
not been able to gett any fitt persons to go to
the Six Nations to carry your Excellency's
Message to them unless we would oblige
our Selves to pay to three persons the Sum of
Seventy five pounds, and would not go without
they went fourteen Strong But as our Interpre=
=ter is daily Expected we shall write your
Excellency more at large by an Express next
Week

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 16.th
Day of December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Dirck Ten broeck

Coll.^o Phil. Schuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Esqrs

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Com^{rs}

Stephen Renselaer

Jacob Glen

John Depeyster

Johannes Lansingh

The Interpreter being return^d
from Onnondage whither
he was sent the 25 Ultimo
with a Message to the Six
Nations to desire ten Men

[2-0599] II-315A

Of each Nation to come down brings the following Account Viz
He went from hence to the Mohaws [sic] Castle and delivered his Message which they received Chearfully and promised to come down with the other Nations, From thence to Canajohare and acquainted them with the Same who seemed also pleased and promised likewise, Then to Oneyde who also were pleased but desired to hear the Opinion of the other Nations, So he proceeded to Onnondage who were very well pleased but desired he would go forward to Cayouge which he accordingly did and acquainted them therewith. They consulted together Two Days and then gave him an Answer that they would first have a meetting with all the Six Nations (Except the Mohawks) at Onnondage and they would acquaint all the Neighbouring Indians w.^t the Message they had received.
The Onnondages gave him Seven hands of Wampum to deliver to the Mohawks and River Indians to desire them to go forthwith and meett the Com.^{rs} because it would be ten or twelve Days before they could be ready to come, The old Speaker promised to come along to hasten and Encourage them. The Interpreter found but few Indians at home as he went through their Several Castles

[2-0600] II-316

He delivered his Message both to the Moh.^k and River Indians. The Canajohare Ind^{ns} promised to send ten of their People to speak with the Com.^{rs} in about three Days / after he Spoke with them / in order to go upon the Out=
=Scout. The Mohawks at Fort Hunter promis.^d likewise to send some of their People along with the Canajohare Indians but doubted if they could send ten because they were busy to fortifie their Castle

Before he went from Onnondage to Cayouge he told the Indians that Seeing he would be so near to the Sinnekes Land and as Jean Caur was there with other two french

Men, He and his Company being Six in all
would bring Jean Caur and his Company
Prisoners for he would be ashamed to return
to Albany unless he carried them Prisoners
seeing he had six in his Company
The Old Speaker answered in the Name of all
the Rest that he must not, nor would they
allow him to do so By Reason that Niagara
was near by and a Strong Garrison there
Myndert Wemp and his Company being in
the Sinnekes Country they would Certainly
be gone But their Chief Reason was that
Jean Caur was adopted as one of them, made
a Sachim and had Children amongst them.

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He proposed the Same to the Cayouges who
gave much the Same Answer. The Six Nations
acquainted all the Neighbouring Nations
with the Devastation the french & Indians
made at Saratoge

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 20.th
December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap^t Marshall

Myndert Schuyler Esq^{rs}

Nicholas Bleecker Com^{rs}

Reyer Gerritse

Dirck Tenbroeck

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Thirteen Schaahkook Indians
appeared at this Board They Congratulated
Captain Marshall on his Arrival here to Command
for which he returned them Thanks, He told
them he would do every Thing in his Power
to serve them and fight for them He ordered
some Beer to be given Them and sent a Span.^{sh}
Dollar to buy Tobacco & Pipes for Them. They
said they were glad the King had sent a good
Officer here and they all bid him heartily
welcome. They were glad we had come to a
good Understanding and they would do every
Thing in their Power to serve the Country

Fathers

You called Us here and told Us that the
Cachnawage Indians had promised to keep
the path Open but that they had deceived
you, they spoke w.^t their Mouths what they did

[2-0602] **II-317**

Not mean in their Hearts

Fathers

You shall now hear your Children Speak
what they have to say, Your Schaahkook
Children and all the Indians to the Southw.^d
and Eastward have been at Canada and we
made an Agreement with all the french
Indians that we should keep the path open
and Clean to pass and repass to one another;
We made a Covenant with our Brethren and
Friends (those who we took to be our friends)
for we are of one flesh and of one Blood, but
they have deceived Us and Stopt the Road
Fathers

You told Us we must go to Spie the
Crown Point that if we take a Prisoner we
are to have twenty pound and for a Scalp
ten pound

Fathers

You have put the Ax into our Hands
and we have been with our Uncles and they
told us we must wait till they come to
Albany and then we will Consult together
what is to be done

Fathers

We say in General to all the Com.^{rs} but
to you Captain in particular that we desire
you to make a Fort at the Carrying Place
or Saratoge We shall be ready on our part
to assist to defend it We are always ready
to help you and be a Guard for you

Gave a Belt

[2-0603] **II-317A**

Fathers

Our Uncles told Us that they have
sent to the Southermost Nations to acquaint
them what has happened and to desire
them not to sitt still but come to our

Assistance against our Common Enemy,
They expected the Com.^{rs} would have sent
to them, but the Mohawks have sent.

Our Uncles of Cayouge desired the
Canejohere Mohawks and Mahikanders
to go in the mean time and keep a good
look Out and they would soon follow. But
the Mohawks say they are busy to provide
for the Defence of their Children and build
a Fort and when that is finished they
will come, We will send for all the Indians
that live down the River to come and Assist Us
In the mean time we are Ready to go along
with those that are going to build the Fort
We hope you will assist our Message and
send some Token from you, This String of
Wampum is our Token from the Six Nations
But it was never known that Fathers left
Children to themselves We expect a Token
from you.

The Com.^{rs} ordered M.^r Stevenson to give
them 14 hands of Black Wampum for a
Token

[2-0604] II-318 318

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 21.st
Day of December 1745

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap^t Hubert Marshall

Myndert Schuyler

Coll^o Phil. Schuyler Esq^{rs}

Nicholas Bleecker Com^{rs}

Johan.^s Lansingh

Stephen Renselaer

Dirck Tenbroeck

Reyer Gerritse

The Com.^{rs} haveing rec^d
a Letter from Coll.^o Stoddard
of the 18.th Instant order'd
the following answer
to be made Viz

Sir

We are favoured with yours of the
18.th Instant which we rec.^d open as also your
last favours We wish you gave Orders to those

persons who you send to be more Careful for
possibly it may be of bad Consequence to
have Letters broke open by the Way
We thank you for your Care and Diligence
in Informing Us from time to time of the
Motions of the Enemy We shall do the Same
on our part to you. At present we hear of no
Enemy, We have Spies out on our Northern
Frontiers who we expect in Daily if they
make any Discovery we will acquaint you
We are to build a New Fort at Saratoge
with all Expedition where we Intend to
keep a Garrison of one hundred Men besides
some Indians for Out Scouts. This Week
a fire happened at Schaahkook which
destroyed a Barn and two Barracks with

[2-0605] **II-318A**

all the Corn & Cattle belonging to one of
the principal Inhabitants there, Another
happened on the North Side of the Mohawks
River about two Miles from Schonectady
which likewise destroyed every Thing
belonging to one of the principal Inhabi=
=tants there except his Dwelling House
and what was in it But we have as yet no
Suspicion that it was done by our Common
Enemy We beg you will always acknowledge
the Receipt of the Letters you receive that we
know whether they come safe to hand or
miscarry
Robert Dunbar and Joshua Brooks return'd
/with the five Indians that went out with them /
and gave an Account that they went from
Saratoge up Batts Creek to Cajajoene from
thence twelve Miles East, then north till
almost opposite to the Drowned Land; then
South West till they came between Fort Anne
and the Landing Then back to the Snook
Kill and Crossed the River a Little above
Jacob Quackenboss, and from thence came
home but saw no Enemy or any Tracks
except of one Single Person at Saratoge
which might be the Track of one of our
own Indians

They were out 10 days

[2-0606] **II-319**

Att a meetting of the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the 23.^d December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Rutger Bleecker Esq^{rs}

Reyer Gerritse Com^{rs}

John Depeyster

Dirck Tenbroeck

The Com.^{rs} ordered the
five Indians that were
out with Robert Dunbar
and Joshua Brooks to
go to M^r Abraham

Cuyler's to gett their Payment each of them
thirty Shillings for the ten Days they have
been out

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the
24th Day of Decem.^r 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Nicholas bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Stephen Renselaer

Johannes Lansingh

The Com^{rs} this Day
agreed with Robert

Dunbar and Joshua Brooks to go out with
the Indians Ampamack, Cohas, Mamaskina
Pamolet, Wampetinoa, Pughquinack and two
others to be got above to go out in two parties
one on the East Side and the other on the
West Side of Hudsons River

[2-0607] **II-319A**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 29.th
Day of December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Cornelis Cuyler Esq^{rs}

Nicholas Bleecker Com^{rs}

Johannes Lansingh

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Stephen Renselaer

Harme & Cornelis Van Slyck
returned with the four
Indians that went out

from Schenectady to View the Frontiers to
the lake St sacrament they saw no Enemy
but found a Burch Canoe and two paddles in
it They broke the Canoe that it might not
be Serviceable to the Enemy in Case they came
that Way the Lake being yet open, They saw
no Tracts but the Weeds &^{ca} seem'd to be fresh
trode down for they were not risen again which
gave them some Suspicion that Spies might
lately been there

The White Men conceived a
Suspicion that the Indians had a mind to
kill them and Cornelis on his Oath said that
they had a mind to kill his Brother and
keep him for their Servant The Com^{rs} hearing
both parties thought the white Men had
misunderstood the Indians talking amongst
themselves and so desired both parties to
make up the Difference & be reconciled w.^{ch}
Seemingly they did. By Order of the Com.^{rs} Cornelis
Cuyler gave each of the Ind.^{ns} a Blkt Strowds

[2-0608] **II-320**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the
30th Day of Decem.^r 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap^t Marshall

Coll.^o Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Rutger Bleecker Esq^{rs}

Hendrick Ten Eyck Com^{rs}

Stephen Renselaer

Dirck Tenbroeck

Johannes Lansingh

Nicholas Bleecker

John Depeyster

Coll.^o Schuyler who went
from hence with the
Interpreter the 23^d Ins.^t
returned from the
Canajohere & Mohawks
Castles made the follow=
=ing Report to the Com^{rs}

He found the Indians of the Mohawk Castle
ready and willing to come down but that
they waited for the Canajohare Indians
When he went to Canajohare Castle he called
the Indians together He told them he came
to know the Reason why they had not sent
down ten Men from their Castle according
to their promise to the Interpreter some=
=time ago, Hendrick Spoke and said he could
give the Reason before they Consulted
together Says He / Here sitts my Brother
by my Side The other Indians say that
when the Governour was last at Albany
and delivered the Hatchet we two only took
it up for which we received Skipplles full
of Silver Money Some of the Indians who
sitt

[2-0609] **II-320A**

Sitt here say So, And we press'd their going to
Albany Then the Indians wou'd said See now
they press us so hard to go to Albany because

they gott so much Money Coll.^o Schuyler told them he knew nothing of their getting Money He believed there were Jealousies & Suspicious amongst all People and said we had Divisions amongst our Selves After the above Conversation was Ended The Indians went together, And then called for Coll.^o Schuyler and told him they would not go down to Albany till the other Nations came to go with them, He answered he was come on purpose to take them along and would not return without they went along. Then they went to Consult again, and next Day Coll.^o Schuyler mett them and pressed them to go with him they still told him they would wait for the other Nations Att last with much Intreaty they promised to sett out on the munday following, and if the other Indians would not come at all they would stand by the English and assist them to the uttmost of their Power. While Coll.^o Schuyler was at Canajohare, Douwe an Indian who went to Oswego with Lieu.^t Hogan returned, He said When the News was Carried to the Sinnekes Country that Saratoge was Destroyed, It was Reported that one or two Indians of the Six Nations were killed

[2-0610] II-321

Jean Coeur hearing this Report called the Indians together, and told them not to be sur=
=prized at that Report, for there was no design to hurt any of the Six Nations, If Any of their Indians were killed it must been by Accident but they might assure themselves no hurt was designed against any of them He gave them a Present of Goods to wash of the Stain.

Douwe told further That some french had been up lately among the [blank in original] and other Ind^{ns} to offer them the Hatchet a new but they denied to take it up, Saying they belonged to the Six Nations and would act in Concert with them; Dowe said likewise that Othowana with two other Indians were gone to the Same Nations of Indians to desire them to keep to their promise and act in Concert with the Six Nations, He said also that the Six Nations have had a Meetting at Onnondage the Result was they were a [few] People They would call

in all their Men and keep upon their Guard
within their own Castles but would not come down
Each People must defend themselves as well as
they can

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[2-0611] II-321A

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 3.^d Day
of January 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Rutger Bleecker

Cornelis Cuyler

Dirck Tenbroeck Esq^{rs}

Coll^o Schuyler Com^{rs}

Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Johannes Lansing

Robert Dunbar who had
been out with Joshua Brooks
and Seven Indians in Order
to View the Frontiers came

and reported to the Com.^{rs} that the Snow fell
so Deep they could go no further than
Then agreed to go out again but wanted Snow
Shoes, Robert Dunbar said he could gett five
pair at Abraham Van Arnems if the Com^{rs}
would pay Money for them An Order was given
wherein Cornelis Cuyler promised to pay for two
pair, Dirck Tenbroeck two pair and Hendrick
Ten Eyck one pair, Robert Dunbar undertook to
pay one of the Indians

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 4th Day
of January 1745/6 [Summary in Wraxall p. 243-244.]

Present

Hubert Marshall

Philip Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Edward Collins Esq^{rs}

Stephen Renselaer Com^{rs}

Reyer Gerritse

Nicholas Bleecker

John Depeyster

Johannes Lansingh

The Com^{rs} agreed to write
the following Letter to the
Governour

May it please your Excellency
Sir

The Interpreter returned two
Days after the Last we sent your Excellency which

[2-0612] **II-322**

The 14 December but the Indians not coming
along with him as expected we delayed writing till
we could better Inform your Excellency what they
intend to Do Their long tarrying has also oblidge^d
Us to keep the Post so long Till expecting them
We send your Excellency the Minutes of three
of our Meettings to which we beg to referr your
Excellency for what has happened since our last
Your Excellency will see by them what Diffi=
=culties we meett with in Regard to the Indians
and without their Assistance it is Impossible
to gett the Fort built at Saratoge

Your Excellency's repeated Endeavours to put
the Northern Frontiers of this Province into a
proper Posture of Defence (which we gratefully
acknowledge) make us bold to offer our Thoughts
on that Subject to your Consideration, which if
they seem Reasonable we hope your Excellency
will be pleased to recommend to the other Branches
of the Legislature.

Your Excellency has long
since Insisted on having a Fort built at the
Carrying Place which has at length been resolv^d.

upon by the House of Representatives, but being thought Impracticable at this Season, You have been pleased to order one at Saratoge for the present in hopes of having a Strong Stone Fortress built at the Carrying place in the Spring w^{ch} is doubtless highly necessary and we hope may be Effected. But we humbly Conceive that this

[2-0613] II-322A

Will not answer your good Intentions nor prove a Sufficient Security for our Settlements, The Country will notwithstanding be exposed to the Incursions of the Enemy. A [Gate] of no less than 120 Miles being open to them to enter at When=
=Ever they please, To prevent which we can think of no other Rational Means than the Extending the N England Line of Block Houses Ten of which being built at about twelve Miles Distance from each other would Cover the whole Country, To Defend which thirty Men would be necesary to Each half of which Number might patrolle from one to the other and by that means the whole Line passed over twice every Day This would not only Discover the Enemy if they should attempt to Invade any of our settlements, But also Speedily Convey an Alarm thro all N England as well as our own County Especially if a Small Piece of Cannon were added to each Block House, We are aware that this will be attended w.^t a Considerable Expence. But it seems such as is absolutely necessary for the preservation of the Frontiers of this Province the Inhabitants whereof will otherwise be oblided to desert their Habitations or be every Moment exposed to the Cruelty of barbarous Savages

[2-0614] II-323

As to our Indians we fear we can expect but little Assistance from them in the Scituation they are it, Which if possible is worse than our Own, Especially the upper nations. The only way to engage them heartily in our Interest would be to take some of their families under our Protection and hire Lands for them near Us We beg leave farther to represent to your Excell^{cy}

the hardships this County labours under on
Account of the War, while the Rest of the Pro=
vince enjoy the Blessings of Peace, We have
about 2000 Men in the City and County Capable
of bearing Arms, 1000 of these Cannot with
safety be moved from their settlements Viz
those who live to the Northward of this City
Schonectady and on the Mohawk River

The Inhabitants of this City old and young
of all Ranks capable to handle a [firslock] will
hardly amount to 400 A Number Vastly
Insufficient to guard the City, By the late
Militia Act the Coll.^o is impowered to call in
the Country People none of whom without
Cruelty can be taken from their families
but such as live to the Southward of this
place, and many of them leave their families
in Distress'd Circumstances; So that Complnts
and Murmurings already begin and many

[2-0615] **II-323A**

Of the poorer Sort will soon be oblided to
move into another County or Government, Nay
we are Informed that Several Young Men are
already gone into the next County for fear of
being detached, Our Duty here is much harder
than most forces in Pay being but two nights
in bed which no Man that lives by his Labour
can long hold out

Here was a Clause desiring the Gov^r to use his
Endeavour to gett an Act prohibiting the Selling
Rum to the Ind.^{ns} w^t such a Clause as in the Negroe
Act for discovering

And a Clause excusing the Incorrectness of M^r
Collins Draught w^{ch} was Inclosed

This is what we have made bold to offer to
your Excell.^{ys} sincere Disposition to Alleviate
these Grievances and to promote the Interest
of the Province in General We remain as
in Duty bound

The above Letter was Signed
by all present
Albany Jan^{ry} 4 1745/6

[2-0616] II-324

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 6th

Day of January 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Hubert Marshall

Philip Schuyler

Dirck Ten Broeck

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Rutger Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Stephen Renselaer

Johannes Lansingh

Edward Collins

Cornelis Cuyler

The Com.^{rs} ordered the
following Letter to be
writt Viz

I am directed by the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
to acquaint you they rec^d your favours of
the 2^d Instant and are glad to hear that your
Surprize and Alarm is over they hope both
your People and ours may continue in
Quietness Our Visits have as yet discovered
no Enemy If they do the Com.^{rs} will not
fail to acquaint you with all Speed, and
doubt not of the Same from you
The Com.^{rs} think it would be very proper that
a Sign or Word or both were agreed on between
our Scouts and Yours that they might know
one another There is a new Fort to be
built at Saratoge as soon as that is done
think to give more particular Directions
to our Scouts in the mean time they are
directed to go to the Carrying Place and all
thereabouts
To Major Israel Williams

[2-0617] **II-324A** [Brief summary in Wraxall p. 244 omits condolence.]
Several Sachims and Fighters of the Mohawk
and Canajohare Castles appeared at this Board
and by Hendrick their Speaker said

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We are come here to Albany
the place appointed for our Meeting together
In the first place we Condole the Death of
the great Man the Patroon who was always
very kind to Us We have neglected it a long
time We have several things more to Say
but begin with this They gave a few Beav.^{rs}
Brother Corlaer & Quider

We are mett together Face
to Face, and we desire you to bury the Sorrow
for all that have Died since we were here last
and that all the Women's Tears may be wiped
off and their Grief forgott gave a Belt
Brother Corlaer & Quider

We have Just now spoke of the
Grief and Sorrow you ly under, we have also been
in great Darkness but are now come to dispel
all Clouds that the Sun may shine bright
and Clear, This place of Treaty which our
Forefathers appointed we come to renew and
to desire it may be always Continued as before
and likewise our other place of Treating
to witt at Onnondage

Gave a Belt

[2-0618] **II-325**

Brother Corlaer and Quider

We two Castles of Mohawks are come
here to renew the Covenant made between Us
and You, It was made fast with a Silver Chain
We on our parts desire the Same may be
Continued, and that we may go hand in hand
together against the Enemy according as
the Covenant made with the Silver Chain
requires

Gave a Belt

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We two Castles of Mohawks
desire that if any Surprise or Accident
happen Immediately to be made acquainted

with it, and no Delay made for that is
Dangerous, This our Desire we Confirm
by this small belt of Wampum perhaps
had we speedily been made acquainted
with the last we might overtaken the
Enemy

The Com.^{rs} answered in the Afternoon
Brethren

You have Condoled the Death of the
late Patroon who was your good Friend
we Thank you for the Regard you shew to
his Memory, Here is his Brother in his
place who likewise thanks you, and makes
you a Present of 6 Blankets Strowds and
Invites you to an Entertainm.^t at Night

[2-0619] **II-325A**

Brethren

You have likewise Condoled the
Death of all our Friends that Died since
you were last here for which we likewise
thank you and Condole the Death of all
our Brethren that have died in that time

gave a Belt

You have likewise spoke of the great grief
and Sorrow we ly under Occasioned by the
Loss of our Friends. That you have been in
great Darkness, and that you are now come
to Dispel all Clouds & Darkness that the
Sun may Shine bright and clear.

We are obliged to you for your Concern
for Us and return you our Thanks and by with
this Belt of Wampum desire to wipe all
Tears from your Eyes. You told Us that
this is the place of meetting and that you
are come to renew the Same and desire it
may be continued as heretofore and also
at Onnondage

We agree that Albany & Onnondage have
been the places appointed for Treating
by our Forefathers and desire that they
may always remain so for Us and our
Posterity and that we may meett togeth.^{er}
at either of those places on all necessary
Occasions with Sincerity & speak to one

another w.^t our Hearts as well as our Mouths
as Brethren ought to Do

[2-0620] **II-326**

Brethren

You told Us that you Mohawks of
both Castles came here to renew the Covenant
between Us which is made fast with a Silver
Chain and that you desire to Continue it
and that we may go hand in hand against
the Enemy according as the Covenant made between
Us with the Silver Chain requires

Brethren We are heartily glad you are come to
renew the Covenant made fast with the Silver
Chain which we likewise do on our parts
and hope it will for ever continue between
Us as Strong and Bright as ever it was
before, Altho" you have been long a Coming
we are very glad to see you here, and hope
you have now brought along with you as
many Men as we desired to ly this Winter
at Saratoge and to go on the Scout, And
we hope we may always be true to one
another as our Ancestors formerly were
when Schonectady and the Mohawks
Country were Invaded. In those Days we
presently stood by one another and came
so quickly to one anothers Assistance as
Eagles that fly You as well as we that
we might pursue the Enemy We hope and
doubt not it will be so again which we
assure our brothers will not be wanting
on

[2-0621] **II-326A**

On our parts. We have had a Long Peace
but hope we shall now show our Selves
Men and Warriours on all Occasions

Gave a Belt

We have always made you acquainted with
any News that happen as soon as possibly we
could and shall Continue to do so for the
future and hope you will do so on your parts
with Us Gave a Belt

The Indians spoke again
Brother Corlaer & Quider
As to what you Say That you desired from Us
ten Men out of each Castle, It is true we agreed
to it when Coll.^o Schuyler was at Canajohare
and we have now brought with Us Eight Men
from Canajohare and nine from the Mohawks
to go on the Scout, and there are others came
along with Us who are here in the house that will
go also. We have one Request to ask of
the Commissioners, that we may go hand in
hand as in former Times, not that the white
People look on themselves as entirely our Mas=
=ters and despise Us. We desire also that the
Commissioners may Conceal nothing from Us
but that we may take Counsel together
We desire likewise to tell the Commissioners
that when our Young Men are sent on the Scout
they may always return home at Night They
can

]2-0622] II-327

Can go a great Way in a Day, And if they come
not home at Night, It must be supposed they
have mett with some Accident, We have appointed
two Old Men for Officers to Consult with your
Officers, and to take Care of the young Indians
who are Unruly when Drunk. Therefore we
desire that no Strong Liquor be kept for them

Com^{rs} spoke again and said
Brethren Our Governour has ordered a Fort to
be built at Saratoge for a [Shift] for this Winter
because the foundations of the old Block Houses
yet remain, As to your Young Men who are
to be sent on the Scout, We are Contented they
should be out only one Day and home at Night
But in Case they should at any time see Occasion to go farther
than that they can return home at Night
We desire they may send one of their Company
back to acquaint our People with the Reason
of their going further, As to the building a
Fort at Canajohare for you we will acquaint
the Governour that you desire it.

[2-0623] **II-327A**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the Seventh
Day of January 1745/6 [See Wraxall p. 244.]

Present

Hubert Marshall

Philip Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler Esq.^{rs}

Reyer Gerritse Com^{rs}

Rutger Bleeker

Edward Collins

Johannes Lansingh

Sundry Sachims of the Mohawks
and Canajohare Castles appeared
at this Board and by Hendrick their Speaker
said

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We forgott something yester=
=day which we think Good to acquaint you with
to Day We have been long at war with the
fflatt heads but made Peace with them sometime
ago, They sent us a Message lately and said
that as they are now at Peace with Us they
desire to renew the Covenant Chain made
between Us and Them and in token thereof
sent us this Calumet Pipe

They told Us they had long sate in Dark=
=ness but now the mist is dispelled from their
Eyes They now see Clear The Sun Shines bright
and hope that it may always shine so bright
In token thereof sent us this Shell

They Desired if any Body should hurt Us
and they not know off it, we might quickly
give them Notice and they would Immediately
come to our Assistance, The Women said the
Same that they would come along w.^t the Men
In token thereof sent us a String of Jewels
a Blanket of Strowds and a Pipe.

[2-0624] **II-328**

Brother Corlaer & Quider

The Peace between the fflatt
Heads and the Six Nations has been made by Intercession of
the English Governours, and therefore we leave
the Calumett Pipe with the Com.^{rs} because this

is the place of treating, that the fflatt heads
may see it if they come here.

The Com.^{rs} answered
Brethren We thank you for acquainting Us
with this News that you have made Peace with
the flatt Heads, and that the Mist w:^{ch} darken'd
their Eyes is dispelled that the Sun now Shines
bright which we hope it will always do
You say that they have told you if any Body
hurt you they will be ready to assist you
We are now at War with the french, and do not
know how soon we may want Assistance, We hope
that the fflatt Heads as well as the Six Nations
will look upon the ffrench as their & Your
Enemies as well as Ours and that you and they
will be ready to come to our Assistance
whenever you are Desired and we will write
to our Governour to recommend the same to the
Governour of Virginia

The Indians promised to send to the fflatt Heads
which the Com.^{rs} desired they would do.

[2-0625] **II-328A**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs} of
Indian Affairs the 8.th Day
of January 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Schuyler

Myndert Schuyler

Edward Collins

John Depeyster

Cornelis Cuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Dirck Tenbroeck

Johannes Lansingh

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Stephen Renselaer

Reyer Gerritse

Jacob Glen

the following Instructions
were given to Nicholas
Schuyler who goes Captain
of the Company that is
to protect the Work Men
who are to rebuild the

Fort at Saratoge and to Garrison it when built

To Nicholas Schuyler Esq.^r

Whereas his Excellency our Governour has been
pleased to order a Fort to be built at Saratoge
for a Shift for the present The Season as yet
not permitting as yet to build a Fort at the
Carrying Place

When you arrive at Saratoge with the
Carpenters and other Work Men who are to rebuild
the Fort that was burnt there You are to take
Care that the said Work be done in the frugallest
Manner and with all Convenient Speed, The
Timber must be Squared on the four Sides
You are to keep an Exact Account how long time
every Man Works, of every Sledge that Rides
and whatever Else is neccessary for forwarding
of said Work That you may at last send Us proper

[2-0626] **II- 329 329**

Certificates of the whole Witness our hands this
8th Day of January 1745/6

Order for Cap.^t Nicholas Schuyler
When you arrive at Saratoge you are to take
Care to keep Out Scouts Constantly at Such
Distance from you as you shall think proper
for your Security, And you are to use all means
in your Power to keep the Indians in good
Order, And whenever you think necessary to
send out any of the Milita under your
Command on the Out Scout they shall be
Intituled to three Shillings p.^r diem their
Pay as Soldiers Included Witness our hands
this 8th Day of Jan^{ry} 1745/6

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the
13.th Day of January
1745/6

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Hubert Marshall

Philip Schuyler

Stephen Renselaer

John Depeyster

Rutger Bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Johannes Lansingh

The Com.^{rs} received a
Letter from Robert Dunbar desiring to
know if he should stay at Saratoge. The
Com.^{rs} wrote to him to come down but told
him the Indians might stay if they pleased
on the Same Terms that the Mohawks were

[2-0627] **II-329A**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs Jan^{ry}
15.th 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Schuyler

Dirck Tenbroeck

Hendrick Ten Eyck Esq.^{rs}

Nicholas Bleecker Com^{rs}

Stephen Renselaer

Cornelis Cuyler

Johannes Lansingh

Robert Dunbar [returned]
with the Seven Indians that
had been out on the Scout

with him but said they had seen no Enemy or
any Tracts Cornelis Cuyler undertook to
pay two, Hendrick Ten Eyck two, Dirck Ten=
=Broeck two and Nicholas Bleecker one, Each
Indian was to be paid for ten Days

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 16.th
January 1745/6 [See Wraxall p. 244.]

Present

Hubert Marshall

Myndert Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Stephen Renselaer Esq.^{rs}

Dirck Tenbroeck Com^{rs}

Rutger Bleecker

John Depeyster

Johannes Lansingh

The Com.^{rs} ordered the
following Letter to
be wrote to Arent Stevens

Sir

The Com.^{rs} order me to desire you
to come in next Tuesday that they may speak
with you about your going up to the Six
Nations M^r Livingston having acquainted
them that you are willing to go I am Sir
Albany Jan^{ry} 16th 1745/6

Your humble Serv Ja Stevenson

[2-0628] **II-330**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 20th
January 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Cornelis Cuyler
Reyer Gerritse
Philip Schuyler
John Depeyster
Stephen Renselaer
Johannes Lansingh

This Board ordered three
Indians viz [Brightoa?]
to be paid for 15 Days at
18[&] p^r Day, Stowa Kangh
Eleven Days at 18.[&] p^r Day
and four Days at 3/ p^r Day, Awsampamit
alias Jochim twelve Days at 18[&] p^r Day and
three Days at 3/ p^r Day being so may on
the Scout

Att a meeting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 22.^d
Day of January 1745/6

[Summary in Wraxall p. 244 lists Arent Stevens as the interpreter instead of Jacob Bleecker.]

Present
Hubert Marshall
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Ten broeck
Nicholas Bleecker
Philip Schuyler
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Johannes Lansingh
John Depeyster
Stephen Renselaer

The Com.^{rs} gave the
following Instructions
to the Interpreter whom
they sent to each Respective
Castle of the Six Nations
Viz

Instructions for M.^r Jacob Bleeker

You are hereby Required & Commanded
forthwith to go to the Respective Castles of the
Six Nations and tell them that his Excellency
our

[2-0629] **II-330A**

Our Governour orders them to take up the
Hatchet against the french and their Indians
and Join with Us Immediately in the War against
them according to their Ingagement Since the
Insults and Outrages Committed at Saratoge
take away all hopes of a Neutrality, And that
if they will approve themselves faithful Allies
they must demonstrate their Sincerity to the
great King their father by a Ready & Chearful
Obedience to his Commands in this Respect

You are to acquaint them that there is a Rew.^d
of twenty pounds allowed for every Male Prisoner
taken of the Enemy above the Age of Sixteen
Years and ten pound for the Scalp of every Male
of the Enemy above that Age And for the
Scalp of every Male of the Enemy under that
Age five pounds and for every Male under
that Age taken prisoner ten pounds which
shall be Immediately paid to them for each
Prisoner or Scalp they or any of them shall
bring to the Commissioners You are
likewise to ask them the Reason of their not
sending down ten Men of each Castle to go
out on the Scout according to their promise
to you You may take with you four white
Men and four Indians for your Assistance
who you must agree with as Reasonably
as you can and buy necessary Provision for
your

[2-0630] **II-331 331**

Your Self and Them, You are to Inform your
Self of all News, and what is doing amongst
them and if any french Men or french Ind^{ns}
now are or lately have been amongst them
If you here any thing of Moment you
are to dispatch a Messenger forthwith to
acquaint Us therewith And we give you
a Belt and seven hands of Wampum to

confirm the above Message Dated the
Twenty Second Day of January 1745/6

The Interpreter was allowed five pounds
for Incidents on his Journey
He gott also a Belt Wampum to give to the
Mohawk Indians to go & Invite the fflatt=
Heads with whom they lately made Peace
to Join in the War against the French
and their Indians

Att a meetting of the
Com^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the 24.th Jan.^{ry} 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Ten broeck
Nicholas Bleecker Esq^{rs}
Johannes Lansingh Com^{rs}
Stephen Renselaer
Myndert Schuyler
John Depeyster
Reyer Gerritse

The Com.^{rs} agreed to
send a Letter to the
Gov.^r in answer to his
Excell.^{ys} of the 13th Instant
as on other Side

[2-0631] **II-331A** [Not in Wraxall.]

May it please your Excellency
Sir

We are honoured w.^t your Exc.^{ys}
Letter of the 13.th Instant The Reasons of our not
sending a Messenger with your Excell.^{ys} Orders to
the Indians to take up the Hatchet were that we
thought the Sum demanded was Extravagant or
did we think it of any great Service to the Country
at that Season of the Year for it was never known
that Indians went out on parties while there was
snow on the Ground for fear of being discovered
by their Tracts but not that we had any Intention
to Evade your Excellency's Orders

We were in daily Expectation that the Indians
would come down according to their promise to
the Interpreter But when we perceived they stayed
long beyond their Time we had resolved to send

a Messenger to carry your Excellency's Orders to each Respective Castle before we received your Excellency's Letter The Interpreter has gott his Instructions to go with four white Men and four Indians to carry your Excellency's Orders to each nation, and we have sent with him a Belt and Seven hands Wampum as is Usual with such a Message The Delay to build the Fort at Saratoge was not our fault The weather would not permitt or did the Indians come so Soon as we expected As soon as the Indians came we

[2-0632] II-332 332

Sent away Immediately for the Work Men would not go without them, All things are now in great forwardness and the fort likely to be finished in two Weeks hence as your Excell^y may see by the Inclosed from Captain Schuyler The Rebuilding that Fort we are perswaded will far exceed the Sum allowed by the Assembly for that purpose It has been very troublesom to Us to supply every thing Necessary for building the Fort and Victualling the Men We beg your Excell^y will be pleased to appoint fitt persons to supply that Garrison for the future There are now above forty Indians at Saratoge who as we are Informed agree extreamly well with the Commanding Officer and are very ready to go on the Scout The whole Command are well pleased with him, and we think he has been exceeding Diligent in forwarding the building the Fort and made more dispatch than could be expected in so short a time He is very exact in keeping Out Scouts Constantly and by what we can learn from every Body comes from thence he is very Active To do his Duty in all Respects There is a Report here in Town that Some Onnondages are gone To Canada As soon as the Interpreter

[2-0633] II-332A

Getts up to their Castle he will let us know if it be true which we shall not fail to acq^{nt} your Excell^y off. About twelve a Clock on Wednesday Night we were Alarm'd by a Letter from Major Glen that one Peter Vrooman

being out on hunting about half Way between
Schonectady and the Mohawks Country a pretty
way in the Woods on the North Side of the
Mohawks River saw a great Smoak which he
took to be of the Enemy's Fire Coll.^o Schuyler
went out Immediately to Schonectady and sent
Scouts to the place who are returned but have
seen so Sign of Fires or any Tracts of an Enemy
So we hope it might have been a mistake of
the Man We Are
Albany 24.th Jan^{ry} 1745/6

The following Letter was ordered to be writt
to Nicholas Schuyler

Sir

I am desired by the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
to acquaint you that they have rec^d your Letters
and are glad to see the building of the Fort
goes on so quick Walraven Clute will Carry up
two Loads of Bread To morrow You are desired
to send down the Bags and two Sleds to carry
up two Load More about Munday or Tuesday
next for fear the Weather break up You are
likewise desired to gett a good Oven made and a
large Chest of Dry Boards to keep flour in

[2-0634] II-333 333

They will see To send you flour to bake bread
being it is troublesom to gett hard bread
Whenever any Indians come down your are desired
to give them Certificates how long they have
Served how long they have been on the Scout
and how long in the Garrison It is hard to the
Com.^{rs} to pay them without Certificates The
Post is come from New York but brings no
particulars excepting of the Civil War in Scotland
which suppose you have heard off As for the
Smoak was said to be seen above Schonectady
Coll^o Schuyler has been at Schonectady and
sent Scouts to view the place they are returned
but seen nothing Walraen Clute will bring you
5 p^r hinges & the hooks as also two Locks w^{ch}
you wrote for The Recorder sends likewise
a Load of Bread to morrow that makes three
fail not to return the bags I am &^{ca}

Albany Jan^{ry} 24.th 1745/6

PS pray let the Com^{rs} know when you
receive the abovementioned three Loads of
Bread how long you think it will serve your
Garrison

[2-0635] II-333A

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 5th
Day of February 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Philip Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Dirck Tenbroeck
Reyer Gerritse
Nicholas Bleecker
Stephen Renselaer
John Depeyster
Johannes Lansingh

Two Sinneke Sachims came
here to Day and brought a Letter from Myndert
Wimple who is now in the Sinnekes Country for
the Service of the Government He writes that Jean
Coeur is there and has his house at the Lake and
Endeavoured to hinder the two Indians from
coming down He Says the Sinnekes are much
displeased with the Murder Committed at
Saratogue They told him the Governour of
Canada had forbid them to take up the hatchet
and promised that his Indians should not take
it up but they said he had deceived them, He
Says a great Part of the Sinnekes were very
true to the English Interest Some Cayouges
have been there and some Sinneke Sachims are
gone with them to Onnondage to consult
together about sending five Indians to Canada
He Says the Sachims tell him it will be very
Dangerous for him to come home alone and
Therefore desires Liberty to come home with the³⁴

[2-0636] II-334 334

Company that lyes there which will be almost
two months before his time expire The Sachims
said Brother Corlaer & Quider We have no News

but there has been a great Mortality amongst
Us last Year Eighty Persons died whereof Eight
were Sachims. We were much concerned when
we heard of the Murther at Saratogue, and are
determined not to let Jean Coeur hear any of
our News for the future The Sachim who
spoke said he had been at Quebeck last Year
but went only out of Curiosity to see the place
and on good Bussiness

The Commissioners said
Brethren

We are glad to see you here but wonder
much that you went to Canada last Year, You
say you went out of Curiosity and for good
Bussiness We hope you now see that the
French do nothing but deceive you, They are
not sincere They speak with their Mouths
what they mean not in their Hearts We are
glad you did not listen to Jean Coeur who wou'd
hindered you from coming to speak with your
Brethren We have long expected ten of your
Warriours upon the Invitation we gave them
by the Interpreter when he was last at Cayouge
to come and ly at Saratogue with our people
We desire to know the Reason of their not
coming

The Indians said
Brother Corlaer & Quider We are to have a meetting
at Onnondage about the sending of ten Men
from each Castle Two Onnondage Sachims
are going to Canada

[2-0637] **II-334A**

That Day we came from home Jean Coeur rec^d
a Packet of Letters from Niagara and hired two principal
Sachims One a Sinneke and the other a Cayouge
to Carry it to Cadarachqua

The Comissioners said
Brethren Nothing can surprize Us more than your
telling us that two Onnondage Sachims are
going to Canada and that they have not
acquainted us therewith We are assured they
can have no Bussiness there The Cachnawaga

Indians have broke the Neutrality and the
Trust reposed in them by Committing that
Cruel Murther at Saratogue If you know any
Thing in particular they are to do at Canada
we desire you will let us know it

The Indians answered they knew nothing they
had to do

The following Letter was sent to
Nicholas Schuyler

Albany February 5th 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Sir

I am directed by the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs to acquaint you they have
rec^d your favours of the 1.st 2.^d and 4.th Instant
and Coll.^o Schuyler has likewise Communicated
to them your Letter which he rec^d by your
Express wherein you say your Scouts had
discovered some Tracts of Snow Shoes They
hope you will use Diligence to find out the
truth thereof and acquaint them speedily
with whatever discoveries you make As they
daily expect the Mohawk Indians who are to

[2-0638] **II-335** 335

Relieve those now with you, Hope you will
keep them with you and in strict Order till
they are relieved Be continually on your
Guard and never without Scouts abroad Send
them continually Notice if any thing of
Moment happen The Com.^{rs} wish you had
kept all the Carpenters they are desirous you
would forward the building with Expedition
for they long to have it finished All the
Bags you mention are come safe to hand Care
will be taken to send you Provisions and hope
you will take Care to gett fire Wood Enough
within the Fort The Com.^{rs} have heard there
are several Hides on the Cattle that were killed
which might be fitt for snow Shoes they desire
you wou'd gett the Indians to take them off
that are Good and make them into Snow Shoes
they will pay for the trouble of doing it
Sahquenaneh rec^d a gun of 40/ value on his Pay

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 6th
February 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Philip Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
John Depeyster
John Lansingh
Stephen Renselaer
Dirck Tenbroeck

The following Letter was
writt to Myndert Wimple

Albany Feb^{ry} 6th 1745/6

Sir

I an directed by the Com^{rs}
to acquaint you that they have rec^d yr Letter

[2-0639] **II-335A**

of the 25th last Month They hope you will
use all means in your Power to keep the Ind^{ns}
true to the English Interest and hinder as
much as in your Power their listning to Jean
Coeur or any French that come among them
They paid the Bearers for coming down to
their Content they gott each two Blankets
Strowds 2 Stript Blankets a Hatt and a
Shirt As for your coming down with the
Company they cannot give you leave till
they write to the Governour about it When
they have his answer they will let you know
what he says You have undoubtably
heard of the Murder at Saratogue All was
there destroyed 101 persons killed and taken
Prisoners only 31 Escaped There is a new
Fort built on the same place where the Old
Stood A hundred Men and some Indians in
Garrison in it Nicholas Schuyler Captain
The Goods you write for for presents to the
fflatt Heads, If you Judge it absolutely
necessary The Com^{rs} desire you to give to
the Value of £ 4: or £ 5: of your Goods and
they will repay you The Com.^{rs} had sent a
Belt of Wampum to the Mohawks to speak

w^t the fflatt Heads before they rec.^d y^r Letter
pray be diligent to find out what the french are
doing among the Ind.^{ns} and if any thing of moment
happen send an Express down

[2-0640] **II-336**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the
7th February 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Hubert Marshall
Philip Schuyler
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Nicholas Bleecker
John Depeyster
John Lansingh
Reyer Gerritse

Four New England Indians
appeared at this Board
and Captain Allan their Chief spoke & said

We are glad to see you Brethren Face to Face
We heard our Brethren were in great Trouble
we heard your Crying which made us Cry
likewise We live at House Tanneck half
way between this place and New England We
presently came when we heard your Cry and
we are willing to assist you for whoever
hurts you hurts us Gave a String of Wamp^m
You have been in great Grief which made
the Tears flow over your Cheeks We desire
you will wipe Them off with this Belt of
Wampum We live in the middle between
N England and You, You are two great
Bodies of People we are but few but we are
willing to assist you both; We are poor and
not able to supply ourselves with Powder and
Lead, we have no money to buy with you
must furnish us with necessarys and we will

[2-0641] **II-336A**

fight for you if you die we will die to

The Com^{rs} answer'd
Brethren We have heard you, You say you are glad
to see us here, We are also glad to see you, You

have heard our Crying we are glad you are come
and hope you will assist us, We are one People
of one Body, and we must assist one another
We will give you Powder and Lead and desire
you will go up to Saratogue and ly in the fort
with our People We desire when Occasion
requires that you will go out on the Scout to
the Northward Westward and Eastward as our
Captains may think it necessary gave a Belt
M^r Stevenson by Order of the Commissioners
gave 4 1/2 [wt] dr Deer Skins & 28 [wt] lead to Cap^t
Allan and his Indians

The following Letter was sent to Cap.^t Schuyler [Not in Wraxall.]

Sir

The Com.^{rs} send you Robert Dunbar
with some Westenhoeck Indians Captain Allen
their Chief they desire you will use the Ind:^{ns}
well If any of the Mohawk Indians incline to
come away you may let them come but if you
can keep any of the best of them you may
The Com.^{rs} do not yet hear of any more Mohks
coming down The send you a [Bullet Mould]
and desire to know how much Beef & Pork you have

[2-0642] **II-337**

had in all, You are now to receive twelve bags
Bread and 25 Skipple flour from Walraven
Clute pray send down the bags

Att a meetting of the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
The 8.th February
1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Philip Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Ten broeck
Reyer Gerritse
John Lansingh
Stephen Renselaer

Fifteen Mohawk Indians
who had been in Garrison
at Saratogue came here

They had Certificates for twenty Six Days
Service besides the time they were out

The Com.^{rs} ordered the following Letter to
be sent to Cap^t Nicholas Schuyler

Sir

I am desired by the Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
To acquaint you they have rec^d your favours
of the 7th Instant and have paid the Ind^{ns}
They note you have been at pains to find out
the Enemies tracts it is a pity they gott off
so Clear

The Com.^{rs} desire you would send
out a pretty large Company of Christians and
Indians so far as Fort Anne or where you
think proper and then to divide and one half
of

[2-0643] **II-337A**

Of them to go towards the Lake of S.^t Sacrament
and the other so far to the Eastward as you
think proper being it is now supposed to be
a time of great Danger
Jochim has a Gun of Volkert P. Douwe for 30/
Cornelis has a Gun of 30/ from John Lansingh

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 13th
February 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Philip Schuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
John Lansingh
John Depeyster
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck

Three River Indians went
this Day to Saratogue
Viz Barent Staat's Joch.^m
another Jochim & Johannes

The Com.^{rs} ordered M^r Stevenson to give them
one Drest Deer Skin

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
the 18.th February 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Hubert Marshall
Myndert Schuyler
Philip Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Ten broeck
Nicholas Bleecker
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Stephen Renselaer

The Com.^{rs} wrote the
following Letter to his
Excellency our Govern^r

May it please your Excellency
Sir

We are honoured with your
Excellency's favours of the 5th Instant Since our

[2-0644] **II-338**

Last we rec^d a Letter from Myndert Wemple
the Substance whereof is contained in our Minutes
of the 5th Instant which we herewith send to
your Excellency to which we beg to refer as
also for what the Indians said who brought
that Letter The Interpreter is not yet return^d
from the six Nations The Fort at Sara=
=togue is all finished except the Chimney
which cannot be done this winter The
Carpenters are all returned but we were
oblidged to order a [slight] Plank House
built upon Posts sett in The Ground to be
build in the middle of the Fort for the
Indians to lodge in We doubt not but
the Assembly will readily make good the
Charge of the whole Your Excellency is
pleased to acquaint us that the Assembly
have come into the Scheme of raising Block
Houses We hope they will likewise resolve
to build a good Strong Fort at the Carrying
Place and raise money for the present Exi=
=gencies We are not able to carry on the
publick Affairs without money But we shall
continue to supply the Garrison at Saratogue
Till your Excellency be pleased to order others

to do it and the Sooner the Better
We desired Mr Beeckman to send you his
proposals for victualling the Garrison at
Saratogue who says he will do it and inclines

[2-0645] **II-338A**

That Mr Stevenson should be concerned w.^t
him and we Judge them to be fitt persons
The Out Scouts sent by Cap^t Schuyler about
fourteen Days ago discovered some Tracts on
the Carrying Place and observed they had carr.^d
off some of the Indian Corn was there, When
they reported this to Cap^t Schuyler he sent
out thirty two Men but the Enemy were
gone off before our people could overtake
them Our Indians suppose they had been
about Eight or Ten in Number
We believe it will be necessary for y^r Excell^y
to give directions how Oswego Garrison is
to be supplied for the future The Provisions
sent for the Militia there we think was only
computed to serve till April And Mr Beeckman
one of the Contractors for the King's Troops
says as the Danger will be great going thither
he will be oblidged to give Extraordinary
Wages which unless it be allowed to him he
cannot afford upon the old Contract We are
with great Respect May &^{ca}
Albany February 18.th 1745/6

[2-0646] **II-339**

Att a meetting of the
Com.^{rs} of Ind.ⁿ Affairs
the 25.th Day of
February 1745/6

[Summarized in Wraxall p. 244, naming Arent Stevens (incorrectly?) as the
Interpreter.]

Present
Hubert Marshall

The Interpreter return'd and gave the
following Acco.^{tt} what Answer the Indians
of the six Nations gave to his Excellency's
Message

When he went to the Mohawks
the Sachims did not think the Belt of Wamp^m

large enough so he caused make it bigger
and then told his Message according to his
Excellency's Orders The Sachims said they
could give no Answer there but would go w^r
him to Canajohare accordingly six of the
principal Sachims went with him when he
arrived at Canajohare he told his Message
to the Indians of both Castles mett together
They gave for Answer whatever the Six Nations
did they would do He went from thence
with other two white Men and three Indians
in Company to Oneyde, When he came to the
Oneyde Castle and delivered his Message to
them They gave for Answer that they would be

[2-0647] **II-339A**

Directed entirely by the other Nations what=
=ever they did they would be satisfied with and
do likewise From thence he went forward to
Onnondage and told them the same Message
They advised that a Council of all the [Six]
Nations should be called there and they
would consult together what was proper
to be done From thence he went forward
to Cayouge and the Sinnekes Land to invite
those Indians to the meeting at Onnondage
and brought with him four of the principal
Sachims of each Nation. When they were
all mett together at Onnondage he delivered
his Message before their whole Assembly and
four Days after they gave the following Answer
and said After they had fought against
one another att the last Warr they at last
concluded a Peace with their [illeg.] Enemys and
promised each other to keep that Treaty
of Peace Inviolable for Ever And they were
resolved to continue that Peace with all
those who are in Alliance with them They
said it was very hard for them to enter into
a War The french Indians and the Indians
of the Six Nations are sprung of one blood
They have made Alliances & Marriages with
each other One hath his father another his

[2-0648] **II-340 340**

Uncle, another his Son, another his Brother

and all of them some Relation or another living at Cachnawage so that they could not go to War against one another They said it was not so Easy for them to go to War as for the white people The french and the English have each their Master, Their Kings make War and Conclude Peace and their Subjects must obey It was not so with them they had no King Every Indian was his own Master So that if they should once enter into a War against one another there could be no such thing as to come to a Peace but the War must continue for Ever Wherefore the Six nations concluded that they would not take up the hatchet with us They would have nothing to do with Us in the War against the french and the french Indians as we desired them to do They said further Brother Corlaer & Quider We desire you will not look upon the Silver Covenant Chain to be broken because we give this Answer, In the former Warrs all the Castles of the Six Nations have been cutt off by the french, And there never was any of our Castles destroyed but we applied to Quder for Assistance But we

[2-0649] **II-340A**

Never gott any of your Assistance except the Mohawks only Notwithstanding we did not think that the Covenant Chain was therefore broken So we hope Brother Corlaer and Quider will not think that this makes any Breach in the Covenant Chain because we do not enter into the Warr but that the Same remains as bright and inviolable as before Hereupon they gave a large Belt of Wampum

After they had said as above The Interpreter told them Brothers You seem most of you here in Council to be old Men Can you then have forgott how the Silver Covenant Chain was made between Us and You I am but Young but I know it very well When the Silver Covenant Chain was made fast between Us and You It was agreed as a condition there=

=of that whoever declared themselves Friends
or Enemies to one should be the Friends or
enemies of the other When you was at
Albany two years ago and spoke with his
Excellency our Governour He then told you
of the War but did not desire you then to
take up the Hatchet only Cautioned you to
be on your Guard till he gave you Notice
This last year when you was at Albany His
Excellency told you that now we had Reason
to make War for the Enemy had killed two of our

[2-0650] II-341

Brethren in New England and so he gave
you the hatchet and desired you to make
Use of it when he gave you Orders This you
all know and accordingly you took it up and
promised to be ready whenever he ordered you
What then can be the meaning of your
behaving in this manner that you now
deny to take it up It seems as you had
intended to deceive us all along You seem
to be a double minded deceitful People
you have never declared your Selves plainly
till now what can be your meaning by
this double Dealing Will you assist us
or will you not To this they made Answer
They would not He told them further
He was much surprized they could so soon
have forgott the promise they made to our
Governour when they took up the hatchet
in the presence of all the Gentlemen that
were sent by the other English Governm^{ts}
What do you think they will say when
they now hear of your denying to assist
Us and them They must Certainly think
you are a treacherous People
They made no answer to this

[2-0651] **II-341A**

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 28th
February 1745/6 [See Wraxall p. 245 for partial summary.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

The following Letter was wrote to
his Excellency our Governour

May it please your Excellency

Sir

Since our last of the [18th] Instant
the Interpreter returned and brings for Answer
to your Excellencys Message that the Indians
will not take up the Hatchet which we are
heartily sorry for As for the particulars we
referr your Excellency to the Inclosed Minutes
whereby you will perceive there is no further
Dependence on the Six Nations

We presume to offer to your Excellency as
our humble Opinion that it will be absolutely
Necessary to call down the Six Nations as soon
as possible and endeavour to engage them
Directly in the Warr and send them out a
fighting before they return to their Castles
and that good Encouragement may be given to
white People to go out with them for we are

[2-0652] **II-342**

Apprehensive it will be Difficult to gett white
people to go It is impossible to carry on
the War without money Here are great demands
and no money to pay There are generally about
forty Indians at Saratogue some coming away
and others going in their room They must be
paid every time they are relieved We had an
Acco^{tt} from Cap^t Schuyler last munday that
all Things were well The Scouts had been so far
as the lake S.^t Sacrament but discovered nothing

The Mohawk Indians are all gone from
Saratogue when they were there and sent on
the Scout they declared they would not fight
with the Cachnawage Indians if they mett them
which makes us suspect their fidelity They are
all River Indians that are at Saratogue now, We
hope they will behave better if this News from

the Six Nations do not Effect them which we
are something afraid off if once this News come
to be known the Bearer hereof is Hendrick
Bratt this is the third Express he has Carried we
agreed with him for £ 5: each time in all £ 15
which we hope your Excellency will please
order to be paid to him

The following Letter was wrote to Coll^o Schuyler
and the other Members of the City & County
of Albany

Gentleman

Since Coll^o Schuyler
went from hence The Interpreter is returned
from the Six Nations and brings for Answer to
the Governours Message that they will not engage
in

[2-0653] **II-342A**

In the War which you will see by our Minutes
that we sent to the Governour and doubt not he
will Communicate the same to you Symon
Danielse and Johannes Knickerbacker have sent
a Petition to the Govern^r desiring 25 Men in
their two Forts which we think is Reasonable
and wish you wou'd use your Interes [sic] with the
Governour to grant their Request
We are very hard put to it for Money and beg
you would fall on some method to send money here
to take away the murmurings that is amongst
the people Coll.^o Schuyler knows how Difficult
it is to pay the Indians
It will be absolutely Necessary to call down the
Six Nations and that either the Governour or
a Committee of proper persons be appointed To
speak with them as soon as possible and that
proper Presents be allowed for them

Att a meetting of the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the 9.th March 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Cap^t Marshall
Myndert Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
John Depeyster
Stephen Renselaer
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Johannes Lansingh

The Com^{rs} rec^d a Letter
from Cap^t Schuyler

[2-0654] II-343

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the [blank]
Day of March 1745/6 [See Wraxall p. 245 for partial summary.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
Reyer Gerritse
Hendrik Ten Eyck
Nicholas Bleecker

The Com^{rs} wrote to
the Governour as
follows Viz

May it please your Excellency
Sir

We are honoured w^t your Excell^{ys}
favours of the 9.th Instant and are sorry the Assembly
shew so small Concern for the Defence of the Frontiers
If no further provision be made than they have
yet proposed for their Security the Inhabitants
will be necessitated to remove to other places
It is Impossible for the Inhabitants of this City
and County to furnish Men to Garrison the
Frontiers We are really not able to hold out
Continual Watching much less to supply Men
for Out Garrisons We are of Opinion that no
Effectual Care being as yet taken to secure our
Frontiers is a principal if not only Reason that
the Indians will not Join us in the War We beg

your Excellency may continue to press the Assembly to come to some speedy Resolution for the Effectual Defence of the Frontiers ere it be too late. We are apprehensive the Enemy will soon make some Attempt upon Us We are afraid your Excell^{cys}

[2-0655] II-343A

Order to Cap^t Buttler to Stop the Selling of any Guns Powder Ball or any other Warlike Stores to the Indians will not answer your Excellency's good Intentions but rather be of bad Consequence, We are Convinced that there never was any Considerable Quantity of any Sort of Warlike Stores carried to Oswego by our people They frequently bought french Guns from the Indians for themselves We remember very well that the Scarcity of Powder last Year occasioned the Indians to believe our people were unwilling to sell them any and therefore concluded we had a Design against them We are afraid this prohibition may confirm this Suspicion and make them turn against Us We are yet in hopes they may be brought to Join with us in the War and wish your Excellency wou'd be pleased to recall that Order

On the 4.th Instant an Old Indian one of the Scouts who Cap^t Schuyler sent out to the Carrying Place going from the Rest of his Companions on their Return to look for some thing he had hid in the Woods last ~~fall~~ Autumn / he had then been taken Prisoner Too / fell in with a party of French and a few Ind^{ns} on the Second Carrying Place about four Miles from the Fort They took him and told him they came to spy whether any Fort was built and inquired of him what forces were in the Garrison and if there were any Indians in it He answered in the Affirmative, They told him

[2-0656] II-344

They were sorry for that for they intended no hurt to any Indian After they examined him they let him go As soon as he gott to the Fort he gave this Information Cap^t Schuyler sent out a party of about forty Men next morning they found their fires and by them

computed they might have been Eighty or
more in Number Some of the Party were w^t in
Sight of the Fort. It seems they came to the
Carrying Place very Soon after our Scouts return'd
from thence had they been there two hours
longer probably they would all been taken
Prisoners We are of Opinion had there been
no Garrison in Saratogue Fort that Party
would have destroyed some of our Settlements
We are likewise of Opinion there ought to be
a Stronger Garrison in that Fort. If Cap.^t
Schuyler could have sent a Sufficient Number
of Men without weakening his Garrison to
follow it is probable they might overtaken
the Enemy Unless a very Strong Fort be
built at the Carrying Place and a very
Considerable Garrison placed in it which we
have always expected and wished for since the
War begun Our Frontiers will be still
exposed to the Enemy's Depredations It is
highly necessary that Immediate Care be taken
to protect Hosick Schaahkook Half Moon and
Canastagione those places being now most
exposed

[2-0657] **II-344A**

Exposed Should they once be Destroyed
all the Lower Parts of the County Especially
on the East Side Hudsons River will ly naked
Therefore we beg your Excellency may continue
to press the Assembly in the Strongest manner
to come to some speedy Resolution Effectually
to secure the Frontiers we are very much
afeard a very short Delay will make it too
late

Att a meetting of the
Com^{rs} of Ind.ⁿ Affairs
the 10.th March 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
John Depeyster
John Lansingh
Stephen Renselaer
Major Glen

Cap.^t Allan returned with
nineteen [sic] Indians from Saratogue The Mayor
undertook to pay twelve and the Recorder
Eight The Captain to have 3/ pr Diem

The Com.^{rs} ordered M^r Stevenson to put the
Deer Skins and Lead the Indians have had
to their Acco^{tt}

Major Glen delivered to this Board a String
of Wampum which Abraham of Canajohare
gave to him to deliver to this Board to acq.^t
them with the Death of [blank] a great
Sachim of Cayouge

[2-0658] **II-345**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs March
12th 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Hendrick Ten Eyck
John Depeyster
Dirck Tenbroeck
John Lansingh

The following Letter
was ordered to be wrote
to Cap^t Schuyler Viz

Sir

The Com.^{rs} send herewith Seven
Skohare Indians / to witt / Lowrence, Seth,
William, Jacob, Jacob Senebe, Anthony and
John, They agree to stay thirty Days for
Certain except one who Says he cannot
stay longer than twenty Days Before

the thirty Days expire the Com^{rs} will
write to you Because they Say they will
then better know whether they can stay
longer The Com.^{rs} say there is great
murmuring here that when you send out
great Parties no Officer is sent with them
They desire you to Consider whether it be
not necessary to send one of your Lieut^s
when you send great parties out again

The two last Minutes should been
entered before the Letter of the
Instant was sent to the
Governour

[2-0659] **II-345A**

Att a meetting of the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the 22^d March 1745/6 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Johan^s Lansingh
John Depeyster
Cornelis Cuyler

M.^r Depeyster and
M.^r Lansingh who went to the Mohawks
Country by Order of this Board with the
Interpreter last Munday to speak with
the Indians gave the following what they
spoke and what the Indians Answered

Brethren When your Warriours returned last
from Saratogue we desired their Chiefs to tell
you, That we desired Six Men from each Castle
to reside at that Garrison which we expected
you readily would have complied with But
finding they were not sent down we renewed
our Request by M.^r Barclay your Minister
who gave Us your Answer to this Effect
That your Warriours were Discontented and
unwilling to go to Saratogue and that you
advised Us to send up some of our Body to
speak to them and Answer their Complaints

We are much surprized that any triffling
Discontent should hinder you from comeing

to our Assistance at this time And that
every foolish Story should be suffered to make
Differences between Us. We are now come up to
hear what you have to offer and assure you

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That we will do any Thing that is Reasonable
to Satisfie you and Endeavour to Brighten and
Strengthen that Ancient Covenant Chain
that unites us together, And therefore desire
you would lay your Grievances before Us
If you have any of Importance to offer

After a Short Consultation the Indians made
the following Answer

Brethren Soon after the Destruction of
Saratogue Our Brethren desired ten Men
from each of the Six Nations to cover the
building of a Fort at that place, The
Upper Nations did not come Down at your
Request, But Desired Us and the River Ind^{ns}
to go to your Assistance which we accordingly
did When the Upper Mohawks came down to
Fort William in their Journey to Saratogue
The Warriours observed that before the
Destruction of that place their Usual Wages
was three Shillings a Day But as the
Danger was now increased they thought
their Wages ought to increase in proportion
And desired the Sachims to speak on their
Behalf which they undertook but forgott
to perform We then desired our Brethren that
our Warriours might have good Usage and
not want Provision Ammunition or any
Necessaries And also that their Advice might
be taken on any Emergency which was
consented to and promised Us.

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They then went to Saratoge & remain'd there
30 Days But when they returned they appeared
very discontented and complained that they
were very Indifferently rewarded That
their Wages were very small and Goods they
were paid in very Dear, That their Lives
were valuable to their families and they

could not expose them for so small a Reward
One of them complained that Eighteen Shill^s
was deducted from his Pay for a Hog which
he had Killed which he thought very hard
For these Reasons we could not prevail with
any of them to go to your Assistance again
We must likewise observe to you that we
think the Garrison in that place much too
weak as it lyes exposed to the Enemy

March 20.th This Day we mett with them
again and spoke to them to this Effect
Brethren We yesterday heard the Complaints
your Warriours made on their Return from
Saratogue which we have deliberately Con=
=sidered and come now to answer to which
we ask your favourable Attention
The first and Chief Complaint you made
was That your Warriours received too small
Wages for the Service they did
In Answer to which we are oblidge to putt
you in mind of the Covenant your Forefathers
Entered into with Us By which we were
to look upon Each other not as a Distinct
People but as united together in the Strictest
and most Inviolable Friendship, and

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Whenever either of Us were Injured, the other
should Esteem themselves Equally wounded and
bound to resent it, This we must acknowledge
your Forefathers have always faithfully observ'd
We never Remember that they either asked or
Received any Wages for their Service But at
present in Consideration of the Scarcity of Game
and to support your families while you cannot
hunt for them The Governm.^t have thought
proper to allow you the Same Wages that they
allow the white Pople who constantly do Duty
We paid your People 18 pence a Day when they
lay Idle in the Fort and 3/ when they served
as Scouts this is what is allowed by the
Governour & Assembly to which we have no
Power to add any Thing. You observed you
thought it Reasonable your Wages should
Increase in proportion to the Danger

Brethren You do not Consider that this
Expression plainly implys that you have a
greater Regard to Money than to that Ancient
Friendship subsisting between Us for had
you the least Regard to that, You would be
so far from Exacting on the Necessitys of
your Brethren That the Consideration of
the great Loss they sustained wou'd have
moved you rather to abate the Wages you
received that to desire to have them Increas'd
We can assure you did you call for our Assistance
we should never think to ask Wages of you
We desire you to reflect upon the great Charge

[2-0663] **II-347A**

We are daily put to, and to do by Us as you
wou'd expect we should do by you on the
like Occasion

 We grant that no Money can
Equal the Value of a Man's Life, But if you
would consider that your Life and Ours are One
and the Same, You would not in the least Indanger
that Life for so trifling a Consideration as you
seem to do You complain further that the
Goods you receive are very Dear, This is a Conse=
=quence of the War which we cannot help And
none but the French are accountable for whose
perfidiousness and treachery will not suffer
them to live in Peace with their Neighbours
We shall for the future give you Notes for your
pay, that you may look out for the Cheapest
Market you can find With Regard to the
Money deducted for the Hog, It was with the
Consent of the Man, And it was not done for
the Value of it, But as a punishment to prevent
like Injuries for the future to convince you
of which we will pay you the Money in
hopes that nothing of that Kind shall happen
for the future Were we dispos'd to retort
Complaints we have Sufficient Reason, But
out of Regard to our Antient Friendship we
forbear and do now desire you would lay aside
all these frivolous Complaints and do now
wipe off all Rust from that Silver Chain that
unites us together and expect it will now shine
so bright as to dazel the Eyes of our Common Enemys

[2-0664] **II-348**

We have been Informed that there are frequent
Jealousies between many of your People & Especially
between the Warriours & the Sachems arising from
Suspensions that the Sachims receive large
Presents from Us, which we assure you is Ground=
=less We therefore desire you to lay aside all these
Differences and do unite you together in the
Strictest Friendship and desire you all to Culti=
=vate a good Understanding and perfect
Unanimity in all your Affairs to which purpose
we present you this Belt We now repeat
our Request for twelve Men to be sent to
Saratoge who shall receive the Wages we before
told you and be well used

A Belt

We desire if any of your People have any
Complaint to make that they would come
Immediately to the Com.^{rs} and they will
always Endeavour to give them Satisfaction

To which they Answered

Brethren We have Considered your Answer to the Complaints
of our Warriours We note your Observe,
That our Fore Fathers never asked Wages
for their Services, We can say we never made
a Demand of that Kind till now We thank
you sincerely for coming Up & Answering
these Complaints, We are Satisfied & Agree
to your Proposal and shall send 12 Men on
the Conditions you mention which we hope
will be well used and be better furnished with

[2-0665] **II-348A**

With Powder and Ball than the last were
gave a Belt
We promise to lay aside the Differences you
observed amongst Us as well as any misunderstanding
between You and Us and act with Harmony
and Unanimity all together for the future
This we speak sincerely from our Hearts and
not with our Lips only A Belt

Then the Conajohare Indians spoke to this
Effect

Brethren We must observe to you that you seem
to have a greater Regard for your own Wives and
Children than for Ours. Yours are secured by
Strong Forts and Ours are open to the Attacks
of the Enemy You cannot expect that our
Warriours can leave them w^t out any Shelter
We now repeat the Request we made to Coll^o
Schuyler that our Town may be fortified and
give this String of Wampum as a Memorand^m
to the Com^{rs}

Then the lower Castle requested
that the Hinges for their Gates might be
finished which we promised

[2-0666] **II-349**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the
[24th or 27th] March 1746 [See Wraxall p. 245.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
Nicolaes Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Johannes Lansingh Jun^r
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Jn^o Depeyster
Cornelis Cuyler
May it please your Excellency

Since our Last of the 19th Instant
M^r Depeyster and M^r Lansingh who went
to the Mohawks with the Interpreter by
Order from Us to reconcile some Differences
between the Warriours and Sachems returned
from thence for the particulars of their
Conference we refer your Excellency to the
Inclosed Minutes We are informed that
Mayor Glen has gott a Belt of Wampum
from the Mohawk Indians which they gott
from the Governour of Canada last year
with the following Instruction
"Children we have settled all Affairs and now
"I think to go with you to your Castles not in
"person but with a Token which is as good as

"if I went my Self This Belt of Wampum
"I have heard and am Certain of it that you
"narrowly escaped last Winter from your
"Brethren the English amongst whom you live
"And you may be assured some Mischief will
 soon

[2-0667] **II-349A**

"Soon happen Now I go to make a Path for
"you, I will break the Twigs of the Trees
"to mark out a Road for you, That whenever any
"misfortune happens to you, You may Imediately
"send me Word, and I stand ready with the hatchet
"in my hand to assist you
"Children I desire likewise by the Same Belt
"that if you hear of any Design or see any
"preparation making for an Expedition against
"me, That you will come along the same Road
"I mark but for you, and give me Notice thereof,
This Belt was brought to the Mohawks
Castle and kept very private, Few Indians
knew of it till of late, We heard there was
such a Belt, but as often as we asked the
Indians about it they denied it, till some=
=time ago Hendrick the Indian told it to
Mayor Collins & M^r Bleecker promising either
to bring it to Us or that the Indians should
send to Us to send up a Certain Number of
our Board to gett it from them On this we
depended and all along expected
We hear Arent Stevens went up by y^r Excell^{ys}
Order to gett the Belt, We are glad when any
thing is done for the publick Good whoever
do it, But it has always been the Custom
that the Com.^{rs} were made acquainted with
any Affairs relating the publick was to be
transacted with the Indians and we humbly

[2-0668] **II-350**

Conceive it necessary it should be so If private
Persons be employed to transact publick
Affairs with the Indians unknown to this board
/ tho" both intend the Comon Welfare of the
Country / it must necessarily Incumber Us
and often disconcert our Measures, It is im=
=possible but Different People acting [seperatly]

will often take Different Methods tho" both
Intend the Same thing The Indians are a very
jealous People and should they Conceive a
Prejudice against Us by improper methods
being taken to manage them it may be of bad
Consequence but this we submit to your
Excellency's Pleasure Mr Lydius has
been at the Mohawk Castles w^t two Scalps
and a Belt of Wampum to Condole the Death
of three Indians which the Mohawks always
said he sent out to fight against the flatheads
What more he has done we Cannot yet learn
We rec^d a Letter from Coll^o Schuyler the 24th Instant
wherein is the following Paragraph "Robert Dunbar
and Gerrit Quackenboss w^t Six Indians came home
last Night They went from hence to the Lake
St Sacrament where they found a place where
the Enemy have had a Rendevouz not long ago
They Judged there had been about 40 or 50
and from thence to the Forks Creek where
it empties it self into the Wood Creek and so home
but mett with nothing since they departed from
the Lake"

[2-0669] II-350A

Many Schaahkook and Westenhook Ind.^{ns} being
come from Saratogue, We have sent up 16 [Mhk i.e. Mohawks]
and 3 River Ind.^{ns} in their Stead The Mohawks
sent down that Number in place of the 12 we
asked. So that there is Continually upwards
of 40 Indians at Saratogue which amounts to
a great Charge And yet they are too weak in
that Garrison to send out parties as Strong
as the french It seems to be against the Nature
of Indians to continue any time in one place
so that there often Changing give us a great
Trouble and increases the Charge for they
must be fitted out every time a New with
Shoes Powder Lead &^{ca}

We beg the Assembly to press the Legislature
to send up Money to defray this growing
Charge, We are not able to hold it longer
out unless we gett Money Many of Us are
in great Advance and will be oblided to
Stop We are apprehensive We will be in
great Danger as soon as the Snow is from

the Ground The Ind.^{ns} conceive a very mean
Opinion of Us because no greater Care is
taken for our Frontiers We are with the
greatest Duty & Respect

[2-0670] **II-351** 351

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the
24th March 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
Nicholas Bleecker
John Depeyster
John Lansingh Jun^r
Hendrick Ten Eyck

Killiaen and Adam with
Sixteen Mohawks came and acquainted
this Board they intended to go to Saratogue
according to their promise and would go
out on the Scout on Occasion, A Letter was
sent to Cap^t Schuyler acquainting him
therewith

Mr Stevenson was ordered to give
two Drest Deer Skins to the Mohawks and
one to Gerrit the Makinder who was also
going to Saratogue with other two Mahi=
kander Indians he promised to pay for his

Same Day in the
Afternoon the Com.^{rs}
mett again

Present

Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
Nicholas Bleecker
John Depeyster
Hendrick Ten Eyck

The Com.^{rs} rec^d a Letter from
Cap^t Schuyler acquainting them that his Scouts
ret^d the 22.^d Instant and had discovered where
some French & Indians had Rendevouz'd and
that they went to where Forks Creek falls into
Wood Creek and so home they Computed to have been

abt 40 or 50 french & Ind.^{ns} The Com^{rs} order'd
a Letter to be sent to acknowledge the Receipt of his

[2-0671] **II-351A**

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indians Affairs the 26th
Day of March 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd^t Schuyler

Corn.^s Cuyler

Dirck Tenbroeck

Jn^o Lansingh Jun^r

Nich.^s Bleecker

Seven Westenhook and five Schaah
=kook Indians came down from Saratogue
and were paid by the following Com^{rs}

The Recorder undertook to pay three
Westenhook and one Schaahkook Indians
The Mayor undertook to pay three Schaah
kook & 3 Westenhook Indians
M^r Bleecker paid one Westenhook Indian

The Indians gave an Acco.^{tt} that the french
and Indians who Cap^t Schuyler who wrote
about two Days ago were gone as they
supposed towards Schonectady, which the
Com.^{rs} thought fitt to acquaint Cap^t Lindesay
with by Express and desired him to give
Notice up the River

[2-0673] **II-352A**

Att a meetting of the
Commissioners of Indian
Affairs the 5th Day of
April 1746 [Partial summary in Wraxall p. 245-246.]

Present

Captain Marshall
Myndert Schuyler
John Lansingh Jun^r
John Depeyster
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Nicholas Bleecker

Several Mohawk & Mahikand.^r

Indians appeared at this Board and by Luykas
their Speaker said

Brother Corlaer & Quider

This Day we came to
this place, Here our Forefathers used to speak
and we thought proper to acquaint the Com^{rs}
we wanted to speak with them, We are come
from the two Castles of the Mohawks and our
Cousins the Mahikanders are with Us

When Saratoge was destroyed the Com.^{rs} thought
fitt to send to the Six Nations to desire ten
Men of each Nation, We of the Mohawks and
Mahikanders agreed to it and are still ready
When the Mohawks went the first time to
Saratoge they were promised to be well used
but when they returned they seemed Dissatisfied
Then the Com.^{rs} thought proper to send Deputies
to the Mohawks and reconciled that Difference
According to our promise we sent more fighters
to Saratoge, It was then agreed we should
consult together on all Occasions, But it seems
that Agreement is forgott or we are neglected
There was no time spoke of by your Deputies
at the Mohawks how long the fighters should

[2-0674] **II-353**

Stay at Saratoge Our Sachims gave Directions
to our fighters before they went from home
to stay only fifteen Days but when they
came here you insisted on thirty Days So
that our Resolution of fifteen Days is not
agreed to We therefore desire by this

String of Wampum that we may always
consult together and that you do not take
on you to direct without Consulting Us
Brother Corlaer & Quider

 Last fall you requested
of us Six Nations to keep our fighters at
home to be in Readiness to oppose the Enemy
should they come to attack us, which we are
not Certain but they may yet do, We agreed
to your Request We kept our Young Men
at home and we are all in Readiness

 We have dreamed and it sometimes happens
that Dreams prove true, We Say we have
Dreamed that your Traders are going to
Oswego and we desire you in a friendly Man=
=ner that you may not suffer them to go
for if you permitt your People to go to
Oswego our young Men will go abroad also
So we will all be naked and Defenceless if
the Enemy come to attack us when all our
people are abroad
Coll^o Schuyler promised to each Castle a Cask
of Powder which we have not yet gott, We
hope the Com.^{rs} will take Care that we gett
it When a Promise is made us / Especially
by so great a Man / we expect it should be pformed
and now the Rather because we have no Powder to
defend our Selves

[2-0675] II-353A

Hendrick gave me Orders to tell our Brethren
the Com.^{rs} that he was determined not to lett
our people stay any longer at Saratoge
than till the fifteen days be expired because
we ly open and naked, We have often desired
that our Castle of Canajohare might be forti=
=fied, and it has been often promised But as
nothing is yet done towards it, He is resolved
to speak no more about it But we Intend to
do it our Selves and therefore desire our Men
may be called home from Saratoge as soon as
the fifteen Days are expired

 Gave a String
of Wampum

The Com.^{rs} answered
Brethren

We insisted on thirty Days because a great part of fifteen Days must be spent in travelling to and from Saratoge your Castles that there could be but few Days left to go on the Scout and stay in Garrison, And that we Insisted on thirty Days they did not Consent & therefore are at their Liberty to come away when they please

The Gentlemen who were at the Mohawks Country did not insist on any time because your people who went first to Saratoge agreed to Stay thirty Days and we made no doubt but all your People would be Satisfied therewith, And we think thirty days is a very short time Our People ly a whole year in our Garrisons & often longer Coll^o Schuyler is at New York we expect him soon and shall speak to him about his promise & doubt not but he will give you the powder as soon as he Returns
gave a String of Wampum

[2-0676] II-354 354

We wrote to the Governour about fortifying your Castle at Canajohare and expect his Answer Soon We shall acquaint your [sic] Excellency with what you say about forbidding our Traders going to Oswego It is not in our Power to hinder them

The Indians spoke again
Brother Corlaer & Quider

M^r Lydius sent to our two Castles with Seven Hands of Wampum and acquainted that he thought it Good we should send some of our people to Canada we came at his desire and are now here We desire that the Com.^{rs} may send for him and hear from himself what he would desire us to do

[2-0677] **II-354A**

Att a meetting of the
Commissioners of Indian
Affairs the 8th Day of
April 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
[blank in original]

May it please your Excell^y
We received your Excellency's favours of the
29th March, We are sorry your Excell^y unwearied
Diligence has no greater Influence on y^e Assembly
That the Frontiers still ly naked & exposed
to the Insults of a Cruel Enemy
Cap^t Marshall tells us he has returned your
Excell^{ys} order as desired
Saturday last we sent for M^r Lydius as the
Indians desired, We asked him if he had sent
for them, and by whose Authority he had done
it, and what he was to do with them. He
answered he had sent for them, and that he
was Impowered by the Governour of Boston
that he brought them down at his Charge
That he had pitched upon three / one of each
Tribe / to go to Canada with a Message to
the Cachnawaga Indians that the Message
Message [sic] was contained in a Letter he said
he had sent to your Excell^y a [sic] Copy of
which he read and was to the following Effect
Brethren You have long known me and I desire
you to reflect if ever I fail'd in any Resolution

[2-0678] **II-355**

I undertook but that I always went thro w.^t
it, I have always had a great Regard for you
as you likewise have had for me, I do not blame
you for the Destruction of Saratoge and of
my House because I know you was forced
to it I have now drawn My Sword against
the French and am resolved never to Sheath
it till Canada be destroyed or reduced under
the Obedience of his Majesty King George
I therefore desire you forthwith to come away
from Canada and return to the Six Nations from
whom you have Strayed, and to whom I have
already spoke to receive you I therefore hope

you will come and put your Selves under our Mercy and Escape the fatal Destruction of the Canadians We desired him to Consider whether it was Consistent with the Duty of a Private Person to take thus much on himself in this Government without any Authority from your Excell^y / which he said he had not but was sure of your Excell^{ys} Approbation / We observed likewise to him that admitting he was Impow=ered by your Excell^y to send Indians to Canada whether his Message was in a proper Stile Especially where he said he had drawn his Sword and resolved never to Sheath it &^{ca} We told him we thought it the Subjects Duty to draw his Sword when the King Comanded and to Sheath it again when Comanded whatever the Success might be We observed to your Excell^y before that private Persons meddling

[2-0679] **II-355A**

with publick Affairs necessarily Incumber'd our proceedings & discontcerted our Measures We now beg leave to say that however fair M^r Lydius's Pretences be / tho by these means and great boasting he gains Credit with the meaner Sort of People / His Schemes hitherto have been of no Service to the Country and we are of Opinion that every Resolution he has yet made has failed hitherto When he went to Boston he was to gett Prisoners to Exch.^g all he brought here was two Scalps After he returned from the Mohawks Country his friends gave out that he had prevailed with the Indians to take up the Hatchet and Wagers offered to be laid that they would go out a fighting before the fifth of April The project he is now upon knocks all that in the Head, If he then designed any such Thing For we are Credibly Informed that when he was at the Mohawks Country he only spoke of his own private Affairs but at his parting with the Indians told them Governour Shirely gave his Service to them and was surprized they were so long of taking up the Hatchet. He well knows that if he can send any of the Six

Nations to Canada that while they are gone
/ whatever necessity we may have for their
Assistance / not one Indian will stir for Us
This he seems to be sensible off for he writes

[2-0680] **II-356** 356

To your Excellency that he thought the
greatest Reason they had for not Taking up
the Hatchet is that their friends are abroad
We are also of Opinion that in Case any Expedition
against Canada or the Crown Point be Intended
/ which we think he must mean by the fatal
Destruction of the Canadadians / This Message
can only put the french on their Guard, and
is the very Thing the Governour of Canada
desired of the Indians last Fall by the Belt
of Wampum / whereof we acquainted your
Excellency in our last --- We shall not take
on Us to question Mr Lydius's Loyalty or
Zeal for his Country's Service, Yet from his
past and present Conduct We are humbly of
Opinion that no other method in our present
Scituation could be of greater Service to the
French, the Rather because we desired him to
desist till he had your Excell^{ys} Approbation
As we could not prevail on him we thought it
our Duty to use our Endeavour to stop their
going till we had your Excell^{ys} Directions
which we beg you may be pleased to favour
us with We are afraid it will not be in our
Power to hinder their Going for we hear that
sev.^l of Mr Lydius's friends who have their
Relations there are preparing to send Letters
with his Messengers. But that nothing might
be wanting on our part which we Judged necessary
We have sent a Belt of Wampum with the Same

[2-0681] **II-356A**

Indians to the Mohawks desiring the Sachims
to detain Mr Lydius's Messengers from going
to Canada till they gett y^r Excell^{ys} Consent
The Interpreter tells us that Luykas told him
That as soon as the first sloop comes from N York
Mr Lydius said he would go to the Mohawks
Country and whether he had any Answer to his
Letter or not he would directly send them forw^d

to Canada We have acted in this Affair accord=
=ing to the best of our Judgment what we thought
most for the publick Good according to our
present Circumstances and hope the same may
be agreeable to your Excellency We are w^t
great Duty and Respect
Albany April 8.th 1746 May it please &^{ca}

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the
~~fol~~ 12.th April 1746 [See Wraxall p. 246.]

Present
Hubert Marshall
Myndert Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Ten Broeck
Reyer Gerritse
John Depeyster
Stephen Renselaer
Nicholas Bleecker
Johannes Lansing Jn^r
Hendrick Ten Eyck

The following Letter
was sent to the Govern^r

May it please your Excellency
We have your Excellency's favours of the 5th
Instant and observe you rec^d our Letter of the
27th and Minutes of the 22^d March and that
it was to your Satisfaction the Mohawk Ind^{ns}
[All?]

[2-0682] II-357

Returned to Saratoge Your Excell^y will see
by our Minutes of the 5th Instant which
went with a Letter we wrote the 8th
what Difficulties we yett meett with
We are sorry to see our Continued Endeavours
for the publick Good give so little [Satisfaction]
to your Excell^y, However we are glad
your Excell^y by others Means has
discovered the Mystery of the Indians
Disobediance, and heartily wish they
may act sincerely for the future but beg
leave to say that as much as we can Judge
by their present Conduct they are as
backward to assist us as before; And

if Mr Lydius Succeed in his Embassy
we question not but another Belt of
the Same Nature will soon be brought
back from the Governour of Canada
after he has gott Intelligence what is
doing here The very Person Nikus
who rec^d the former Belt being one of
those pitch'd upon by him to Carry his
Message. We believe it to be very
practicable for this Board or any other
Persons to gett the other five Belts
paying for them, but whether the Trouble
and Charge of getting them will not
Countervail the Benefit we can reap by

[2-0683] II-357A

Them we submitt to your Excellency
for our own Parts as much as we can
Judge by the Knowledge we have of
the Indians their delivering up the
Belts will not secure them the more in
our Interest We are sorry the Inter=
=preter should be blamed for doing his
Duty and performing as a Man of
Resolution your Excellency's Orders
which we Indeed Conceived to be in a
pretty high Strain, and should we taken
on Us to alter them in to any other form
we were apprehensive your Excellency
might have said we intended to evade
your Orders Mr Barclay came from
the Mohawks two days ago, and gave us
some Acco^{tt} of an Indian who came from
Oswego and had rec^d some Intelligence
from a Cachnawage Indian for the
particulars whereof we beg leave to refer
your Excell^y to Cap^t Marshall's Letter
who has told us he would send them to
your Excell^t Mr Barclay seems much
dissatisfied with the Behaviour of
some Ind^{ns} towards him w.^{ch} we fear
will discourage him from going up
again As we find that not w^tstanding
all our Endeavours to serve the Country in
the Station we are in according to the

[2-0684] **II-358**

Best of our Abilities We are like to do
little good by Reason of the Opposition so
publicly made against Us, Ans as we
at the same time find our proceedings
give so little Satisfaction to y^r Excell^y
We beg your Excell^y will be pleased to
excuse us from any further trouble

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 17.th
April 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Hubert Marshall
Myndert Schuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
Johannes Lansingh
John Depeyster
Reyer Gerritse

Gerrardus Lansingh and John Abeel
who have been in the Sinnekes Country
this Winter came before this Board and
gave the following Acco^{tt} what they heard
and observed among the Indians while
they were there Last November
when we had been about seven or eight
Days in the Sinnekes Country Jean Coeur
came there with two Soldiers, when he
had been there about two or three Weeks
The Mohawk Indians sent a Belt of
Wampum to the Sinnekes acquainting
them w^t the Destruction of Saratoge
The Day after came another Belt of
Wampum to Confirm the News

[2-0685] **II-358A**

Jean Coeur hearing this Report came to us
and asked if we believed it to be true We
said we made no doubt of it, He replied
he did not believe it, He thought it was
a Contrivance of our Governour to induce
the Indians to go down to Albany accord=
=ing to their promise when he gave them
the Hatchet

About Eight Days after this the Inter=
=preter came to Cayouge and sent three
Indians to the Sinnekes with a Belt
of Wampum to give an Acco^{tt} of the
Destruction of Saratoge The Indians
who brought the Belt reported that
nine of the Six Nations were kill'd
at Saratoge Jean Coeur hearing
this News went and Condoled their
Death with a Belt of white Wampm
and gave the Indians a french Blkt
and some fathoms of Tobacco
Jean Coeur sent four times to Jagara
this Winter and once to Cadarachqua
with Letters that came from Mississippi
He seemed to know all News from
Europe He told us the King of France
would never make Peace till the
Pretender was King of England
All the Warriours of the Sinnekes

[2-0686] **II-359**

And ten of the Cayouges are gone a
fighting against the Catabaws, And we
believe they went at the Instigation of
Jean Coeur Last Summer the Sinnekes sent
four Sachims to the Twightwights to
Invite them and all the upper Nations
to come to trade at Oswego, After the
News of Saratoge being Cutt off they
sent again to tell them the Path was
still open, None of their Messengers were
returned when we came away
In discoursing with Jean Coeur we told
him we hoped there would be a good Trade
at Oswego this Year, He said there would
not, for as we were at War with them
They had called all the far Indians to
their Assistance and he expected them
Early in the Spring to go with him to
Canada Just before we came away
two Cachnawage Indians (one of them
lodg'd long at Mr Lydius's last year)
came to the Sinnekes with a Belt of
Wampum to desire them not to inter=
=meddle in the Warr, for they intended

to be Neuter, and hop'd they would
likewise, They said the white people
might fight for themselves; It was
only the Schawenedies, the Orondax
and Onnogongas had taken up the

[2-0687] **II-359A**

Hatchet, They told the Sinnekes there
were only a few of Unruly Cachnawage
Indians at the Destruction of Saratoge
The Cachnawage Indians desired the
Sinnekes to send the Belt to all the
other Castles of the Six Nations
The Sinnekes promised the Cachnawages
to stand Neuter

[Not in Wraxall.]

May it please your Excellency
Since our last of the 12.th Instant Gerrard
Lansingh and John Abeel came from the
Sinnekes Country for the Observations
they made there we refer y^r Excell^y
to the Inclosed Minutes

These two Young Men propose with
the Assistance of three or four more
if proper Encouragement be given
them (And if the same be Agreeable
to your Excellency) to bring down Jean
Coeur If they bring him not alive (or
kill him if he should resist they
will ask nothing for their trouble
We are sure his keeping amongst the
Indians is a very great prejudice
to the British Interest, and are
humbly of Opinion nothing could be
of greater Service to our Interest
with the Indians than to gett him

[2-0688] **II-360**

Away. The Expediency whereof we
Submitt to your Excellency In Case
your Excel^{cy} approve of it we beg you
will be pleased to send your Orders by
first Opportunity It being now a
Seasonable Opportunity when the

Sinnekes are from home and Coeur goes
to Canada in May We are w^t Duty
and Respect May it please &^{ca}
Albany April 17th 1746

[2-0693] **II-362A**

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the
20.th of April 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
Nicholas Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
John Depeyster
Johan^s Lansing Jun^r

Two Sinneke Sachims came
before this Board and spoke to the same Effect
as Abeel and Lansingh only added that
the Cachnawages desired the Sinnekes to
wait till the Spring when their Sachims
would come to the Sinnekes Country and
speak there with the Six Nations

The Governour of Canada sent
with the Two Cachnawage Indians
seven hands of Wampum to acquaint them
that it was true he was at War with the
English, and that he has Destroyed Sara=
=togue, The [sic] he had heard it was reported
amongst them that there were ten of
the Six Nations kill'd there, which was
utterly false for there had not been one
Indian touched there; And that as he had
always told them he did not desire to meddle
with them or did he desire them to assist
him but only to sitt still, for whenever

[2-0694] **II-363** 363

The War was over between the French and
English they wou'd be Immediately friends
again, and perhaps this War wou'd be soon
over

The Governour of Canada said he
had taken 105 Prisoners, that in destroying
Saratogue five Persons were kill'd which
they could not help

But Tegunjaggwe told them afterwards
he himself was himself at the Cutting
off Saratogue
Only one Orondax Indian was wounded
at Saratogue, and the Commandant of
the Army was singed on his Cheek but
not much hurt

The Sinnekes gave no

Answer to the Cachnawages
The only Reason the Governour of Canada
gave for the Destroying of Saratogue
was that when he sent two Indians to
Boston with Letters for an Exchange of Prisoners (there
being a great Man Prisoner there) they
had no Answer

The Com.^{rs} spoke to the following Effect

Brethren
You tell us there has been two Cachnawage
Indians in the Sinnekes Country with a
Message to desire you to sitt still and not
meddle

[2-0695] II-363A

And that they would be Neuter likewise
Brethren That is the Way we were [lulled] a
Sleep last fall, The Cachnawage Indians
came continually here as friends, not only
in their own Names but for all the other
Indians, and told Us they would not Concern
themselves in the War, That we needed not
keep any Watch for them for they would not
fight against Us, They pretended to come
with Letters for Boston and so found we
were secure, and not on our Guard, and by
that means we thought our Selves Safe
So they took the Advantage of our Remiss=
=ness to murder our People, And we are
afraid these continual Messages to you
are only to make you a Sleep, and perhaps
they will destroy you as they did our people
We are likewise Sure that many Cachna=
=wage Indians were at the Cutting off
Saratoge Execially Ondaghsago their
Chief Sachim You tell us the French
sent you only seven hands of Wampum

We are Sure that the Belt it self came
from the Governour of Canada and that
all the Cachnawages said is only ~~Words~~
the Governour of Canada's Message

[2-0696] **II-364**

And therefore you ought to suspect it the
more You know that the Six Nations
promised that if any Nation of Indians
took up the Hatchet against Us, All the
Six Nations were to look upon them as
their Enemies and fall upon them Imediately
What can we then think of the Cachnawages
saying it is only the Schawenedies the
Orondax and the Onnogangas had taken
up the hatchet, These can do a great
deal of mischief if you will not assist us
The Cachnawages know they have broken
the Covenant, and that is the Reason of
so many Messages sent to you for fear
you should take up the hatchet as you
promised The Sinnekes were to give
an Answer to the Cachnawages in the
Spring We are Surprized that all
your fighters are gone abroad at this time
when we want their Assistance so much
When we desired only ten Men you would
not comply with our Request
We have heard you had a Belt from the
Govern^r of Canada last fall desiring you
to give him an Acco.^{tt} of Every Thing that

[2-0697] **II-364A**

Happens here We are also told every one
of the Six Nations have one for the Same
Purpose The Mohawks have delivered
theirs to our Governour we expect you will
do the Same

 The Indians answered
They gott a Belt to Condole the Death of
their People who died last year but none
from the Governour of Canada with the
Request given to the Mohawks

Att a meetting of the
Comissioners of Indian
Affairs the 22^d April
1746 [Summary in Wraxall p. 246-247.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirck Tenbroeck
John Lansingh Jun^r
Stephen Renselaer

The following Letter was
sent to his Excellency our Governour

May it please your Excellency
Our last was the 17th Instant since which
we have none of your Excellency's favours
We have just now rec^d an Acco.^{tt} that the french
Indians have begun their barbarous method
of Scalping having yesterday murdered one
Harne van Veghten a farmer at Schaahkook

[2-0698] **II-365**

As he was at work near his own House, A few
People who were together in a Little fort near
by heard two musket Shott, but did not think
it an Enemy His Negroe Boy who was at
some Distance plowing on his Land heard two
Indian Shouts, He unyoked the Horses from
the Plough came home and found his Master
Dead He was shott betwixt his Shoulders
with a Ball which came out at his Breast
he had two Stabs one on Each Side of his
Breast, Two Cutts on his forehead with a
Hatchett and his Scalp taken off And they
had sprinkled his Blood on the Gavel End
of his House This is what we have
long dreaded But as it is now begun we
expect that all our People who were now
venturing out again to their Settlements
will return to Town, As it is Impossible
for the few People that live in this Town
and scattered up and down in this wide
extended County to defend the whole frontier
of the Province If no further Provision
be Imediately made for our better defence

Most of the Inhabitants will be oblidge
to remove For people at York may take
what Liberty they please to talk of the
flourishing State of the City of Albany

[2-0699] **II-0365A**

And the Wealth of the Inhabitants, It is
a Certain Truth that but very few either
in City or County can maintain their family
for any Considerable Time if the Country
People be driven from their Settlements
And we do not expect that any will stay
to the northward of this place or Westward
of the Town of Schonectady after this
unless they hear of some Provision made for their
Immediate Defence This Day the last
of the Mohawk Indians came down from
Saratoge Several of the Mahikanders came
away last Week There are now only Six
Indians at Saratoge and we are in great
Doubt whether we shall be able to prevail
on any of them to go back again M^r Lydius
has been up amongst the Mohawks ever
Since the beginning of last week not yet
return'd And we know not whether he has
sent forward his Messengers to Cachnawage
but if he has we are Certain not one Indian
will stirr in our favour till his Messengers
return tho' the Enemy should come & Scalp
us at our very gates We have again and
again writt for money but as none Comes
we must desert paying be the Consequence
what it will It is very unreasonable

[2-0700] **II-366**

that we should not only spend our time but
lay out our private Estates for the publick
and still have nothing but blame
Since writing the above which was intended to be
sent yesterday but waited if might hear farther
News, M^r Lydius is returned, and we are Informed
that he has engaged five Mohawk Indians to go
to Canada by the Way of Oswego We believe they
are to Carry several Indians of the other Nations
with them, So all we can now do is to dispatch
the Interpreter to endeavour to detain them till

till [sic] your Excellency's further Orders

[Not in Wraxall.]

The following Letter was sent to Coll^o Stoddard

Sir

I am directed by the Com^{rs} of Indian Affairs to acquaint you that this Day they have a Certain Acco.^{tt} that one of our principal Inhabitants at Schaahkook was murdered yesterday (it is not Certainly known who did it) but more than probably it was french Indians, The Man was shott between the Shoulders, Stabbed on each Side of the Breast, Two Cutts w.^t a hatchet in the forehead, and his Scalp taken off, His Blood sprinkled on the Gavel End of his House A Negroe Boy he had plowing his Land at some Distance / from his House / heard two Indian Shouts and so came Immediately home found his Master Dead. The Com.^{rs} cannot prevail

[2-0701] **II-366A**

On the Six Nations to take up the Hatchet tho" they press them hard every Day M^r Lydius has been up at the Mohawks this ten Days and not yet return'd, He is about sending a Message to the Cachnawage Indians on pretence to bring them all here, But if he goes on with his Message he Certainly ties up all the Six nations from assisting Us at least till his Messengers return should they come and murder us at our very Gates We are afraid we will have a very troublesome Summer that many Cruelties will be Committed for we ly very naked and exposed to the Enemy Incursions, Hope your People are on their Defence, I send you an Extract of M^r Lydius's Message for the Singularity of it I am

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 2.^d
Day of May 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Nich.^o Bleecker

Cornelis Cuyler Esqrs

Dirck Tenbroeck Com^{rs} of Ind.ⁿ Affairs

Johannis Lansing Jn^r

John Depeyster

Reyer Gerritse

Brant went up to Saratogue with Six
other Indians to Saratogue which the
Com^{rs} acquainted Cap^t Nicholas Schuyler
with by a Letter

[2-0702] II-367

Att a meetting of the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the 4th Day of May
1746

[This is probably the letter mentioned by Wraxall on p. 247 of the Abridgment
giving a date of May 2d.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

John Depeyster

Reyer Gerritse

Dirck Tenbroeck

Cornelis Cuyler

Nicolaes Bleecker

Johannis Lansingh

The following letter Was sent
to his Excellency

May it please y^r Excellency

Ever Since we had the Honour of your
Excell^{ys} favours of the 27 of April we have
been kept in Continual Alarm and must
beg y^r Excell^{ys} patience till next Opportu
nity to return an Answer, We can now only
acquaint your Excellency with what has
happen'd last Week, Munday last two
Negroes were Carried off by french Indians about
Eight Miles to the Northw^d of this town, Several
French Indians have been skulking for some Days
part on the East Side of Hudsons River to the

Southward of this town, Mayor Collins marched from hence last Wednesday with about seventy Men to Schaahkook from thence to Saratoge and so through the Woods to Schonectady, We expect him home to Day, We do not that he discovered any Enemy but has seen many Tracts

[2-0703] II-367A

In the Woods, On Friday afternoon Coll^o Renselaer rec^d an Express from Major Glen Informing him that the Same Day thirty of their Men who were on the Scout discovered three fires which they Judged to be fires of the Enemy and computed there might be 70 or 80 in Number, About 70 Men marched from hence to Schonectady yesterday morning, In the after=
=noon the Mayor rec^d a letter from Major Glen acquainting him that on the first News of seeing the fires he Immediately dispatched [186] Men They went directly to the place where the fires were and from thence followed the Enemys Tracts to the house of Symon Groot w^{ch} is ab^t three Miles from Major Glen's. The Enemy had murder'd & Scalp'd a Boy taken a Man away Prisoner, sett fire to the House, followed another Man to the River, and shott him [sweemming] Over Before our People gott up the Enemy were gone off, and it began to grow Dark & Rain'd So that they could not follow them, It seems they went off very precipitately They left behind them a Sheep they had kill'd and tied up in the [Fuke?] of a Bed, two axes, two knives, a powder horn full of powder and some Bullets. Major Glen writes further that he rec^d an Express from the Ind^{ns} acquainting him that the Mohawks and Onondage Sachems were coming down, and that fires were seen behind Cachnawage in the Mohawks Land We are surrounded on all Sides by the Enemy, All our People leave their Settlements

[2-0704] II-368

And w^t out Immediate Assistance of a Considerable Number of forces to oppose the Enemy we must of necessity remove & leave this Country Desolate We Cannot resist the whole force of Canada, We are wearied out with Continual Watching and Scouting

in the Woods, And now M^r Lydius has sent his
Message to Canada not one Indian will assist us
It is a most Melancholy Thing to see all the
Country People flocking to Town with their
Families and Effects And yet are of no Assistance
to Us for they have Enough to do to take Care of
their families and Cattle, Many of them very Poor
and have nothing to Subsist on, nor can some
of them gett Houses to lodge in
Not one Day pass'd last Week but Murder has
been Called out from one Quarter or Another, and
we can expect nothing but to have the Same
Continued And doubt not but Murther will be
committed every Day in some place of the County
or other, It was never known in all the former
Wars with the french that so many Indians
were Skulking Round this place, Indeed they had
not the Number of Ind^{ns} they now have, We had
many more than we now have, and they were
then to be depended on, and are much to be distrusted
now. It is reported and we have great Reason to
believe it to be true that M^r Lydius has sent a
very large Packet of Letters to Canada, what they
contain we know not but must beg leave to say
his Conduct affords great matter of Suspicion We are
w^t Duty & Respect May &^{ca}
Albany May 4th 1746

[2-0705] **II-368A**

Att a meetting of the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
May 5.th 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Cap.^t Marshall
Myndert Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
Nicholas Bleecker
John Depeyster
Hendrick Ten Eyck

Six Mohawks & Eight Onnondage
Sachims came to the Com.^{rs}
and spoke as follows Viz

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We are come from Onnondage and are
now here, As we came along we Called at
the two Castles of the Mohawks and
thought good to bring our Brethren of the
Mohawks along with us, that they might
here what we had to say to our Brethren
the Com.^{rs} We came along the Road but mett
with nothing till we came to y^e Boarders
on the Land which belongs to you, There
we heard that the french and some Indians
in Alliance with them have done you much
mischief, which we are sorry for, and Doubt not
but you sitt in great grief and therefore we
come to Condole your Loss and wash off
your Tears, and desire to Comfort you that
you may look on us with Joy, We are Concern'd
that you sitt in Blood, and therefore we are
come to wipe it away that you may sitt
Clean Gave 7 hands of Wampum

[2-0706] **II-369**

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We are now here in this
place where our forefathers and yours have
always spoke together in friendship but
we are now Convinced that you sitt in
great ~~Distress~~ Grief for many of your people
are killed by the french and their Ind^{ns}
but now we bury all under Ground

Brother Corlaer & Quider

 Last Summer the Six
Nations were at Canada. The [Kanunt]
stayed behind the Rest and as he was
returning home by the Schawenedies
they desired him to Carry a Message to
the Onnondages to request for three of
their Sachims to come and speak with
them Early in the Spring before the Woods
grew Green

 This Winter two Schawenedie Ind^{ns}
came to Onnondage with the same Message
desiring three Sachems to come down
and if they thought proper to ~~carry~~ take three
Warriours along with them for their Guard
but that they must tarry till late in
the Spring to come for if the Woods grew
Green it might be dangerous wherefore
the mischief w^{ch} has now happen'd is
perhaps Occasioned by our people's not
going

[2-0707] **II-369A**

Going sooner Had they gone some time ago
perhaps they might hinder'd it
Brethren We have heard three times this Winter
from Canada, for the old Gray head that
lodged at M^r Lydius's last year went round
the Lake to the Sinnekes and told them that
the Cachnawages Meant not to fight, but
it was only some of their unruly people
that was at Saratoge

 The priest of Cachnawage sent y^e Same
Message

Brother Corlaer & Quider

 I tell you this now but I
know it ought not to be taken Notice off for
we know that what they say is outwardly w.^t
their lips, but they speak not from their hearts
we know they speak treacherously yet we
thought fitt to acquaint the Com.^{rs} of it.

Brother Corlaer & Quider

 The two Indians that were at
Onnondage told us that the Governour of
Canada had thought good to send Letters to
Boston to treat about an Exch^g of Prisoners

He acquainted the Cachnawage Indians with
his Resolution They told him that the two
N England Men were the fittest persons to
Carry that Message, He sent them with
Letters but when they came to Albany they
were Stopt and the Letters sent forward to Boston

[2-0708] **II-370**

When they went Back to Canada they
told the Governour of Canada, That the
Governour of Boston would make no Exch.^g
of Prisoners but said it seemed the Gov.^r
of Canada began to be afraid, Does he think
that I will give all the Prisoners I have
for a few that he has I will not do it for
I am not afraid of him, and would be glad
to see a french Army, The Stopping these
Indians, and their Carrying back this Report
to the Governour of Canada is the Reason
he gives for fitting out the Army that
destroyed Saratoge

Gave 7 Strings of Wampum
Brethren We desire by this String of Wamp.^m
that our Guns Kettles &^{ca} may be mended

Att a meetting of the
Com^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the 6th May 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Cap^t Marshall
Myndert Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
Nicholas Bleecker
John Depeyster

The Com^{rs} spoke to
The Eight Onnondage
and Six Mohawk Sachems
to the following Effect Viz

Brethren

We are very glad you are come down
at this Juncture, We thank you for the
Concern you shew for the Death of our friends

[2-0709] **II-370A**

who have been killed by the french & Indians
in alliance with them and the desire you
have to wash off our tears

gave a String of Wamp.^m

We have Considered what you have said of
the frequent Messgees sent to your Nations
by the french which your Selves acknowledge
to be treacherous and deceitful, And hope
you will give no Ear to them or receive any
Messages from them for the future

Gave a Belt

Brethren You no sooner came amongst us than
you both saw and heard of the barbarous
Cruelty Comitted by the french and their
Indians on our people when we were
expecting no such reatment.

We need not tell you what has happened
within this ten Days to our people, You have
seen with your own Eyes with what barba=
=rous Cruelty they murdered a poor Boy
near Schonectady, Shott a Man as he was
sweeming over the river from them, and
either kill'd or Carried off his Brother and
burnt his house, You have long ago heard
how Inhumanely they they [sic] used some of
our people at Saratoge, and that now many
Indians are Skulking all round us to destroy
our People

Now Brethren If you have any Regard for

[2-0710] **II-371** 371

Your own Honour, To the most Solemn [Treaties]
and repeated Engagements Subsisting between
Us, to the memory of your brave & valiant
forefathers Many of whom had their blood
cruelly shed by those treacherous people
who are now deluding you with perfidious
Messages, No doubt many of your
Ancestors suffer'd by their Cruel Hands
Hendrick in particular knows how Cruelly
they burnt his own father
But those brave and worthy Men your
Courageous Ancestors were always faithful
to us and kept Inviolable the promises and
Engagements made to us They despised the

french & Indians in Alliance with them
well knowing their perfidy and that all their
promises & Invitations were only to ensnare
them If you have any Regard to your
own welfare and the preservation of your
families, you must now Immediately enter
into the war and assist us to Check the Insolent
Outrage of the french & Ind.^{ns} in Alliance w^t
them The time will admitt of no Delay
Every Hour you delay is of dangerous
Consequence to our Common Interest
Brethren Be assured their pretended friendship
to you will last no longer than their own
Interest oblidges them. They are a most per=
=fidious and treacherous people and design to
lull you a Sleep till they have forced our
Outt Settlers to abandon their Country then be

[2-0711] **II-371A**

Assured they will fall upon you and you must
expect to become an Easy Prey to them when
by your own default we may not be able to
give you Assistance

Consider we intreat you Brethren what
the Consequence will be if the french gett the
upper hand, You can expect nothing less than
Slavery to you and all Indians, This you
must plainly see, unless you suffer your Selves
to be blinded by their perfidious Promises,
for nothing but Treachery is Intended by
their frequent Messages to you tho' their
pretences be fair

Brethren We beseech you to Consider That there
is an Almighty God that will avenge all
Unfaithfulness and Perfidy, and who cannot
look on the breach of that Covenant subsisting
between us but with Indignation, and will
punish you if you sitt still unconcern'd
and see the Blood of your Brethren daily
shed in the most barbarous & Inhumane
Manner when it is in your power to put a
Considerable & perhaps entire stop to it

It is well known that not only the
unruly but a Considerable Number of the
principal Indians of Cachnawaga especially
their Chief Sachims Skonondo & Tegcongachgwe

were at the Destruction of Saratoge, Our
People knew some of the Indians who did the
mischief near Schonectady last week, And we
doubt not but some of the same Cachnawage Ind^{ns}

[2-0712] **II-372**

have been destroying the Cattle & burning
the Houses at Kinderhook and wou'd undoubtedly
murdered the people had they not fortunately
left their Houses the night before

It is now plain we are surrounded by
our Enemies on all sides, So we cannot think
you will hesitate one moment but enter
Immediately into the War against the french
and all the Indians in Alliance with them
and at once endeavour to put a Stop to their
Inhuman Cruelties

We expect and desire you may make a
General Call of all the Six Nations at Onnon=
dage the place appointed to speak together
and make them acquainted with all the
mischief you have seen & heard the french
and their Indians in Alliance with them
have done to your Brethren, and then we
cannot doubt but you will send us at least
twenty Men from each Castle not only to
go out on the Scout to make Discoveries
if the Enemy should be coming against
Us, but to Carry the War into their Country
and fight against the french and all the
Indians in Alliance with them the
Cachnawage Indians as well as others
for it is evident they are now our open
Enemies and Consequently Yours

It is great Grief to Us to here & see
how ready you are at the Request of the

[2-0713] **II-372 [sic; should be 372A]**

Governour of Canada on the most triffling
Occasion or even at the Desire of the priest
of Cachnawage, tho we have often advised
you to the Contrary and told you they
intended nothing but perfidy & treachery
and yet you will do nothing for us on the
most necessary Occasions You would not so
much as Comply with our most Reasonable

Request to send but ten men of each Castle
to ly in Garrison at Saratoge after it was
rebuilt We are quite ashamed of your
Behaviour and do not know how to represent
the Same to our Governour

Indians Replied
Brother Corlaer & Quider
We have heard all what you have
said, and we came for that purpose to speak
together we do not propose to answer each
Article but chiefly on the Article of taking
up the hatchet & entering into the War
You have also desired us to call a meetting
at Onnondage which we shall do, and when all
our Warriours are mett together then we
shall lay before them all that you have
said to us, we shall tell them all that we
have heard and seen at Albany and use
our uttmost Endeavour to forward all that
you desire of us. The Com.^{rs} desir'd them as soon
as they came to a Resolution in y^e meetting they
might Imediately acq^t them w^t it, & the Messenger
who brings y^e Agreeable News of their Entring

[2-0714] **II-373**

Into the War shall be well rewarded
Gave two large Belts of Wampum on
the Article of entring into the War
 & 6700 black & 300 white Wampum

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the
7th Day of May 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
John Depeyster
Dirck Tenbroeck
Stephen Renselaer
Cornelis Cuyler
Nicolas Bleecker
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Johannes Lansingh
Reyer Gerritse

The following Letter
was wrote to his Excellency

May it please y^r Excellency

We have your Excellency's favours of the 23^d and 27th April, We are sorry it shou'd require any Hesitation for your Excellency to determine whether M^r Lydius's proceed^{gs} or ours be most agreeable to your Excellency and the Interest of this Country, and whether it is most Convenient in the present Scitu=ation of Affairs to use all means possible to induce the Six Nations to take up the hatchet or to tie up their hands on pretence of sending a Ridiculous Message to Cach=anawage to remove of a sudden a whole Castle of Indians, when it is well known that the Cachnawage Indians neither can dare or
will

[2-0715] II-373A

Will receive a Message from hence w.^t out acquainting the Priest that resides among them therewith and consequently the Gov^r of Canada We are very sorry y^e Melancholy State we are reduced to oblidges us to reflect with great Concern how far M^r Lydius's Conduct has in every Article Corresponded with the Intrigues the french have been all along Carrying on with the Indians

The first publick Disturbance we mett with was the Malicious Story of the English intending to destroy all the Indians near about us which the best affected of them tell us they are convinced was hatched by the french and brought to them from Cadarachqua How Industiously M^r Lydius propagated that Story, and at last named sev^l Gentlemen in particular is not unknown to your Excellency, And we beg leave to say that notwithstanding your Excellency seemed to be Convinced of the falshood & Malicious=ness of the Report very little Satisfaction was given to the Gentlemen accused to w^{ch} we cannot but attribute much of the Opposition we have mett with since, for had your Excellency been then pleased publicly to Check M^r Lydius, we are humbly of Opinion he would not continued his Opposition against us

[2-0716] **II-374**

We have Reason to believe that the Boston Gentlemen's Insisting so Strenuously on the Indians taking up the Hatchet was owing to him, making them believe that the Indians were ready Enough to do it but the Albany People hindered them, and Considering the Defenceless Condition the frontiers then were and still are in the Event has too plainly shewn that there were good & great Reason for keeping out of an Indian War

It appears very Extraordinary to us that in this very last Scheme of M^r Lydius's at the very Juncture he goes to send his Message to Cachnawage three belts of Wampum come from Canada desiring the same thing, one from the Governour of Canada, one from the priest of Cachnawage and another from the Cachna=
=wage Indians add to these the Behaviour of Tegeenjachgwe the Indian he kept at his house so long last year and put such Confidence in him that he said he was sure he wou'd acquaint him with every thing that happen'd at Canada And all the Indians that came from the upper Nations tell us he himself own'd he was at the Destroying of Saratoge, and is likewise now made use of by the french to carry all their Messages to the Six Nations, If these Actions be not positive proof of a Correspondence carried on by M^r Lydius w^t the french / we

[2-0717] **II-374** [sic; should be 374A]

are humbly of Opinion it is a strong presump=
=tion / and as much as the Nature of the Thing will admitt off M^r Lydius's acting s^o in every Respect so conformable to the Gov^r of Canada's measures, the withdrawing of the Garrison from Saratoge and the proclama=
=tion forbidding all traffick and [Co^s i.e. correspondence?] with the Indians happening unfortunately near the same time to these Causes we beg leave to say in our Opinions is owing all the Destruction and Blood Shed which has since happened We beg leave to inform y^r Excell^y that in the former Wars there were always parties of the King's troops sent out with the

Country forces and posted in all the forts and
Garrisons wherever any of the Country People
were posted, We have acted all along according
to the best of our Abilities and find we cannot
do any Service to the Country as Com.^{rs} so long as
M^r Lydius or any other person whatsoever takes
upon themselves to Transact publick Affairs w.^t
the Indians unknown to this Board, We again
desire your Excell^y will be pleased to excuse
us from
further trouble otherwise we shall be oblige[d] to desist from
further Attendance at this Board And
therefore beg you will let us know by first Oppor=
=tunity your Excellency's Resolution that the
Country may not suffer for want of proper persons
to Transact Affairs
Last Sunday two Houses and two Barns were

[2-0718] II-375

Burned at Kinderhook, This very Day one
Man was murder'd and Scalp'd on M.^r Collins's
farm and another carried off or kill'd the Inhab.^{ts}
of the Mohawks River have left y^r Habitat^{ns}
so that we are now in great Distress and if
very Considerable Assistance be not Imediatly
sent us we must all leave this Country we
have neither Men, Money or Warlike Stores
We hope your Excell^y will excuse us the Liberty
we have taken to lay open our Grievances We
have suffer'd long w^t Patience in Expectation
of of [sic] help, but as we see no Appearance of
any we cou'd not in Justice to the Province in
gen.^l as well as to our County in particular
but lay our distressed Circumstances before you
hoping your Excell^y will use all means
possible to preserve the frontiers now in the
utmost Danger

[2-0719] **II-375 [sic; should be 375A]**

Att a meetting of the
Com.^{rs} of Ind.ⁿ Affairs
the 10th May 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Johannes Lansingh

Reyer Gerritse

John Depeyster

Peter Winne

Dirck Tenbroeck

The following Letter was
sent to his Excellency

May it please your Excellency

We were Just now alarm w.^t
the firing of a great many Guns at Green
Bush As many of our People as cou'd be
spared went Immediately over the River
but before they could gett to the other Side
The french and Indians had killed four white
Men and one Negroe, and taken another
Prisoner We had prevail'd this morning on
two Indians to go to Canada to gett a prisoner
when they gott so far as Coll^o Schuyler's
house they found two Mahikander Indians
who desired to go along with them, They
heard some french and Indians were over at
M^r Collins's one of the two Ind^{ns} went over
with two Mahikander Ind.^{ns} and was taken
Prisoner by 10 french Men & 6 Indians and
afterwards made his Escape We are now
reduced to the same State as a besieged

[2-0720] **II-376**

Town, No Man can with safety go a thousnd
Paces out of town We are reduced to the
uttmmost extremity (famine excepted) and
we are in much Doubt but an Army is
coming against us, If we gett not such a
Number of forces as will be Sufficient to
keep a good force in this town and a good
Number to range the Woods round here

and at Schonectady with some Indians
as also a good strong Garrison at Sara=
=toge besides a great many white Men
and Indians to range the Woods there=
=abouts we are utterly undone and really
believe most of the Inhabitants both of
Town and County will remove in a short
time as several have done already & some
are daily going away The Country
People who are not removed out of
the County or come in to Town are gather'd
together in small Numbers into little forts
and dare not stir abroad So that we really
believe if Coll^o Schuyler does call in the
Regiment (as he proposes) not one hundred
Men will or can come in The oldest
People here have never know the Town in the
Hottest War formerly to be so surrounded & so much
blood shed in so short a time We beg for God's sake
y^r Excell^y will send us Assistance w^t all speed
before we be utterly undone

[2-0721] **II-376A**

Att a meetting of the
Com^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the 12.th May 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present the
Same Members
as the 10.th Instant

The following Letter was sent to y^e Gov^r

May it please your Excellency
Ours of the 7.th Instant and our last
of the 10.th Instant w.^{ch} we sent by express
giving an Acco.^{tt} of our Continual Alarms
and murders committed we hope your
Excellency hath rec.^d But being now
reduced to great Extremity We have thought
good to send the Messieurs Mynd^t Schuyler
and Rutger Bleecker to lay our deplorable
State before your Excellency hoping you
will with Advice of his Maj.^{es} Council find
some Method to send in Immediate Assistance
we being no [sic] reduced to the last Extremity
Our People are so wearied out with Continual
Watching & Ranging in the Woods that they

are not able to hold out Unless Immediate Assistance be sent us Many of our Inhab.^{ts} despairing of any Assistance are daily going away, If forces were sent to Strengthen Us, it would encourage those who are yet purposing to go to Stay and perhaps encourage those are gone to return Coll^o Schuyler's

[2-0722] **II-377**

House is now our frontier for the particulars of our Calamity the above named Gentlemen can inform your Excellency

Instructions to Mess.^{rs} Schuyler and Bleecker were given to the foll^g Effect

Gentlemen

As you are well acquainted with the Distressed State of this City & County We desire and request of you to go to New York and represent to his Excell^y in Council the Calamity we daily suffer and are very likely every Day more and more to Suffer, and apply to them for Immediate Protection and Assistance that all our Inhabit.^s be not forced to leave the County Desolate It seems that all the Indians that the Indians have in Alliance with them are now round about us the particular method proper for our Security we submit to you to propose to his Excell^y in Council as you shall Judge necessary

This Board think it wou'd be Needful to have the following Articles allowed Viz 150 Christians for Saratoge 50 Ind.^{ns} for Ditto 250 Men in Albany 100 of them with 50 Indians to patrol thro" the Woods

[2-0723] **II-377A**

100 Men at Schonectady & 25 Indians Powder Lead and Guns to ly in Store Provisions for the forces To get Com.^{rs} appointed from the Neighbour.^g Governments to act with the Commission^{rs} of Ind.ⁿ Affairs during the War That the City and County of Albany is

not able after the Desolation suffered to
pay its Quota

Att a meetting of the
Com.^{rs} of the Ind.ⁿ Affairs
the 29.th Day of May
1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

John Depeyster
Nicholas Bleecker
Dirck Tenbroeck
Cornelis Cuyler
Johan.^s Lansingh

The following Letter was sent
to his Excellency Govern^r Clinton

May it please your Excellency

We are honoured with your Excell^{ys} favours
of the 9.th acknowledging the Receipt of ours
of the 4.th Instant The great Reason we
had to believe M^r Lydius sent a large
packet of Letters to Canada proceeded from
the Constant Agreement we all along observ'd
between the Method taken by the Gov^r
of Canada and his Measures with y^e Ind^{ns}
here, But the Occasion of our writing so

[2-0724] [**note inserted before II-378**, not numbered, side 1]

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs}
of Ind.ⁿ Affairs May 26. 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Coll^o Schuyler
Mayor, Record^r
Major Collins
Jn^o Lansingh
Nich^s Bleecker
R Gerritse
Jn^o Depeyster

Coll Schuyler laid a Letter he had
from the Gov^r before this Board
directing him to appoint
one Cap^t & two Lieu^{ts} for
one hundred Men to range the
Woods by Advice of the Com.^{rs} and
other principal Men of the Town by
the Advice of the Gent^t present he hath

appointed Isaac Staats Cap^t Ant^y
Van Schaick Jun^r & Barnardus Bratt
Lieu^{ts}

[2-0725] **[reverse of note inserted before II-378, not numbered.]**

For
y^e Commissionneurs
van de [wilde nefforse]
In albany

[2-0726] **II-378**

[first word cut off in scanning by attached note]

that time was, That [while] our Clerk
was busy writing that Letter A Messenger
came to us, Desiring one our our [sic] board
To speak with a Person who had something
of Consequence to say to the Com.^{rs} but
did not care to appear before our Board
We sent M^r Stevenson to M^r Isaac Staats
/ the person your Excellency has recommended
for a Captain of the Comp.^y to range the
Woods /. He told M^r Stevenson he was
very Credibly Informed that M^r Lydius
had sent a large packet of Letters to Canada
and said he thought it very Improper
that any private Person should keep a
Correspondence at Canada at this Critical
Juncture, and thought it his Duty to
acquaint the Com.^{rs} therewith, And as we
were then a writing we thought it our
Duty to acq^t y^r Excell^y therew.^t, or have
we any Reason to Change our Opinion
He does not deny the thing as Cap^t Winne
will Inform you but says the [Lters] sent were
about private Bussiness We never suppos'd
he intended what he writt should be publickly
known here that he sent Lters to Canada

Last Munday about 12 or 14 of our people
[travailing?] on a Road ab^t 10 Miles from Alb^y
in the Woods with one Waggon and some on

[2-0727] **II-378A**

Horse Back, The Waggon & three of the Men
on horseback riding along by the Waggon being
a Little Way before the Rest of the Company
A parcel of Indians rush'd out on them and fir'd

a full Volley on them wounded a white Man
and Negroe kill'd two horses shott away the
Pan of on Man's Gun and the Butt End of another
The Company behind all fled An Old Man fired
at the Enemy and killed one His Scalp was
brought to Town Yesterday and the Man
rec^d his Reward allowed by Act of Assembly
and many Gent^t and Inhab.^{ts} here have shew'd
their Generosity besides, We hope this may be
a good Omen tho" the Old Man's Son was
carried off by the Enemy

We have sent the Scalp & a Belt of Wampum
with a Sachim of the Mohawks who happen'd
to be here to be given to the fighters of the
two Mohawk Castles and are told by the old
Men that were acquainted with the Nature
of Indians in the former War, that whenever
a Scalp and Belt were sent them they thought
themselves oblig'd to go out and bring either
a Prisoner or Scalp We hope this may have
the Same Effect They promis'd last Saturday
that if the Ambassadors M^r Lydius sent out
were not home in ten days from thence forward
they wou'd go out and we hear they are Eager
to go A few days will prove their Sincerity

[2-0728] **II-379**

The following is a Copy of what Mess^{rs} Mynd^t
Schuyler & Rutger Bleecker delivered to the Govern^r
when they were sent down to New York by the Com^{rs}
to lay before him the Grievances of the frontiers and
of this town in particular

may it please your Excellency

The Com:^{rs} of Indian Affairs at Albany have thought
necessary to Send us here to Represent to your Excell:^y & Council
the miserable Condition to which the City & County of albany is
Reduced by the Inhuman and unaturall war in which we are
unhappily Involved with the french & Indians and humbly to
offer what is our opinion we Judge necessary most Speedily
to be done for the defence of the said City & County In order
whereto as the perticulars we think it unnecessary to
Repeat of the murders Committed upon Severall of our
Inhabitants whereof Information has from time to time
been Sent to your Excellency we will proceed to give Some
account in what Condition we have Left y^e County all y^e

Inhabitants to the northward of the City of albany are
Removed from their plantations which are Left Intirely
open to y^e Enemy Even to y^e Gates of the s^d City the people
Between Albany & Coll.^o Renselaers mills being retir^d
Since the frequent murders Committed So near them
on the East Side of Hudsons River Kinderhook is
now the frontier of our County Except a few people who
are withdrawn into Some fortified Houses and at
Kinderhook & Claverack the Inhabitants are likewise
flocked together into Small fortifications built by
them

[2-0729] II-379A

themselves & Cannot Stir out of them without being
In Eminent Danger of being muredred by Strong parties
of Indians and all the Inhabitants on the mohawks
River are Likewise Gathered together in Small
parties and the Same in the Lower parts of our County
So that the whole County Except Albany & Schenectada
is now at the mercy of the Enemy by this account it
will plainly appear how Very Little we are able to
do our own defence if it be Considered that the people
of albany are Continuelly obliged to mount Guard
Equal at Least with the Regular Troops posted
their & besides that obliged to Rang [sic] the woods upon
Every alarm without any allowance from the Country
for their Service which it is not possible for them to
hold it out the Greater part being poor people who
Cannon Subsist their families for any time without
Following their usual Employment and as to ye
people who Live in the other part of the County as
on the mohawks River Kinderhook Cocksackie
Kattkill and almost y^e whole County who are
Returned into the Small fortifications they Cannot
withstand ~~any Reason be Commanded from their familie~~
the Enemy or assist the City of albany they have
Enough to do to keep their families from being
murdered & Cannot with any reason be Commanded
from their families & Leave them Defenceless and
what other method Can they take to Secure their
families than they do by Gathering together
In Small parties we know not they Cant
Bring all their families to albany & Schinectady which
places Cannot Contain them & if it Could how
Shall

[2-0730] **II-380**

Shall they be maintained Planters for the most part are Reduced to poverty as soon as they Leave their Settlements by this account of the Circumstance of the County of albany it will appear that the City of albany Should be attacked by the Enemy which is very Probable Cannot Depend upon any Assistance or at Least a Very Small one from the County, and the fatal Consequence the Destruction of albany would be to this & the neighbouring Governments is not Easily Conceiv:^d but by those which are acquainted with the Terrible Effects of an Indian war would then be Soon Experienced by those who Live to the Southw:^d of us when the french would sett almost all the Indians upon the Continents upon the Several English Governments they having a Communication Between Canada & the mouth of the mississippi River & all the Indians upon that passage are Devoted to them already & the remainder would follow their Example Imediately & our own Six nations amongst the Rest In former wars the preservation of the City & County of albany was Looked upon as of Very great Consequence to the Country in Generall as may be Seen by the acts of assembly made at that time to Raise men & money for their defence and was Excused from all Taxes and now it is Left without being assisted by this Govern:^t with one Single man Excepting the kings forces Sent up by Your Excellency and is Taxed at Least his full proportion as in time of peace we Humbly Represent to your Excellency that we Conceive it necessary for the preservation of the City of albany & Schinectady & to prevent the Enemys further Incursions further Southw:^d that 150 men at least out of the Several Counties as soon as possible be Sent up to Albany to Reinforce that City and there to [illeg.] for the defence thereof Except when it Shall be [Judged]

[2-0731] **II-380A**

Necessary to Send them out upon parties in Case of necessity

That 100 men belonging to the County of albany taken into pay with proper officers to Rang [sic] the woods as they Shall be ordered and 25 Indians be Likewise taken into pay to Join them

That 100 men out of the Several Counties be Sent to the Township of Schinectady for the Defence of that place & to go out upon parties when ordered & 50 of the Inhabitants with proper officers & 25 Indians be

taken into pay to Range the woods from thence

That at Least 150 men be posted at with 50
Indians at Saraghtoge 50 of which men with
proper officers to be out of albany County and
that as many of them be Sent but to Range y^e woods
from time to time as Shall be ordered In order to
Quarter that number

It is necessary Barracks should be built in
the fort there with other necessaries to ac=
-comodate them and that Provisions and
other necessaries be ordered

That 50 Men and Officers be taken in
pay to range the Woods to the Northward
of Canajohare & Burnetsfield &^{ca} as they
shall be ordered

That 50 Men and Officers be taken in Pay
to range the Woods to the Northward of
Kinderhook between Hudsons River and
New England

These Articles we humbly conceive to be
necessary to be put in Execution with all

[2-0732] **II-381**

Speed to stop the Career of the Enemy & their
further Invasion into this Province, tho" we are
of Opinion that a Strong Fort at the Carrying
Place with a Strong Garrison would tend
more to the Security of the County than at
any other place whatever But we think it
Difficult to gett a Fort build there at this
time We are informed that the Gen^l Assembly
have Raised a Sum of Money for Block Houses
to be built upon the frontiers w^{ch} Resolutions
have been so long making that the principal
End of that Scheme cannot be thereby obtained
The upper Settlers being all removed and the
french send Indians against us in stronger
parties than in former Wars w.^{ch} would render
Block Houses Garrisoned with 20 or 25 Men
quite useless as not being able to make
head against parties of 50 or 60 Indians
who might keep them besieged in the
Block Houses for which Reason we think it
well be more for the Interest of the Province
that that Scheme be given up and the money
and men designed for that purpose be applied

towards what we have abovementioned
We likewise think proper to represent to your
Excellency that we the Com.^{rs} of Indⁿ Affairs have
not been able to gett one penny of the money
allowed for the Out Scouts except £ 300 for
the first year of the War And all the Ind^{ns}

[2-0733] **II-381A**

who go upon the Out Scouts expect & gett
Immediately Payment upon their Return
which it is Impossible for three or four
people to continue advancing & without
money nothing can be had and everything
is wanted Neither can the allowance to the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs be gott from the Treas^r
We hope y^r Excellency will be pleased to give
such Orders & Directions herein as will occasion
a speedy Relief The Comissions [sic] of Indⁿ Affairs
should at this time in a Special Manner be
enabled by Presents to prevail upon the Six
Nations to engage in the War which is of the
utmost Consequence at this time

[2-0738] **II-383**

Att a meetting of the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the 4th June 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cornelis Cuyler

Dirck Tenbroeck

Nicholas Bleecker

Philip Schuyler

John Lansingh Jun^r

Reyer Gerritse

Myndert Wemple return'd
from the Sinnekes Country says he sett out
the 20th May from thence, Says the Young
Indians were all out a fighting against the
fflatt Heads. Says Jean Coeur knows all News
from Europe, told him the Pretender was in
Scotland and had a great many Adherents
there, that the french had taken several
Towns That there had been a great Sickness
at Cape Breton of which many died
Says one of the french Men that lyes in
the Sinnekes Country with Jean Coeur told him

that 1000 Indians were gone along the
north Side of the Cadarachqua Lake to Canada
and that they were to be sent to fight ag^t
us, but forbad him to tell Jean Coeur that
he had told this to him

Jean Coeur told him that in two months
time there would be hott work here that if the
English made an Expedition ag^t Quebeck when
the french return'd from defending y^t place they
wou'd go ag^t Albany or if no Expedition they
wou'd go very soon against it

[2-0739] II-383A

Att a meetting of the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the 10th Day of June
1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Johan^s Lansingh

Cornelis Cuyler

Dirck Ten broeck

John Depeyster

Philip Schuyler

The following Letter
was sent to his Excellency
Govern^r Clinton

May it please y^r Excellency

We are honoured w^t y^r Excellency's favours
of the 6.th Instant On a Report spread
here last week that a french Army was
at the Crown Point w^t a great many Ind^{ns}
coming to attack this place We sent the
Interpreter to the Mohawks Country
to endeavour to send out some Ind.^{ns} to
discover if possible whether an Army
was coming or not, Accordingly four
principal Ind.^{ns} sett out from y^e Mohks
Country last Sunday and promis'd to bring
a Prisoner or Scalp if they cou'd
We shall send up to gett 50 Ind^s to ly at
Saratoge & acquaint y^r Excell^y what answer
they give as soon as we know but doubt
if we will be able to gett such a Number

unless there be a Gen^l Call of the Ind^{ns}
from the Mohawks We have likewise

[2-0740] **II-384**

sent out two white Men and seven Indians
from hence to spy as far above Saratoge
as they can

We humbly conceive that if
Commissions be given for Indian Officers it
will create a Jealousy amongst them
w^{ch} perhaps may be of bad Consequence
but this we submit to y^r Excellency

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the
18th Day of June 1746

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Cornelis Cuyler
John Lansingh
John Depeyster

An Ottowawa Squa common=
=ly called the Root Hoge's wife having come
to town w^t several Indians her Attendants
the Com.^{rs} sent for them bid them welcome
and told them they were glad to see them
here and desired to know what News
they had in their Country whether the french
had sent any Messengers to their Nations
this winter, and if many of their people
were gone to Canada, and whether the
Gov.^r of Canada had called in the french who
resided amongst them also what number
of Men there were at Niagara They
answer'd the Com.^{rs} that the french had

[2-0741] **II-384A**

sent Messengers to invite their Nations to
Canada, but that only three of each Nation
were gone to Canada That only the Chief
french Man who resided amongst them was
gone thither That they thought there were
about 400 Men at Niagara

The Com.^{rs} thank'd them for what they
had said told them they would be glad to see
some of their Sachems and gave a Belt of
Wampum to invite them hither hoped they
would not listen to the french nor believe
any Storys might be raised to hinder their
coming here, but that they would always
keep friendship w^t the English, That they
were always welcome here and the Path
was continually open for them
Seth and other two Mohawk Indians came
before this Board and said they thought
it was long before their People who were
gone to Canada return'd, that they expected
the four Indians who went to spy the
Crown Point &^{ca} to endeavor to gett a prisoner
or Scalp would be here to morrow
that their People were still inclined
to go a fighting but waited the
Return of their People

[2-0742] **II-385**

Att a meetting of the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the 19th Day of
June 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Dirck Ten broeck
John Lansingh
Reyer Gerritse
John Depeyster
Cornelis Cuyler
Nicholas Bleecker

The following Letter
was sent to the Gov^r

May it please y^r Excellency

As your Excellency was pleased
to order us to direct the Rebuilding the
Fort at Saratoge and to send what provis^{ns}
was necessary for that Garrison We
have done as y^r Excellency Commanded
Many People call on us for their Payment
We herewith send y^r Excellency the Acco.^{tts}
come in to us and beg y^r Excell^{cy} will be
pleased to prevail on the Assembly to
to [sic] raise the money for their Payment
that we be not blamed by the People
employed in that work We cou'd not gett
the Acco.^{tts} in sooner
We cou'd wish y^r Excellency wou'd be pleasd
to appoint Coll^o Schuyler a field Officer
in the Expedition we are sure it wou'd be
very agreeable to the Indians

We have Just now rec^d y^r Excellencys
favours of the 14th Instant and shall send

[2-0743] **II-385A**

the Gentlemen you are pleas'd to direct and
give them the Instruct.^{ns} you order to the
Six Nations We are
Albany June 19.th 1746

[2-0744] **II-386**

Att a meetting of the
Com^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the 23^d June 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Nicholas Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Cornelis Cuyler
John Lansingh
Dirck Ten Broeck
Stephen Renselaer

Moses Sett Killiaen & [blank space] four
Mohawk Indians who went out from the
Mohawks Castle the 8 Instant to spy
the Crown Point returned and gave the
following Acco^{tt} to this Board
They went very near to the Fort, they
saw two Sentries standing on the Wall
of the Fort. There seemed to be no
people in the Houses near the Fort but
the Cattle were feeding near the Houses
There did not seem to be any great number
of People at or near Crown Point They
saw no Enemy going or coming

Att a meetting of the
Com^{rs} the 24th June 1746

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
John Lansingh
Nich^o Bleecker
Cornelis Cuyler
Hendrick Ten Eyck

The Com.^{rs} ordered a
Letter to be writt to
Cap^t Ingoldsby to acq^t
him that they sent Rob^t Dunbar w^t 5 Ind^{ns}
to go & spy if any Army be coming this Way
and y^t he would sent out w^t y^m y^e Ind.^{ns} that are
in Garrison

[2-0745] **II-386A**

Att a meetting of the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the 27.th Day of June
1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Schuyler
Stephen Renselaer
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
Nicolaes Bleecker
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Johan^s Lansingh Jun^r
John Depeyster

The following Persons
were this Day allowed
their Acco^{ts} their Respective
Sums amounting as under

Philip Livingston Jun ^r	£	40:	4:	10
Cornelis Cuyler		120:	0:	0
James Stevenson		26:	9:	0
Nicholas Bleecker		28:	12:	0
Rutger Bleecker		14:	7:	0
Myndert Schuyler		9:	19:	9
Abraham Cuyler		7:	0:	6
Sander Van Eps		3:	16:	15
Robert Dunbar		0:	8:	0
Johannes Knickerbacker		3:	0:	0
Edward Collins		1:	2:	11
Abram Quackenboss		0:	15:	0
John Wemple		1:	0:	0
Barnardus Harsen		1:	4:	0
Juriaen Hogan		1:	0:	6
Abraham van Ainem		0:	19:	9
John [Vischer?] Jun ^r		2:	0:	0
Edward Collins		2:	18:	6
Anthony Bleecker		2:	2:	0
Hendrick Ten Eyck		27:	7:	10
	£	294:	7:	8 1/2

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Carr ^d forward	£	294:	7:	8 1/2
Albert Vedder		0:	9:	0
Volkert Douw		0:	5:	4 1/2
Jan Jurie Kast Jun ^r		3:	8:	3
Brant the Indian		1:	7:	0
Nicolas van Patten		1:	16:	0
Peter Fonda		0:	9:	0
Peter Konyn		5:	10:	0
Cornelis van Alstyn		0:	9:	0
Abraham D Graaf		0:	9:	0
John J Lansingh		11:	2:	3
Johannes Seger for 2 years Salery		18:	0:	0
William Peters		0:	2:	4
John Depeyster		19:	1:	10
Benjamin Goewy Tewniss van Worst				
Reynier van Hoesen & Isaac Kijese Jun ^r				
for carrying M Schuyler & R Bleecker				
to N York each 80/ in all		6:	0:	0
To Johan ^s Lansingh for Batoe hire		0:	6:	0
To Timothy [M ^c Geogr?]		2:	13:	6
To Nicholas Bleecker		2:	8:	0
To Jacob Bleecker		5:	18:	7
To Ditto		3:	18:	9
To Dirck Tenbroeck		22:	12:	0
To M ^{rs} Kitchener		56:	5:	0
To Anories Truax		4:	10:	0
To Sweer Marselles		4:	10:	0
To Jn ^o Lyndesay		8:	20:	0
	£	466:	6:	7

Mr James Stevenson

Pay unto the above named persons the sev^l Sums annexed
to their Respective names amounting in all to the Sum of
four hundred sixty six pounds six shill^{gs} & seven pence
out of the money to come into y^r hands for an Acco.^{tt} of the
Com.^{rs} of Ind.ⁿ Affairs & for y^e so doing this shall be your
Suffic^t Warr.^{tt} Given under our hands in Albany this 27th day
of June 1746

[2-0747] **II-387A**

Att a meetting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 30th
Day of June 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Nicolaes Bleecker
Hendrick TenEyck
Johan^s Lansing Jn^r
Dirck Tenbroeck
Cornelis Cuyler
John Depeyster

The Com.^{rs} allowed the
following persons Acco.^{tts} on
Acco^{tt} of the Out Scouts amounting
as under to £ 342: 14: 8 3/4 Viz

To: Harme Knickerbacker	£	0:	6:	0
To Joh. ^s D Wandelaer & [Joh. ^s] Knickerbacker		1:	10:	0
To Robert Dunbar		32:	14:	0
To Ditto for Ampamit		0:	15:	0
To Jacob Bleecker		1:	17:	1
To Philip Livingston Jun ^r		5:	13:	4
To Myndert Schuyler		27:	---:	2 3/4
To Abraham Cuyler		34:	11:	6
To Cornelis Cuyler		52:	5:	6
To Hendrick Ten Eyck		33:	4:	3
To John Bleecker		0:	17:	0
To Nicholas Bleecker		33:	3:	8
To Dirk Ten broeck		52:	10:	0
To John Depeyster		2:	8:	3
To Jacob Lansingh		2:	11:	7
To Johannes Lansingh Jun ^r		3:	4:	0
To Johannes Lansingh		0:	10:	8
To M ^{rs} Kitchener		56:	7:	0
	£	341:	7:	0 3/4
To Ahasueris Roseboom		1:	7:	8
	£	342:	14:	8 3/4

M.^r Stevenson please pay to the above=
named persons the sev^l sums of money annexed to their
Respective Names out of the money to come into y^r hands
for that purpose and for your so doing this shall be y^r Suffic^t
Warr^{tt} Given under our hands this 30th Day of June 1746
the whole amounts to three hundred forty two pnds fourteen Shill^s
and eight pence three farthings

[2-0748] **II-388 and 89**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the first
Day of July 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Schuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Myndert Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Stephen Renselaer

John Lansingh Jn^r

Hendrick TenEyck

Several Sachims & Fighters
of the Oneides Cayouges and
Tuscaroras came here & said

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We are come here from the three Nations
of the Oneides, Cayouges, and Tuscaroras
to speak Face to Face with our Brethren
and are come according to the old Custom
used between our forefathers and to renew
the Covenant Chain in this Place appointed
to treat in

The Onnondages and the Mohawks
have been here in the Spring, We come now
on the same Acco.^{tt} And first We wash
off your Tears with this String of Wampum
that we may see one another Clearly
That we may lay open our hearts to one
another, and that we may make our
Lodging Place Clean

With this Belt of Wampum we Condole
your Grief, and Loss which you have had

[2-0749] **II-388A and 89A**

by the Enemy destroying your Settlements
and murdering your people

We have Just now said that we Condoled
your grief for and Loss of your People killed by
the Enemy We now desire by this Belt of
Wampum to keep strong and firm the
Covenant Chain that unites Us and You
together, And that tho' we seem to be
no [sic] fallen we may keep fast hold, and tho'
we ly on one Side we will keep firm and

[true] to one another, We hope this which
has happen'd to you will make no breach
in the Covenant Chain but that it may
remain firm and [strong] for Ever

The Cayouges that came down with
Albert Van Slyck spoke and said

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We are glad to see you here in this
place appointed to meett with one another
We are sorry for the Loss you sustained
by the Enemy killing your People
a very great Man amongst
us died and [his] Death has
not yet been Condoled So that we sitt in
great Grief with Tears in our Eyes

[2-0750] **II-390**

This man / meaning Albert Van Slyck /
came to our Castle and Condoled this great
Man's Death with a Belt of Wampum
and desired us to go out with him to gett
a Prisoner from the Enemy in the great
Man's Room we had lost
We accepted of the Belt but being yet
in great Grief we laid it under our
feet and there we keep it till the
great Man's Death be Condoled, and the
tears wiped from our Eyes but we
will go out when it becomes a proper
time but we must not be hurried
We came down now w^t Albert Van Slyck
to conduct him safe home because
the times are dangerous and we shall
go out a fighting when it is a proper
time but we must not be hurried

[2-0751] **II-390A**

Att a meetting of the
Commissioners of Indian
Affairs the 2^d Day of
July 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

John Depeyster

Dirck Tenbroeck

Hendrick Ten Eyck

The Com^{rs} answer'd to what the
Indians said yesterday

You were here yesterday to Condole us
for the Loss of our People killed by our Enemy
for which we heartily thank you, And Condole
you for the Loss of any of your people that
died since you were last here

We have long expected to see you here
in the place appointed by our Forefathers
to treat It is a great while since we
sent our Interpreter to your Castles to acquaint
your Nations with the great Destruction that
our barbarous and cruel Enemies have made
on our Settlements and the Murthers they
comitted on our People We then desired and
have ever since expected your Assistance
according to the Treaty Subsisting between
Us and You which we hope will always be
kept Inviolable, You very well know that
a principle Article of that Treaty is that
if either of us are Injured, We are Imediately
to assist one another, This as we told you before
we desired of you and still expect from you

[2-0752] **II-391**

But you have yet given us no Answer

We hope you are now come according to our
Expectation and that you will Imediately
enter with us into the War, The Enemy are
continually destroying our Settlements and
murdering our People, We hope you will go
into the Enemies Country and make Reprizals
for the Loss we have sustained

We have sent our Interpreter with several

Gentlemen to Invite the Six Nations and all
the Indians in Alliance with them to meett
his Excellency our Governour in this place
the twentieth Day of this Month, and to
engage with us altogether in the War

You are now with us here face to face
in the place appointed for Us to treat together
We have told how our Settlements have been
destroyed and our people barbarously murdered
The Blood spilt can never be wash'd off
but with the Enemys Blood It is dried so
hard that nothing can soften it but their Blood

You said yesterday that we were fallen
down and were lying on one Side, we must
still keep hold of the Covenant Chain It is
now long since we fell down and have been
lying on one Side and have all the while
been desiring and expecting you would

[2-0753] **II-391A**

taken hold of the Chain to assist and help'd
to raise us up It is not acting the part of
one brother to another that when the one is
fallen down the other will not help to raise
him up

Brethren We now desire that all the Six Nations
and all the Indians in Alliance with them
may take fast hold of the Covenant Chain
and that both of Us together will Endeavour
to brighten and Strengthen it Otherwise
the Blood that is shed will make it Rust
and weaken it

The Indians replied
They were now from home and some of their
People were gone to Canada, they had not
consulted together with their Sachims, but
they would go home with all Speed in Order
to be at the meetting expected to be at
Onnondage and there they would use
their uttmost Endeavour to perswaded [sic] the
Six Nations & their Allies to Join with Us
in the War

Att a meetting of the
Commissioners of Indⁿ Affairs
at Albany the Sixth day
of July 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
Cap^t Marshall
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
Reyer Gerritse
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Nicholas Bleecker
John Lansingh Ju^r

[2-0754] **II-391B**

~~After y^e Oneides Cayouges &
were gone in the black
Prince's Son came in and said~~

4 Blkts £ 3: 9
2 Shirts 0: 16
5 p^r Stock^{ns} 1: 10
3 p^{rs} Shoes 1: 0: 0
paint 0: 10: 0
7o:---:0

2 Kettles

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
July 4th 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

M Schuyler
P Schuyler
Jn^o Depeyster
D Tenbroeck
R Gerritse
R Bleecker
C Cuyler
P Winne

A Cayouge & 4 other Ind^{ns} appeared
at this Board who had been out to fight but
by Accident lost their Canoe & Good so were oblided
to return they are willing to go back again
w^{ch} the Com^{rs} to encourage them allowed
them all necessaries & order'd M^r Nicholas
Bleecker to supply them therewith

[2-0756] **II-392** [appears to continue meeting of July 6 1746 from II-391A, possibly with a page missing in between?]

five other Indians return'd from Saratoge
Say that four of their People went out from
the Fort to Spie if any Enemy was near by
When they returned they told the Commanding
Officer, "You say we never see any thing
"or make any Discovery but now we are come
"to tell you that we know where the Enemy
"are, and if you will send 20 or 30 Men with
"Us we will go and surround them, Att first
"he seemed inclined to it, but next morning told
"us, he durst not for if one of his Men should be
"kill'd, he wou'd loose his life for it, For he was
"only placed there to defend the Garrison

Sohquans and 6 other Schaahkook Indians
who were out on the Scout with Robert
Dunbar return'd and say they went with
him to the Lake St Sacrament and on their
Return near the Wood Creek they mett twenty
french Indians whom they took at first for
friends, but they Immediately made Robert
Dunbar Prisoner, and carried him with them
but let the Indians go with their Arms
Tom Wildman was one of the Indians who took
Dunbar

The Indians say they asked the french
Indians what was become of their People who
went to Canada long ago they answer'd they
were return'd home, But as we know this not to
be true we suspect they are detained Prisoners

When the same Indians came within twenty
Miles of Albany with another Indian who had been

[2-0757] **II-392A**

at Saratoga in Company with them, They Spied
an Indian coming out of an Orchard belonging
to Cornelis Van Buren, They called to know
who he was He answer'd in the Indian Language
An Inhabitant of Cachnawage, They bid him
stand which he would not So they shott him
scalp'd him and brought his Scalp to Town
and was paid the premium allowed by Act
of General Assembly

Att a meetting of the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs the
7th Day of July 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Hubert Marshall
Myndert Schuyler
Philip Schuyler
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Nicolaes Bleecker
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck

The following Letter was wrote
to his Excell^y Gov^r Clinton

May it please y^r Excellency

We are honoured w^t y^r Excellency's favours
of the 28 June We shall endeavour to make out the
Acco^{tt} you was pleased to return to y^r Ex^{cys} Satisfaction
When the Interpreter w^t M^r Arent Stevens M^r
John Vischer went up by y^r Excellys Order to
Onnondage This Board thought necessary to add to
them M.^r David Schuyler & M^r Jacobus Mynderse
being persons of Considerable Credit amongst the
Ind^{ns}, We also allowed six white Men & some Ind^{ns}
to guard them in this dangerous time w^{ch} we hope
will be agreeable to y^r Excell^y

Five Ind^{ns} who went out from the Mohawks
sometime ago w^t design to bring Prison^{rs} or Scalps
from the Enemy, lost their Canoe, one of their Guns
all their Blank^{ts} Kettles &^{ca} in a Creek not far from
Crown Point, they returned to this place last Friday

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We refitted them w^t all necessarys together w^t three more
Indn.^s who Joined them here, They went from hence yesterday
and hope they may have success We have no hopes
to gett the Consent of the Six Nations to Join in
the War till M^r Lydius's Ambassadors return
Yesterday Eight Schaahkook Ind^{ns} who had been on
the Scout To the Lake S^t Sacram^t w^t Rob^t Dunbar
return'd As they were coming back They mett near
the Wood Creek 20 fr Ind^{ns} whom they took at
first for friends, but they Immediately made Rob^t
Dunbar Prisoner & carried him w^t them but let
the Ind^{ns} go w^t their Arms the Ind^{ns} Say they
asked the fr Ind^{ns} what was become of their people

who went to Canada long ago, They answer'd they
were return'd home, As our Ind^{ns} knew this not to
be true they suspect they are detained Prisoners
When the Same Ind^{ns} came w^t in 20 Miles of Albany
w^t a Mohawk in Comp^y who had been in the
Garrison at Saratoge & [came] along w^t them They saw
an Indⁿ come out of an Orchard, They called to him
to know who he was, He answer'd in the Indian
Language, That he was an Inhab^t of Cahnawage
They bid him stand but he wou'd not So they
Shott him Scalp'd him & brought the Scalp to
Town The Mayor paid him Imediately 25
Sp^a Dollars for the Premiums allowed by Act
of Assembly

Some Skohare Ind^{ns} who came yesterday
from Saratoge Say that a few days before they
came away They had been out on the Scout when

[2-0759] **II-393A**

They ~~returned~~ came back to the Garrison in the
Evening, They told the Commanding Officer "You
"always say we make no discovery, We now come
"to tell you we know where the Enemy are, And if
"you will send 20 or 30 of y^r Men w^t us We will
"go and surround them, At first he seem'd Inclⁿ'd
"to do it but next morning told Us he durst not
"for if one of his Men should be kill'd he wou'd
"loose his life for it

We cou'd wish 200 Men had been sent to Saratoge
according to the Resolve of the Assembly to
Strengthen that Garrison, They wou'd been of
great Service to been sent out w^t Parties of Ind^{ns}
on such Occasions We expect nothing less than
that all the Grain now standing will be destroy'd
and our People murther'd should they attempt
to reap their Harvest There are now no
Indians at Saratoge and none will go unless
that Garrison be strongly reinforced

The Money allowed for the Com.^{rs} and also that
for the Out Scouts is far from being Sufficient
to defray all the Charges accrue on those Acc^{ts}
at this Critical Juncture We are w^t &^{ca}
Albany July 7th 1746

[Not in Wraxall.]
This Day Coll^o Schuyler rec^d a Ler [sic] from Major Glen
acquainting him that 50 Indians carr^d off John Millington [Wellington?]
and Philip Philipse last friday from a little below Mr
Johnson's House a Son of [Aarpert?] Vandeusen's was
chased by Eight Ind.^{ns} the same Day but gott into a
Fort at Douwe Fonda's about four Miles above
Fort Hunter on the West Side of the River
July 8 1746

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Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the
19.th of July 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Nicholas Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse
John Depeyster
Dirck Tenbroeck
Cornelis Cuyler
John Lansingh Ju^r
Hendrick Ten Eyck

Aaron a Mohawk Indian
who had been at Canada with many other
Indians of the Six Nations being returned
appeared before this Board and after bidding
him Welcome was ask'd what he went to do
do [sic] at Canada and what Observations he
had made there --- Said

After he and his Company arrived at Canassa=
=daga and were introduced amongst the
Indians with their Usual Formalities
They told the french Indians they were
come to speak with them upon the
Invitation they had received from them
They Answered they had not Invited
them, but their Priest had sent a Message
to them without their Knowledge.

Aaron said he expected the french Ind^{ns}
would spoke to them first, but when they
perceived they would not, They told them
what was their Bussiness.

[2-0761] **II-394A**

They were come to see what they meant to
engage in the War, For they were at Peace and
in strict Alliance with one another, Not only
as allies but Brethren of the Same Flesh and
Blood, and that not of one Nation but of all
the Six Nations together, They told them
they were ashamed that they had been so foolish
to shed one anothers Blood in former times
that the same Body ought not to prey on
it self, That this was a War entred into
by the two Kings of England and France
and that their Nations were to stand Neuter
Therefore they desired them to Consider what
they were about, for it might return on their
own Heads, For they must expect it would
oblidge them to begin, and if once the Ind^{ns}
engage in War amongst themselves they
will never leave off but continue the War
while one of the Six Nations are alive, Altho"
the white People should make Peace amongst them
=selves And this they repeated three times
And desired they wou'd return to their Senses
for they spoke in Name of all the Six Nations
Then they threw down a Belt and told them
they would say the Same to all the Cachna=
=wages

Next Day the fr Indians Answered
Brethren It is all true you have said We are in
Alliance with one another, We acknowledge
our forefathers have been a Sleep or Drunk, And

[2-0762] **II-395**

what you have said three times over is all true
But it cannot be help'd now For your Father
the King of England took Cape Breton last year
and then our Father the Gov^r of Canada put
the Hatchet into our Hands, And we cou'd not
refuse it, For if we should sitt still till he be
kill'd then we wou'd all be Dead Men
so we choose to die with him, for he has
always carried us under his Arm
As soon as we Received this Answer
we proceeded to Cachnawage and on our Way
thither mett with some Orondax Indians who
had two Scalps which they had gott from some

Mahikanders, which the Mahikanders had
gott at green Bush, The Orondax them=
=selves had been out but gott neither
Prisoners nor Scalps
When we came to Cachnawag & Usual
Formalities past, We intended to
speak first but they prevented us and
forbid us to speak saying we will not hear
you before the Govern^r has heard what you
have to Say So you must speak to him first
We were altogether in one house, They in
one End and we in the other End, We called
to one of the french Ind.^{ns} and shewed them
the Wampum we had received from the Gray
Head and asked whether that was not the
the [sic] Wampum they sent to invite us to speak

[2-0763] **II-395A**

with them, They answered No but it was
the Wampum they had sent to let us know
they had entered into the War

From Cachnawage we went to Montreal
where we were told the Governour would be
in five days, But we waited twenty five
Days before he came and then it was two
days more before we spoke with him

First we Condoled the Death of several
great Persons according to Custom, But we
had resolved to speak of no Message sent to
us but only of our old Treaties which we
did with eight Belts of Wampum, We
said We are come once more to say what we
have so often said before, We were here last
year but since that much mischief is done
to our Brethren and the Path stop.^t Therefore
we come to see if it cannot yet be laid aside
and the Path kept open and Clear; for if but
one of our people be kill'd then the War
can never Stop while one of us live, And
this is the last time we will treat about it
Here they gave a Belt ---

The Governour answer'd next Day
I have heard what you say concerning the
Treaties between Me and You, You always
said that Oswego must remain and that the

[2-0764] **II-396**

Path must be kept open, On your Acco^{tt}
I have let Oswego House remain till now
Nevertheless I will do as I think proper for
the future

What you say of keeping the Path
open, that your Governour has stopt, for
when I sent Ambassadors to Boston they
were not suffered to go through, and were
not permitted to sell their own Beaver
which was contrary to the Treaties
subsisting, There they sitt you may
ask them, Your Request cannot be granted
I will hear no more on that Subject, What
do you mean by sending your People to
Saratoge, I will not suffer you to do it
Do you think to encroach on my Country
by Degrees, I tell you, You must w^t draw
your People from thence, for I am deter=
mined to fight to the last, Therefore
take away your People from Saratoge
that they be not kill'd there.

Upon the Gov.^r of Canada's telling us this
we perceived nothing was to be done, So
we made Ready and came away as fast
as we cou'd, The Orondax took up their
Bundles told the Gov.^r they would
go ly on the [Rifts?] and see to gett Prison^{rs}
so they think they narrowly escaped

[2-0765] **II-396A**

Aaron Says further That a Cachnawage
Indian who was his friend and not Inclined to
enter into the War told him in private
That Montreal was full of far Indians and
that an Expedition was intended ag^t Albany
That as soon as they / that is Aaron and his
Company / were gone an Army wou'd sett out
with all speed That they were still expecting
more Indians, but that none would be sent
out a Scalping till the Expedition was ready

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 23
Day of July 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Mynd^t Schuyler
John Lansingh
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Nich.^o Bleecker
Philip Schuyler
Peter Winne
John Depeyster

Six of the Seven Indians
that went from hence being return'd, Say
that they went to Crown Point, and lay
near the Fort thinking to catch some
Prisoners or gett Scalps but found no
Opportunity, No Body coming out of the
Fort, Having left one of their Company
who was Sick with their Kettles &.ca Two
of them went to look for prisoners, But

[2-0766] **II-397**

three Indians who had been out a Hunting
and returning to Crown Point with Venison
discovered them,
They Say they had taken hold of a Prisoner
but the Indians who were returning to Crown
Point hallow'd and alarm'd the Garrison So
they were Immediately surrounded by Land
and Water. Them two were taken & detained prisoners
four days. Then the Commander of the
Crown Point told Jacob, I have heard that
the English have been preparing for an
Expedition against ever since the Spring
which has been Confirm'd by all the Prisoners
we have taken, But I take not so much
time, I have but now resolv'd and am
determin'd to march against Albany or
Schonectady and this you may go & tell

Says there were a great Multitude of
Indians at Crown Point & numbers daily
coming, and that they were expecting
many more white Men, They saw
Canoes loaded with great Quantities of
Powder & Ammunition

They sent him / Jacob / away to the
Lake St Sacrament with a Canoe and three
Indians, but sent the Onnondage to
Canada Says the French know that
the Six Nations are Call'd down to Speak
with the Governour of New York, And

[2-0767] **II-397A**

Therefore they sent him to prevail on the Six
Nations to stay at home and keep out of the
War; But forbid him to tell it to the Christians
Says there are about a thousand Indians at
Crown Point Says Skonondo gave his Service
to the Commissioners but bid him tell them
he hoped to Congratulate them himself very
Soon, says that they threatned him when
he argued with them about their Engaging
in this War, and desiring that the Six
Nations should remain Neuter

Att a Council held at his Excellency's Residence
at Albany the 23^d Day of July 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

His Excellency the Hon.^{ble} George Clinton

	} Cadwallader Colden }	
The Hon ^{ble}	} Philip Livingston }	Esq. ^{rs}
	) John Rutherford }	

Ordered

That the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs lay before his Excellency in Council as soon
as may what Information they have received
touching the Disposition of the Six Nations
of Indians with Respect to the War now
Carrying on against the french in Canada
Ordered that the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs do immediately render an Account

[2-0768] **II-398**

to his Excellency w^t repairs have been ~~made~~ done
at the Fort at Saratoge, and whether a
Surgeon has been sent to take Care of the Sick
in that Garrison, If a well has been dug
for Water, an oven made to bake Bread there
as also a proper place for keeping of Gun Powder
free from Danger, and whether the said

Garrison is now properly fitted for the Accomo=
dation of his Majesties Troops
By Order of Council

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of the Indian Affairs the
24th July 1746
[Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Hendrick Ten Eyck
John Depeyster
John Lansing Ju^r
Dirck Tenbroeck

In Answer to the first Article
of his Excellency and Council's Order of the
23^d Instant

We have acquainted his Excell.^{cy}
from time to time with what Information
we have receiv'd concerning the Disposition
of the Indians, and by what appears to us
They are unwilling to engage in the War
as may appear by our minutes

That the four Block Houses in the
Fort at Saratoge have been rebuilt, New
Stockadoes sett up where the Old ones were
burnt down, and New Gates made. a large
House made in the middle of the Fort the

[2-0769] II-398A

Length of three Boards for Indians and a
good large Oven to bake Bread, But no Well
in the Fort that we know off, or any particular
place made for keeping Gun Powder free from
Danger, And only one of the Chimneys carr^d
up to a proper height

Att a meetting of the
Commissioners of Indⁿ
Affairs the 28th Day
of July 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

The Hon^{ble} } Cadwallader Colden
 } Philip Livingston
 } John Rutherford
 of his Maj^{es} Council

Myndert Schuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
Reyer Gerritse
John Lansingh Ju^r
Cornelis Cuyler
John Depeyster
Philip Schuyler
Hendrick Ten Eyck

Sixteen Indians who went
out a fighting being return'd; appeared at
this Board and by Young Sett their Speaker
said

Sometime ago at the Desire of M^r
Johnson on Request of the Governour We
went out thinking to go to the Enemy's
Country and bring from thence some
Prisoners or Scalps, But when we had gone
as far as Crown Point, We spied a great

[2-0770] **II-399**

Army of French and Indians, So that it was
Impossible for Us to gett any Prisoners or Scalps
there, And we thought it Inconvenient to go
further, but Judged it better to return and
acquaint our Brethren what we had seen that
they might be on their Guard. For the Army
certainly intends to come against this place
Perhaps when they come near they will send
a small Number to M^r Johnson's

When Jacob and his Party were at Crown=
Point they were encamped near the Fort on
both sides the River, But about four days
ago were Sixteen Miles on this Side Crown
Point on their March this Way

This Board thank'd them for their Service
but desir'd they wou'd go out again, and use
their Endeavour to bring in Prisoners or Scalps

But they made Answer, That they were
oblidg'd to return to their Castles and speak
with the Sachims who were their Masters
They wanted also to speak w^t M^r Johnson
who sent them out

The Commissioners Insisted that a small
Number might go out on the Scout to spy if
the Enemy's Army were proceeding on their
March, But they replied they were oblidged
to return home but would take all possible
Care to give Notice of the Enemy's Progress

[2-0771] **II-399A**

That two principal Men of the Mohawks were
gone out towards the Lake S^t Sacrament on
purpose to observe the Enemy's Motions, and
wou'd be sure to give Notice thereof from
time to time

Att last they agreed to send out four
of their Number tomorrow to spie the
Motions of the Enemy

M^r Colden made a proposal to the Com^{rs}
in the following Words Viz

I propose that a Committee of the Com.^{rs} for
Indian Affairs be appointed to receive all
Intelligence which may w.^{ch} may be brought by
Indians which Committee immediately to meett
on Notice of any Indians coming to Town, That
they use their Endeavour to prevent any Intelligence
being spread in Town till the same be first
Communicated to his Excellency & till he shall
give his Orders thereon

Att a meetting of a Committee
of the Com.^{rs} of Ind.ⁿ Affairs
the 2^d August 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
John Lansingh
John Depeyster

The Indians who were sent to the North
=ward last Tuesday as Scouts to observe the
Motions of the Enemy Return'd and bring the
following Report

That on Tuesday they

[2-0772] **II-400**

Went as far as Coll^o Schuyler's House, And from
thence on Wednesday thro' the Woods to the fly
or meadow about Six Miles on this Side Saratogue
where they saw Tracts as they Judge of the Enemy
and on thursday they went up so far as the great
Falls above the Carrying Place on the East Side
of the River, where they intended to lodge, And
when one of them was making fire to dress
some Victuals Another of them went to the
Eastward a little into the Woods for fear the
Enemy might be near them, And their discover'd
about thirty Indians naked coming towards them
Upon which he returned to the other two, And
made off as fast as they could back again
leaving a Ax and tobacco Pouch & Provisions
They say they suppose the Enemy had Seen
the Smoak of their fire, And that thereupon they
came towards them, They did not call at the
Fort of Saratogue going up, They design'd to
call there on their Return, But kept at a
Distance from the Fort for fear of meetting
the Enemy This morning they discovered
Tracts of Eight of the Enemy at the Half Moon
who they suppose are now Sculking somewhere
hereabouts

[2-0773] **II-400A**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 5th Day
of August 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
John Lansingh
Peter Winne
Cornelis Cuyler
John Depeyster
Dirck Tenbroeck

Seven Mohawks who went
twelve Days ago to fight at Canada return'd
and Say They went out with a Design to kill
or take french prisoners But the first Night
after they left the Mohawks Country, an Ind.ⁿ
from thence overtook them to acquaint them
that a french Army was expected and to desire
them to come back which they declin'd but
proceeded as far as the Lake S.^t Sacrament
from whence they resolved to return back
their Provisions being spent

That in their Return between the Carrying
Place and Saraghtogue they mett two french
Indians who had been to spy at Saraghtogue
who told them there were 400 french and a
great Number of Indians at ~~Saratoge~~ Crown
Point / a few of which are Cachnawages /
And that the french design'd to come and
take Saraghtogue Fort; That the Captain
at Crown Point had received a Letter from
Canada acquainting him that more farr
Indians would be sent there in a short
time

The Indians were ask'd why they did

[2-0774] **II-401**

not kill or take Prisoners the said two Indians
They answer'd Because the Sachims of our
~~Castles~~ Nations will not allow us to do it
They told us to kill french if we could but
order'd us not to molest any Indians till
the Six Nations have come to a Resolution
about that matter

[Not in Wraxall.]

By his Excellency George Clinton
Cap^t General and Govern^r in Chief in and
over the Province of New York &^{ca} &^{ca}

Whereas the Commissioners from the Massa-
chusetts Bay, have applied to me to send some
Out Scouts from Hudson River, to the Massa-
chusetts Fort, in order to discover & bring
Intelligence concerning the Enemy

You are therefore hereby Required and
Directed by and with the Advice of his Majesties
Council, to send away Immediately Six Out Scouts
upon the Service abovementioned, who are to
report to me on their Return what they have
seen and heard during their Stay Out touching
the Designs of the Enemy, And for so doing this
shall be your Sufficient Warrant Given under
my Hand at Albany this 6.th Aug.st 1746

Sign'd

G Clinton

To the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs Impower'd by
Act of Assembly to send
Out Scouts as Occasion shall
require

[2-0775] **II-401A**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 7th
August 1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap.^t Marshall
Myndert Schuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
John Depeyster
John Lansingh
Reyer Gerritse

A Warrant from his Excell^{cy}

George Clinton Esq.^r Captain Genr.^{ll} & Govern.^r
in Chief in and over the Province of New York
&^{ca} dated the 6th Instant directing this Board
to send six Out Scouts from Hudson's River to
the Massachusetts Fort in order to discover
and bring Intelligence Concerning the Enemy
was read and being Considered. This Board
Resolve, That they would with all Alacrity

and Willingness Imaginable comply with
the Subject Matter of the said Warrent, But
they have already greatly exceeded the Sum
allowed them by the General Assembly
for sending Out Scouts, And as no Person
will go upon the Out Scout without Immedi=
=ate Payment This Board do not Incline to
advance any more Money without what they
are in Advance is paid and further provision
be made for the future

[2-0260] **II-147 to 149A** contain a speech by Governor Clinton which was supposed
to be delivered to the Six Nations on August 19, 1746. The commissioners' records
contain a second copy which starts on page II-406A. The speech has not been
transcribed because it is printed in DRCHNY beginning at 6:318. It is also
summarized by Wraxall on p. 274-248 of the Abridgment. However the introduction
explaining why Colden delivered it is worded differently in these records and is
transcribed below:

II-147

August y^e 19.th 1746

The Gov^r having been taken ill and as yet not so well Recoverd as to Come
abroad has orderd 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 wh.^h he
designd to have Spoke had he not been prevented by Sickness. then the
hon.^{ble} Coll^o Colden Read his Ex.^{cys} Speech to y^e Six nations in y^e words
following

[2-0266] **II-150**

21.st August 1746

Speech intended to be made by his Ex.^{cy} the hon.^{ble} George Clinton Cap^t Gen^l
and Gov.^r in Chiefe of ye Province of New york &^c to the River Indians
the 21 augst 1746

Present

Cadwallader Colden

Phil Livingston } Esq.^s of his maj^{es}
John Rutherford } Councill

Jacob Wendell } Esq.^{rs} Com.^s from massachusetts
Sam.^l Wells

The Com.^{rs} of Indian affairs

The hon.^{ble} Cadwallader Colden deliverd y^e Speech in behalf of his
Ex.^{cy} in y^e following words

[Rest of page and p. II-151 correspond to the version printed in DRCHNY p. 320-321
with minor changes. The printed version lists Governor Clinton as present and says
he delivered the speech.]

[2-0792] II-410

Answer of the his
Excellency the hon:^l George Clinton Cap:^t Gen^l & Gove:^r in Chief of y^e
province of new york to the Comm:^{rs} of the massachusets bay at albany
y^e 23 August 1746

[Summary in Wraxall p. 248. Text here is similar to the version printed in DRCHNY
at 6:321 et seq. but has some differences in wording so it is transcribed here. The
list of those present includes additional parties. A second copy corresponding to the
printed version starts on page II-151.]

Present

His Excellency the hon:^r George Clinton &^{ca}
Cadwalader Colden }
Philip Livingston } Esq:^{rs} of his majes:^s Council of
John Rutherford } the province of new York

Jacob Wendell } Esq:^{rs} Comm:^{rs} from the province of
Sam:^l Wells } the massachusetts Bay

The Comm:^{rs} of y^e Indian Affairs
The Corporation The officers of the Indepd^t Comp^{ys}
The officers of y^e New Levies and Severall other Gentlemen

Brother Corlaer & Brethren of y^e Massachusetts Bay
We the Six nations are now assembled together as one man and we
take in the mississages for the Seventh Nation and what now is to
be Spoaken by one mouth are y^e Joint & Sincere thoughts of every heart
We Rejoyce that you follow the steps of our forefathers in wiping
of the Sorrowfull Tears from our Eyes by which y^e Stopage of our
Throats is open and the Blody Bed was washed Clean
Gave three strings of wampum

Brethren

The first time we mett together we only Saluted each
other by Shakeing of hands we afterwards made a 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 promi=
=sed to make use of if they should Commit any further hostilities

[2-0793] II-410A

Hostilities upon our friends the English which they have done by

destroying saratogue and Shedding a great deal of Blood hitherto we we have made no use of y^e Hatchet but as you now Call upon us, we are Ready and declare from the Bottom of our hearts and in the Sincerity of their souls that we will from this day make use of it against the french and their Children meaning their Indians (N^B the question was asked them by his Excell^y wether by the words their Children they meant all the Indians in Alliance with the french to which they answered Yes

At the end of the foregoing paragraph they threw down a war Belt of wampum on the ground with a Remarkable Indignation intending thereby to express their Resentment ag:^t the french and their Allies and their Zeale for the English A Belt Broder Corlaer

According to your Exhortation to us in your speech to us we are firmly united together and act as haveing one heart messissages are in the same manner Joyned & united with us like: =wise the Southren Nations bordering upon us and we hope that you and all the other Gov:^{rs} on y^e Continent will be in the same manner Joined & united together Gave a Belt

They Repeated over his Excellencys Speech in relation to y^e 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 people Gave A Belt

As to your Suspicions of our admitting french Priests among us it must be Groundless since we have now declared war against them Such a Behaviour would only tend to lull us a sleep and give them an oppertunity to Cut our throats on the Contrary should any now dare to Come we would know use for him or them but to Roast and y^e thoughts of y^e treatm:^t we formerly rece:^d from the french thro the means of

[2-0794] II-411

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 truly accept and are Ready to go upon service you may See that we have but a handfull of fighting men here present however some of them from each nation shall be left behind us to follow your orders and when we arrive at our Respective Castles we shall send down as many of our Warrious [sic] and of those of the nations in alllyance with us as soon as possible This we assent to from y^e truth & Sincerity of our hearts and we keep this large belt hold ing 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 giveing one) of union with wich we are to go hand in hand to the gates of our Enemies and by it we declare to Conquest or dye together in the Comon Cause

There is a Nation Called the missasages 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 Commissioners from Boston will use
them in such a manner that they will go home Contented and
Satisfyed

Give a Belt of Friendship

[2-0270] **II-152**

Albany 26.th aug.st 1746

His Excellency being indisposd desird that the hon:^{ble} Cadwallader
Colder Esq.^r may Receive an answer to his Speech from y^e River
Indians [Printed version omits this and lists Clinton as present.]
Present

Cadwallader Colden

Ph. Livingston } Esq.^{rs} of his maj.^{es} Councill

John Rutherford

Commissioners

[Text of speech corresponds to the version printed in DRCHNY p. 323 with minor
changes.]

[2-0271] **II-152A**

[First part of page continues speech of River Indians as printed in DRCHNY p. 323
with minor changes. Second part of page is the first part of the text printed in
DRCHNY p. 323-324 as the governor's speech to the Susquehannah Indians made
Sept. 8 1746.]

[2-0776] **II-402**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the
24th Day of November
1746 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Coll.^o Marshall

Coll.^o Myndert Schuyler

Coll.^o Philip Schuyler

Cap^t Nich.^o Bleecker

Johannes Lansingh

John Depeyster

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Hendrick Chief Sachim of
Caneyohare Castle return'd yesterday with his
Company

The Commissioners Imediately
sent for him & his Company but they did
not come to them

This Day the Com.^{rs} mett again and
Hendrick with Eight other Indians who had
been with him appear'd before this Board
with their Prisoner The Commisioners
desired to know what Observations they had
made in their Journey and at Montreal, and
what they had done

Hendrick Answered

I come here to acquaint you what we have done
since we went from home. The Governour
before he left Albany impower'd M^r Johnson
to transact Affairs with us. Whe [sic] we went
from his House to go to Canada, He desired
if we gott a Prisoner we might deliver him
to him, He wanted one to be put in the Room
of Abraham's Son, the Schoolmaster

[2-0777] **II-402A**

He said if we gott more Prisoners we might do
with the Rest what we pleased. This is
the Reason we came not to the Commissioners
yesterday, and hope you will not take it
amiss of us that we came not first to you
but went to M^r Lydius Whe [sic] we went
from M^r Johnson's and gott half Way to

Canada, We mett with many Tracts and
places where people had lain, We look'd about
and discover'd fires, We took the people to be
Onnogonga Indians, We Travell'd forward
I went before, The Rest follow'd at a little
Distance, We came to a place where we
saw people cutting Wood; There we stood
still look'd about and consulted together
Att last one of our Company said he saw
some Body; We went forward found a young
Indian cutting a small Tree, Catch'd hold
of him before he was aware of Us, We ask'd
him where his Company were, He told us and
Conducted us to the place, But all the while
we were going shew'd a great Inclination
to gett from us, but we would not suffer him
When we came near the place where his Comp.^a
were, Skonondo stood up and call'd to us who
we were

We answer'd Mohawks from Canajohare
Castle, Skonondo seem'd much surpriz'd at first
But on his asking what we came to do, and we
answering to speak with the Cachnawages

[2-0778] II-403

He was Easy, but would not hear us speak till we
went to Cachnawage Castle Thisther we went
when we arriv'd there we were ask'd what we came
to do, We answer'd to speak with them, They said
they were glad of it, They having for sometime
had a mind to send a Message to the Mohawk
Castles to desire to speak with us, They said
the Governour of Canada wou'd likewise be glad
to see us

The Priest at Cachnawage was soon
acquainted that we were there, He wrote to the
Govern^r of Canada, who Immediately sent for us
We tarried three Nights in Cachnawage, then
went to Montreal
When we went to the Gov^r he bid us welcome, and
ask'd what our Bussiness was, I answer we are
not come with any Message from our Castles
but only from a very old Sachim / the Gray Head /
to visit our Friends & renew the Friendship betwixt
us The Governour answer'd it was very
well, If we came from that old Sachim, He look'd on

us with the same Respect as if we had come from
the whole Castle. I told him also that I had brought
Jacob the Indian who had been taken prisoner
at Crown Point and was sett at Liberty on his
promise to come back and shew himself at
Canada The Governour said he was pleas'd
with our bringing the Prisoner back, But
now says he I must ask you what was done
at Albany this Summer, for I have heard that
the Governour of New York has been at Albany
and treated with the Six Nations I desire to
know what you have done

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[2-0779] **II-403A**

I answered we had renew'd the Coven.^t Chain
as usual, but told him no particulars, He said
it was well, He was glad we told him the
Truth, But he was inform'd that the Gov^r
of New York had given us the Hatchet, and
ask'd if we had accepted of it, I answer'd We
have accepted of it, and brought it with us,
We hold it up, but have not yet struck with
it, The Governour told us that we had best
put it behind our Backs, lay it down under Us
and sitt upon it for we had nothing to do with
the War, It being only between the French
and English, I ask'd the Governour why then
do you send out your Indians? For if you will
keep them at home The Six Nations will not
concern themselves in the War
The Governour said he did not send out his Ind^{ns}
But they went of their own Accord, He told me
he thought I was a bold fellow to come to Canada
at such a time and wonder'd that I was not
afraid. I said I was afraid of no man living
and [nyge'd ?] to him with my finger & thumb
The Governour told us the English were
great Boasters, but acted little, He had long
heard that great preparations were making
to attack Crown Point, Montreal, & Quebeck
but had done nothing yet, He did not make
so much noise about any thing he was to do

[2-0780] **II-404**

For he only went to Saratoge laid down his
Hatchet and Immediately his Business was done
He did the same at the Fort near Hosick
and it was Immediately taken and the Garrison
Carried Prisoners to Canada, He said he had
done a great deal more mischief to the
English but could not make them Angry

I then spoke to the Cachnawage Indians and other Nations of
there with a Belt of Wampum in presence of
the Governour of Canada I told them they
must not meddle any more with Crown Point
for it wou'd be taken in a Short time, and it
would be best for their people to leave it, or
Else they would all be kill'd

The french Interpreter stood up and forbid
the Cachnawage & other Indians there present
to answer Us but desired them to referr all
to the Governour of Canada We were five
Days in Montreal, The Governor entertain'd
us well, and when we were to come away told
us, As he had not sent for Us, He did not intend
to make us great Presents, But would give to each
of us a Coat, a Shirt, a pair of Stockins, a Blanket
and some powder and lead and to me a good
Gun which we receiv'd When we return'd to
Cachnawage The Indians told us They wou'd
now give an Answer to what I ask'd them
before the Governour of Canada, They said they
would not meddle further with Crown Point

[2-0781] **II-404A**

and would call all their people from thence, And
about Christmas or New Year when all their people
wou'd be at home they wou'd send a Message to
Canajohare to confirm what they then said, And
on this gave a Belt of Wampum which they
shew'd to this Board

While we were at Cachnawage which was two
Nights, News came there that some Prisoners
were carried off from someplace up Cadarachqua
River, We immediately suspected that Sett and
his Company had done it The Priest at Cachna=
=wage would [send] the Indians Immediately to
go and Inform themselves of the Truth, but
they would not, They said the french might

go and inform themselves

We went from thence by Water in a Canoe
the Governour of Canada gave us, We mett
several French Men by the Way, When we
came to the mouth of the Lake near Isle
de la mote Sixty french Men lay on the
Main Shore, They were there to cutt timber
for Ship Building, Further up we came
where twenty Men lay upon the Island to cutt
Timber for the Same Use We lodg'd on the
Island all night near to their House, and
early in the morning Two Men came
out to carry in Wood, We shott and scalp'd one and took
another Prisoner Upon the Noise of the
Gun, The Rest of the People came out of

[2-0782] **II-405**

The House, and I fired amongst them, So I fired
amongst them, So we gott to our Canoes and brought
away our Prisoner and Scalp with us
The Governour of Canada gave me a Letter to
the Commandant at Crown Point, but I did not leave
it there When we came to this Town I gave
it to M^r Lydius When we came on this
Side Crown Point We mett four french Men, and
three Onnogonga Indians who had been at Sara=
=togue but found no Opportunity to do any
hurt The Com^{rs} desir'd Hendrick to send
to M^r Lydius for the Letter he had delivered
to him, which Hendrick did accordingly but
M^r Lydius would not return it

[Not in Wraxall.]

The 27th Day of October [sic but date at end confirms November] was wrote the
following Letter & sent to his Excellency

May it please your Excellency

We presume to take the Liberty by
this Opportunity to acquaint your Excellency
that having seen the Assembly's Representa=
=tion and your Excellency's Answer thereto
In which your Excellency seems to reflect on
us as Com^{rs} for being Indian Traders & Dealers
That some of Us have in former times when
the Indian Trade was carried on in Town
Traded with Indians is true, But that none of

us at present or for some years past have traded
or dealt with any Indians further then the

[2-0783] **II-405A**

Publick Service requir'd of us as Com.^{rs} & Advancing
our Money and Goods for their Payment is as true
which we humbly conceive needs no Reflection
Or has there any trade been carried on with Ind^{ns}
in Town for some years past that we know off
But this we know that some others who seem to
have a Considerable Share in transacting publick
Affairs with the Indians at present are the Chief
Indian Traders We have ever since we were
Impower'd to manage Indian Affairs acted in
the best manner we were Capable, And have
alwise been ready to advance money or Goods
for the publick Service, And our Recompence
Loss of Time and neglect of our private Affairs
It is long since we have seen that our Conduct
was disagreeable to y^r Excellency, and that
we have been treated with Contempt, And it
is a good while since we desir'd y^r Excell^y
to excuse us from the trouble of attending as
Com.^{rs} and wou'd have declin'd Serving long ago
but have still been expecting y^r Excell^y wou'd
discharge us by appointing others in our Room
w^{ch} we humbly conceive wou'd be more for
the publick Welfare than for different psons
to be transacting Affairs w^t the Ind.^{ns} and
both under Colour of y^r Excellency's Autho=
=rity We were alwise able to prevail on
a good Number of Indians to serve at Sara
=togue for Out Scouts till y^r Excellency came
to Albany to treat with the Six Nations

[2-0784] **II-406 406**

But since that time we have not heard that any Ind^{ns}
have been there, to send out as Scouts w.^{ch} we humbly
conceive is absolutely necessary for the preservation
of that Garrison

We send our minutes of the 24.th Instant whereby
y^r Excellency will be Inform'd what Hendrick said
to us relating what he did at Canada and how he
took the Prisoner & Scalp The Indians who
brought the Eight Prisoners and four Scalps

were not permitted to speak to us what the
Reason of such Conduct is we know not, but cannot
help thinking by what Hendrick has said and by
what we have heard the others did say, That the
Six Nations intend not to enter into the War against
the french Indians, but the Ind.^{ns} on both Sides
will continue their Depredations ag^t the Christ^{ns}
w^{ch} cannot be of great Service to the War
We hope y^r Excell^y will excuse us & appoint
others in our Room who will act more Agreeable
to y^r Excellency and we hope do more Service
to the publick then it has been in our Power
to do under the Disadvantages we ly under
We are &^{ca}

Albany Nov^r 27th

1746

Sign'd by Myndert Schuyler

Nich^o Bleecker Joh^s Lansing Ju^r

Hendrick Ten Eyck Dirck Tenbroeck

John Depeyster

1747

[2-0795] II-411A

Att a meetting of the
Commissioners of Indian
Affairs the 12.th Day
of January 1746/7 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler
John Depeyster
Myndert Schuyler [sic]
Dirck Tenbroeck
Peter Winne
Hendrick Ten Eyck

The following Acco^{ts}
were allowed Viz

Cap ^t Peter Winne	£	10:	16:	3
Coll ^o Philip Schuyler		4:	7:	6
Major Edward Collins		2:	10:	3
Hendrick Ten Eyck		11:	6:	11
Myndert Schuyler		4:	13:	8 1/4
Nicholas Bleecker		12:	15:	6
Barnardus Hansen		1:	0:	3
Cornelis Cuyler		11:	18:	6
Dirck Tenbroeck		25:	12:	0
John Depeyster		1:	8:	0
Myndert Wimple		7:	1:	0
Gerrit Ja ^s Lansingh		0:	12:	6
Guilleyn Verplanck		2:	10:	0
Ditto and Abraham Fort		3:	9:	0
Isaac Wimple		0:	18:	0
Leindert Gaansevoort		1:	0:	3
Gerrit Roseboom		0:	12:	0
Abraham Cuyler		3:	12:	0
Robert Lansingh		0:	17:	3
Tobias Ten Eyck		0:	12:	9
	£	107:	13:	7 1/4

[2-0796] II-412

Carried forward	£	107:	13:	7 1/4
Myndert Schuyler		2:	5:	0
Abraham van Arnem		0:	7:	6
Brant		<u>0:</u>	<u>10:</u>	<u>0</u>
	£	110:	16:	1 1/4

M^r James Stevenson

pay unto the above named persons the Several
Sums annexed to their Respective Names amount
=ing in all to the Sum of one hundred and ten pnds
Sixteen Shillings and one penny farthing out of
the Money to come into your hands for Acco^{tt} of
the Commissioners of Indian Affairs And for
your so doing this shall be your Sufficient
Warrant Given under our hands in Albany
the 12th Day of January 1746/7

Myndert Schuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
Nicolas Bleecker
Hendrick Ten Eyck

Johannes Lansingh Ju^r

The following Sums were order'd to be
paid out of the Money in M^r Stevenson's
hands on Acco^{tt} of the Our Scouts Viz

Richard Crawley	£	12:	0:	0
Robert Dunbar		9:	0:	0
M ^{rs} Kitchener unpaid of the order allow'd her the 30 th Instant		4:	1:	3
Jacob Abrams		2:	11:	0
Jan Fort		9:	0:	0
Peter van Franken		4:	0:	0
Johannes van Franken		6:	0:	0
Jonathan Brooks		4:	0:	0
Jacob Fort		1:	10:	0
Andries van Vranken		<u>11:</u>	<u>0:</u>	<u>0</u>
	£	73:	2:	3

[2-0797] **II-412A**

Mr Stevenson

Please pay unto the abovenamed Persons or their Orders the Several Sums annexed to their Respective Names out of the money now in your hands on Acco^{tt} of the Out scouts amounting in all to the Sum of Seventy three pounds two Shillings and three pence And for your so doing this shall be your Warrant Given under our hands the 12th Day of January 1746/7

Myndert Schuyler
Dirck Tenbroeck
Johannes Lansingh Jun^r
Nicolaes Bleecker
Hendrick Ten Eyck

The persons underneath were paid short of their Respective Acco.^{tt}s allowed them the 30th June last the Several Sums annexed to their names
Viz

Myndert Schuyler	£	6:	15:	5
Abraham Cuyler		8:	6:	5 1/4
Cornelis Cuyler		13:	1:	4 1/2
Hendrick Ten Eyck		8:	6:	3/4
Nicholas Bleecker		8:	5:	11
Dirck Tenbroeck		13:	2:	6
M ^{rs} Kitchiner		1:	3:	9
Dirck Tenbroek		9:	13:	11
	£	68:	15:	4 1/2

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Carr^d forward £ 68: 15: 4 1/2

The following Persons have the Sums annexed to their Names due to them Viz

John Fort	£	23:	9:	0
Abraham J ^o Fort		23:	2:	0
Andries van Vranken		11:	8:	0
Harman ^s Haagedoorn		17:	12:	0
Peter van Vrancken		3:	4:	6
Johannes Ab Fort		11:	12:	0
Johannes van Vranken		5:	12:	0
Jacob Heemstraat		11:	12:	0
Richard Crowley		2:	4:	0
				<u>110: 5: 6</u>
	£			179:---: 10 1/

1748

[2-0800] **II-414** 414

[Beginning of the record of the conference between Governor Clinton and the Six Nations and their allies that opened on July 23, 1748. Printed in DRCHNY beginning on page 6:441 and summarized by Wraxall in his Abridgment p. 249-250. This version is essentially the same as the one in DRCHNY except that the allies of the Six Nations are listed as:]

Tontaghrightroones and Schanchadoradygrooknes

[and the list of those present is as follows:]

Present

His Excell.^y the Honourable George Clinton

His Excell.^y Will.^m Shirley Esq.^r Governour
of Massachusats Bay

The Hon.^{ble} Cad.^r Colden}

Philip Livingston } Esq.^{rs} of his Majesties

James DeLancey } Council for the Province

Arch. Kannedy } of New York

Andrew Oliver Esq.^r } Com.^{rs} for y^e Province

Thomas Hutchinson Esq.^r } of the Massachusetts

John Choate Esq.^r } Bay

Coll.^o William Johnson

Coll.^o Lewis Morris

M.^r William Walton M.^r John Watts

Coll.^o Cotton &

Severall gentⁿ from

Boston

M.^r James Livingston Gen.^t from New york and

Several officers of the Independant Comp^y & new Leveys Com^y

[2-0801] **II-414A to II-416** contain Governor Clinton's opening speech of July 23 1748. They correspond to the text printed in DRCHNY on page 6:441 with minor variation.]

[2-0806] **II-417**

The Speech made by his Excell.^y William Shirley
Esq.^r Cap.ⁿ Generall and Governour in Chief of the
Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New
England and Vice Admiral of the Same, To the
Six Nations of Indians Viz.^t The Mohaws, [sic]
Oneydas, Onondages, Cayougas, Senekas, and
Tuskaroras as also to their Allies Viz.^t
Tontaghrighthroones and Schanchaderadygroohaess
at Fort Fredrick in Albany the 23^d of July 1748

Present

His Excellency the Hon:^{ble} George Clinton, Captain
Generall and Governour in Chief of the Province
of New york, Vice Admiral of the same and Admiral
of the White Squadron of his Majestys Fleet
His Excellency William Shirley Esq.^r &^{ca}

	Cadwallader Colden	}	
	Philip Livingston	}	Esq. ^{rs} of his Majesties Councill
The Hon: ^{ble}	James DeLancey	}	of the Colony of New york
	Archabald Kannedy	}	
	Andrew Oliver	}	Esq. ^{rs} Commissions for the Province
	Thomas Hutchinson	}	of the Massachusetts Bay
	John Choate	}	

Coll.^o William Johnson [list of other names crossed out]
& the officers of the Independant Companies
& severall other Gen.^{tn} from [new york &]
Massachusetts Bay

[2-0807] **II-417A to 420A** contain the text of Governor Shirley's speech of July 23,
1748. It is printed with minor variations from this version in DRCHNY 6:447.]

[2-0814] **II-421**

Answer from the Sachims of the Six
Nations to his Excell.^y the Hon:^{ble} George
Clinton Cap.ⁿ Generall and Governour in
Chief of the Province of New york
Vice Admiral of the Same and Admiral
of the White Squ[a]dran of his Majesties
Fleet at Fort Fredrick in Albany
the 26 July 1748

[The remainder of this page through p. II-432 are printed in DRCHNY starting on
page 6:443 with minor variations in wording.]

[The commissioners' records include the following abstract of the Commissioners proceeding from July 1737 to August 1748. I have rearranged the pages to put them in order chronologically.]

2-0736] II 382

~~June 28th 1739~~ from the 7.th July 1737 ~~to the 16th of~~
August 1740. The Tran[s]actions between The Six nations
&^{ca} and the Commissioners of Indian Affairs [Principally]
concerned ~~the~~ Matters of Trade Some Private disputes
the Incroachments made by the French in [their?]
Posts in the Indian Country and the
Affairs of the Trading House at Oswego as Well as
the Carrying Place between the Mohawk River & wood
Creek

On the 16.th day of August 1740

The Honble George Clarke Esq^r Lieutenant
Governor & Commander in Chief
of the Province of New York with three of His Majestys
Council held a Treaty with the Chiefs and Warriors
of the Six Nations when the [sic] renewed all their former
Treaties And the Governor desired them by His Majestys
Command to Make Peace with all the Southern
& Western Indians as far as the Great River Mississippi in Alliance With his Majestys
Subjects on the Continant who had Put themselves
under the Kings Protection
This the Chiefs &^{ca} Promised to use their best Endeavours
to do
from August 1740 to June 1742 the Transaction between
the Six Nations & Commissioners of Indian Affairs at
Albany was Chiefly Respecting trade the Indians
finding great fault at the High Prices the Traders
demanded for their Goods -- and about Many Matters
where both Sides Made Complaints of Each Other

[2-0737] II-382C [Abstract p. 2]

from June 1742 to June 1744 The Transaction of
the Commiss.^{rs} of Indian Affairs At Albany with the
Six Nations was Chiefly relating to Trade the Garrison
of Oswego & Fort at Saratoga the Depredation of the
french & Canada Indians on the frontiers, also respecting
Irregularities & Hostilitys between Some [Virgians ie Virginians]
and a Party of the Six Nations

Albany June 18.th 1744

His Excellency the Honble George Clinton Captain
General Governor & Commander in Chief of the

Province of New York With four of his Majistys
Council of that Province
Five Commissioners for the Province of the
Massachusetts Bay
Three Commissioners in behalf of the Colony
of Connecticut
and the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at Albany
Met the Chiefs & Warriors of the Six Nations when
they Renewed all their former Treaties with
His Majesty and His Subjects of the Colonies
& Provinces on the Continent,
The Six Nations had a Handsome Present
From June 1744 to July 1746

The Principal Transactions between the Commiss.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs and the Six Nations &^{ca} was
Endeavouring to Keep the Indians firm in their
Alliance with His Majesty & his Subjects
Prevent their Joining the French and Engainging [sic]
them to Assist in Defending the Frontiers of
New York

[2-0734] **II-382** [Abstract p. 3]

New york and New England and the Forts at Orange
Saratoge &^{ca}, as well as Settling Some disputes
between them the Traders and Inhabitants
In July & August 1746
His Excellency Governor Clinton with Several of
His Majestys Council of the Province of New York
and Commissioners from the Province of the Massachusetts
Bay met the Chiefs & warriors of the Six Nations
at Albany
When His Excellency Informed them of the
Success of His Majestys Arms by the Capture of
Louisburg and the Island of Cape Breton, also that
the King in Order to Prevent the unheard of Cruelties
Committed on his Subjects by the French & their Indians
was now Raising an Army to Attack Canada and
depend upon the Assistance of his faithfull Allies the
Six Nations

The Chiefs of the Six Nations Answered
That the Nations Assembled there were as one Man
that in Consequence of a Former desire of His Excellency
they had made use of the Hatchet against the french
and now in Consequence of their Destroying Saratoga
Spilling so much Blood and His Excellencys Present
Application --- they were Ready and Declared from the

Bottom of their Hearts and in the Sincerity of their
Souls that they would from that day make use
of it against the French & their Children Meaning
their Indians.

His Excellency then Asked whether by the Words Children
they meant all the Indians in Alliance with the French
the Chiefs Said they did mean all

[2-0735] **II-382A** [Abstract p. 4]

Several Speeches were made on both sides at this Treaty such
as renewing all former Treaties Brightning the Chain and
Promises of Sincere Friendship

From August 1746 to Jan^y 1746/7 the Commissioners
appear to have been Employed in Sending out Indian Scouts giving
Intelligence to the Governor, and Representing the State
of the Frontiers.

From Jan^{ry} 1746/7 no Minute or Entry of
of [sic] any Transactions of Indian Affairs appear in the
Records untill the 23^d July 1748

When His Excellency Governor Clinton with
four of His Majestys Council of the Province of New
York.

His Excellency William Shirley Esq.^r Gov^r & Commander
in Chief of the Province of Massachusetts bay with
with [sic] three Commiss.^{rs} from that Province
with Colonel William Johnson & Sundry Gentlemen
from New York & Boston,

Met the Chiefs & Warriors of the Six Nations
at Albany

Where they Renewed all the Former treaties
made with them & their Allies Requested the Ind[ians]
to pay no regard to Idle Stories or Reports but to hold
fast the Chain of Friendship between them and the
English --- acquainting them they were Sending a
Number of French Prisoners to Canada for to Exchange
for Some of the Six nation Warriors that were
Prisoners in that Country and Both the Governors
Expressed the Satisfaction it gave them to find the
Six Nations had so readily gone in Pursuit of a
Party of French and Indians who had ~~just Committed~~
Surprised and [Killed] [illeg.] People near Schonectady in the
[Bottom of page is cut off.]

1753-1755 During King George's War (1744-1748) conflicts increased between the Commissioners for Indian Affairs and New York Governor George Clinton (1686-1761), who delegated more and more authority and resources to the ambitious fur trader and entrepreneur William Johnson. Another trader, John Lydius, suspected by the commissioners of being a double agent working for France, also began to intervene in relations with the Six Nations. Faced with an impossible task and inadequate funding, the Commissioners resigned at the end of November 1746. (Minutes vol 2, II-405 to II-406.)

New York reinstated the Commissioners for Indian Affairs between June 1753 and April 1755 although other parties, including Johnson and representatives from other colonies, continued to play major roles. The records below cover this period, during which a group made up of a few former commissioners, the mayor and recorder of Albany, and some new additions, worked with the Six Nations to heal the wounds of King Georges War by redeeming captives and renewing diplomatic relationships between recent enemies. Their efforts were undermined by renewed tensions that were already escalating into what would soon become the Seven Years War. British authorities sought once again to pressure the Six Nations into providing military assistance to British forces. Albany, situated in a vulnerable frontier location, had never fully supported such efforts, fearing they would lead to attacks on Albany itself. By the end of May 1755, the Commissioners for Indian Affairs were gone, this time for good. On May 15th, 1755, William Johnson was appointed sole superintendant over affairs relating to the Six Nations and their allies, reporting to British General Braddock rather than to New York.

The commissioners' records for 1753-1755 ended up archived in Johnson's papers. Because multiple colonies and individuals were active in Indian Affairs during this period, they can best be understood when read in conjunction with other sources, including Brodhead, Fernow, & O'Callaghan's Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New-York (Albany: Weed, Parsons, 1853-87) and The Papers of Sir William Johnson, ed. James Sullivan et al., Albany: University of the State of New York, 1951.

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[SU1-0405] Series 1, Lot 680, Page 1

Cap^t William Corray

the Gentleman that are appointed by Commiss-
=ion from his Excellency for Commissioners of Indian Affairs
Desire you will be pleased to Come to Towne on Monday next
to Qualify Such of them as are willing to take the office
upon them

by order John Rutse Bleecker

Albany the 29th of June

1753

May it please your Excellency

these few Lines are to Inform your Excellency
that yesterday Six of the Gentleman that are
appointed by your Excellencys Commission for Commissi-
=oners of Indian Affairs, where Qualified for that
purpose (to witt) Coll Marchall, Coll Myndert Schuyler
Robert Sanders, Jacob C TenEyck, Sybrant G Van Schaick
and John Beekman

the Gentleman Bag your Excellency will be pleased
to Lett em Know where they might Inquire for the
Books of the Late Commissioners of Indian Affairs
which Books they think they Cannot Doe without
I ame with Due Regard

Albany the 3.th of July 1753

your Excellency,s

Most Dutyfull

and humble Ser.^t

John R Bleecker DC by order

[SU1-0407] **Series 1, Lot 680, Page 2**

Att a Meeting of Commissioners of
Indian Affairs att the house of Robert
Lottrigh on the 7th Day of July 1753

Present
Coll Myndert Schuyler
Coll Hubert Marchall
Robert Sanders
Sybrant G Ban Schaick
Jacob C TenEyck
John Beekman
Com.^{rs}

Appeared two Letters from Some English presoners
of pensilvania att Cagnewage in Canada
ordered that the Said Letters be Sent to our Governour and
to writte a Letter in answer to the presoners by the Same
Indians that Brought those Letters above Said

May it please your Excellency
the Inclosed Letters Came to our hands by Some
french Indians from Canada, from Some Traders that
where taken att ohio river Last January, whe Shall
wait on your Excellencys order what to Doe therein and
Remaine with Due Regard
Albany the 7th of July 1753

your Excellenceys
Most Dutyfull
and humble Ser^{ts}
Myndert Schuyler
Robert Sanders
Sybrant G Van Schaick
Jacob C TenEyck
John Beekman

[SU1-0408] **Series 1, Lot 680, Page 3**

M^r David Hendrickse

your two Letters of the 12 and 22th of June Last
Came to the hands of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs
att the City of Albany, your Said Letters are Sent to new york
to his Excellency the Governour, to Know what he will
be pleased, whe Shall Doe therein, for which whe must
wait on his Excellenceys answer, which will be About A
fortnight or thereabouts, and when whe have Receved
his Excellenceys answer, whe Shall Lett you Know what
whe Shall Doe for you and the Rest of his majesties

good subjects presoners with you att Canada whe heartly
Condole on the Misserable Condition you are in I ame
Albany the 7th of July 1753

[Sir] your humble Ser^t

John R Bleecker D.C

this Board Agreed this Day with Johannis Segger for
Eight pound per annum for his attandance on the
Commissioners

[SU1-0409] **Series 1, Lot 680, Page 4**

Att a meting of Commissioners of
of Indian Affairs on the 3th Day
of August 1753

present

Myndert Schuyler

Robert Sanders

Sybrant G. VanSchaick

Cornelis Cuyler

Jacob C TenEyck

Letters from Alexander M:^cginty
and david Hendricks presoners att
Canada

Resolved that the Said Letters be Send to the
Governour of Pensilvaniah

May it please your Excellency
the Inclosed Letters from Some English presoners
taken by the Savages att Ohio river / belonging to
the government of pensilvaniah / Came to our
hands by Some french Indians who thought
proper to forward the Said Letters to your Excellency
and Remain with Due Regard

your Excellenceys

most Humble

Servant

Albany the 4th August

1753

John Rutse Bleecker D Clark

by order of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs

[SU1-0410] Series 1, **Lot 680, Page 5**

Att A meeting of Commissione[rs]
of Indian Affairs on the 8 Day of
August 1753

[See DRCHNY 6:795-796 for Conrad Weiser's account of this meeting.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Robert Sanders

Sybrant G Van Schaick

A Letter from Jabaz Eveans presoner att Cagnawage
praying for Relief from his Captivity M^r Koenraet Weyser
praying this Board for their Assistance to Relief the Said
Jabaz Eveans, George M.^aGinty, David Hendricks and the
other presoners from their Captivity Ordered by this Board
to Send for Susana an french Indian Squa who appeared
Before this Board in the presence of Said weyser who has
one of the Said presoners in her possession att Canawage
Given to her in the Place of one of her Releations Deceased
whereupon this Board Resolved to writt a Letter to the Said
Jabaz Eveans to Inform him that this Board have Send A
Belt of wampen with the Said Squa, to the Shaems of
Cagnawage and Canassadage for the Relief of the Said Eveans
and the other presoners taken with him att Ohio haveing
att the Same time promised to pay for the maintainance
and passage hither of the Said presoners

the following Letter
to Jabaz Eveans

Albany the 8 Day of August 1753
whe Receved your Letter of the 29th of
July Last by the Indian Squa Susana who have Send A
Belt of wampon by the Said Squa to the Shaems of
Canawage in order to gett you and the Rest of your
Comerades, Releived from your Captivity which whe
have good Reason to belive will be Complied with
by the Indians whe have offered to pay them for your
and the others your Comerades Maintainance and
further to pay them for your passage hither which
whe hope they will Except off who Remaine
your humble Ser^{ts}
John R Bleecker by order
of the Commissioners of Indian [affairs]

[SU1-0411] **Series 1, Lot 680, Page 6**

Att a Meeting of Commissioners
of Indian Affairs on the 12th of
August 1753

P:sent
Coll Myndert Schuyler
Jacob C TenEyck
Sybrant G Van Schaick
John Beekman
Robert Sanders
Pieter Winne

A Letter from his Excellency Governour
Clinton with two Letters Inclosed
therein one for Coll William Johnson
and the other for M^r Koenradt
Weyser

Resolved to forward the Said Letters
to Coll Johnson

[SU1-0412] **Series 1, Lot 680, Page 7**

At a Board of Commissioners for
Indian-Affaires in Albany at the house of
Robert Lutteridge Sept^r 10 1753.

Present
Cap^t Hubert Marshall [Com^{dr}]
Robert Saunders Mayor
S. G. van Schaick Recorder
Myndert Schuyler }
John Beekman } Esq.^{rs}
Jacob C. TenEyck }

Alex Colhoun Dep^{ty} Sec

The Mayor delivered a letter fm Alex^r McGinty
another fm D.^d Hendricks Prisoners in Canada.
also produced one fm Madam Louisa [Desrivieres Desmurseaux] [See Ian Steel, Setting
All the Captives Free, p. 292] acknowledging the receipt of the Belt of Wampum
sent by Susanna a french Indian Squaw (vide
Journal of 8 August)

Resolved. That the Mayor writes a Letter of thanks
to said Madam Louisa Desrivieres Desnuerseaux for
her kind treatment & Civilitys to the foresaid
prisoners.

Ordered That the Mayor deliver the Commission
by virtue of which the Commissioners act at
present to Alexander Colhoun & that A. C.
write to the foresaid M^cGinty & Hendricks
acknowledging receipt of above Letters &c. &c.
a true Coppy as follows

Albany 7^{br} [i.e. September] 10 1753
Sir This day the Commissioners received yours
of the 19.th of August also one of the 18th from your
Cousin Hendricks directed to M^r J B Bleeker
& delivered to the Board by the Mayor M^r Rob^t
Saunders. The Commissioners have not yet had
an answer from Governour Hamilton when
they have, will by first safe conveyance advise
you: in the mean time hope & heartily wish, the
measures which they have already taken, may
effect yours, & the liberty of your fellow prisoners,
[illeg. - crossed out?] upon the return of the Headmen
as you mentioned. The Commissioners have also
(by the Bearer of yours & this, Joseph the Indian)
directed M.^r Saunders to write a Letter of thanks
to Madam L. D. Demurseaux for her kind treatment
& Civilitys to you & fellow Sufferers

We
[are] your humble Serv^{ts}
By Order of the Board Alex^r Colhoun Dept^y Sect^{ry}
Mess^{rs} M^cGinty
& Hendricks
at
Kaghnawaga

[SU1-0413] **Series 1, Lot 680, Page 8**

A Board of Commissioners
met at Luttridges Sept^r 14. 1753
Present
the Mayor
The Recorder
Co^{ll} M Schuyler
M^r Corn^s Cuyler } Esq.^{rs}
Jo Beekman }
Alex^r Colhoun D. S.

This day Alex.^r M^c Ginty was brought
here by Nissendanie a french Indian
from Kaghnawaga in 10 days fm that place

at the request of this Board (vide
(Journal of 8 of August.) The Commissioners
with great difficulty prevailed upon
said Nissendanie, on the consideration of
One p.^c of Strouds and ten Spanish Dollars
for the Releasment of said M^cGinty &
expences he had been at.
he farther insisted for one p.^r of Stockings
some Rum & provisions to carry him back
Resolved that M.^r Saunders pay the above [&c]
agreeable to a Letter from Conrad Weisar
to him in August last.

Resolved That there be a full Board to morrow
at two a clock

This day 2 Letters were laid before the Board by M^cGinty
one from D.^d Hendricks of the 5th Instant
the other of the 4.th from Madam L. D.
Demurseaux.

[SU1-0414] **Series 1, Lot 680, Page 9**

At a Board of Commissioners
met at Rob.^t Lottridges Sep.^{tr} 15. 1753

Present
The Mayor
Recorder
Co.^{ll} Schuyler
M.^r J: Beekman
Al^{dr} Colhoun D.S.

Resolved That a Coppy of this following
Letter be sent to Governour Hamilton
by Alex.^r M^cGinty: also M.^r Saunders
Acc.^{tt} ammounting to [£ 17: 19: 1 1/2 ^{pe}]
inclosed with D.^d Hendricks Letter of
yesterday

Sir

We the Commissioners for the management
of Indian-Affaires in the Province of New York
gave you the trouble of a Letter dated at Albany
upon the 4.th of August with two inclosed from Alex.^r M^cGinty
David Hendricks & others, Prisoners in Canada taken by some french
Indians on the back parts of Pennsylvania sometime in January
last. ---- We were sensibly affected with the misfortunate &

deplorable situation of the said Prisoners, our fellow subjects,
so long detained in the hands of savages (tho in time of Peace)
That we Resolved & did accordingly send a Belt of Wampum
(on the 8 of August when Coonradt Weisar your Provincial
Interpreter was present) with a Message to the Sachims of
Kagh Nawaga & Kanassedaga in order for the Releasement of said
Prisoners, & at same time promised to pay for their maintenance
& passage hither. ---- Yesterday Alex.^r M^cGinty was brought here
in Consequence of 'foresaid Message with much difficulty we
agreed with the Indian for one p.^{cs} of Strouds, ten Spanish Dollars,
& some Necessaries as p^r inclosed Acc^{tt} paid by M.^r Sanders the Mayor,
approved off & consented to by said M^cGinty, who can inform you
also by the inclosed Letter, Why, the rest of the Prisoners were not
sent at this time

We are with great Respect
Your Honours,
Most obedient humble Serv.^{ts}

Jacob C. Ten Eyck Myndert Schuyler
 Robert Sanders
 Sybrant G: van Schaick
 Jn.^o Beekman

Albany 7^{br} 15. 1753

Alex.^r Colhoun, D. Sec.^{ry}

To

The Honb^{le} James Hamilton Esq^r
Gov.^r of Pennsylvania.

[SU1-0415] Series 1, **Lot 680, Page 10**

At a Board of Commissioners
met at Rob.^t Lotteridges Sept.^r 17. 1753

Present

The Mayor

Recorder

Co^{ll} M. Schuyler

M.^r Beekman

Al. Colhoun DS.

By two Indians, Sconondo & Arieghta from
Kagh Nawaga a Letter from D. Hendricks
of Sept.^r the 8.th

Resolved That said Letter be inclosed to Gov.^r

Hamilton, with a Copy of the following letter

Sir Just now came here two Indians from
Kagh Nawaga a Sachem Sconondo & Arieghta: the last has D.^d
Hendricks in his house, we expostulated with him upon the

unreasonablen[e]ss of his demand viz.^t a Negroe Boy about 12 years
or money to purchase such a one, for the Ransom of said Hendricks
he was told that M^cginty was brought here in consequence of
the Message & Belt of Wampum. But the Savage obstinately
refuses to bring him. We beg leave to refer you to M^cginty
for particulars who is now present with us & the Indians.

we are most Respectfully

your Honours

most humble Serv.^{ts}

Rob.^t Sanders

Myndert Schuyler

Sybrant G. van Schaick

Jn.^o Beekman

Al.^r Colhoun D. Sec.^{ry}

P.S.

Since writting the above the Indian
promises to bring him here in 25 days,
suppose he will then expect as much as
was given for M^cginty
Albany 7b^r 17. 1753.

To the Hono.^{ble} James Hamilton Esq.^r Governour of
Pennsylvania

By Alex.^r M^cginty

[SU1-0416] Series 1, **Lot 680, Page 11**

At a Board of Commissioners

met at Rob^t Lotteridges Sept^r 26 1753.

Present

Co.^{ll} M. Schuyler.

M.^r C: Cuyler

The Mayor

Cap^t Winnie

Al: Colhoun DS

Maynard Wemp with Kaheightogo alias grote
Yonge a Seneka Sachem, who requested that as the
said Maynard Wemp had formerly resided among the
Seneka's as a Smith; That he might now be sent up
again

M.^r Wemp desired of the Board; that he might
obtain Leave, & was very willing to go upon the Credit of this
Province.

Resolved. that he may go.

Att a Board of Commissioners met
at Robert Lotteridges October 3^d 1753

Present

Co^{ll} Myndert Schuyler

M:^r Jacob C: Ten Eyck

M:^r Joh:^s Beeckman

M:^r Corn:^s Cuyler

Robert Sanders

By Three Kagnawague Seachims to wit

The Kanaghquasa; Kanasadego & Anadano [Anadario?]

Rec:^d a Belt of wampen, Requested thereby

of this Board, that the friends or Neighbours

of the Pensilvania Prisoners at Kagnawague, should Come or

Send to Release them from among the Indians, and that they

were to Bring or Send money for that purpose, for that the

Pensilvania Prisoners were Placed in the Room & Stead of Indians

There Deceased, So that they said they Could not be had without so

Much money as would pay for others for their Stead, whereupon

This Board gave them the following answer, That they were

Surprised to Receive this message from them, and that they had

Surely Expected the s:^d Prisoners at this time or Sooner, and

Sent the Belt Back to them, and Insisted Strongly to have the

Said Prisoners Brought here, & that they would do as they had

already done that was Brought them, and promised to do for the

other that was promised to be Brought them Shortly, for they

were all taken in profound pease, and so no Prisoners But

their Bretheren

[SU1-0417] **Series 1, Lot 680, Page 12**

At a Board of Commissioners met

at Robert Lotteridges Octo:^r 30 1753

Present

Co^{ll} Mynd^t Schuyler

M:^r Jacob C: Ten Eyck

The Recorder

M:^r Corn:^s Cuyler

Robert Sanders

Two Indian Seachims of Kagnawague

(to wit) Onorogigta & Sanagowana

with Several other Warriors of that

Cassell, Appeared before us, And Expressed

Great Joy to meat us here all in perfect

Health and gave one Bever Skin

Then they further said that they were Come in obedience of a

Massuage by a Belt of wampen which this Board had sent them

on the 3.^d Instant, And that they had agreeable to this Boards

Request, Brought down with them Two of the Penselvania
Prisoners, That this Board had Alrady Agreed for one of them
And that for the other They Expected to Receive for the Bringing
And Mantaining of him Dollars and wampen to Enable them
To purchase an other to fill up his place in that Tribe he was
Given to, whereupon they gave a Belt of wampen

And said further out of the name of all the Seachims of
That Cassel that there has been one of their men Kilt near this place
Last year, and that they were Glad we had so Prudently Recon
ciled it with them, and that they would for the future so all
In their power to keep friendship & the Road allways open

and gave few Strings of wampen
and said further for themselves and by order and in
Behalf of all the Seachims & warriors of their Cassell, that
as there had been few years ago a warr Carryed on between
us & them to their Great Grief, occasioned Thro, the Variance
That their then was Between our King & the french King, who
Then had Declared wars Against Each other, & Requested of us
That what had Been then Committed or done By Either side was
To be for Ever Buried in oblivion and that their then Entering
Into that warr was against their Inclinations, tho' Impossible
for them at that time to avoid it thereupon gave one belt

and further said they Came to Renew the old Covenant
Chain and that they would for Ever Keep it Bright & Clean
Bright & free from Roast & thereupon gave 3 Bever Skins

and added that as they had lately Lost One of their men,
In one Countrey, they wished that we would be so good as to have
Him Brought, and Buried at the Carrying place, & then gave Two
Bever Skins

[SU1-0418] Series 1, **Lot 680, Page 13**

at a Board of Commissioners me[eting]

at Robert Lotteridges Octo:^r 31: 1753

Present

C^{oll} Mynd:^t Schuyler

M:^r Jacob C: Ten Eyck

The Recorder

M:^r John^s Beeckman

M:^r Corn:^s Cuyler

C^{oll} Marchell

Rob:^t Sanders

The Board Replyed the Seachims &
Warriers of the Cagnawagua Cassell
on their Speech of Yesterday to this
Board By Arent Stevens Interpreter
of this Province as follows

Bretheren

We Thank you for the Joy you Expressed
To meat us here at this time, and we do Assure you that we are
likewise Glad to have this oppertunity, to Smoak a pipe with you
Here, and to see you all Enjoy Perfect health, Then gave few Strings
of wampen

Bretheren We are Glad to see you Brought in Obedience to
our Belt of wampen sent to you, some time ago, the Two Pensilvania
Bretheren Taken in time of peace, we will on our parts give
You what we have promised for the Mantaining and Bringing of
Them here, and as you seem to Insist to have for the one Dollars
And wampen, we will by no means Differ with you for that
But do now Reward you for Mantaining & Bringing [em] here

the one According to
To our words to you some time ago, and for the other Agreeable
To your Desire now in Dollars & wampen But were amazed
To hear you had taken our Bretheren Captives in time of peace
and Desire of you that the Like may Never hapen again
Then paid them for the Bringing & Mantaining of them
Bretheren

We are Exceeding Glad to hear you are all Satisfied
and Contented with our Conduct, in that Affair of one of your
Men at the halfmoon last year and Died in your Cassell &
Gave few Strings of wampun
Bretheren

What you said Relating the Late war to have
Been Commenced by Both Kings, we Confess to be true, But
we were Extreemly Surprized to hear you had taken up the
Hatchet Against us, and thereupon Immediately Committed Hosti
lities against us, Since you and the Rest of the Indians in Canada
Had so few Years Before Intered with us in a Sol[e]mn Covenant
To Committ no hostilities Upon us, In Case of a Repture
Between the Brittish & french Crowns, However we hereby

[SU1-0419] **Series 1, Lot 680, Page 14**

Hereby Desire of you, not to make or Middle for the Future,
In time of warr with any British Subjects, Where upon
Gave a Belt of wampen

Bretheren We are Glad you are Come to Renew the old
Covenant Chain, and we do hereby Assure that of our side
We will keep the same Bright, and the Road between us and
You Clear from all filth and Dirth, and the fire allways
Burning for you and all yours to Come & Smoak your pipes
When you please, And you may Depend that our friendship
will be towards you of a Long Duration, Whereon gave one

Piece of Strouds

Bretheren, And as you are here But few in Number, we
Therefore Desire of you That two Seachims of Each of your Nations
(to wit) of the Cagnawagues, Canosedagues, Rondacks & Onnagongues [Annagongues?]
Do Come here the next Spring to Confirm the same Whereon
Gave them one Belt of wampen

Att a Board of Commissioners Met
at Rob:^t Lotteridges Novb^r 3: 1753

Present

C^{oll} Myndert Schuyler

M^r Recorder

M:^r Corn:^s Cuyler

M:^r Joh:^s Beeckman

Robert Sanders

Resolved that Coppys of the following
Letters be sent, the first to Governour
De Lancey the Last to Governour
Hamilton by David Hendricks & Jabaz
Evens with Mess:^{rs} Cuylers & Sanders Acco:^t
amounting to £ 40: 5: 6 in the whole,
There Inclosed & that the minutes of the
of the Board with s:^d Seachims And warriors
Coppies thereof be Inclosed in Govern:^r D Lancys
Letter & that there by given by this Board
To s:^d Seachims Twelve [illeg.] for a [Sail?]

[SU1-0420] **Series 1, Lot 680, Page 15**

Albany 3^d Novb^r 175[3]

May it Please your Honour

We the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs
For the Province of New York most Humble Beg Leave, to
Congratulate your Honour as Lieutenant Governour of the provin
=ce of New York, and Doubt not but that we will all be
Happy, Under your Administration

Having had few Days Since Two Scachims with Several
Warriers from the Cagnawague Cassell who Came here to treat
With us, and think it our Duty to forward you the Minutes of our
Proceedings with them and hope will meat your approbation

The Bearor hereof Brings down the Two Penselvania
Prisoners which we Released from among them at the Expen
ce of their Province and paid them only for the Bringing here and
The Mantaining of em While in their Cassell which we thought
Our Duty to Acquaint you of we are with Profound Respect

Your Honours most Dutifull & obedient Servan[ts]

Myndert Schuyler

Robert Sanders

Cornelis Cuyler

Sybrant G: V: Schaick

Jn^o Beeckman

To the Hon.^{ble} James DeLancey Esq:^r &c:^a

Albany 3^d Novb.^r 1753

Honoured Sir

We wrote you the 4.th August the 15 & 17 Sepb^r
Last Since have had none from you, hope it may not have been
for want of health, Since on the third Ultimo David Hendricks and
Jabez Evans was Brought here to us in Consequence of the Message we
Sent there in Conjunction with your Province Interpreter M:^r Weyser
With some Difficutly we at Last agreed with s:^d Indians for Mantaining
& Bringing them here, the particulers you will find Charged in the
Two Inclosed Acco:^{ts} Advenced by Mess:^{rs} Cuyler and Mess:^{rs} Sanders two
of the members of this Board and approved of and Consented to by s:^d
Hendricks and Evans, who were present & are the Bearers hereof and
Can Inform you about the Rest of your Prisoners there we are in
Expectation of your answer hereon Respectfully

Your Honours most obedient humble Servent

Myndert Schuyler

Robert Sanders

Cornelis Cuyler

Sybrant G: V: Schaick

Jn:^o Beeckman

To the hon.^{ble} James Hamilton Esq:^r &c:^a

[SU1-0421] Series 1, **Lot 680, Page 16**

At a Board of Commissioners met at
Rob.^t Luttridges Nov^r 26. 1753

Present

The Mayor

Recorder

Myn^t Schuyler

Cornelius Cuyler

John Beekman

Jacob C. Ten Eyck

The Commissioners received by Alexander Colhoun
Dep.^t Sec.^{rt} for Indian Affaires, a Letter which he
brought from his Honour the Lieu.^t Gov.^r dated
at New York the 12th Nov.^r 1753. Also Copy of Orders
from him and the Councill bearing date the 7.th of
said Moneth.

Agreable to the first part of the Lieut. Gov.^{rs}
Letter.

Resolved

That Arent Stephens the Indian-Interpreter for
this Province be wrote to; that he attend this Board
to morrow: Accordingly he was wrote to, and Hans Eagar
reported to the Board. that he had given the letter
to Abraham Glen to carry, and promised to deliver to
said Arent Stephens as soon as he got to Schenechtady.

Resolved

That Instructions as follows be wrote for Arent
Stephens

Whereas we conceive it is expedient and necessary
for His Majestys Service and the Wellfare and
Interest of this Province, ~~and~~ accordingly you are
hereby required and directed, to proceed without delay
from hence to Fort William, and Conojoharie, thence
to Oneido and Onondago: from thence you are to forward
by a proper Messenger to the rest of the Six Nations and inform them as
well as the foresaid tribes of Indians [inf^{ts}] That there are
Commissioners appointed at Albany to transact and
manage their Affaires as formerly. And that [S.^r] Danvers
Osborne Bar.^t lately arrived from England Governour
of this Province, by whose sudden Death the Admin=
-istration of Affaires devolved upon the Honb.^{lc} James
DeLancey Esq.^r His Majestys Lieu.^t Governour.
you are farther to make enquiry what newes among

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the several Nations of Indians and make a Report
thereof to this Board as soon as you return
Given under our hands at Albany this 28 day
of November 1753

Signed Mynd.^t Schuyler
Corn.^{es} Cuyler
Sybrant G Van Scaick
Jacob C. Ten Eyck
John Beekman
Robert Sanders

Alex.^r Colhoun Dep^{ty} Sec.^r

At Luttridges this 28. of Nov.^r 1753

Present

The Recorder

M.^r Cuyler

--- Beekman

Jac: C: Ten Eyck

The Commiss.^{rs} signed Copy of the Above and gave it
to Arent Stephens with seven hands or String of
Wampum, two Dozen of knives, two Rolls of
Gartering.

Resolved, that M.^r Stevens carry along with
him a person to the Six Nations and that he
be allowed to defray his Expences the Sume of
Five pounds

At a Board of Commissioners met at Rob.^t Luttridges

Dec.^r 18 1753

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Present

The Mayor

C.^{oll} Mynd.^t Schuyler

M C: Cuyler

J: Beekman

Jac: C Ten Eyck

M.^r Stephens the Interpreter returned here having delivered
the Message (from this Board of the 28 ultimo) to both
Castles of the Mohawks, Oneidas, and Tuscaroras; where
he met with a trusty Onondago who promised to send
an Express immediately to the rest of the Six Nations:
That all the Indians which he had seen appeared very
well pleased with the Message, and returned thanks
to the Commissioners. On his return to Conojoharie, a String
of Wampum was given to him by Hendrick, in presence of

Several Sachems, who said they were also well satisfied that the Governour was a Native of this Country, as such, he knew well the Advantage of an Alliance with the Six Nations: and that as there were now Several Commissioners, hoped, their affaires would be better managed than by one Person.

The String of Wampum was delivered
Alex.^r Colhoun D Sec.^{ry}

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At a Board of Commissioners met
at Rob.^t Luttridegs Dec.^r 28. 1753.

Present

Cap.^t Marshall

The Mayor

Recorder

C.^{oll} Mynd Schuyler

Jac: C. Ten Eyck

John Beekman

Resolved that the following Letter be sent
by the Post to morrow, to the Lieu^t Gov.^r
with Copy of the minutes from Nov^r 26. to
this day.

M.^r Cuyler not present the letter was sent to
him which he signed as did all the rest
of the gentlemen.

May it please your Honour

We are informed by Cap.^t Winnie that he deliver'd
to your Honour our Letter of 3.^d of Nov.^r with Copy of
Minuts of October 3.^d 30. and 31.st which with the
inclosed Copy of Minuts, and a Leave granted to
Maynard Wemp, of Sep^r 26. to go as a Smith to the
Senecas Country, on application to us by a princip-
-ell Sachem of that Nation, is all the Business which
has come before us, Since our Appointment, which
relates to this Province.

We think it needless to trouble your Honour and
the Gentlemen of the Councill with Respect to the
Prisoners taken in January last in Pennsylvania,
& carried to Canada. We have procured the Releasement
of three of said Prisoners, sent them home, and wrote
to Governour Hamilton, with Account of Expences incurred
by Releasment of said prisoners, and hope soon to hear
from him. In answer to that part of your Honours
Letter of Nov.^{br} 2 relating to the Land in Dispute; we have
considered it with great attention, and can find no

precedent, wherever the Commissioners, have interfered in any Disputes between the Purchassers of Lands in this province and the Indians; and think it may be best accommodated at the next general Interview with the Indians. We are with great Respect & Esteem

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Your Honours

most obedient humble Serv.^{ts}

Hubert Marshall

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Rob.^t Saunders

Syb.^t G. V. Scaick

John Beekman

Jac: C. Ten Eyck

Cornelius Cuyler

At Albany Dec^r 28. 1753.

The Honb.^{le} James DeLancey

His Majestys Lieu.^t Gov.^r & Commander in Chief

On His Majestys Service at New York

At a Board met at Robert Luttridges

Dec.^r 31.st 1753.

Present

The Mayor

Recorder

C.^{oll} M. Schuyler

Cor: Cuyler

John Beekman

Jac: C. Ten Eyck

Two Oneido Sachems Odozonont and Aquaiota made a Complaint that about three Weeks agoe, Some of their young Men came here, in order to go a hunting some miles above and to the North East of this Town: that they were attacked in the night by some white people & a Negroe man belonging to Harman Fedders of Schenechtady, and said the Indians were knocked down beat & bruised with sticks and stones, one of them had his Ears almost cutt off, two new french blanketts & two Shirts stole from them. They were asked if they knew or had heard the names of any of the people and how they come to know the Negroe. they Answered M.^r Groosbeck had

told one of their young men of the Negroe.

M.^r Groosbeck was sent for, he said he knew nothing of any such disturbances nor ever heard of it till now.

The Sachems said their young men were much enraged & if no satisfaction was made them, they belived it might not be in their power, to restrain them from revenging it upon one or more of our Traders when going to Oswego in the Spring Resolved that a striped Blankett and pair of Stockings be given to each of the Sachems as a New Years present, & that they attend this Board with [t]heir young men, when their hunting is over.

1754

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At a Board of Commissioners met at
Rob.^t Lutridges Jan^{ry} 5. 1754.

1754

Present
Co.^{ll} Mynd: Schuyler
The Recorder
Cor: Cuyler
John Beekman
Jac: C. Ten Eyck

Hendrick Wemp (Son of Maynard Wemp Smith among
the Senecas) with Kaheightoga alias Grote Yonge
appeared before this Board M.^r Wemp brought a letter
directed to Cor.^{es} Cuyler from his Father dated Dec^r 24. 1753.
which was read.

Resolved that Copy of the following Letter be sent to Maynard Wemp
by his Son.

Sir, The Commissioners have received yours of 24 of
Dec.^r by your Son, who is now present with the Grote
Yonge. You may tell John Abeel that the Governour
and Councill will be informed that he sells Rum to
the Indians; contrary to the Proclamation published
by order of the Gov.^r & Councill before he left Albany.
also wrote him Copy of the Message sent by Arent
Stephens (vide Minuts of Nov.^r 26. 1753) to notify to the Senecas
and all other Indians in Alliance with us: who per-
perchance, have not heard of said Message
Albany Jan^{ry} 5. 1754 By Order of the Board
Alex.^r Colhoun D.^{ty} Sec.^{ry}
To M.^r Maynard Wemp in the Senecas Country

At a Board met at Rob.^t Luttridges
Jan.^{ry} 16. 1754

Present
Co.^{ll} M. Schuyler
Mayor
Recorder
J: Beekman
Jac: C. Ten Eyck

Alexander Colhoun then opened a Letter
which he had received by the Post from his
Honour the Lieu.^t Gov.^r which was read:

But As Several of the Commissioners were then
oblidged to attend the Court.

Resolved that the foresaid Letter be taken into
consideration the next meeting.

N. That Alex.^r Colhoun paid the postage 1/3

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At a Board of Commissioners of Indian Affairs met at Rob.^t Luttridges
Jan^{ry} 19. 1754

Present

The Mayor

Recorder

C.^{oll} M. Schuyler

Cor.^{es} Cuyler

John Beekman

That the following Letter be immediatly
wrote to go by the Post.

May it please your Honour

We have received your
favour by the post dated the 8th of this moneth,
[&] shall send a proper person to acquaint the
Six Nations: That your Honour has appointed
the fourteenth day of June next for the Interview
with them at Albany when the Hatchet is to be
buried, the Covenant Chain renewed and the
Ancient friendship subsisting between them &
His Majestys Subjects strengthned & confirmed.
and that for these good purposes, the Present
which is sent from England By His Majesty's
Order, and the other Presents will then be
delivered to them, when the Silver Chain shall
be brightned, & all Jealousy and uneasiness
be buried in utter Oblivion.

By a Letter from Maynard Wemp in the Senecas
Country dated 24 of Dec^r last, That John Abeel
daily sells Rum to the Indians there, which
we conceive may be of very bad consequence.
We shall be very glad to know, Whither your
Honour has received our Letters of 3.^d of November
last and December 28 in the first was inclosed
Copy of minuts of Oct.^r 3. 30. & 31.st and in the other,
Copy of Minuts to that Day.

At Albany Jan^{ry} 19. 1754

We are most Respectfully

your Honours most humble Serv.^{ts}
Mynd^t Schuyler
Co.^{rs} Cuyler
Rob.^t Saunders
Syb.^t G. Van Scaick
John Beekman

To
The Honb.^{le} James De Lancey
His Majestys Lieu.^t Gov.^r &c &c
at N: York

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Resolved
That Arent Stephens be wrote for by Joseph
Yates Junior. that he attend this Board on
Monday next.
Sir,
at the desire of this Board, am to acquaint
you: that your attendance is required here
on Monday next, upon business of consequence.
am yours &c. Alex.^r Colhoun Dep.^y Sec.^{ry}
at Luttridges Jan^{ry} 19. 1754.
To M.^r Arent Stephens Indian Interpreter
at Schenectady
Hanse Eager reported that he delivered to the Post the
Letter for the Lieu.^t Gov.^r and the other to Joseph Yates J.^r
At a Board met at Rob.^t Luttridges
Jan^{ry} 22. 1754

Present
Cap.^t Marshall
The Mayor
Recorder
C.^{oll} M. Schuyler
M.^r C. Cuyler
John Beekman
Jac: C. Ten Eyck
M.^r Stephens the Indian Interpreter attended.

Resolved that Copy of the following Instructions be wrote
& delivered to him.

Whereas we conceive it is expedient and
necessary for His Majestys Service the Wellfare
& Interest of this Province: Accordingly you are

hereby required & directed to proceed without loss of time, from hence to Fort William & Conejohare thence to Oneido & Onondago; from thence you are to forward by a proper Messenger to the rest of the Six Nations, and inform all of them.

That the fourteenth day of next June is appointed by the Governour for a Conference or Interview with them at Albany; when the Hatchet is to be buried the Covenant Chain renewed & the Ancient friendship subsisting between them and His Majesty's Subjects confirmed and strengthened: and that for these

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these good purposes the Present sent from England by Order of His Majesty King George and the other presents will then be delivered to them. When the Silver-Chain shall be brightned & all Jealousy and Uneasiness be buried in utter Oblivion.

Given under our Hands

at Albany Jan^{ry} 22. 1754. signed

Hubert Marshall
Mynd.^t Scuyler
Rob.^t Saunders
Syb: G: Van Scaick
Cor.^{es} Cuyler
John Beekman
Jac: C. Ten Eyck

Alex.^r Colhoun Dep.^{ty} Sec.^{ry}

M.^r Arent Stephens

Indian Interpreter

At a Board met at Rob.^t Luttridges

Jan.^{ry} 24. 1754

Present

Cap.^t Marshall

The Recorder

C.^{oll} M. Schuyler

C Cuyler

John Beekman

Jac: C. Ten Eyck

Odyssanont & Aquaiota two principal Oneido Sachems, with Five Warriours of the same Nation appeared; (Vide Minuts of Dec.^r 31st) they said a young Indian who had suffered most was gone home to Oneido.

Resolved. that Jacobus Clement be sent for, who was desired

to interpret between the Commissioners & the Indians.
Harman Fedders Negroe was not spoke off. One of
the Indians said that John Garritse Roseboom
knew one of the Negroes. M.^r Roseboom was sent for
and said he knew nothing of the matter.
After a long Examination, It appeared that the Indians
were at the Block House N2. where were a gang
of Negroes, who had got a fiddle; & probably were
all in liquor, quarreled & lost their Blanketts &c
Resolved. that Jac. C. Ten Eyck give two Blanketts of Strouds
and two Shirts to the Indians, to heal their wounds.
The Board informed them that the 14th day of next June
was appointed by the Governour to deliver them the
presents sent from England by His Majesty, also the
Province Presents to the Six Nations. They returned thanks to the Board
& went away seemingly well satisfyed.

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At a Board met at Rob.^t Luttriges

Feb^{ry} 14. 1754

Present

Cap.^t Marshall

The Mayor

Recorder

C.^{oll} M. Schuyler

Cor: Cuyler

Jac: C. Ten Eyck

The Recorder delivered a letter from Arent

Stephens the Interpreter a true Copy as follows

Schenechtady feb^{ry} 11. 1754.

Gentlemen

My Son Jonathan is returned from
Onondago; and delivered the Message there
according to the Instructions I received from you,
and likewise sent the same by a proper Messenger
to the rest of the Six Nations of Indians.

There is no Newes at present among the Indians
which makes me think it needless to come to
Albany at this time, and hope you will excuse
the same. I am with all Respect

Gentlemen

your most humble Serv^t

Arent Stephens

To

The Commissioners of Indian Affaires
sitting at Albany

At a Board met at Rob.^t Luttriges March 23 1754

Present

The Mayor

C.^{oll} M. Schuyler

John Beekman

Jac: C: Ten Eyck

A letter from Arent ~~Stephens~~ Stevens as follows

Schenechtady March 20. 1754

Gentlemen

Here is Onondago Indians which is come
in search after two Catabaw-Squaws. who have been
their prisoners 5 years, and have run away from Onond
-dago, they have heard of them at every Castle as far as the
Mohawks, which makes them think the Squaws are in
Albany with an intention to get to N: York & from thence

to their own Country: they desired me to write you this
and beg you will order, that no Sloop takes them in and
if you hear of them, that you will confine them, till
the Gov.^r meets with the Five Nations.

I am Gentlemen
your most humble Serv^t
Arent Stephens

To
The Commiss.^{rs} of Indian Affaires
at Albany

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Tieohaquan'dro, Son to one of the principall Onondago Sachems
Awiegachiad and [Je]Eesteren present, Jacobus Clement
as Interpreter by order of the Board asked them several questions,
and found they agreed to the acc.^{tt} wrote by M.^r Stevens.
they said that sometime agoe 5 Mohawks were going
to war against the flat-heads, that the Sachems at
Cayuga had spoke to them and prevailed upon two of
them to return to the Mohawks, the other three went
forward from Cayuga. They farther said that none of
the Onondagos would join them, they complained of
want of provisions upon the Road. The Commiss.^{rs}
ordered & gave them 12 shillings in money a Cag with
One Gallon and half pint of Rum, also a written Order
[to] Hanose Petrie at the german flatts to supply
them with fiveteen pounds pork 3 loaves of bread
& half a Skippil pease to subsist them to Onondago
The Commiss.^{rs} told them they had not seen the two Squaws
and belived they were not in town, probably from the Mohawks
they might have gone to Schcohary from thence through
the back Country perhapes down the Susquehanna River.

At a board met at Robert Lotteridges April 12th
1754

Present
the Mayor
Col. M: Scuyler
John Beeckman
Jacob C. Ten Eyke
Cornelius Cuyler

Mynard Wemp from the Senecas Country
informs the board that the Indians appear generally
well pleased that the English intend to atack the

French at Ohio, and are willing to Joine their
brethren the English, he complains much of
John Abeals supplying them yet with Rum
notwithstanding the letter from the Commissioners
which he told him off vide Minits of Jan^y 05:th and
Jan.^y 19:th he also repeated what he had often said
before that he did not Care for the Gov.^r Counsill or
Commissioners that he would sell Rum as he
pleased and that he expected soon a battoe load
from Albany, Wemp farther told the Commissione[rs]

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that he brought with him 5 hogsheads last October

April 22^d at a board met at the house
of Robert Lotteridge

Present

Col M Scuyler

the Mayor

Cornelis Cuyler

Jacob C. Ten Eyke

John Beeckman

That Sconondo a Sachem with four Kagh Nawaga
Indians appeared before the board; Sconondo told the
board by M.^r Clement as interpreter, that agreeable
to the [illeg.] Commissioners Request, (vide Minutes of October
31) that two Sachems of these four nations, would be
here when the indian Corn should be about two feet
high that the Aderondacks and Onagongoes were
in the bush but should be informed of the Message
by first oportunity, upon which gave a String of
Wampum, the Commissioners told them they were
glad to find they had been mindfull of their Message
and that they expected to see them according to
their promise to smoak a pipe together in this place

Resolved there be given them two Cags of Rum
one for their Journey the other to the Sachems
at Kagh Nawaga to drink the Commissioners
healths

At a board met at the house of Robert
Lotteridge April y^e 27th 1754

Present Robert Sanders Mayor
Cornelius Cuyler
Sibrant van Schaick

A letter was delivered by M.^r Van Scha[ik]
to the board from his Hon.^r the Lieu^t
Gov.^r dated the 20.th of April as

Follows -- As the time appointed
to meet the Indians at Albany is on the
14th of June and it is usual to send the
interpreter up among them before in order
to bring thm down -- I desire you will

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send him away for that purpose so that he may
have the Indians down at the time appointed
and that you will take all the usual and ne=
=cessary steps on such occasions I am Gentle.ⁿ

your most obedient and most humble

Serv.^t James Delancey

Ordered that a letter be wrote to the Interpreter to
Attend the board on Wednesday next -- the letter
was wrote and delivered to Nicholas van patten
to be sent to the interpreter ---

At a board met at the house of Robert Lotteridge
May the 1st. 1754

Present
Col Marshal
Col. M. Scuyler
The Recorder
M.^r Groonenedike
Cap^t Beeckman
M.^r Ten Eyke
M.^r Cuyler

Instructions from the Commissioners
of Indian affairs to M.^r Aaron=
=Stevens Interpreter
In Obedians to a letter of his
Hon.^r the Lieu.^t Gov.^r dated y^e 20th of
April 1754

You are to go to the Six nations
of Indians and tell them that his Hon.^r the
Lieu.^t Gov.^r desired them to come down to
Albany on a Gen:^l Treaty, which is to be held

in the City of Albany on the 14th day of June next
You are therefore required to do your Endavour to bring
down all the Sechems and principal Indians out of
each Castle as usual on such occasions, you are to
bring the said Indians down at the time appointed
To
M^r Aaron Stevens interpreter

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two Strings of Wampum was delivered to M.^r Aaron
=Stevens by order of the Commissioners -- to be given
as he thought necessary -- one of Said Strings was sent
to y^e Commissioners by the Conajohary Indians as p^r
Minutes of 18th Decem:^{br} 1753, the other String was given
by Sconondo, see Minutes of April 22^d 1754

At a board of Commissioners met at the house of
Robert Lotteridge
Present
the Mayor
Col. M. Scuyler
M.^r Cornelius Cuyler
the Recorder
Cap^t Beeckman

Upon report from our
Indian traders at the Carrying
place that some onogongo
Warriors were intending to go
out to fight against New England
we sent for a cochnawaga Indian named Joseph
to enquire about the truth of that report -- He
informed us, he heard nothing about it -- Nevertheless
upon account of that report, y^e Commissioners thought
proper to give the said Joseph a String of Wampum
to acquaint his Nation that if they should hear
of any such design, that they might be carefull
to put a stop to it --

At a board held at the house of Robert Lotteridge
May 15th 1754.

present

Col. M. Scuyler

Cap^t Beeckman

the Mayor

M.^r Cornelius Cuyler

Cap:^t [W]inne

M.^r Harme Ritemans neger

Clause accused John Ransilers

neger York, Widdow Scuylers neger

with one Eye named Dick

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and said they and others came with Sticks and asked
him if he took the Indians part -- Three Scortico Indians
Quooneypapas and two others complain that Quooneypapas
son is found Murdered, and then the Commissioners sent for
M.^r Ritemans neger Clause as above --- Widdow Scuyler[s]
neger dick was sent for -- he was at Sarretogo --- upon
report that M.^r Basset knew something about --- he was sent
for --- could give no information --- then growing late
it was concluded to send over the River for M.^r Ransilers
neger York tomorrow -- the Commissioners appointed
to meet y^e next morning at 9 of the Clock
[sidebar] Robert Wenda^l was Interpreter

At a board held at the house of Robert Lotteridge
May 16th 1754

Present

The Mayor

M.^r Cornelius Cuyler

Cap^t Beeckman

Col. M: Scuyler

Robert Wendal acted

as Interpreter

M.^r Egbert Egbertse was examined

releating to the Suspected murder

of the Indian --- also M.^r

Jacobus Groosbeck, who both

affirmed they knew nothing

of the affair, M.^r Ransilors

negro York was sent for, but was

gone to Claaverock -- eight shillings

was given in bread to y^e Indians --- and

ten shillings was given to M.^r Robert Wendal for
bringing down the Indians and attending the Indians
and Commissioners as interpreter

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At a board held at the house of Robert Lotteridg[e]

May the 18.th 1754

Present

the Mayor

M.^r Cornelius Cuyler

Capt Beeckman

M.^r Jacob C. Ten Eyke

M^r Sybrant G: Van Schaick

Col. M. Scuyler

A Message was brought
that the Indian William that
was missing as appears in Minute
15 is now found dead at Scotack
Jacobus van Volkenburg was
sent to take Care of the corps
and a letter and Messenger was forth=
=with sent to Robert Wendal to bring
the Indians down to bury the Corps and he should be
paid for his trouble

At a board held at the house of Robert Lotteridge

May 19.th 1754

Present

the Mayor

Recorder

M.^r Beeckman

M.^r Ten Eyke

Col. M: Scuyler

Cap.^t Winne

Several Scortico Indians came
to treat about the murdered Indian
and the Commissioners ordered all necessary
as a Shirt Stockins Clout -- and Coffin for y^e dead
Indian --- and victuals for the Company
that came to the burying, being in number
about twenty five --- and Robert Wendal
and van Volkenburg were ordered to accompany
the Indians to the Corps, and assist them at the
Burying ---

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At a board met at the house of Robert Lotteridge May y^e
21st 1754

Present

The Mayor

the Recorder

M.^r Jacob C. Ten Eike

Cap.^t Beeckman

Cap.^t Ransilor

M.^r Cor:^s Cuyler

C.^{ol} M: Scuyler

Cap.^t Winne

A Speech from the Commiss.^{rs} to the
Scortico Indians, upon account of
an Indian found dead who is suspected
to be killed by some negroes belonging
to albany

Robert Wendal Interpeter

Brethren

We are sincerely sorry for the death
of one of your men, we have already ap=
=prehended three of the negroes upon
Suspicion and if we can find them guilty we shall
punish them according to the Laws of our Country --
we now come to condole his death and wipe your
tears away, and therefore descire you all to be easy
in your minds -- Whereupon the Commis.^{rs} gave two
blankets of black Strouds and two Shirts --
Brethren, as you are now going home we sincerely
desire you not to revenge any thing that has
happened about this melancholy affair towards any
of his Majestys people or their slaves, and we shall
take care to punish the guilty whereupon they gave
them a belt of Wampum price 19^s--6^d bought from
Jacob Lancen

y^e Commissioners Speech in the afternoon
of the same day

Brethren --- this morning you demanded one of the
negroes to be delivered unto you, we told you it
was contrary to the Laws of our Country whereupon
you parted dissatisfied --- We now give you this
present of Six Indian blankets and three blankets
of Strouds a pear of Stroud Stockins and a piece

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of gartering and provisions for your Journey home
Whereupon they expressed themselves well satisfied
and promised they would take no revenge ---
The Commiss.^{rs} ordered M.^r Robert Wendal for bringing
down the Indians, for his charges in providing for
the Indians upon the Road, for his trouble in Burying
the Indian, for five days attendance and serving as
Interpreter - the sum of two pounds -

ordered that a Letter be wrote to the
Gov.^r to acquaint him with this affair, and also
that eighty four french Cannoos are past Oswego

Copy of the Letter to the Gov.^r--
May it please your hon^r
We are told by persons come now from oswego
that eighty four Cannoos and battoes are past by
oswego we suppose for ohio, which we thought
proper to acquaint your hon.^r of - We also let your
hon.^r know that a Scortico Indian was lately killed
by some negroes of this City -- three of the suspected
negroes are in Goal, and with much difficulty and
expençe we have satisfied the Indians and sent them
peaceably home --

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs at
the house of Robert Lotteridge May 26:th 1754

Present
Myndert Scuyler
Cornelius Cuyler
Robert Sanders
Sybrant van Schaik
Peter Winne
John Beeckman
Jacob C. Ten Eike

Pursuant to a message sent
last year to Kannossodaga, appeared
before us an onondaga Indian and
his wife who brought with them
from the Indian Castle calld Kan=
=nossadaga one William Powel

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an English Prisoner who was taken by the French
about sixteen months ago to the back of Philadelphia, the
Indian and his wife demanded a negro man in Exchange
for y^e said Powel -- after a long debate the Comm:^{rs} agreed
with the said Indian and his wife to pay them Eight
thousand black wampum for maintaining and bringing hither
the said William Powel -- Mess.^{rs} Robert Sanders and Cornelius
Cuyler have paid the Indians y^e Eight thousand wampum ---
the Comm:^{rs} ordered M.^r Sanders to give the said Indian
a blanket of Strouds and a Shirt, because he is a principal
Indian belonging to y^e Onondaga Castle

Albany 15 June 1754

At a Meeting of the Commiss.^{rs} for Indian Affairs
at M.^r Lutteridge's

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Pres.^t

Co.^l Mynd:^t Schuyler

the Mayor Rob.^t Saunders

the Record.^r Sybrant van Schaik

Cornelius Cuyler Esq.^{rs}

Co.^l Marshal

John Beekman

John Rentzlaar

Jacob Coenr.^t Ten Eyck

Peter Winnie

Peter Wraxall Sec.^{ry}

His Honour The Lieut Gov.^r having directed Co.^l
Mynd.^t Schuyler to convene the Commiss^{rs} of Indian Affairs
that they might consult together if they had any Matters
in particular to recommend to His Honour upon the
approaching Congress with the Six Nations

In consequence hereof, the Commiss^{rs} are of Opinion, that
His Honour should in the most earnest Manner exhort
the 6 Nations who now live dispersed & confused, to unite &
dwell

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dwell together in their respective Castles, And that the Mohawk
Nation should live in One Castle only--

That His Honour apply to the Onondaga Indians in
particular to direct & Exhort them to live together in One
Castle according to their Antient & prudent Custom & to cause
all their Friends & Relations wherever dispersed to join them,
particularly those who have seperated themselves & live at

present at Sweegassie † where the French have lately Fortified have a Garison & where there constantly resides a French Missionary in order to draw them off from our Alliance. At this Sweegassie the French have lately made a Settlement of Indians belonging to the 6 Nations & more particularly of the Onondaga & Cayouge Nations --

That whereas the French have for a great while past been endeavouring to prevail on the Sennecas to come & live at Irondequat in order to have them nearer to their Settlements the more easily to effect their Design of Debauching them from the British Interest, the Commiss^{rs} are of Opinion that His Honour should insist on the Sennecas, who at present live very remote from one Another, to make a General Castle near the Mouth of the Sennecas River, where they have already began to build a New Castle. This point has been several times recommended to them by former Gov.^{rs} and w^{ch} they have faithfully promised to do but have not hitherto effected.

The Commiss.^{rs} are of opinion that the most effectual Method to retain & secure the 6 Nations to the British Interest will be to build Two Forts, the One in the Onondaga the other in the Sennecas Country & that each of the said Forts be supplied with a proper Missionary --

They are further of Opinion that the carrying & selling Rum in the Castles of the 6 Nations is of the most pernicious Consequence is of the most pernicious Consequence [sic] to the public Interest of this Colony in particular & to the British Interest in general with respect to our Indian Connexions

The

† South Side of the River S^t Laurence
to the Eastward of Fort Cadaraqui

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The Commiss^{rs} are also of Opinion, that no French man should upon any pretence whatsoever be suffered to reside or trade amongst the 6 Nations, And that the s.^d 6 Nations should be directed to send those French Men away who now Reside or Trade amongst them & to warn them not to return, These French Emissarys having always been if [of] Fatal Consequence to the British Interest amongst the 6 Nations --

The Secretary is directed to give a Copy of these Minutes To His Honour the Lieu.^t Gov.^r

Peter Wraxall

Sec^{ry} & Agent for

Ind.ⁿ Affairs

The Commission constituting Commiss^{rs} for Indian Affairs having been omitted to be Recorded in its proper Place, it is here -after done viz.

By His Excellency The Hon.^{ble} George Clinton
Captain General & Governour in Chief of the Province of
New york & Territories thereon depending in America Vice
Admiral of the same And Admiral of the White Squadron
of His Majesties Fleet

To all to Whom these presents shall come or may
concern greeting

Whereas it is highly necessary for His Majesties
Service & the Welfare & Interest of this Province, that the
Affairs of the 6 Nations of Indians should be duly managed
& transacted, I have therefore thought fit to constitute
& appoint, and I do by & with the Advice of His Majesties
Council, hereby constitute
& appoint the Gentlemen of His Majesties Council of this
Province for the time being; The Cap.^t Commandant or
Commanding Officer of His Majesties Forces posted at
Albany for the time being; The Representatives in General
Assembly for the City & County of Albany for the time being;
The Representative in General Assembly for the Mannor
of

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of Renselaerwyk for the time being; The Representative
in general Assembly for the Township of Schonectady for
the time being; The Representative for the Manor of
Livingston for the time Being; The Mayor & Recorder of the
City of Albany for the time being; And Mynd.^t Schuyler,
Cornelius Cuyler, Hendrick Bleeker, John Beekman, Peter
Groenendyck, Johannis Lansingh the Younger & Jacob
C. Ten Eyck Esq^{rs} To be Commiss^{rs} or Managers of the In-
-dian Affairs at Albany. Hereby giving & granting unto
the said Commiss^{rs} or ~~Managers of the Indian Affairs~~ [illeg.]
any Three or more of them full Power & Authority to meet
together at such place as they shall appoint & as often
as the Exigency of the Indian Affairs may Require, And
to make & give such Orders & Directions in the Management
of the said Affairs as have been heretofore usual for such
Commiss^{rs} to do & w^{ch} They shall conceive to be expedient for
his Majesties Service & the Welfare & Interest of the Province

They the said Commiss^{rs} transmitting their Proceedings
therein from time to time to me or the Gov.^r or Commander
in Chief for the Time being & observing & fulfilling all

such Orders & Instructions relating to the [Premises] as they shall receive from me or the said Gov.^r or Commander in Chief. And all other Persons are hereby required not to intermeddle in any matter relating to the Execution of this Commission --

Given under my Hand & Seal at
Arms at Fort George in the City of
New York the Sixteenth Day of Nov^r
in the year of our Lord 1752-- And in
the Twenty sixth year of His Majesties
Reign

G Clinton

By His Excellencys Command

[Gleo i.e. Goldsboro] Banyar D Sect^{ry}

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Albany 18 June 1754

At a Meeting of the Commiss^{rs} for Indian Affairs

at the House of Rob^t Lutteridge

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Pres.^t

Peter Winne

Sybrant van Schaick Recor.^{dr}

Myndert Schuyler Esq.^{rs}

John Beekman

Jacob C.^s Ten Eyck

The Lieu^t Gov.^r having sent to Co.^l Mynd.^t Schuyler to know what he should do with regard to the River Indians in the approaching Congress. Co.^l Schuyler thought it proper to convene the Commiss.^{rs} that they might Answer his Honour upon this Point.

They are of Opinion, that after the 6 Nations arrive in Town it will be time enough to send a Message to the S^d River Indians.

whereas divers Complaints have been made to the Commiss^{rs} of Indian Affairs, that the Indians at Coego-heere Castle do forcibly take Rum from the Oswego Traders in their passage by the said Castle. And that the Oneida Indians oblige the Traders to let them carry their Goods over the Carrying Place & to pay them double & sometimes more than double the Customary price w^{ch} the Germans are ready & willing to take. It is the Opinion therefore of this Board that His Hon.^r be pleased at the approaching Congress to represent the Injustice of these Proceedings to the

6 Nations and that it is a Breach of their Promises solemnly
made & a Violation of their Engagement entered into & frequently renewed with former Governours

Ordered that the Sec.^y do give a Copy of these
Minutes to his Honour the Lieu^t Gov.^r
Peter Wraxall Sec.^{ry}

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Albany 20 June 1754

At a Meeting of the Commiss^{rs} of Indian Affairs
at the House of Rob^t Luttridge

Pres.^t

Peter Winne Esq.^r

Rob^t Saunders Mayor

Syb.^t van Shaick Esq^r Record.^r

Mynd^t Schuyler}

Corn.^s Cuyler } Esq^{rs}

John Beekman }

His Honour The Lieu.^t Gov.^r having directed the Commiss^{rs}
to meet & give him their Reasons for recommending him

By their Minutes of the 15 Inst.

to speak to the Mohawk Indians to live together in One
Castle

This Board say they had no other Reasons for mentioning
that point to His Honour but that they thought such a
Conjunction of the Mohawks would add to their Strength
& better enable them to resist any Enemy who might Attack
them -- but upon further consideration that the said Indians
would not be willing to consent to this Scheme, the Board
are now of Opinion that it will be more Adviseable for
His honour to be silent to the Mohawks upon this [Article]

Ord.^d that the Sec.^{ry} do give a Copy of the above
Minute to His Honour

Peter Wraxall
Sec.^{ry} &.^c

Albany 24 June 1754

At a Meeting of the Commiss^{rs} for Indian Affairs
at the House of Rob.^t Lutteridge

Pres.^t

Rob.^t Livingston Esq.^r

John Renstoelaar Esq.^r

Peter Winne Esq.^r

Rob.^t Saunders Esq.^t Mayor

Sybrant van Schaick Esq.^r Recorder

Mynd.^t Schuyler Esq.^r

Corn.^s Cuyler Esq.^r

John Beekman Esq.^r

Jacob C. Ten Eyck Esq.^r

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His Honour the Lieu^t Gov.^r having directed the Commiss^{rs} to meet [and] said Arent Steevens Interpreter to Attend them in order to give them a Relation of his Negotiations with the 6 Nations in his late Journey amongst them to bring them down to this City to meet his honour, the s.^d Inter-preter gave the following Acc.^t

That before he arrived at the Conojohere Castle he received a Letter from the Mohawks of that Castle † that he should not proceed forward amongst the Six Nations till the Gov.^r himself came up amongst them to make them easy about their Lands: And they told him no good would come from the intended Treaty unless they were previously satisfied in this Point. Upon w^{ch} he referred them to their Meeting with the Gov.^r at Albany for satisfaction & thereupon they suffered him to proceed.

He then went to the Sennecas Country without any Interruption where they told him to stay 10 days whilst they sent to invite the whole Nation to go down with them to the Conference, part of whom namely those who live at Sinnosscaere sent work they would not come because they had a breat deal of bad News amongst them from Ohio & thought themselves in danger, but the particulars were they did not communicate to their Brethren the other Sennecas.

He set out with the Senneca Sachems for the Cayouge's Country where he joind them in the Gov.^{rs} name in condoling the Death of One of their Sachims. Just as he was setting out from Caouge some of their Warriors arrived with News that they had lost Two of their Party that had been fighting against the Gehogroenes

a Nation who live to the Westward of the Cattabaws, &
that in their return they saw a great Number of
English near the Ohio, among whom they thought there
were some Cattabaws w^{ch} made them affraid they
were

† Signed by Abraham-Hendrik: & Nicholas.

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they were coming to Attack their Castle--by this News he
was retarded in pursuing his Journey down.

From Cayouge he went to Onondaga, where they
had taken a Resolution that some of their Sachems must
stay at home to treat with the Missasaguas who were
daily expected, & Six other Sachems went with him--

From Onondaga he proceeded to a Castle of the
Tuscarores where News arrived that the Oneidas had
something to say w^{ch} would Stop their proceeding farther
towards Albany--At this Castle News came that a
Sachem was dead belonging to the Oneidas whose Death
must be condoled before they could be spoke with--
Accordingly

He proceeded to Oneida & joined the other
Nations in their Condolences in the Gov^{rs} name. At Oneida
came a Deputation from the Schanantoghroenes, Who
are settled in the Oneidas Country, to make their acknow-
-ledgements to the Oneidas Tuscaroas & Mohawks for the
Lands they had given them to live on, They at the same
time agreed to come down with him to the Conference
but a report coming the Groote Jongen (a Senneca Sachim)
had passed the Oneida Lake & said that the Bloody
flux & Small Pox was so Violent at Albany that
the People lay dead in the Streets & that he had lost his
Wife there--Upon this the Oneidas cryed out if they
went forward they would all die; [hence] three Onon-
-daga Sachems & Six private [Sennecas] & 6 of the Schanantogh-
-roenes returned. The Interpreter assured the rest
of the Indians these reports were entirely false &
by many other Arguments prevailed on them to pro-
-ceed, & before he came to Burnets-field Two diff^r
Messages came with Two Belts of Wampum informing
them there was a French Army near Co^l Johnsons
at the great flatts to [east off] the Mohawk River
& also that there was an Army of English & flat-
-heads to cut them off when they came to Albany.

And

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And to prevail on them to return back to Oneida Others to consult whether they should venture down to Albany or not-- But the Indians joined with the Interpreter in returning for Answer that they would go as far as Burnets field [& there] send for the Mohawks to come & inform them whether the above News was true-- The Mohawks came & assured them the News was false & Groundless & then they proceeded to Albany.
N.B. the Tuscarores went back from Oneida to their Castle to fitch their [Stores] & promised to follow the Interpreter

As it has been generally the Custom to give private presents to the Leading Sachims this Board are of Opinion that it will be for the public Service if the Gov.^r gives private presents to those sachims whom the Interpreter has given a List of to his Hon.^r & also to some of the principal Fighters.

This Board are also of Opinion that His Honour Should send a Message to the River & Schaaktekook Indians to be here at some certain day w^{ch} His Hon.^r will name to them

A Message from His Honour by M.^r Banyar
"That the Commiss^{rs} will draw up what he shall say
"to the Indians relating to the Complaints made to
"him of the Oneida Indians Obstructing the Oswego traders
"in carrying their goods over the carrying Place.

The Board are of Opinion that His Honour say to them as follows

"Brethren

"You may remember that you &
"Your Ancestors have at sundry times since the
"House at Oswego was built, solemnly promised that
"the path should be open to & from Oswego, that the
"Traders should meet with no Interruption in carrying
[of]

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"of their Goods & should employ whom they thought
"proper to ride their Goods over the carrying Place.
"And this the Oneidas particularly engaged themselves
"to observe above 15 Winters ago. If the Oneidas will
"ride Goods for the Traders at the same price & the same
"Loads as the Germans & be as careful of the Goods & the
"Traders are inclined to employ them, I have no Objection
"against the Oneidas being employed as well as the
"Germans."

A Copy hereof to be given by the Secr.^t to
His Honour The Lieu^t Gen.^r
Peter Wraxall

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs
at the house of Robert Lotteridge June y^e 27.th 1754
Present
Col. Scuyler
Robert Sanders Mayor
Sibrant G. vanSchaick Recorder
Capt Beekman
Cornelius Cuyler Esq^r

M.^r Peters M.^r Franklin and M.^r Norris Gentle.ⁿ
from the Province of Pensilvania came to the
Commissioners and demanded the accounts paid for
releasing four English prisoners named David Hendricks
Alexander m^cGinty, Jabez Evans, and William Powell
who were taken near ohio by the French Indians
which accounts as delivered in by Messures Cuyler
and Sanders appeared in full to be Seventy two pounds
eight Shillings, which was paid down by the said
Pensilvania Gentle:ⁿ and Mess.^{rs} Cuyler and Sanders
gave receipts for the same before the Commissioners

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At a meeting of the Commissioners at the house of
Robert Lotteridge July 2^d 1754

Present

Col. M Scuyler

Capt: Beekman

M.^r Sanders Mayor

M.^r VanSchaick Recorder

M.^r Cor.^s Cuyler

Col. Marshal

Ja. C. Ten Eyke Esq.^r

M.^r Groonendike

May it please your Hon.^r

We were very much surprized

to hear that Hendrick and Abram

Speakers of the Indians told your Hon.^r in publick
yesterday that no Message had been sent by the Com=
=miss:^{rs} of Indian Affairs to acquaint them, that
Commissioners for Indian Affairs had been appointed
----- and also that arms and Amunition
had been daily sold by the people of the County of
Albany to the French at Albany and Oswego---
which arms and Amunition the french now made
use of against the English at Ohio---

all which we absolutely deny, and as to the
first charge, -- we beg leave to refer your Hon.^r
to the Publick register Book of Indian Affairs, the
Copy of which being carefully examined with the
original we inclose to your Hon.^r --- in which
it appears, due, and early notice was regularly
given by Arent Stevens Interpreter of the Indians
for this Province to all the six nations without
exception as your Hon.^r may see by the answer of

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of the said Arent Stevens to this board, which
we also present to your Hon.^r

As to the second Charge of selling arms and Amu=
=nition, we are well assured by our long Experience
in the French and Indian trade, that our traders
carry neither arms nor Amunition to trade with
the French or Indians at Oswego ---
nor do the people of Albany trade with the
french in arms or amunition -- but on the

Contrary there is French Guns and Powder
brought frequently from Oswego and Canada to
Albany, which arms are more Esteemed and the
powder better and cheaper than ours in General

all which we think necessary to acquaint your
Hon.^r in order to clear our conduct -- and the
false aspersions laid on the traders--
And we pray your Hon.^r to incert this in your speech
to the Indians, and that they may inform your Hon.^r
in publick, who the persons are, that have sold arms
or amunition to the french or Indians -- which
they say, they make use of against the English
now at Ohio ---

Resolved that the Mayor and Recorder
present this adress to the Gov.^r

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs at
the House of Robert Laterage July 24th 1754.

Present

the Mayor	}	
Cornelius Cuyler	}	
John Beekman	}	Esq: ^r
Jacob C. Ten Eick	}	
Cor M Schuiler		
Cap. John B: V: Renselaar	}	
Cap Peter Winne	}	

Abraham Yates Ju:^r

Dep. Sec.^{tr}

Several Accounts Being Produced Viz.
an Account of Robert Sanders Amounting

	to	£	6:	15:	9
P: ^r	D.° of John Beeckman		3:	3:	6
	D.° of Benjiman Goewy		--:	8:	6
	D.° of Johannes Goewy		--:	8:	6
	D.° of John Cuiler		1:	9:	6
	D.° of Jacob C: Ten Eick		18:	18:	6
	D.° of Cornelius Cuiler		17:	8:	2
	Allowed to Abraham Wimple				
	on his Account of £ : 3: 2:		2:	6:	6
	D.° of Myndert Schuiler		--:	3:	7
	D.° of Edward Williams			4:	6
	D.° of John Jost Petri		00:	13:	2
	D.° of Robert Laterage		17:	1:	--
	D.° of Peter Winne		7:	19:	6
	D.° of Johannes Seeger		12:	8:	--
		£	89:	8:	10

M^r John Beekman Plased to Pay, out of the Commissioners Mony
Lodged In Your Hands, the Several Above Accounts, Amounting
to Eighty Nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ten Pence and their Receipts Shall
Be Your Discharge.

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs at the
House of Robert Laterage July 27th 1754

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

[Cornelius] Cuiler

Cap Winne

Cap Beekman

Jacob C: Ten Eick

Col: M: Schuyler

Resolved, that Dirk van Der Heyden, Procure two or
three Proper Indians, to go as Spies to Crownpoint. to Se [sic] Whether
there Be Any Preparations Made, By the French or their Indians
to Commit Hostilities on Our fronteers. and that one of them, Come
Immediately Back to Bring Answer, and the Other Remain there
for a few Days

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs at
the house of Robert Laterage August 3th 1754

Present

M^r Sanders Mayor

M.^r Van Schaick Rec.^r

Cap. Winne

Col. M Schuiler

Cornelius Cuiler Esq:

Six Indian Seachems of Anondage and Taskarora to Wit, the
the Roetkop, the Bont, the Blatt Neus, Canegegaie, Taya=
=dagrede [blank space] With About 45 Warriars of that Cassel,
Apeared Before us, and Expressed Great Joy that his
Honour the Lieutenant Governour had Been Pleased
to Kindle the fire here at Albany Again, As Usual, Where all News
Must Be Brought; they Desire of this Board to Act Carefully With the Six
Nations --- then Gave few Strings of Wampon

They Desire to Be Excused, that No More of them Came Down to
treat With the Governor, they Say that the Rum Being So Plenty Among
them, Was the Occasion, and hope there Will Be No Discontent Amongst
us for it, then Gave few Strings of Wampon

They also Desire of this Board that Tayadagrade Be Appointed
a Seachem In the Tribe of the Wolf, then Give few Strings of Wampon

They Also Say, that they are Promised frindship By the Governor,
and that he Would Provide them their Necessities-- Accordingly they Desire
that a Proper Smith May Be Sent Among them, Who Shall Be Capable to
to Mend their Axes, hoes, and Guns, and Also, as they have Been at Som
Expences, In Riding of their Canoe Over the Carying Place, and the falls,
and Shall Be at the Same Expence In Returning Again, they Desire

it May Be Paid, as Also Provisions Given for their Journey home, that they May keep their Yong-man from Doing ~~hurt~~ Mischief to the farmers, then give few Strings of Wampon

They further Say, they have Received Last fall a Belt of Wampon from the Govenors, of Verginia and South Carlina, as a Letter, To Inquire, Whether Any of the Six nations have had a hand, In Killing Som of their People, they Say they have Made a Strict Inquiry thereafter, But Cannot Perceive that Any of their Nations are Guilty of it, and if Such Be Done, they Suppose it to Be Done By the french Indians

They further Say that they have Sent 5 Belts of Wampon to the Govenor of Verginia, and Never had Answer theron; they Desire that the Belts May Be Returned With an Answer -- they further Say that here is an Indian, One of their Nation, Who Left Swegagie and the Corn he had there Planted, In Obediance to our Govenors Request to the Six Nations, and Came to Live With them, Whereby he is for the Year Debarred of his Corn, they Desire that 3 Skipple of Corn May Be Given to that Indian to Support his family

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The Commissioner of the Indian affairs, Replyed the Seachems and Warriars, By Arent Stevins Interpreter of this Province as follows

Bretheren, We thank You for the Joy You Now Express, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governour had Been Pleased to Kindle the fire here at Albany As Usuel, and that All the News is to Be Brought here & You Expected We Would take Care of the Six Nations, We Assure You that All the Prudent Care Possible Will Be taken By this Board of the Six Nations, Give few Strings of Wampon

Bretheren the Reason You Assign that No Greater Number of Your Nation Came Down at the Last Treaty With his honour here, Wass Occasio=
=ned By the Plentiffulness of Rum then Being Among You, Agreeable to Your Request to us, Since Rum is a [Drawing] Article. We Shall Bury it In Oblivion, and Expect for the future that the Same Shall Not happen Again, When the Govenor Sends Down for You, then give few Strings of Wampon

Bretheren Since You Desire us to appoint Tacadagrode as Scachem Amongst You in that tribe of the Wolfe, We Do Agreeable to Your Request Appoint him a Seachem Among You, and to Confirm him In that Part, We Give him One Aurora Blanket, one Shirt, one hat With a Gold Lace, and One Pair of Stockins

Bretheren You Say, that his honour the Govenour has Promised You frindship, and that he Would Provide Your Necessities, and that you Now Desired that he Should Send a Proper Smith to Reside Among You; to Make Your Axes and hoes, & Mend Your Guns, We Shall Agreeable to Your Request Recommend the Same to his honour the Govenour, and Doubt Not, But he Will fulfill What he Promised You. and We Will Pay Agreeable Your Request for the Riding of Your Canoe and Calking it at Schanegtande, and Give You Provisions on Your Return By the

Way and While here

Bretheren as to What you Desire us to Make Known to the Govenours of Verginia and South Carlina, Shall Be faithfully Done By us In Your Behalves, and Since there is one of Your Nation here Who Left Swegagie, and the Corn he Planted there, In Obediance to Our Govenours Request to the Six nations, Whereby he (for this Year) is Debarred of Indian Corn, and You Requested of us to Give him 3 Skepple Indian Corn, We Agreeable thereto Give him an order to take 3 Skipple at the falls, By John Jest harkeman; and Expect You

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You will Recal from there All Your People, to Come and Live Among [You] and ~~further~~

Note Ø

Bretheren here is News, the English (our and Your Brethe=
=ren) and the french have Been a fighting together, and there are on Both Sides Several Killed and Wounded, and We hear that All the Shawenase, Also Som of the Six Nations (Residing at or About the Ohio River, Joyned the french, Which We are Amazed to hear, Being that they are Your Grant Children, and as We Con=
=ceive, that the Shawenase Only Lay there as Being Your Spies, it Aggravates our Grief, to hear they Joyn the french, of Which We have a Certain Account from Asharego

We Desire You Bretheren, that Imediately after Your Return home, You Send a Massage, In Your Name to forbid them Not to Joyn the french for the future; But assist the English. Also We Desire you to Send Massages to All those Nations Where=
=evir you have Any Interest to to the Same Purpose, than Give A Belt of Wampon

Arent Stevins Delivered 3 Accounts one Amounting to	£ 4: -----
one D. ^o amounting to	: 13: 6
one for riding the Seachems from Schonegtonde	: 9: ---
Amounting together to £ 5: 1/2: 6	5: 2: 6
Robert Laterage Also Delivered an Account Amounting to	£ 5: ---: 5
Orthered that the Above Accounts Be Paid	

At a Meeting of the Commissioner of Indian affairs at
the House of Robert Laterage August 7th 1754

Present

the Recorder

Col M: Schuiler

Cap John Beekman

Jacob C: Ten Eick Esq:^f

two Cayuga Seachems, With Several Warriars Appeared
Before us; And Say they are Sent as Messengers from
their Cassels to Desire Once More, that No Rum Be
Braught Among them, And That they Also Desired the Same
of the Govener, Who Seem.^d to Be Convinced and well Satisfyed,
the Reason the Say is this, that they Cannot Look to their Land, Nei=
=ther Can they Increase, and In Case it is Not Spedily Prohibited, they
Cannon Remain A Nation. they further Say, that the french at
Yagera Wont Allow that Rum Be Sold to the Indians, that

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Lives there Among them, So that if they Will have Rum, they are
Obligated either, to Go to Caneda or to the English. and Unless Rum is
Prohibited to Be Brought among them, they Will Be Obligat[ed] to Remove
to the french, Where No rum is Sold: for they Say they Cannot Subsist
if Rum Be Braught among them, they Add, that there has Been a
Massage to Invite them to Come to Caneda to Treat With the Govenour
and they Propose to Go, When the Indian Corn is Ripe; they Also Desire
that Provision Might Be Given them, In Returning home and While here
and a Waggon to Carry the Presents from the Governour Which they Left
here, to Schonegtande -- then Give a Belt of Wampon

The Commissioners of the Indian affairs Replyed the Seachems and
Warriors In the following Manner

Bretheren, We thank You for the Message You Braught in
What You Say Concerning the Rum, We think it Very Reasonable, And
We Will Represent it in the Strongest Manner We Can to the Govenour,
And Doubt Not But that Your Request Shall Be Granted
You Also Desired to have Provision While here and In Returning home
and a Waggon to Schonegtande, Agreeably therto it Shall Be Given You
then Give few Strings of Wampon
Brethren You Also Acquaint us that You are Invited By the
Govenour of Caneda, to Come and Treat With him, When the Indian Corn
Shall Be Ripe
Brethren Since the Governor has Been But few Days Gone, and
has Renewed the Covenant Chain Between You and [Ous], We hope
that Such is Not Yet Out Your thoughts, therefore Desire You Not to
Go, And Send Your Invitation Back, You Very Well Know What

a Set of People they Be, they Are Always Craveing to Rise Distur=
=bances and Confusions Among You And the English, and Especially
Now While they are Busy to Incroach on the English Settlements
at Ohio, therefore Wee Desire You Not to Go, Since We are one head
And one heart, they are Also Inimies to Both of us
You Very Well Know that from time to time You have Been Misled
By the french, Somtimes By Saying that You Must Not Go to Albany
for fear of the Small Pox, Again at Other times that You Will Be Killed
at Albany, and more Other Lyes, then Give a Belt of Wampon
Sybrant Van Schajck Delivered an Account amounting to £ 4: 14
Ordered that the Same Be Paid

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at
the House of Robart Leturage August 8th 1754

Present

the Mayor

" Recorder

Col M. Schuyler

Cornelius Cuiler Esq:†

Jacob C: Ten Eick

Cap John Beekman

About 50 Schanyadegroene Indians Appeared Before
Us. they Say they Intent to Stay Yet 2 Days and
Desire that Provisions Might Be Given them, While
here, And On their Jorney home, they Say Also that they
have Som Guns among them Which are Out of
Repair, they Desire that the Commissioners Will get
them Mended, they Also Desire that A Waggon Might Be Given
them to Ride the Presents, Which they have got at the Last Treaty
With the Govenor, as far As the Uppermost farmers At Schoharre
then Gave a Belt of Wampon

The Commissioners of Indian Affairs, Replyed the Schanyadegrone
Indians In the following Manner

Bretheren as to What You Desire About a Waggon, that is
Impossible, for there is No Waggon to Be Got, Being it is harvest
Also the Road is Impracticable
As to What You Say About Your Guns Being Broke, We Shall
order a Gunsmith to Mend them, Also We Shall Give You Provi=
=sion While here and In Your Return

Ordered that a Copy of the Minutes from the 3th of August Until August
the 7th Be Sent to his Honour the Leutenant Govenor, and that they
Be Inclosed In a
Copy of the following Letter

Albany 10:th August 1754.

May it Please Your Honour

We the Commissioners of Indian affairs, having
had five Days since several Seachems and Warriars, from the Anondage,
Taskerora, & Cayuga, Cassals, and fifty Schanyadegrones
who Chiefly Came Down for the Presents and also

to Treat

With us, and the Inclosed are the Minutes of Our Proceeding,

We are most Respectfully

Your honours Most Humble Servants

Myder Schuiler

Cornelius Cuiler

Robert Sanders

Sybrant Gase V: Schajck

John Beekman

John B: V: Renselaar

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners at House of Rob[ert]

Laterage Albany 12th August 1754

Present

the Recorder

the Mayor

Col M: Schuiler

Jacob C: Ten Eick

Cap^t John Beekman

Cap^t Cornelius Cuiler

Cap^t John Bab: V: Renselaar

Cap Peter Winne

Cap^t Peter [Dow]

Resolved that Arent Stevens Be Wrote for
that he Attend, this Board, to Morrow Morning as Soon
as Possible-- and that the following Letter Be Sent to
him

S:^t at the Desire of this Board I am to
Acquaint You, that Your Attendance is Required here
to Morrow Morning, as Soon as Possible, On Bussiness
of Consequence --- I am S:^t Your Humble Ser^t

Abraham Yates Ju:^r Dep:^t Secretary

The Indian \ Nabaughkauwe, [illeg. - crossed out?] Who Wass Sent to Cruin Point
By Dirk Van Der Hyden (By Order of the Commissioners Vide Minutes

July 27: 1754) Returned, and Appeared to this Board & Braught the following Answer Viz:^t

He Went from Schaghkook to Killian De Redders: the first Day and Proceeded In his Journey from there to the Carrying Place &c:^a the fifth Day he Came to Crown Point Where he found 16 Souldiers In the fort, But Before he Came there, heard Som Dancing after the Indian fashion, When he Resolved to Retorn Back, But on a second Consideration, he Went forward and Laid his Canoe Down By the Wind Mill Where he Slept that Night, In the Morning Som Annagongues Came to him, & Bid him Welcome, So he Went In the fort, Where the Commander tould him that he Did Not Come there of his Own Accord, But that he Wass Sent there and Asked the Reason, he Confessed that he Wass Sent there, and told him for Reason, that as he Sent Spies in Our Country Without Touching or Stoping at Any Place in Our Country, Gave as Reason to Mistrust them, the Commander Replyed that they had been there to Carry Letters. He further Says that there Was 14 Tents about the fort, Which Contained Workman, that Were About Repairing the fort

Also Anonragète, Sanatsiowane, and Siohahiren Who Represents Oroniadadickha 3 Seachems and Several Warriars of the Cagnawage Cassel Appeared Before us, Saying they Were Now Ready to hear What We have to Say

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August 12th

The Comissioners of the Indian affairs Replyed them
By Jacobus Clement as Interpreter
Bretheren we Desired You Last fall (vide Minutes of October 31. 1753) as You then Wass But few In Number that two Seachems out of Each of your Cassels, to Wit, of the Cagnawages, Cannssedage, Rondaks and Annogungues, to Come Down this Spring to Confirm the Old Covenant, And are You here Accordingly

To Which the Seachems and Warriars Replyed
it is true You Did So, But We that are now here Speak In the Name of All the Said Nations, and We Command and Are Master of All the Rest.

then the Commissioners Asked them, Why All the Nations Did Not Come Down as they Desired them,

they Replyed that the Canosedages Where All Busy In their Own affiars. and Could Not Well Spare time to Come With them, And as for the Rondaks, and Annogungues, they Overtook them At

Cruinpoint, and In preceding of their Journey, they Concluded, they Would Go In Compony to Albany, and when they Came to Lake Sacrama, they Said they Would go No Further then Schackok, and as they (the Cagnages) Were the Greatest in Power they Left it Intirely to them, and if the Commissioners Were Inclyned to Speak With them In friendship, they Might Come to the Carrying Place, Where they had Kindled their fire

The Said Commissioner[s] Appointed the Day after to Morrow to Speak further With them

Resolved By this Board that Robert Wendle Be Sent for to Attend there to Morrow Morning As soon as Possible

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs
at the House of Robert Laterage August 13th 1754

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

Col M: Schuiler

Cornelius Cuiler

John B: V: Renselaar

Peter Winne

Jacob C Ten Eick

Cap Peter Dowe

Robert Wendle Appeared to this Board

Resolved that Said Wendle Go forthwith up to

Schachtekook and Desire the Annagungue

Seachems to Come Down to Albany

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners ~~of the Indian Affairs~~ at [the?]

House of Robert Laterage August 14th 1754

Present

Cap Cornelius Cuiler

The Mayor

Col: M. Schuiler

the Recorder

Jacob C: Ten Eick

Cap John B: V: Rensalaar

Cap^t Peter Winne

Cap^t Peter Dow

M:^r Antony Bleeker Appeared hier and Informed

this Board that Between 40 & 50 of the Onyde Indians

are Ready to Remove to Caneda, In Order to Live there

and further Said, that In his opinion Cap^t Tedy
Magin has the Most Interest among them, to Stop
them

Whereas We Conceive it Expedient
and Necessary for his Majestys Service, and the Welfare and Interest of
this Province, that Cap^t Tedy Magin, and Arent Stevins the Provincial
Interpreter, Be Sent to Said Cassel, and Desire them Not to Go
Resolved that a Copy of the following Instructions Be Delivered
to Cap Tedy Magin and Arent Stevinse Provincial Interpreter

Instructions for Cap^t Tedy Magin & Arent Stevins
Provincial Interpreter

You the Said Cap: Tedy Magin, are hereby Required and
Directed, to Proceed Without Loss of time, from hence to Schonegtande
Where Arent Stevins is to join You as Interpreter, and from thence
to Onyde, and Tell the Onyde seachems, that We are Informed that
a Great Number of them are Agoing to Remove to Caneda In Order to Live there;
and that We Desire them, to Do their Utmost Indeavour, to Make
a Stop to their Going, and Also to Acquaint the Mohaxs and
Canejoharry Seachems, With Your Message
Given Under Our Hands
at Albany August 14th 1754

Myndert Schuilder
Robert Sanders
Cornelius Cuiler
Jacob C. Ten Eick
Sybrant G:^s V: Schajck
Peter Winne
John B: V: Renselaar
John Beekman
Peter Dow

Resolved that a Letter Be Wrote to
Arent Stevins, of Which the following
is a Copy.

Albany 14. august 1754

Mr Stevins

Sir. You are here by Required, forthwith to go With Cap: Teady
Magin to Onydy; and there Use Your Utmost Indeavour In Con-
=junction With him, to Stop the Onyde Indians from Going to
Caneda and hereof fail Not at Your Peril
We are Your Humble Servants

Myndert Schuylder
Robert Sanders
Cornelius Cuiler
Jacob C: T: Eick &:^{ca}
as Above

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August 14th

Then appeared Before this Board the Seachems and Warriors
of the Cagnawag Cassel, to Whoom the Commissioners Made the
following Speech

Bretheren We are Glad to See You here at this Day, In
Obediance of Our Request to You Last fall (Vide Minutes of October
31 1753) --- then gave few Strings of Wampon

Bretheren if You have Lost Any of Your ~~Man~~ People
We herewith Wipe the Tears Out Of Your Eyes, that We May See Each
Other as Clear as the Sun Shines In a fair Day at Noon, and Speak
to Each Other Without Sorrow. Whereupon Give a Belt of Wampon

Bretheren as You Came But few In Number Last fall
to Renew the Old Covenant Chain, We therefore then Desired You
that two Seachems, out of Each of Your nations (to wit) Cagnawages,
Canassedages, Rundaks, and Annogungues, Should Come Down Last
Spring. and We are Glad to See You here, for Your Selves & in
Behalf of the Other[s] Your Allies

Bretheren: We Now Again, Renew the Old Covenant
Chain With You and Your Allies, Which has Been Made By Our
forefathers, and Desire You, and All Your Allies, to keep the Same
Bright, Clear, and free from Rust; as Long as the Sun and Moon
Indures, and that No Dark Clouds May Come In
the Way, So that You and We May Walk and Go Without fear or
Terror; and Live Always In frindship, With Each Other. and if In
Case an Open War Should Break Out, Between the King of Great
Britten, and the french King We Desire You to Stand Neuter, and

Commit No hostilities On any of his Majesties Subjects. and We Do Now
Again (as Wee Also Did Last fall) Assure You; that We of Our Side, Will
Keep the Said Covenant Chain Bright, Clear & free from Rust and
filt, and the Road Between us and You Clear from All filt and
Dirt, and the fire Burning
And as We are Informed, that You have Now Stopt the Annagonges
And Rundax, of Doing Mischief to Our People, We Sincerely thank
You for it; and Desire and Expect You Will Do the Same, at
All times, and Acquaint us thereof if Any thing Should happen
for the future
then Gave a Large Belt of Wampon

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August}
14th }

Then the Cagnawage Seachchems and Warriors Replied
Bretheren We Rejoyce with You to Behold it hath Pleased
God that this Day We have a Conference together; We Dont
Doubt, But You Likewise have had Sorrows together; We herewith
Wipe Away the Tears out of Your Eyes: and Open Your hearts, that
You May hear and Understand
then Give few Strings of Wampon
Bretheren, We thankfully Receive Your Belt of Covenant, and to Confirm
the Same, We, for Selves, and In Behalf of the Canussedages, Rondax
and Annagungas, Give You this
then Give a Belt of Wampen
Bretheren You Did Also Give thanks for that We Stopt the Rondax
And Annagungues, and Sent A Great Number Back.
In our Conference With them (Vide Minutes of the 12th Instant)
they told us, that Some of them, Would Go to Schagkook, And
Renew their Covenant With the Schachkok Indians; We Said, that
May Be, the Commissioners Would Send for them to Albany. they
Answered No, they Will Not, for their fire Was Kindled at the
Carrying Place.
Notwithstanding all that, We Shall Keep our Selves firmly
to the Covenant Chain, and Shall Always Do, as We have Done
Now: and Moreoever Shall Give You Intilligence, if Any
Ill Design is Intended Against You.
Bretheren You Also Say that No Cloud, Shall Come In the
Sky But What You Will Seperate and Clear, as Much as
Lays In Your Power. And that You Will Keep the Road Open;
and Clear from all filt and Dirt. and if a War Should Break
Out Between the King of Great Britan and the french King.
You Desire us to Keep our Selves Neuter.
We Cannot Give a Proper Answer to that, Since We have heard

that Your Governor has Given the hatched to the Mohawk Indians,
Which We Shall Go and Enquire into: and Answer You that
Paragraph, When We Return. and if Any of You are Inclind
to Go Along With Us, to hear What We Say, You May and Welcome
We [Desire] You Also, to Provide us a Waggon to Schonegtande, and a horse to the
Mohacks

Resolved that A Waggon to Schonegtande and a horse from
there to the Mohacks Be Provided for the Seachems. And that
Jacobus Clement Go Along With them, and Observe their Speech,
And Make Report thereof to this Board

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At a Meeting of the Commissioner of Indian
affairs at the Hous of Robert Laterage August 15th 1754
Present

the Mayor
Col M: Schuylder
John B: V: Renselaar
Jacob C: Ten Eick
Sybrant G: Van Schaick
Cornelius Cuiler
Jacobus Mynderse
Peter Winne

The Annagugue Seachems Appeared to this
Board. Who Were Sent for to Schagkok
By Robert Wendle (Vide Minutes of the 13th
Instant) to Wit. Allenas, Inolawit, Ottawa=
=kaskatok; and Otasagquenapo, of Massiesque
and Several Warriors: to Whoom the Commissi-
Made the following Speech

Bretheren We heard You Were at Schachkok, We then Sent
You 7 Hands of Wampon, to Invite You Down to Smook a pipe
With You here

then Gave few Strings of Wampon
Bretheren Since We Now have an Appurtunity to Smook a
Pipe with You, We Cannot Well Omit to Mention to You, that
We have Yesterday Renewed the ~~Old~~ Covenant Chain, With Your
And Our Bretheren (the Cagnewages) Who Did it for themselves
the Cannassedages and Rondaks annagungues and if We Understood
them Right they Said they had Your, and their Express Order to Do it With
us, and Since We Understand, that You have But few Seachems
here at this time, We Desire You; that if you Git home to tell
the Rest of the Seachems of it, and that We Desire them, To Come
Down this fall to Confirm the Same

then Gave a Belt of Wampon
Bretheren We have Lately heard that You together With 100
More of Your People & 20 Rondax Left Your Cassel Lately
In order to Cut of Our People at Saragtoghe and had it Not
Been for our Bretheren the Cagnawage Indians, Who Perswaded
You to the Contrary. & ~~there~~ is upon their Request 100 of Your
People and 20 Rondax Returned home from fort S.^t Frederick
at Cruinpoint, & You Proceeded to Schaghkok: and that All In
time of a Profound Peace; Which We think Strange
And Since Now We Enjoy Profound Peace; We Desire You
that the Like May Not Happen Again. But that You
Come here to this City from time to time Where You Will
find Your fire Burning as In former Days, and the
Road Clear from filth and Dust
Bretheren We are Astonished, to hear You Should have

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have Said, that Your fire Was Burning at the Carrying Place
We Desire You to Tell us Who had Directed You, to Make or
Kindle the Same there, for We are Strangers to that fire, and
Know of No Other fire [than?] In this Town Burning
The annagangue Seachems Replyed
Bretheren for those that are Asleep, this is to Open their Ears
And heart, that they May hear and Understand

then gave few Strings of Wampon
Bretheren We have Made the fire at the Carrying Place
Long Ago, and Also two Years Ago and the french have
Scattered the Same, and Now Bretheren We are Come
from Alsecantikoke to Look to the fire the Same Decreasing, M:^r
Liedies Was to take Care thereof
Bretheren We are Exceeding Glad that the fire is hier Now
Kindled; and We Like it Very Well that the Road is Open and
if Any Trees Should fall therein We Shall take them out and keep the Same Always
Clear. and We Shall for the future, Come here as to Our own
House, and if By Chance, We Come to Schaghkok, or [Below]
Schaghkok, Where We Might find Blod, Maybe of a Wounded: dog
: We Shall Not Cross the Same, But avoid it; and so Come and [Enquire]
of this Board Where that Might Proceed from: and Not Return Back
to Our Cassel, that they May Not See Blood to Our Shoes. Now
Bretheren You Must Certainly Belive that We are Your Bretheren
and take us to Be Such. and Now We of Secantekok have Opened
the one half of the River. and Bear Witness thereof.

then Gave a Belt of Wampon
Bretheren here is Also three Indians out of Matsissque Cassal, Who Also
Opens the Other half of the River, as far as the Same Exends,

Hitson Holland Commander of his Majesties
fort At Oswego
Resolved that the Same Be Sent there By
the first Oppurtunity

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At a Meeting of the Commissioner of the Indian Affa[irs]
at the House of Robert Laterage August 24th 1754

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Col M: Schuiler Esquires
Jacob C: Ten Eick
Cornlius Cuiler
John Beekman

Several Mohack Seachims and Warriors
Being Sent for to this Board; to Whoom the
Commissioners Communicated the Spech to: and
the Replication: of the Cagnawage Seachims
And the Mohack Seachims Expressed Great
Satisfaction thereat.

then the Cagnewage Seachims and Warriors Being Also Sent for (In
the Presence of the Mohack Seachims and Warriors) to answer the Last
Paragraph (Vide Minutes of 14 Instant) Which they Did In the following
Manner

Bretheren We Rejoyce to Meet you at this our
Return; You Know We Tould You, that We Would Give a Proper
Answer to the Last Paragraph When We Should Return from the
Mohase. [sic] We Accordingly Now tell You, that We Intirely Stand
to and Agree to the Said Article; and All and Every article or Clause
In Your Proposition Concerning the Renewing the Covenant Chain.
Which We have Also Renewed In the Mohacks: With our Bretheren
the Mohacks: Who are Now Present. and As We Live But a Little
Distance from Each Other: Our Communication from time to time
With Each Other Will Confirm the Same. and We Promiss and
Assure You that if a fals Report Should Come Among us, We Shall
Not Stop thereby, But Will Come here and Inquire, Where it Might
Proceed from. it is Not Worth While to Repeat All Our
transactions of What Past Between us, We Again Say, that We
Entirely Agree Stand to and Agree to Every Article Past Between
Us. and as God is Master of Our Lives, Being Not Certain how
Long We Shall Live, Howevir We Promiss to Be firm In the
Covenant Chain, and Keep the Same as Long As We Live
thereupon Gave a Large Belt of Wampon

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners at the House of
Robert Laterage Albany 26 August 1754

Present

Col M Schuiler

John Beekman

the Mayor

the Recorder

Cornelius Cuiler

Cap^t Teady Magin Appeared to this Board
to Make Report of his Jorney to Onyde (Vide
minutes af 14th Instant)

He Says: he Went from hence to Schonegtonde
Where Arent Steavens joyned him; from thence to the Mohacks,
and Acquainted the Mohack Seachims of his Massage, thence to Cane=
=joharre Where he Also Acquainted them af his Said Massage, then
to Onyde, When he Came there he Desired the Seachems to
Meet together; then Acquainted them that We had heard: that
Several famelies Intended to Remove to Caneda; then Enquired
for Kawega, (one of their Seachims Who Lately Braught a Belt
and a french flag from Canada to Invite them there) and tould
them they Must Not Sel their Land, and Contry, and Brethe=
=ren, for a french Blanket or Gun: and that the french Wass
Dayly Busy to Steal, and Bring them to Caneda ~~to their Country.~~
the Answer they Gave (Magin) Wass, that is Wass Not So
Bad as the Commissioners had heard it. and that a french Priest
Had Sent them a Large Belt of Wampon, and a flag to
Come to Caneda, to Be ~~Bap~~ Rebaptized, and if they Could Not
Come to Caneda, the Priest Would Come and Rebaptize them there.
Whereupon Magin Desired them Not to go. they Answered, that they
Could Not Well Do Less then Send the Belt and flag Back Again
to Caneda from Whence it Came. then Magin Desired them
to Send a Couple of Boys Who would Not Listen to Lyes.
then Magin Went to the Carrying Place In order to Speak
to Kawege, Where he Also found Schusyes: two of the Most
Principal Seachims of Onyde, then Magin Repeated the Above
Message --- and gave them a Belt of Wampon
Whereupon they Replyed, that they Would Not Go. and thereupon
Did Send few Strings of Wampon to the Commissioners, By Which
they Promised: they Would Come to Albany.
and after Magin had finished his Discours, In the Onyde
Cassel, they Returned few Strings of Wampon; and Said it
Was Sent to them By M^r Liedies. In Order to Invite 4
of the Principal Seachims Down to his House at Albany.

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and Said that they Would Not Go; if M^r Liedies Wanted to Speak
With them, he Might come In their Cassel,
Capt Tedy Magin Says further, : that Arent Stievens Our Interpreter
Would Perswade him to Keep that Message af M^r Liedies Private

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs At the House of Robert Laterage August 28th 1754

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

Col M Schuiler

Jacob Co: T: Eick

John Beekman

Cornelius Cuiler

Peter Hog Appeared to this Board, Who Informed
the Said Commissioners that Hosack
Wass Cut of By the french and their Indians, the Said
Hogg Wass Sworn, and his Deposition Sent Down
to his Honour the Liutenant Governour, Enclosed
In a Letter

Resolved that the following

Be Sent Down as An Express to the Governour (to Wit)
William freyer, Lucas Witbeek, Isaac freyer, and Gerrit
Van Sante Ju:^r With the following Letter

Albany August 28th 1754

May it Pleas Your ~~Excellency~~ Honour

We Have Been Alarmed Since Last Sabbath; on a Report
of a Number of french Indians -- Being Gone Out a fighting
towards Hosack, and just Now Peter Hogg Appeared here
Who Informed us that Hosack Wass Cut of this Day, and
We Refer Your Honour to the Enclosed for the Particulars

We Remain With Great Respect

Your Honours Most Humble Servants

Myndert Schuiler

Sybrant V: Schayck

Robet Sanders

Jacob C Ten Eick

Cornlius Cuiler

John Beekman

Hubart Marshall

at a Meeting of the Commissioners at the
House of Robert Laterage August 29: 1754

Present

Col Myndert Schuiler

Col Marshall

the Mayor

the Recorder

John Beekman

Cornelius Cuiler

Resolved that a Letter Be Sent to Arent
Stevens, that he forthwith Communicate
to the Mohacks and Canojoharre
Seachims, that Hosack Wass Yesterday

Cut of By the french Indians

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners at Letreges
August 30 1754

Present

the Recorder

the Mayor

Col. M: Schuiler

Col Marshall

Cap Cornelius Cuiler

Jacob C. Ten Eick

John Beekman

After We Had the Melancholy News of
Hosack Being Demolished: We Sent for
4 Kagnawage Indians Now Being In Town
and Asked them whether they Did Not Know Who Were the Transgressors
they Replied No. and that Not Long Ago
they had Been at Albany, and In their

Retorn home, When they Came at S:^t John, (the Usual Landing
Place About 7 Leagues from Montreal) they found a Great Number
of Annagungues and Rondax Indians, they Asked them What Braugt
them there In Such a Number, they Answered that they Were Agoing
to Schachkok to fetch their Brethren: and if that Would Not
Succeed they Would Go Out a fighting and after the Goven[our]
of Caneda had heard their Design, He Sent for the Cagnawage
Seachems, and Told them; Children these Indians have an
Ill Design: and I assure You that I have No hand in it.
Go Immediatel;y On Your Seachems Business, and tel them
to Return Back. Whereupon the Seachems Immediately
followed them and Overtook them at Crownpoint, Where they
found them a Dansing (as Usuelly they Do When they go Out
a fighting) they gave the Commanding officer a Letter from

the govenour, With Orders to Enquire, What they Intended to Do, Whereupon the Commanding officer the Next Day Called the Chiefs together, and then Told them, that he had Received a Letter from the Governour to Order them to Return Back. and the Seachems Joyned the Commanding officer In Desiring them to Return Back.

they further Say, that they Can Say No More But that they Deceived the Governour; as Also Our Seachems: for they thoug[ht] that the Warriors Were Returned Back. the Informer Says they Lift Caneda 13 Days Ago, and heard Not A Word About it til they Came to the Carrying Place, Where they found Sum Annagungue ~~Seachems~~ Indians, Who had Lately Treated With the Commissioners at Albany, Who Tould them, that they had Sent Down few Strings of Wampon: to Inform the Commissioners, that the Onnagungue ~~Seachims~~ Indians Where Gone to Distroy Hosack

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30th

the Commissioners Replyed

Bretheren Since it is But Such a Little time Since We have Renewed the Covenant With our Bretheren the Cagnewages, Who Told Us, that they Were Also Impowered (By the Rondax, and Annagun=gues, and All the Other Nations to Whoom We had Sent) to Make the Covenant Stronger than Evir it hath Been and Desired us to Be Easy and Depend thereon, and Not Be frightened, it May be Bad News Should Be Reported; for they Said if Any thing Ill Wass Intended Against us ~~they would warn us~~ they would give us Intilligence. and after that Som Annagungues Came In Person, and Acknowliged that they Had Impowered them, and Gave two Large Belts of Wampon, (one for Alsecantekock and the Other for the Massiesque Indians) to Confirm the Same. and Said further they Were Also Impowered By Both their Whole Nations, to Open the Road; and if Any thing Should Come I the Way, they Would Clean it. We Were Astonished to hear that ~~Such~~ those Who So firmly made their Covenant; Should Go and Distroy So Many famelies, (Who Never Did them Any Hurt) by Burning and Distroying All their Wheat, Houses and Barcks and Killing their Cattle: the Cry thereof Goes to Heavin. We Desire You Bretheren, to Make this Known When You Come home: And Let us Know Who Were the Transgressors, and that You Do your Endeavour to Prevent Such Murders for the future ~~and it is our Opinion that the Governour of Canada has [Known?] this, and We are Concerned that You [illeg.]~~

~~Also; for We Never [illeg.] Such By You~~

Notwithstanding We Keep unto the Covenant Chain made
With You and . . . Expect You Will Do the Same
then Gave few Strings of Wampon

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners At the House
of Robert Laterage August 31th 1754

Present

Col M. Schuiler

Col Marshall

the Mayor

the Recorder

Jacob C. Ten Eick

The Mayor Delivered to this Board four Strings
of Wampon, Which Killian Redder Delivered
this Morning to him

and Said they Were Given to him

by the Cagnawage Seachems

Who Were Here Lately, and Desired him to
Deliver them to this Board, and to Assure
this Board (for them) that they Kept themselves
Strictly to what they had Promised the Commissioners

Ordered that a Copy of the following Letter Be
Wrote to his Honour the Governour of New York

Albany August 31th 1754

May it Pleas Your Honour

We hope You Have Received our Letter Dated 28th Instant
By the Express, Giving You An Account of Hosack Being
Cut of; Since Which We have Received the following
Melancholly Accounts, of the Demages there Done By the
Enimy (to Wit) Hans Jurre [illeg.] Primmer & his Son
Who Both Were there During the Whale [whole] Transaction, Who
Informed Col: M: Schuyler as follows.

He Came from there yesterday About Ten a Clack, he Says
that a Party of Indians Came So Near to him and his Son,
that he thaught He Could Not Have Excaped them: for he
Was About 30 Yards from them, and heard them Talk Dutch
together; then took Particular Notice of them, and Counted
that Party to Be About 16-- or 17 In Number, and he
Belives that Several of the Schackok Indians Were Among
them, and Says further that he Wass Sure 14 Houses, With
Barcks and Barns are Burned and Distrayed, and the
Cattle that Were About the Houses Were Killed. and this

Day Rudolf Kidney Appeared, Who Went there yesterday
With a Party of five Man to Se See] What Mischief there
Wass Done, and Returned Back Just Now, and Informed
us, that All the Houses, on the East Side of the Creek
as for as he has Been, Were Burned, as Also the Bariks
and Barns, and Several Cattle and Horses Killed.
there is Still 5 Men Missing. and it is very

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Shocking to Se [see] the Contry People Come In from All Quarters
With their famelies and affects, We have Nothing More to
Add, But if We get any further Intelligence, We Shall
Acquaint You

We Remain Your Honours
Most Obediant Humble
Servant

Hubert Marshall
Myder Schuyler
Robert Sanders
Jacob C: Ten Eick
John Beekman

At a Meeting of the Commiss:^s at Letreges
Sep^t 5th 1754

Present

Capt Cernelius Cuiler
the Mayor
the Recorder
Jacob C Ten Eick
Col M. Schuiler
Col Marshall
Johannes Beekman
Peter Winne

2 Cagnewage Indians Being Sent for
to this Board, Who Arrived Last Night In
Town from Canada

The Commissioners Asked them Whether
they Could Not Inform them, Who

Were the Transgressors at Hosack, and What Wass the
Occation of their So Murdering the People
they Replyed, that the Schachkok Indians Have Several
times Sent to the Annagungas Indians of S.^t frensway,
to Come and Assist them to take Revenge, for one of their
Bretheren, Killed By Negroes In Albany and flang In the River.
and that they Know No Other Reason; and that Neither they,

Nor the Governor of Caneda have any hand In it, and
that they Both Despised the Same, and Says further, that
those Seachems that have Renewed the Covenant here,
Are Very Much Concerned About the affiar, and
Will Do their Utmost Endeavor to Hinder their Doing
So for the future: he Says he Met them Agoing
home

Also a letter Wass Braught In from his Honour

Ordered that the following Letter Be Wrote Immediately
and Sent Down By Cap^t Jacob Ten Eick, With All the Minutes
Inclosed Until this Day

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Albany 5th September 1754

We Rece:^dYours of the 9th Ultimo and have
Noted the Contents; We Dont Know, But What We Have
Intirely Done Our Duty, from time to time as Commissi=
=oners of Indian Affairs, and Shall Do So as Long as We
Remain In this Post.

What Evir Hendrik Said of us, at the Last Treaty With
Your Honour ~~at Albany~~ is Intirely falls, as Appears
By Our Minutes, Which the Mayor and Recorder has Delivered
to You, Which We Expected, Would have Convinced You
of Our Conduct, We Assure Your Honour that Hendrick
When he Comes In town, is Always About Som Land Affairs
With Som Body or an Other.

We Also Received this Morning an Other Letter Dated the 31th
Ultimo. Concerning the three Belts Which the Anondage Indians
Sent to the Governour of Virginia, they Did Not Say on What
Occasion or for What Purpose the Were Sent.

As to the firing Guns at the Arrival of the french Indian Seachems
When they Laid About a Mile Above Albany, they Sent Word, that
they Would fire three Vallies, and it Wass there upon agreed that
they Should Be Answered By a few [~~Great?~~] Guns: Accordingly
~~We~~ Col Marshall Was Desired by the Magestrates, to fire few
for it is Always Done When our Indians Come to Caneda
Agreable to Yours We Will Send for Mindert Wemple and
Endeavour to Send him With M:^r Renselaars Nephew
to the Senecas Contry, and We Will Endeavour to Send an Other
Smith to Anondage Cassel. Inclosed You have All our Minutes
to this Day Which We Would have Sent You Sooner, But on
Account of the Late Disturbance our Clerk Could Not Get them
Done. Since Our Last to you, We Have had Intilligence

from Hosack, that one Samuel Barns is Killed and Scalpt & an Other Man Wounded. So that there is Only Now But one Man Missing, and Sinckajek totally Burnt, and At Hosack all the Houses, Barns and Barcks, on the East side of the Creek there, as to Our Trans=
=actions In general, We Beg Leave to Refer You To the Inclosed Minutes. Last Munday Went from this Town to Hosack

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Above 100 Men Whoom We Look for Every Minute, and Expect then More of the Porticulars

We Remain With Great Respect
Your Honours Most Humble Servent
Hubert Marshall
Myndert Schuiler
Cornelius Cuiler
Robert Sanders
Peter Winne
Jacob C: Ten Eick
Johannes Beekman

P.S. our People is Just Now
Come Home from Hosack
and Say No More a^[bt] Above

Resolved that a Letter Be Wrote to Myndert Wimple of Which the following is a Copy

Albany 5th September 1754

Sir

By Order of the Commissioner of Indian affairs, am
to acquaint ~~acquaint~~ Desire You to Come Down to Albany,
on the Request of the Governour

I am

Sir Your Humble Ser:^v
Abraham Yates Ju:^r Dep: Secratary

at a Meeting of the Commissioners at Latreges Sep^t 6th
1754

Present
Col Marshall
Col M Schuiler
the Mayor
the Recorder
Jacob C: T: Eick
John Beekman
Peter Winne

a Letter Wass Delivered In at this Board,
from his Honour the Liutenant Governour
at New-York by the Express

At A Meting of the Commissioners at
the House of Edward Williams Septem.^r 10th 1754

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Cornelius Cuiler
Jacob C: T: Eick
Col M: Schuyler
Hubert Marshal
Capt Winne
John Beekman

Resolved By this Board that the
following Letter Be Wrote to his
Honour the Lieutenant Governour of
New York

Albany 10 Septem^r 1754
May it Please Your Honour
We Have Recev:^d Yours of the [?]th Instant
By the Express, and Noted the Contents.

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Contents, and In Obediance thereto, We Have Endeavoured
to Git All the Material Intilligence In Our Pawer About the
Cutting aff: of Part of Hosack & Sinckhaick Totally Save one
House, the Affidavits You Have Here Inclosed, We had Already
Acquainted Our Indians of this Treacherous affair, and We are
Glad to See Your Honour Intends to Represent the Iniqui=
=ty of this Affair to the General at Canida, for the Damage
Sustained thereby is at Least Ten thousand Pounds. and had
it Not Been for the Intilligence Sent Here By the Anne=

=Gungue Seachems and Warriors, that had Been Here ~~By~~ to
treat With us, We Humbly Conceive
that All the Poor People Might Have Been Killed. and
We Can Assure You that the People af Hosack and Sinckhaijk
Are In a Deplorable Condition, and Want Assistance to
Subsist

We are With Great Respect Your
Honours Most Obediant Hamble Servants
Hubert Marshall
Myndert Shiuler
Cornelius Cuiler
Peter Winne
Robert Sanders
Sybrant Van Schajck
Johannes Beekman
Jacab C: Ten Eyck

Then Several Accounts Being Produced to the Board,
Being a[ll?] Examined, and the folowing Allowed

1 to Robert Laterage for freight to Schonegtonde and Beef for the Indians, Amounting to	£	3: 19: 6
1 D:° of Nicolaas Cuiler		--- 9: ---
1 D: of Benjeman Williams		9: 10: 6
1 D° of Strats Van Santfort for Gunsmiths Work		1: 10: 6
1 D° of Mary Egvert for Porck		1: 3: 7 1/2
1 D° of Abram Peek and Jacab Cooper for Beef to the Indians		3: 18: 3 1/2 17: 2
1 D° of Cornelius Cuiler		
2 of Jacobus Clement, on Amounting to £ [3: 1/4] for Sundry Services Done a Intirpreter and Also a Jorney to the Mohacks Contry With the Cagnewages Seachems, as Also one Account Amounted to 5/8 In All		3: 5: 8
1 D° of Robert Wendle for Sundry Services done as ~~Interpreter~~ , As Also for a Journey to Schackkock		00: 20: ---

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Ordered that the Above Accounts Be Paid By John
Beekman out of the Commissioners Mony Lodged In
his Hands

then 2 Letters Wass Brought In this Board, one from
His Honour the Governour and one of M:^r Philip Verplank, the Same
Being Read

Resolved that the Same Be taken In Consideration Until
to Morrow at two a Clock In the Afternoon

At a Meeting of the Commissioners at the
House of ~~Robert~~ Edward Williams Siptember 11th 1754

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Col Marshall
Col M Schuiler
Jacob C Ten Eick
Cap^t Winne
Cap Beekman

Several Carpenters Being Sent for
this Board Asked them, Whether they Would take
upon them to Build a fort at the Little Carrying
Place at Saragtogue: upon the Credit of the
Province. they Replyed. that they Would
Consider upon the Matter, and Give Answer to Morrow
Morning at Nine a Clock

At a Meeting of the Commissioners at the
House of Edward Williams Sep:^t 12th 1754

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Col Marshall
Col: M Schuyler
Jacob C: Ten Eick
Cap John B: V: Renselaar
Cap John Beekman
Peter Winne

Myndert Wimple Appeared to this Board
Who Being asked Whether He Would Go to
the Senecas Contry With Wendle the Nephew

of John Renselaar
Replied that he had Several Sons, Who
Understand the Indian Language; Which
He Perceived this Wendle Does Not.
And if the Governour Would Be Pleased
to give him Leave to take Such of his
Sons Along With him, (Who are Able to Do All Smiths
Which is there Required) He Will take upon him to Go
Else Not

Also the Carpenters Being Sent for
Replied that they Would Not take upon them to find
the Materials
and further, that if they Should Go they Would Insist Having
their Wages a Little Raised, Which they Will Not Leave
to the Discretion of the Assembly, Since there are So
Many Examples of Laborers, Who When they Delivered

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Delivered their Accounts to the Assembly; (Moderately
Charged), Had them Cut off Considerably

Resolved that the following Letter Be Wrote to his Honour
the liutenant Governour

Albany 12th September 1754

May it Please Your Honour

We Have, According to Your Order, Sent for Myndert
Wimpel, and Asked him Whether He Would Go to the Senecas
Contry, With Wendle the Nephew of Mr John Renselaar,
He Replied that He Had Several Sons, Who Understand
the Indian Language, Which he Perceives this Wendle Does
Not, and if Your Honour Would Be Pleased, to Give him
Leave to take Such of his Sons Along With him, (Who
Are Able to Do All Smiths Work Which is Required there)
He Will take upon him to go, Else Not. He Also Informed
this Board, As P:^r Inclosed You Will find
and We have Sent for All the Principal Carpenters here
In Town About the Building of the fort, Som of them
Being Ingaged, and Others Scrupal to Work and find
Materials on the Credit of the Government. We Shall
[fixe] Advertisements, both here and at Schonegtande
to try Whether We Can find Any that Will Comply
M^r Verplanck Writes us that the Present State of his family
Will Not Allow his Being Absent from home

We Remain With Great Respect
Your Honours Most Obediant
Humble Servent
Hubert Marshall
Myndert Schuiler
Cornelius Cuiler
Robert Sanders
Jacob C: Ten Eick
Peter Winne
John B: V: Renselaar
John Beekman

To the Honorable James
De Lancey Esq:^r His Majesties
Liutenant Governour and
Commander In Chief of
the Province of New York
at New York

Resolved that the Clerk Write Advertizements
and get them [fixed] up here and At Schonegtende
In the following Manner

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Advertisement

Whereas the Honorable James De Lancey Esq:^r His Majestie[s]
Leiutenant Governour and Commander In Chief of the
Province of New York &^{ca} With Advice of his Majesties
Council, Has Ordered that a fort Be Built at the Little
Carrying Place Just Above Saragtogue, and Desired
the Commissioners of Indian Affairs to Employ Proper
Persons to Build the Same
In Obediance thereto the Said Commissioners, Desire
All ~~Persons~~ Carpenters, Labouring Men and Waggoners
Who Are Inclined^d to Work to the Said fort, to Apply to the
Said Commissioners at the House of Edward Williams
A Monday the 16th Instant at 2 a Clock In the Afternoon
Albany 13th September 1754

By Order [Of]
Abraham Yates Ju^r Dep Se^t

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs
at Albany [13] September 1754

Present

the Mayor

Cor:^s Cuiler

Ja: C: Ten Eick

John Beekman

John B: V: Renselaar

Peter Winne

Between 30 and 40 Onyde Seachems and
Warriers Appeared to this Board
And Said Bretheren, You Lately Sent
a [Message] to us (vide minutes of the 13th Augst
1754) On Account You Heard that a Great
Number of us Were Agoing to Caneda and
Desired us Not to go, and that Kawage With 2, 3, or 5 at
the Most Should Come here Where upon We agreed
to Send the french flag and Belts Back to the Prest. and Come
Now here to hear and See What Cawege Does here
Had We But gon to Caneda, there We Would have Got handsome
Presents, the french Understand, the Indian Affairs Better
then Your People does, they are more generous; and that Draws
the Affections of the Indians (from You) to them
A Letter Wass Braught In from Col: Marshall, on
Account of the Indians firing their Guns Last Night
When they Came In Town, and Also Informed this Board
that the Said Indians had [Insulted] Daniel M Michal

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and his family at the [Vere berg]

and desires the Board to take the Same Into Consideration

the Commissioner[s] Made the following Speech to them

Bretheren We are Glad to See You All here, that We Have an
Oppurtunity to Smoke a Pipe together, as We Sent a Message to
Inform You, that Hosacks Being Dimolished, We Dont doubt, But
that you have heard it

Bretheren We heard Som time Ago, that a Number of You
Were Ready to Remove to Caneda In order to Live there
We therefore Sent Cap: Magin, and Arent Stevins the Interpreter,
to Desire You Not to Go, You then Replyed that the News
Wass Nott So Bad as We had heard, that there Wass only 2 or 3
to Go to Retorn the Belt and flag to the french Priest, (for
Which We Heartily thank You), they then Went from Onyde
to the Carrying Place to Speak With Cawege, Who they there Likewise

found, and Invited him to Albany. As the Seachem Caweges
Predecessor has Never Been to Caneda, and Kawege Being
Named (Carunda or Tree) after him, We hope he Shall follow
the Maxime Not to Go there Also. and we Now Appoint
him to Be a Seachem In the Room of that Seachem Called
Carunda or tree; Deceased, and to Confirm him In that Post We
Give him one Aurora Blanket, a Silver Laced hat, and a
Shirt

We Have Lately Received a Letter from the Governour
Who Says that he Could Not have Expected, after he and So
Many Commissioners from the Several British Governments
had Treated With You In the Name af the Great King
Your father, that You Would So Soon forget Your Selves,
And Your Promises, as to Be Led Away By So Plean [plain?]
An Artifice of the french Who aim at Nothing but
Disuniting and Weakening You, and the Governour Would
take it very ill if You Should Be So Treacherous as to
Go to the french

We are Sorry that We are Obligated to Acquaint You
that Complaints are made to us that Som of Your Men ~~Last Night~~
Yesterday at the Verreberg, on their Coming to Town Assaulted
and forced Rum from Daniel M Michel, and frighted Not
Only his family, But Also his Nabours family to a very

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Great Degree, and We our Selves, have been both Ear and
Eye Witnesses of a very Odious Action, that Som of Your Men
did Last Night, on there coming to Town. Now Since We are
Bretheren and friends together We Desire You Not to Molest
or Abuse Any of Our People ~~for the future~~ By the Way
Nor to Commit or Be Guilty of Such Like Actions ~~for the~~
~~future~~ as your Men Did Last Night here In Town for the future
for it Might Be of Bad Consiquence on Both
Sides, Since You Know We have Lately Been Surprized (In
time of Peace) By Som Treacherous Enemy

At a meting of the Commissioners at Albany
September 14th 1754

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

Joh: Beekman

John B: V: Renselaar

Cap. Winne

Cor Cuiler

Jacob C Ten Eick

the Onyde Seachems and Warriars

Replied to the Spech of Yesterday

Bretheren as to the News of the
Verreberg We have Enquired Into, and find
the Same to Be Groundless, However
We Shall take Care for the future

that No Such happen By Either Seachems
or Warriars. it Seems there is a Discord Between You and
the french, We Will Mediate the Difference as much as
Lies In our Power on Both Sides, and if that Will Not [do]
and we Should Be Attacked

We Shall Joyn you, and Dye Hand and Hand According
to the Old Covenant,

You Have Desired that Kawege Should follow the Steps
of his Predecessor (Caronda) Who Never Wass at Caneda.
He Also Never Came here to treat With the Governour,
But Wass Always Busy With the five Nations to Strength
=en and Pecify them, and Did Only Look this Way
When You Perswaded us, Not to Go to Caneda, You Said
What Will You Do there, is it for a Gun or two, You Know
Our Bretheren have more goods then they. We are
Now Come here, Consider What Quantity of Goods We
Would have Got, if We had Gone to Caneda With Such
a Number. We See Whatt You are agoing to Give us,
Here Lays 20 Blankets & 10 Shirts With Pipes and tobaco.
We Desire You to take Care of this Indian Whoom You

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Have Invited, Whose affection is Now Set upon You
And Promises Never to Go to Caneda

You Som time Past Got Letters from Ohio; Whereby

You had Intilligence, that Som af the five Nations

And All the Shawenos had Joyned the french (In the

Battle vide Minutes of 3th August 1754) against your People and Desired that Every
Nation Should Call his People Who Were Scattered about the [contry] together

Who Were Reported Should have Joyned the french
We Sent a Massage Accordingly, But they are Not Were
they used to Be, Som are on one Side of the Mountains
And Som on the Other. So that they are Not to Be found
then Gave a Black Belt of=

=Wampon

Bretheren as We have mentioned just Now How faith=
=full We are to You We [once] More tel You, We are
Not Like the Rest of the five Nations Who only talk With their
Mouths, And Dont Mean it With their hearts, But
We Speak it from the Botem of Our Hearts, that We
Shall Always Keep hand and hand Until We Dye together
there upon Give a Large Belt

We Desire You that No Rum Be Sent up the
River, there are Now Again 3 Dead, Who Dyed from the
Rum. the Rum is Entirely the Ruin of our Nation
We Can Do No manner of Business; Neither Can
We take Care of the News

The Commissioners Replyed them
Bretheren You Seem to Express Som Discontent About our
Small Presents. You Doubtless must have heard; that our
Governour Wass here Lately, and that he then Gave to the
Six Nations, (By Way of Speaking) Not only a house full of
Goods, But a Whole Street full of All Sorts of Goods, as
Doubtless Som of You have Been Eye witnesses of; if Not
it Must Be Your Own fault, Since You Were All Invited
to Come here, So that You have Nobody to Blame But
Your Own Selves, and if You had Not Your Share thereof
We Look on You to Be Reasonable Man Enough to Know
that, that is Neither the Governours Nor Our fault But
Your Distributers only; for We think that the

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the Presents Were Greater In our opinion then [illeg.]
then Evir We hear the

Governour of Caneda Gave In a Year

You Must Know Bretheren that We are No Governour,
But Only By him appointed, here to Receive and Transfer
News to him and You. Which You Will find We Shall
Always Do, and We Expect that When our Governour Comes
Again, You May then All Come Down, and then We
Belive You Will Not Be any More Dissatisfyed With us.
and We Shall Inform our Governour About the Seachem
Carunda, and take as Much Care of him; and You All

as Can Be Expected,
When You Go home, We Will Give You Som Victuals &
2 Waggon & 3 Casks Rum at Schonegtonde at the Interpreters house

Memorandum of the Present

2 Short gowns for the Squaes
1 Aurora Blanked 1 D° of Strouds
1 pr of Aurora Stockins 1 D° Strouds
1 Hat With silver Lace
20 White Blankets & 10 Shirts
28 lb tobacco one Gross of Pipes
1 Black Coat

At a Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian affairs In Albany September 16th
1754

Present
the Mayor
Jacob C T: Eick
the Recorder
Cap John V: Renselaar
Joh Beekman
Peteres Dow
Col Marshall
Peter Winne

Several Carpenters Laboring men
and Waggoners Appeared to this Board
Resolved that the following Letter Be
Wrote to his Honour the Liutenat
Governour

Albany 16th September 1754

May it Please Your Honour

Sinc our Last of the 12th ~~Instant~~ Current We
Had Advertisement fixed up here and at Schonegtonde
and have had Carpenters and Labourers before us
And We Endeavored to Agree with them to Build a fort
~~Agreeable to Your Order~~ In Obediance of Your Letter, and
At the Place You Directed. But the Carpenters Declyned
Building it, Unless We Would Engage they Should have
8 / P Diem (finding themselves) & Evin then Would have

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One of us to Insure them there full Wages & their
Respective Sums they thereat Earned, Notwithstanding We

Offered to Advance them a Considerable Sum to Purchase
What Necessaries they Should have Occasion of to Carry
Up With them, On the Credit of the Government. and We
Are Sorry We Cant Succeed in this Affair
We are &c

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs at Albany September 21th 1754

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

Cornelius Cuiler

Col M Schuiler

John B: V: Renselaar

John Beekman

Jacob C: Ten Eick

Charles Cook, and Indian of french
and Indian Extraction, and Lives
In the Cagnewage Castel
Who Chiefly Came Down, to Bring
Elizabeth Steal, an English Prisoner
token About 10 Years Ago. Appeared
to this Board,

Who Says he Left Caneda About the 8th September
and Arrived here this Day, and In his Journey
this way About 3 Leagus to the North of Crownpoint, He met ~~About~~
21 Indians from Beekencoor, Known By the Name
af Eastern Indians and About 60 Schagkock Indians
Men Women and Children, Aboard af a vessel Shipt,
By the Commandant af Cruin Point for Want af Canoes
Who told him they had Been Out a fighting to Dear
=field, and had 5 Prisoners, 1 man, 2 Women one of Which
Wass dilivered af a Child In her journey after She Wass
taken, and then one But Did Not Know Whether that
Wass a Garl or Boy

He Says he Asked them What Wass the Reason that they
had Been out a fighting Since it Wass Peace
they Answered that that Wass Nothing for the English
at the fort N: 4 Had Somtime Past Poisonsd ~~Killed~~ 2 Indians, (When at
the Same time, they Sit and Discoursed together, and
Seemd to Be Good frinds) By Giving them a Dram
at Night and In the Morning they Were Both Dead.
Also the English Som time after Killed 3 Indians
Below Dearfield, and Because the People af New England
had Killed these 5 they have Now taken 5 In the Room

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and told him that they Were Now Paid. then Proceeding
to Crownpoint he found 5 More of those Eastern Indians
Who had 4 Scalps.

the Commissioners Asked them Whether they had Been With
those he Met first, He Says No these Scalps they had taken
Below Dearfield. he Says further that he Never heard that
Hosack Wass Cut af Before he Came to Lake Sacrema
from our Mohack Indians.

then the Commissioners Asked him Whether He thought
the Cagnewage Indians Would Not take the Hatched from them
Answered Yes Sure, Else they Would Be Worse then Brutes, Since
So Lately they had Been here to Treat With the Commissioners
the Comm:^{rs} further Asked him, Whether the Man of War Wass
Arrived In Canada, Replies yes: and Braught News that
there Wass No Likelihood af War

they Also Asked him About Ohio

He Replies, that the People Retorned All from their
Excepting 40 Soldiers 20 In Each fort. And those that
Were retorned Were Mostly Sick of the fever, and
Were About 4 or 500 In Number. the Cagnewage
Seachems Just Arrived In Caneda When he Came
Away

the Prisoner Braught here By Charls Cook
Says the General of Caneda and the Comandant
At Crownpoint had Expected an Ambassador
from here

At a Meeting of the Commiss
of the Indian Affairs At Albany Sep^r 24th
1754

Present

Cap Beekman

the Recorder

Cap Cuiler

Col M Schuiler

the Mayor

Cap Winne

Jacob C T Eick

John B: V: Renselaar

Ordered that the following Letter Be
Wrote to his Honour the Governour

May it Please Your Honour
Since Our Last of the 16 Instant to Which
We Refer, had None from You
the Present Serves to Cover and Convey
You Our Minutes, from the 5th
Day,

We are With Profound Respect
Your Honours Most Obediant
Humble Servants

To the Honorable
James De Lancey Esq^r
his Majesties Lieu^t
Governour and
Commander In Chief

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners
At Albany September 25th 1754

Present

Col Marshal
Cap Renselaar
the Recorder
Col M Schuiler
Jacob C Ten Eick
Cap Cuiler
the Mayor
Cap Winne

Jacobus Clement
Interpreter

Kaiengode a french Indian from
Cagnewa Appeared to this Board
Says after he Left Cagnewage
Being at S:^t [Johns] With his Baggage
there he Tarried 4 Days On Account
of the Bad News that Came from
Here, and Whilst he Was there he
Received a Messenger, from the
Cagnewage Seachems; Who told him
to Proceed to Albany and to tell the Commissioners ther[e]
that the Seachems Shall Come to Albany, for this is
too heard, first We have Been With them to Open and
Clear the Road, and Now there is Again Mischief Done.
the Cagnewage Seachems are Men of Knowledge, Who
takes this Very Much to heart, the Governour of Caneda
has Also Been In the Cagnewage Castel, and Says
he Knows Nothing at All About this Affair, and Suposes
the Schaigkok Indians Were the Occasion of it

Ordered that the following Letter Be Wrote to
his Honour the Leutenant Governour at New
York

May it Pleas Your Honour
Since our Last of the 24th Instant, Here Arrived
a Canoe from Caneda With 3 Cagnewage Indians
& a Boy, one of Which We had Before us, and
Braught us a Message from from [sic] the Cagnewate
Seachems, As You Will See By the Enclosed Minute,
We Have Somtime Past, Sent your Honour the Minut
of a Treaty We had With the Cagnewage Seachems
Which Will Be Glad to Receive Your Honours

Answer thereon

if the Cagnewage Seachems Should Come Again this
fall We Would Be Exceeding Glad to have Your Honour

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Honours Advice How to Act With them

We are of Opinion that it is Very Necessary to Keep frind
=ship With them. the Arrival of this Canoe, Encoraged
the People of Schagkok (and Others) to Retorn to their
Habitations Again, In Order to Sow their Lands, Which
Otherwise they Would Not have Done out of fear.
this Indian tells us that there is About 14 Days Ago
Burnt 35 Capital Houses In Montreal, and 3 Church=
es

We Remain Always Your Honours
Most Obediant Humble Servants

At a Meting of the Comm:^r at
Albany September 28th 1754

Present

Cap Beekman

Cap Van Renselaar

M^r Ten Eick

the Mayor

the Recorder

Col Marshal

Col M Schuiler

Cap Cuiler

Cap Winne

Arent Stevens Interpreter

3 Mohack Seachems (to Wit)
Hendrick, Johannes, Sojahowanne,
and several Warries from
Canajoharre, and the Mohacks
Cassel Appeared to this Board
Who Say that Bretheren Ought
to Speak to Each Other, Moderate
~~erately~~ and in a friendly ~~together~~
Manner and Desire

This Board to te [i.e. tell] them, What We have Been
Doing With the Cagnewage Indians,
they Also Enquire for Jacobus Clement, and
Desire the Commissioners to Send for him

Ordered that Jacobus Clement, Be Sent for
Accordingly

then the Commissioners Repeated to them
the Whole Speach (vide August 30th 1754)
the Seachems Replyed We are Now Come to Smoke a Pipe

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With You, and Desire You to tell us What News
You Got Among You, ~~We Also Desire You to tell~~
And In Particular What News You have from Westenhook
We Desire You, Not to ~~hide~~ Conceal Any News from
Us Since We are Bretheren together: for We
have heard that the Stockbridge Indians are All
In Goal:
they further Say that they Shall Conceal Nothing from
the Commissioners, But ~~Reveal~~ Discover Every thing of News
that Lays on ~~Our~~ their hearts

the Commissioners Replyed them
In the following Manour

Bretheren We Dont Remember Since We have
Been Commissioners but Whatt We have told You,
All the News We had from time to time: for You
Wass Present, When We Entered Into the Covenant
Chain, With the Cagnewage Seachems, for themselves
Also the Canissedages, Randax, and Annagungues;
When Hosack Wass Cut of Destroyed, We Imediately
sent You Word: Desiring You to Let All the five
Nations Know Also What had Happened here
As to the News of Westenhook We are hitherto
Ignorant of, for We Never had Any Letter from there
to this Day, But as Soon as they Communicate
to us What happened there, You May Depend We Will
Acquaint You of it, However We have heard by Word
of Mouth On the Streetts, that there Was three Kild
1 of the English
But We have Never hitherto heard ~~heard~~ that there
Were Any Indians Committed to Goal, Here in the house
Are Some People from Kinderhook (Who are Neighbours
to Wistenhook) Who Just Now told, that they Never heard
of Any Indians, Being in Prison,

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What We Now Say We hope Will Satisfy Convince
You, that We have ~~Not~~ hid Nothing (of News) from You
And We are Glad to See You here, and Do Assure You
that We Shall Always Look upon You as Good Bretheren
& Promis to Let You Know from time to time, if Any
News of Moment Should happen

Gave a Belt

Resolved By this Board, that they Are Given Provisions
and £ 4:-- In Cash

then they Replied, Bretheren We thank you for
your Kind Speech, and We are very glad ~~that~~ we Part In ~~Such~~
~~Good friends~~ Such Great Satisfaction and for a token hereof
We Shall Write this In Your Book
(ononwekatirighisi Sa Gentho Skaghneghdutigh) In English
(We have this Day made In Albany Every thing as
Right as it Can Be) ----- Written By the
hand of Powelis By Order of All the Rest

At a Meeting of the Commissioners
At Albany October 2th 1754

Present

Col Schuiler

Cap Beekman

M^r Ten Eick

Cap Van Renselaar

M^r Groenendik

Jacobus Clement

Interpreter

seven Delegates ~~fro~~ Seachems off the
Cagnewage Castle Appeared, and Say
As follows Viz

Bretheren You have had Great Sorrows
together, We Wipe the Tears from your
Eyes, Open Your Understanding, Wash of
Your Blood, Condole the Death of All
the people You have Lost, that

We May Behold Each Other With Joy

Gave few Strings of Wampon

the Commissioners Bid them Welcome, and Said
that Jacobus Clement Shall Go up to Schonegtande to

tell the Interpreter (Arent Stevins) to Invite 3 Seachems of the Mohacks and 3 out of the Canejoharre Castle, to Albany, they they Produced a Letter from a french Priest, With one Inclosed from the

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governour of Montreal

Ordered that the following Letter Be
Wrote to Arent Stevins

Sir

this is to Inform You that 7 Kag=
=newage Delegates are Arrived here Last Night
I am hereby to Desire You, that You forthwith (on
the Receipt hereof Proceed to the Mohacks, and Desire
3 of their Principle seachems one out of Each tribe
to Come to Albany. Also 3 out of the Canejoharry
Castle, In Order to hear the Spech of the Cagnewages

At a Meeting of the Caommissioners
At Albany October 8th

Present

Col M Schuiler
the Recorder
Cap Winne
Jacob C Ten Eick
Cap V. Renselaar
Cap Cuiler
Cap Beekman
the Mayor

Arent Stevins appeared to this board
With the Mohack and
And Canejoharry Seachems and Several
Warriers and one [Scho seachem] (to Wit)
Caniege from Onyde

the Commissioners told them By Arent Stevins, that they
Were Welcome, and that they had Sent for them on
Account of the Cagnewage Delegates, Who Wanted to make
a Speech to them Also Asked them whether they
had Somting to Say first; if Not they Would Send for
the Cagnewages.

then the Commissioners Sent for the Cagnewage
Deligates and told them that they, In Conjunction
With the Mohacks and Canejoharry Seachems Were
Ready to hear them

the Cagnewage Delegates Replied
Bretheren, We Come Now Again to Renew What Our
Bretheren have Done here ~~Lately~~ Som time Ago
the Mischief happened here Lately; You Must Not
Be Very uneasy About; for You Must Not take

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as Done By Man, But as if it Was Done By the
Devil (Meaning A [Percil] of fellons) --- the Last time
when We were here to Renew the Covenant Chain, We
told You that if Any filth or Dirt Should Come In the
Way, We would come and Clear the Same Again, and keep
the Covenant Chain from Rust, and if Any Dark Clouds
Should Come In the Sky, We Would Clear and Separate
----- Which We Do Now Accordingly, and Confirm
the Same By this Belt

Gave a Belt

Bretheren if any thing Should Be Amiss In
What I have Now Said, I Desire to Be Excused
and take No Notice thereof.

Concerning the mischief Lately Done it Seems
We, In Our Contry Differ in Opinion With the
Malefactors; But We Cagnewages Shall Stick to the
Covenant, and Do Our Endeavour With our Allies
to Make Every thing Right

Gave a Belt

Brother Queter We have [Not] Long Since Cleared
the Road, there has Been a Great Stumbling
Block In the Road, We Now Come to Clear it up
and keep the Same Open that You and We may
Pass and Repass

Gave a Belt

At a Meeting of the Commissi=
ners at Albany October 9th 1754

Present
the Recorder
Cap Winne
Jacob C Ten Eick
Cap V: Renselaar
Cap Cuiler
Col M Schuiler
Cap Beekman
the Mayor

the Commissioners In Conjunction
With the Mohacks and Canejiharre
Seachems Replyed the Cagnewages
Bretheren You Wiped the tears
Out of Our Eyes, and Opened our
Understandings, and Wiped the
the Blood, Condole the Death of
People We had Lost. that We Might
Behold Each Other With Joy.
We Likewise Do the Same to You
Gave a Belt

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Bretheren You Renewed What Your Bretheren
Had here Done Lately, and Desired us Not to Be
Very Uneasy About the Mischief Done here Somtime
Ago, and Said that We Must Not take it as Done By
Man, But By the Devil, and that You told us the
Last time When you Was here to Renew the Covenant
Chain, if Any filth or Dirt Should Come In the Way,
You Would Come and Clear it from the Same, and
keep the Covenant Chain free from Rust. and if Any
Dark Clouds Should Come In the Sky, You Would
Clear and Seperate, and You Did the Same
Accordingly, and Confirmed the Same By a
Belt. for Which We thank You

Gave a Belt

Bretheren You Desired of us to Be Excused
and that No Notice Might be taken thereof, if
there Should Be Any thing amiss In What You Said
----- You also Say that it Seems You
Are of Different Oppinions With the Malefactors
In Your Contry But that You Will Stick to the
Covenant, and Do Your Endeavours With your Allies

to Make Every thing ~~Easy~~ Right.
We thank You for the Same

Gave a Belt

Bretheren You further Said that you have
Not Long Since Cleared the Road, and that there
Been a Great Stumbling Block In the Way,
Which you Now take out, and keep the Same Open
that We May Pass and Repass.---- We thank for
Your Speech - - - - - Gave a Belt
Bretheren Since Lately one of your Chiefs
(to Wit) Onogregigta &c:^a Were here With us, and
Renewed the Old Covenant Chain for Your Nation
the Canessedages, Annagungues, and Rondax, and Said
he had full Power of them All, So to Do, and soon
After Hosack Wass Cut off to Our Great Surprise,

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And As We Look upon you, to Be the head
of All Your Allies; We therefore Desire you Again
to Use and Do Your utmost Endeavour to
Prevent All Hostalities for the furture, On Any of
his Majesties of his Majesties [sic] Subjects

The Cagnewage Delegates Replyed
Bretheren We thank You hartily for Your Speech
We Shall Consider on the Last Paragraph When
We Come In Our Castle

Ordered that Arent Stevins Send few
Strings of Wampon to Canejoharre, to Desire
the Seachems ~~there~~ to Rebuke the Warriors
there for the Mischief done by them In Going up

Ordered that a Present Be made to the
Mohack and Conejoharre Seachims of £ 4: 8: In Cash

Ordered that the following Letter Be
Wrote In Answer to the Letter of the french Priest

Albany 9th Octo 1754

Gentelman

We have Received Your Letter of
the 16 Instant by Iannsies, Also that of
Your General, Inclosed In yours.
We Shall Send them Both to Our Governour
At New York

We are With Respect

Gentlemen

Your Most Humble
Servants,

To
the Missioneries R. R. Belliard
And Jordan

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At a Meeting of the Commiss.

[at] Albany 10.th October 1754

Present

Col M Schuiler

Cap Cuiler

Cap V: Renselaar

Peter Winne

Jaconus Mynders

Cap John Beekman

Ordered that the following
Letter Be Wrote to his
Honour the Governour of
New York

May it Please Your
Honour

Received Yours of [28th] Ultimo We Shall
Send Governour Dinwiddies Speech With the
Belts up to Onondage, With a Proper Person
Cap Winne Will Deliver the Account for Said
Purpose. Here Inclosed We Send Your Honour,
the Proceedings, Since the 27 Ultimo, together
With 2 Letters, one from the Missionaries and
One from the Governour of Caneda, the Same
Being translated, We have a Vast Deal
of troble With the Business of the Indian
Affairs, and our Mony is Exhausted Long Since

Which We hope Your Honour Will
Recommand to the Assembly to Enlarge
the Same
the 7 Deligates from ~~Cagne~~ Caneda
Went Away this Day

We are Your Honours most
Obediant Humble Serv[ants]

~~At a Meeting of the~~
~~Commissioners of Indian Affairs~~
~~At Albany october 11th 1754~~

Present
Capt Cuiler
Col Schuiler
John Beekman
Jacob C Tin Eick
the

~~Appeared to this Board Mynder[t]~~
~~Wemple & Hendrik Wendle, Who~~
~~Were appointed by his Honour the~~
~~Liutenand Governour, to Reside~~
~~In the Sinecks Contry for the Ens[uing]~~
Winter Until
to Whoom the following Were given

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At a Meeting of the Comm^{rs}
of Indian Affairs at Albany October 11
1754

Present

Col M: Schuiler

Cornelius Cuiler

John Beekman

Jacob C Ten Eick

Appeared to this Board

John Van Size Hendrick M:

Wimple Hendrik Wendle &

Volkert Van Vegten In Order

to Go to the Senecas Contry. to Whoom the Com^r

Gave the following Instructions

Whereas his Honour James

De Lancey Esq:^r his Majesties Liutenant Governour

and commander In Chief of the Colony of

New York &c.^a Has Ordered us to Send You up

to the Senecas contry to Reside there as [Usual]

You Are therefor [as] Soon as conveniently You

Can, to repair thither, and During Your Stay

there, to observe the motions of the french, Which

Now are, Or May Happen to Come Among them

And Prevent their Residing In that Contry if

Possably You Can

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 them Back to their former frindship

to the English Nation. You are Also to Acquaint the

Lieutenant Governour Or Commander In Chief for

the time Being; or to the Commissioners of Indian

Affairs At Albany from time to time With All Such

Intelligence As You Shall there Receive, You are

also to observe the Instructions the Governor, or

We, Shall Send You from time to time

Ordered that the following Accounts

Be Paid, and that M^r Beekman Pay the

Same to Wit

to Leendert Gannvoort £ 00: 8--

to Jacobus Mynderse £ 1: 9

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one of Johannes Bleeker

one D:^o Johannes Lansing

one D^o of Peter Groenendyk £ 1: 8: 8

At A Meeting

October 22

Present

Col Schuiler

Cap Cuiler

the Mayor

Recorder

Resolved that the following Letter Be Wrote
the Lieutenant Governour

Albany October 17th 1754

May it Please Your Honour We have ~~this~~
~~Day Agreed With~~ Sent John Van Sice Hendrick M Wimple
Hendrick Wendle volkert Van Vegten, to Go to the
Senecas Contry, and Gave them the Enclosed Instruc=
=tions, We had first Agreed With Myndert Wemple
Who Would have Gone But is Now taken Sick.
We have Also Sent Michal [Basset?] John J: Bleeker & Harmanes Cuiler to Onondage
As Your Honour Will find By their Instructions
We ~~Should~~ Would Be Very Glad if Som Allowance
~~Should~~ Be made to Jacobus Clement, he has
Done us a Great Deal of Service these 3 Months
Past As Interpreter, Because Arent Stevins Lives
At Such a Distance from here:
and Somtimes Otherwise Employed by [us In Said=]
=Service

We have heard that there is [a] franch Man of War
Arrived In Caneda, Which We Suppose Braught
People

We are Most Respectfully

Your Honours

Most Humble Servants

Instructions

for Michal Basset, John J: Bleeker & Harmanus
Wendle,

Whereas the Honorable James De Lancey
Esq:^r his Majesties Lieutenant Governor and
Commander In Chief of the Colony of New York
&c^a has Ordered Us to Send a Smith to Onondage

to Reside there As [Usuel]
You are therefore As Soon as Posseably You Can to
Repair thither and During Your Stay there, to Do

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At the Work Of Smith And Gunsmith and to
Observe the Motions of the french, Which May happ[en]
to Come among them, and Prevent there residing
In that Contry if Posseably You Can

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 them Back to their former friendship to
the English Nation, You are Also to Acquaint
the Lieutenant Governour Or Commander In Chief
for the time Being, or the Commissioners of the Indian
Affairs At Albany from time to time With All Such
Intelligences You Shall there Receive. You are
Also to Observe the Instructions the Governour or
the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs Shall Send
You from time to time
Give Under Our hands
At Albany Oc:^r 22th 1754

Memorandum that [Hans] Hanson Present Mayor
for the City of Albany is Qualifid as Commissioner
of the Indian Affairs

at a meeting of the Commiss
of Indian Affairs at Albany October 26
1754

Present
Col M Schiuler
Hans Hansen
the Recorder
Cap Beekman

Instructions for [Hendricus] Wim=
ple Blacksmith John Glen Junior and
[Gose] S: Van Schaick

Whereas the Honorable James
Delancey Esq:^r his Majesties Lieutenant Gover=
nour and Commander In Chief of the Colony of New

York &c:^a has Ordered us to Send a Smith to Caiuga
As Usual

You are therefore as Soon as Posseable
to Repair thither and During Your Stay
there to Do the Work of Gunsmith and Blacksmith
and to Observe the Motions of the french, Which

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Which May happen to Come Among them
and Prevent their Residing In that Contry
if Passeably You Can

You are Likewise to Do Your Utmost
Endeavour to keep the Indians firm to his
Majesties Interist, and those that are Wavering
In their Allegiance to his Said Majesty, You
Are to use Your Utmost to Bring them Back
to their former frindship to the English Nation,
You are Also to Acquaint the Lieutenant Governour
or Commander In Chief for the time Being
or the Commissioners, or the Commissioners
of the Indian Affairs at Albany from time
to time, With All Such Intilligence as You
Shall there Receive, You are Also to Observe the
Instructions the Governour, or the Commissioners
of the Indian Affairs Shall Send You from
time to time
Given Under Our Hands
At Albany October 26th 1754

At a meeting of the Commiss=
at Albany November 5th 1754

Present
Col M Schuiler
the Mayor
the Recorder
Cornelis Cuiler

Resolved that the following
Lett Be Wrote to the Governour

Albany November 5th 1754
May it Please Your Honour
We have Received Your of the 21th
Ultimo, and have Agreeable to your Request
Sent Hendricus Wimple John Glen Ju:^r &

Gose S: Van Schaick to Caiuga (With the
Inclosed Instructions, a Place Where is Little
or No trade

We Remain With Great Respect
Your Honours
most Obediant Humble
Servants

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At a Meeting of the Commiss
of Indian Affairs At Albany the 9 Decem^r 1754

Present

Coll M: Shuiler

Jacob C: Ten Eick

Cor: Cuiler

Joh.^o Beekman

Peter Winne

Appeared Before this Board 12 Chirekee
Indians Men Women & Children

Ordered that the Clerk Gave them
a Copy of the following Licence

This Day appeared Before us (the Commissioner[s]
of the Indian Affairs) the Bearers hereof: Who are
Cheraikie Indians Being 12 In Number, and from
there taken Captives By the french Indians, About
two Years Ago, and from thence Run Away and
Came here, With an Intent to Proceed to their Own
Contry, and We taking Compassion on them
have thought Proper, to Assist them on their Journey
And therefore Sent Jacobus Clement to Guide them
to Esopas, and the Said Commissioners Desires
All Persons Not to Molest them; But to Direct
and Assist them In the Road thither

At a Meeting of the Commission^{rs}
of Indian Affairs At Albany Decemb
24th 1754

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Cap Van Renselaar
Col M: Schuiler
Capt Cuiler
Cap. Winne
Cap Beekman
Jacob Ten Eick

A Letter Was Brought this
Board from his Honour Liu^t
Governour De Lancey Dated 25
November 1754

Ordered that the following Be
Wrote, An Answer thereto

Albany December 27th 1754

Sir

Your favour of the 30th Ultimo We
We Rec.^d and Noted the Contents. As to A Particu
lar Account What Passed Between the Mohacks
and Cagnewage Indians, When Clement Went up
Along With them We then Wrote A Letter Along
With him to Coll Johnson; Desiring him to
take Notice of Whatt Passed Between the

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Mohacks and Cagnewage Indians,

[several lines crossed out and illegible]

And When Clement Came Away

he told him he Would Write it Down; But has Never
Sent it to Us, And as he is a Member of this Board,
We thought that he had Transmitted it to
Your Honour Long Ago.

Notwithstanding We have Now Enquired of Jacobus
Clement, What Passed Between them As Your Honour
Will See By the Enclosed Affidavit.

As to What Passed Between us and the Mohacks We have
Already Sent You Down In Our Minutes, and Know
of Nothing Else.

Relating Governour Shirlies Printed Spech, Concerning
his Intilligence from Augquage; the Greatest Part

of Which is Chiefly the Business Wherefore We Sent
Cap Teady Magin & Arent Stevins up Vide Minutes
August 14th 1754, and Concerning the Batoes, We
have heard that they have Been to Oneida, Cajuga
And Onondage Castles, for to trade for Gin Sang
Roots We Shall Enquire Whether a Well
Can Be Sunck at the Place Were M:^r Schuiler
Lived, And What Stockadoes Will Cost, and Whether
there is Plenty of Stone and Lime.

Inclosed You have a Plan of fort Massachusits
Made By One of the Man Out of that
fort. We Shall Be Carefull About
the Motions of the french, But it is Impossible
that We Can Know Every Individual thing, that
Pases Among the Indians, Our Interpreter Lives
to a Distance, from here And Never Gives us
Any Intilligence.

Inclosed You Also have A Copy of Our
Minutes

We Remain

Your Honours

Most Obedeant Humble

Servants

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City of Albany

December 28

1754

then Appeared Before me Hans Ha[nsen]
Esq:^r Mayor. Jacobus Clement, Who Be[ing]
Duly Sworn Sworn On the Holy Evangelis[t]
of the Almighty God, and On his Oath

Doth Say that Som time In August Past, he Wass Sent
to the Mohacks to Accompany the Cagnewage Seachem[s]
And Observe their treaty, With a Letter to Coll Johnson
from the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, Desiring
him to take Notice Also of What Passed Between them
And Says he Wass Present at the Treaty.

He Says that the Cagnewages Condoled the Death of
of the Son of Nickus the Seachem, Who Dyed At Caneda
And told the Mohacks What Care they had taken of
him, As Also the french Priest: how he had Buried
him Into Holy Ground, and Did Not Doubt But
that he Will happy for that very Reason
then Gave few Strings

they Said farther that it Seemed as if the Road had
Been full of Old trees and Stumbling Blocks,
Which they Were Come to Clear from Cagnewage to
Canajoharre

there upon Gave A Belt
they Said further Bretheren Since We have
Cleared the Road, and Nothing Being In the Way,
We Desire ~~You~~ that our & Your Yong People May
Pass and Repass to and again

there upon Gave a Belt
they further Said. Bretheren if You Should hear Any Bad
News, We Desire You Not to take Notice of it, But Go &
See from Whence it Proceed from, As We Will Do Likewise

there upon Gave a Belt
The the Mohacks Replyed, By Repeating Every Paragraph
of the Cagnewages; & Exchanged the Belts; And then Said
that they Would Look upon the Road, and See Whether
they Would keep it Clear

the Deponent Says further, that he tould Coll Johnson that
he Would Write it Down, Whereupon Col. Johnson Said he Would Also.
the Deponent Says further, that they have had Private
Meetings Out of his Presence, But What Passed he Cannot
Say. and further Says Not
Hans Hansen Jacobus Clement

1755

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs At Albany Janu:^r 3th 1755

Present

Cap Winne

the Recorder

Cap: John B: V: Renselaar

Jacob C: Ten Eick Esq^r

Cap: Co: Cuiler

Hans Hanson Esq^r Mayor

Skanegrade a Principal

Seachem from Caiuga appeared
to this Board, Who Expresses Great
Joy to Meet us here In Perfect
healt, and Assures us of his fidilily
ty, Who from his youth has been

Linked In the Covenant Chain

He Says that Som time Past, he Intended
to Go Out A fighting, But On his Jorney the Warriors
Got Sick, and So Wass Oblidg:^d to Retorn home= When
he heard that Hendrick Wimple Wass Sent By the
Governour to Reside Among them (In Caiuga) as Black=
=smith (for Which they Were All very Glad) But on his
Arrival there, he found that the Ballace Wass Broke &
Cut to Peces. the Indians then Advise'd him to Go to
the Senecas Contry to do their Work there; Which Wimple
Consented to, But In his Jorney ~~there~~ he found a french man,
Who Lived Between Caiuga & the Senecas Contry Who
Could Mend the Bellace, & Did it Accordingly.

then Gave a Belt

The Commissioners Replyed

Brother We are Also Glad to See You here, and that You are
Well Satisfied With the Smith the Governour Sent to Your
Castle, and hope you Shall Always Keep Your Self firm to
the Covenant, As You have Just Now Expressed; But are
Sorry to find that your People has Distroyed the Belles.
We Desire You to take Better Care of the tools for the
future. and Also that you Dont Go Out a fighting to
Any of his Majisties Indian Allies
We Shall Satisfy You for Comming Down

then two Letter Was Braught to this Board, one
of John Van Size [out] of the Senecas Contry one from Hendrick Wimple from
Caiuga

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs at Albany January 9th 1755

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Col: Schuiler
Cap: Winne
Cap: Cuiler

Resolved that the Clark Write the
the following Letter to the Interpreter

To M^r Aarent Stevens
Sir

You are Directly after the Receipt
Hereof, to Go to the Mohacks Contry to Git 3 trusty
Indians, to See What Passes at Crown point, & if You
Can Git None there then You are to go to Canejo=
=harre & git 3 there

By order of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs
Abraham Yates Ju:^r D Secr^y

Ordered that the following Be Wrote an Answer to the
Letter of John Van Sice

Albany January 9th 1755

To M^r John Van Sice
Sir

Yours of the 23 Decem:^r Came
to Hand. As to the News from Ohio, We hope May
Be true: Altho We Doubt it, and Concerning the
Indian Corn, We Shall Let the Governour Know there of.
We Send You the Medal By Volkert Van Vegten
You are to take Special Care of the Indians; that they
Dont go A fighting, Against Any of his Majesties
Subjects, Or Indian Allies to the Southward

By Order &c:^a

the following Wass Wrote
To M^r Hendrik Wimple

January 9th 1755

Sir

Yours of 22 Decemb:^r Come to hand
We are Sorry You had the Misfortune that the

Ballace Was Broke But it is well
You Got the Same Mended
Again & are at Work, & that the Indians are Well Pleased
With You, and hope You Will Do Your Endeavour
to Please the Indians, & that You Will take Special Care, that
they Don't Go A fighting, Against Any of his Majesties
Subjects, or Indian Allies to the Southward
By Order &c^a

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian affairs at Albany January 9th 1755

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Coll: Schuiler
Cap Cuiler
Cap Winne
Cap Beekman
M^r Ten Eik

John Davison Who is Employed By the
Government of Pensalvania to Conduct two
Indian Chief to Onondge (to Wit, Scarroyady &
Arons, one of the Oneide & the Other of the Seneke
Nation; Along With the Said Indians
Appeared to this Board. Said Davison
Produces a pass from the Lieut Governour of
Pensalvaia, Also one of the Liu^{en} governour

of New York

The Commissioners Bid them Welcome
& Wiped the Tears out of their Eyes According to the
Usuel Ceremony And Shewed them All Sivelities then Desired them to Say
their News.

The Chiefs Replied

Bretheren We thank You for that you have
Wiped the tears Out of Our Eyes & Cleard Our hearts
&c^a Which We Do Likewise
they Produced a Letter from Gove:^r Delancey to this
Board

Ordered that a Slee Be Given as far as the Mohacks
for the Chiefs

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs at Albany January 13th 1755

Present

Sybrant Van Schaick Recorder

Hans Hansen Mayor

John Beekman

Jacob Ten Eick

Col: M: Schuiler

Cornelius Cuiler

the following Accounts Were
Delivered at this Board & Examined

One Account from Abraham Douw	£	1: 10: ----
1 D:° from Joh ^s Lansing		--- 04: 8 --
1 D:° from John Fryer		1: 02: 6 --
1 D:° from Jacob Cooper		3: 18: 6 --
1 D:° from Myndert Schuiler		19: 02: 7 --
1 D:° from Peter Winne		19: 08: 0: 1/2
1 D:° from Niolas Cuiler		---: 3: --: --
1 D:° from Jacob C: Ten Eyck		25: 3: 2: --
1 D:° from Robert Sanders		13: 0: 6: --
1 D:° from Jacob Lansing		2: 16: 8: --
1 D:° from Sybrant V: Schaik		15: ---: --: --
1 D:° from Robert Latterage		14: 17: 6: --
1 D:° from John Beekman		9: 4: 9: 1/2
1 D:° from Cornelius Cuiler		59: 11: 3:
1 D:° from Tedy Magin		<u>10: ---: --: --</u>
	£	194: 13: 2
1 D:° from Jacobus Clement		16:
		195: 19: 2

Resolved that the Above Account Be Paid

M:^r John Beekman Be Pleased to Pay out of
the Commissioners Mony Lodged In Your Hands
the Several Above Accounts, Amounting to One Hundred
& Ninety five Pounds Nineteen Shillings & Two Pence
& their Receipts Shall Be Your Discharge

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Ind[ian]
affairs At Albany January 14th 1755

Present

Col Schuiler

the Mayor

M:^r Ten Eick

Cap^t Cuiler

Cap V Renselaar

Cap Winne

Cap Beekman

Arent Stevins Appeared to this Board

With three Indians to Go to Crownpoint

to Wit (Lorence) Set, & Johannes

the Commissioner Agreed With them

for 4/. P^r Day, they are to take Each

two Blankets of Strouds In Payment, & the Remainder

In Mony. they are to Spend No more than

12 Days or 15 At Most, they are to Be Provided

With a Buckskin to Make Shoes, they are

Also to have Powder & Lead, 2 pair Sno Shoes & Provision

At A Meeting of the Commissn^{rs}

of Indian Affairs At Albany Jan^r 17th 1755

Present

the Recorder

Cap V: Renselaar

Cap Winne

Cap Cuiler

M:^r Ten Eick

Cap Beekman

the Post Braught a Letter to this

Board from Governour Delancy

Dated 10th January 1755

Resolved that the Same Be taken

Into Consideration

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs At Albany January 20th 1755

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Col Schuiler
Cap V: Renselaar

Jacobus Clement
Interpreter

Canotouck a Seachim from Onondage
Appeared to this Board, the Commiss=
Bid him Welcome, & Desired him
to tell them Some News
He Says that the Seachim Were All
Reterned home from Caneda
But had Not had No Meeting When
he Went from home, So that the News Wass Yet
Private;----- But he Says he has Been Lately at Oswego
Were he has heard, that they had Been to
Caneda

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to Condole the Death of a Great Man, As Also to Caderogg[ie]
& When they Came In Caneda they Were All Brought In
Cagnewage, the Interpreter Cleard their Eyes Ope'd
their Hearts &° As In the Usuel Ceremony.
then the Officer Stood up & Said
Children Our Governour You Expect to Se [see] here, is
Gone to Quebeck, and Desires You to Go there Also

the Seachems Replyed
father What You Desire us, We Intend
Not to Doe, for the Cold Weather is Nigh At hand
& Wont to Go home Again

Still the Officer Insisted on their Going
then the Seachems Consulted Each Other, & Resolved
Not to Go
then there Wass a Post Sent to Quebick & Wass In
few Days Back Again
then the Commanding Officer took 3 Strings
of Wampon and Said Children I am Glad to See You
here But it Seems that the Whole Number of the five
Nations Are Not here, I mis the Mohocks. I am
Very Sorry that this Man, Who Was a father to You is

Now Dead (meaning the former Commanding officer) the
Governour of Quebeck Intends to Go to Old franc
& that an Other Governour Shall Come In his Room
Next Spring Who Shall Treat With them In the Spring
When he hoped they Would All Be there together
then he Desired the Onondage Seachems, to tell
his Children the Mohacks, Certainly to Come, In
the Spring and Not to Be Affraid, that there Was
No harm.

then a Letter Wass Sent far to this Board of Albert
Rickman from Oswege, to one Of
His Reletion at Albany, Who Writes that
Six Nations of the french Indians, Desired the Seachems
of the five Nations (When they Were at Caneda) upon a
a Large Belt, to Break the Deed made By them, to
the Governars at Albany Concerning Ohio

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& that the 5 nations, must take Pitty on their Children
for the English Who they Called Bretheren, Were Busy
to Distroy them Whereupon they are to have a General
Meeting In Onondage.
the Commissioners Asked the Seachem What he [Knew?]
of that; Who Confirms the Same
He Says Also that the french Continually Send forces
& Arms to Ohio

At a Meeting of the Commiss:^{rs} of
Indian Affairs At Albany Jan:^r 21: 1755

Present
M: Schuiler
Col: M: Schuiler
the Mayor
the Recorder
Cap Winne
Cap Beekman
Cap Renseler
Cap Cuiler

Ordered that the following Letter Be
Wrote to the Honorable James De Lancy
Esq:^r Leut^{nt} Governour &c:^a at New York

Albany 21th January 1755
May it Please Your Honour
Your favour of the 13 Instant We Reced, and

Noted the Contents. We Shall Do Every thing in
Our Power to keep the Indians firm to his Majesties
Interest, But it Cannot Be ~~Supposed~~ Expected that
We With 170 £ Can Doe things of Great Consequence
With the Indians (Which Mony has Been Long Exhausted)
the french are at a Vast Expence With them, and
thereby Gits a Great Many Indians for their Interest
Which makes them very Powerfull; and Even our
Indians they give Yearly So many Presents that
they Both Out of Interest and fear: they Lean
to the french the Occasion of Which is that this
Province Doth Not Assure the Indians of Any
Protection Against the french: In Case the[y] Should
Engage In a War Against them, By Bulding
fortifications in their Contry & Do Not Constantly
Give them Presents for Comparison With the french
We Beg Leave further to Represent to Your Honour
the Hardships this Contry Labour under, more then the
Rest of the Province, On Account of the Marceles
Savages; their Barning & Distroying our Settle[ments] [corner of page missing.]

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& murdering the People Which very Likely
We may Expect Next Summer Again; While
the Rest of the Province may Sit and Enjoy
the fruits of their Labour
Our City is Parly Enfen:^d With a Parcil of Rotten
Stockadoes have of Which Ready to tum=
=ble Down: the City Gates, Blockhouses & Batteries
All out of Repair, the Corporation Incumbred Into
A Debt of upwards of a thousand Pounds Contracted
In the Last War, towards Repairing Said Block=
& Batteries &c (and have at Present No Income at All)
for Which Very Reason, they Cannot Git Either Work
men or Materials on the Credit of the Corporation
or Province. All our Inhabitants to the North
of this City are already Busy to Remove their
Goods In Order to Desert their habitations, on the
first Alarm, the Inhabitants of this City Able
to Bear Arms, Will hardly Amount to 400. A Number
Vastly Insufficient to Guard this City

We Beg Leave to Affir [offer] Our thoughts on that
Subject to Your Consideration, Which if they Seem
Reasonable We hope Your Honour Will Be Pleased
to Lay Before the Other Brances of the Legislat[ure]

We think that the Only Way to Engage the

Indians heartily In Our Interest is to Bring
Our Selves In a Proper Poster of Defence,
And Nothing more Necessary then that a Stone
Wall Should Be Build About this City.
the management of the Indian Affairs Requires
A Large Sum of Mony more then We have At
Present, At this Critical Juncture
We are Aware that this Will Be Attended With
A Considerable Expence, But it Seems Such as
is Absolutely Necessary, for the Preservation
of the fronteers of this Province the Inhabitants
Will Otherwise Be Obligated to Desert their
Habitations; Or Be Every Minute Exposed to
the Cruelty Even to the Very Gates of the City
(if Not the City itself)
You Will Se By the Answer We made to the

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Letter of John Van Sice / Vide Minutes 23 Ultimo) that
he has wrote us Concerning An Ingagement there
Should have Been At Ohio Between the English &
the french; Which We Perceive Groundless, Else Would
have Sent the Letter to Your Honour.
He Also Writes us that the Senechas Seachems have
Desired him to Write to us for a Batoe Load of Indian Corn
& that the Corn is Very Scarse there, We Dont Know
Whatt to Do in this Matter, for fear of Making the
Other Nations Jealous, Who at the Same time are
In Want Also.
As far as We Can Learn there is A General
Invitation, made By the Governour of Canada to
to the Six Nations, to Come & treat With him in the
Spring We think it Will Be Very Necessary
to Send up Early In the Spring, proper Persons
Along With the Interpreter to Reside ther
for A While, to Prevent there going, But Not With Emty hands.
the Indians from Canejoharry Expects
that Your Honour Will Appoint
Jacobus Clement As Second Interpreter, According
to Your Honours Promiss to them As they Say tell us
We Must Realy Say a Second Interpreter
is Much Wanted here
We Remain &c

At a Meeting of the Commiss:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany January 25th 1755

Present

Col: Schuiler

Jacob Ten Eick Esq:^r

Cap Renselaar

Cap Beekman

Hans Hanson Esq.^r Mayor

Col: Marshall

Sybrant V. Schaick Recorder

Jacobus Clement Interpreter

the three Mohack Indians (to Wit)

Lowrance, Set, & Johannes, Who were

Sent to Crownpoint (Vide Minutes Janu^{ry}

14th 1755) Retorned to this board

they Say that they have Been No

further then About have Way, Between

the Carrying Place, And the Lake

Sacrema, Where they found Som

Mohacks & Cagnewage indians,

(Who Laid a Hunting there) With Whoom they Consulted,

Who Perswaded them to Retorn Back: as there (At Crownpoint[])

Was Nothing Stirring, Maybe it Would Give Suspicion

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At a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian

Affairs At Albany february 5th 1755

Present

Hans Hanson Mayor

Sybrant V: Schaick Recorder

Jacob Ten Eick Esq:^r

Cap^t Cuiler

Cap^t Beekman

Davit, A Mohack Indian Appeared to this

Board, Who Was Sent (Last Week) In Order

to View Crownpoint: But (at the Wood Creek)

he had the Misfortune to hurt himself, &

So Retorned Back.

Resolved that Nanning Fisher Go to the Carrying
Place With a Copy of the following Letter (In Dutch)
to Dirk Van Der Heyden

Sir

Be Pleased to Procure, one or two, trusty Indians
to go to Crownpoint, to See What Passes there, and Agree
With them as Well as You Can, and Pay them When
they Retorn Back, and the Commissioner Will Repay
you. ----- and If So be ~~that~~ You Can Git the Indians
Directly, than Naning is to Stay So Long Untill they
Retorn Back, to Make Report to this Board.
Give them 6: [blank space] Along to Buy them a Couple
of french Blankets, for a token that they have Been
there. A few days after Nanning Fisher
Retorned home; & Reported that there Were No Indians =
= to Be had there

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs At Albany february [16?] 1755

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Col Schuiler
Capt: Cuiler
Capt Beekman
Jacob Ten Eick Esq:^r

the Commissioners Being
Informed that Hendrik With his
Compony, Were Arrived from
Philadelphia,
the Commissioners Invited them
to Come to the Board, & Sup With them, Which
they Accordingly did & ~~the Commissioners~~ Shewed
them Proper Marks of Distinction, to their
Great Satisfaction

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs at Albany Mert [1]th 1755

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

Jacob T: Eick Esq:^r

Col: Schuiler

Cap Cuiler

Jacobus Clement Produced a Commiss
from the Honorable James De Lancey
Esq:^r his Majesties Liutenent Governor
& Commander In Chief In & Over
the Province of New York &:c^a
to Be an Indian Interpreter

Also Appeared to this Board the half King,
Aurosa, & Several of the five Nations

the Commissioners Asked them Whether they
had Any thing to Offer to this Board

The Half King Replies, When he Came at Onyde
the Seachems Were Just Retorned home from Caneda
Who reported, When they Came In Moreal, the
Commander Desired them Proceed to Quebeck:
Which they Would Not Consent to, Still the
Commander Insisted on their Going, Which they
Refused, And Asked the Commander how he
Would Like it, if he Came to treat With them
to Be Sent to Another Place. then Immediate=
=ly there Was a Post Sent to Quebeck, and on
his Retorn, the Commander Treated With them
tould them he Wass Sorry for the Mismanigement
of the Onydes, Cayugas & the Sinnick; Asked them
Why they Did Not Call their Bretheren home from
Ohio
then the Half King told them, that he, & an Other
Cayugar, & a Sinnik Wass meant there with, to Which
he made the following Answer Why Should I Be
Called from my Own Land
and fight Against the french; Why Does Not he
Call his People home Who are Building forts at
Ohio upon Land Which Does Not Belong to them
We Did Not Envite them to Build forts there
[I] Advise You to Go In the Spring to Caneda, and

make the Covenant Stronger then Ever it was With the Cagnewages
& Canassedages, and Desire them Not to Assist [corner cut off]

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Assist the french, Against ~~their~~ our Bretheren the
English. as for the french talk is Nothing But
Sham: Let us Look to the Great heaps of Dead B[ones?]
of Our forefathers Which the french have Distroyed
We [must] Side With our Bretheren the English
With Whoom our forefathers Entered into A Covenant
time out of Mind
He Says further, that he has Invited 4 Nations
(to Wit) the Onydes, Taskeroraas, Schanyadegrones &
the Mohacks, to Come Down to Siskohane at
John Harres:^s., and they have Promised to Come
Accordingly
He Also Desires the Commissioners to give
him a Pass, for his Save Passage

Resolved that the Same Be Given In the
following Manner
This Day Appeared Before us (the Commis:^{rs}
of the Indian Affairs) the Bearers hereof
one of Whoem is the Half King, Who has
Bien Employed By the Goverment of Pensilvan[ia]
to Go Among the five Nations on his Majisties
service, & is Now On his Retorn home We
have thought Proper to Assist him in his
Jorney; and Desire All ~~Persons~~ Gentlemen
Civil & Militery to Shew them frindship & Assist
them in their Jorney

at a meeting of the Commis:
of Indian affairs at Albany March [2th?]
1755

Present
Myndert Schuiler
Hans Hanson
Jacob C: Ten Eick
John Beekman
Cor: Cuiler

Ojissaragenraat & Adejathoine
two Seachems from Cajuga,
& Several Warriars Along
With their Wives, 22 In Number
Appeared to this Board and

made the following Proposition
Bretheren You Desired us (By Shanigra Who Was
here About two Months Ago), that
Nine of Our People Should Go out a fighting,
No Where But to Stay home
I Come now to tell You, that our Nation the

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the Cayugas have Granted Your Request & Will
All Stay home

Whereup Gave few Strings Wampon
We are Also Sent Down by our Whole nation
to Beg & Desire You to Assist us With Som
Indian Corn: for Without Your Assistance We are
Like to Starf, for Want thereof, or Be Obligated to Go
to the french for their Assistance, Who (We Belive)
Would Be Very Glad to Supply Our Need
then Gave a Belt
they Also Desired us to Have some of their
hatcheds & Guns Mended. Which Request Was
Granted, and had them Mended Accordingly

The Commissioners Answered them
In the following manner

Bretheren We thank You & All Your Nation
for Granting our Request In Not Going out a
fighting
We are Sorry to hear that You are So Much In
Want for Indian Corn & You Doe Very Well that
You are Come Down to Your Bretheren for
Assistance We Grant Your Request, & Shall Supply
You With three Canoes full of ~~Indian Corn~~
But you must Come to Schonegtonde & fitch it
for there is None at the Great flatts,
& We Shall Give You Some Bread & Pork; and
Write to M.^r Herkemer to Give You So much Corn
As You may Want on Your Jorney In Going hence
As We Were Informed Some time Past, that You
& Your Nabours the Sinecas Were In Want of Corn
We have Already Acquainted Our Governour
therewith, Who has Desired us in a Particular Manner
to Supply You With Corn & Will Always Take as
Much Care of You as Lays In his Power
then Gave a Belt

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Bretheren

We have Sent By Ojissaragerat a few
Strings of Wampon, as a massage to the Senecas
to Let them Know, that they Can Come Down to
Schonegtande, to fitch 3 Canoes full of Indian
Corn

The Indians Retorned us Many thanks, &
Were Extreemly Well Satisfyed that We Granted
their Request, & Would Acquaint their Nation there
With & Come Down to fitch the Corn

Resolved that the following Letter Be Wrote
to the Governor

May it Pleas Your honour
About three Weeks ago here has been two french
Indians from ~~Cagnawage~~ Caneda With a Desire to Send
them a Carpenter to make a Saw mill According to the
Modell of our mills for the Indians in Kagnewage
they were told that Our Carpenters had No Mind to Go
Those Indians Brought Several Letters for [frence]
Which We Now Send to Your Honour By M^r Peter Winne
the Indians Staid But three Days In town & then
Went Back Again to Canada We have No Reason to
think, that they have gott Any Intelligence of any
thing What We Suppose to Be Intended --- What these
Indians told We have Reason to think that
here Will be french Indians to trade in a Months
time therefore We Desire Your Honour to Let us
Know, how We are to Behave, Our Selves When the
french Indians Comes here. it is our Opinion if
We Should tell them to Be gone, is Declaring War
Against them: Which Would Be of Bad Consequence
We think it Will Be the Best Way to Lett them
Come, if they Should Gitt Any Intilligence, About What
is Intended, then to Desire & Perswade them to Stand
Neuter.---- the Greatest Policy of the Governour of Canada
has Always Been; Whenever there has been Any Design
Against them to Desire & Perswade the Six Nations to
Stand Neuter; he Did So the Last War. We think there
Ought to Be Sent up proper persons to the Six nations
to Prevent there Going this Spring to Canada, We find
by Your Honours Letter of the 10 January that you
think it Will be Necessary; to Send up proper Persons

to Stop as many of our Indians As Possible;
from Going to Canada We Do not Know how to Doe [In]
this Affair for Want of Mony as for Indian Corn here is
None to Be had ---- We are &c^a [March] 20: 1755

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At a meeting of the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs at Albany
Aprill 3 1755

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Cap Cuiler
M:^t Ten Eick
Col Schuiler

A Letter Was braught to this Board
from Arent Stevins
Resolved that the following Be
Wrote to Arent Stevins

Sir

Your Attendance is here
Required here Next Tuesday Morning
By order of
the Commissioner
Resolved that the following Be Wrote to
Governour Delancey

May it Please Your Honour

Sir

We Wrote You the 20th ultimo upon
Which We Would have Been glad to Receive An
Answer ----- this servs further to Cover the
Minutes from January 25th untill the Date
hereof We Remain
Sir

Your most Obediant
Humble Servants

At a meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany Aprill 7th 1755

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

Capt Cuiler

Col Schuiler

Cap Beekman

Cap Winne

Arent Stevens the Interpreter

Appeared to this Board

Whereas Killian a Principal

Seachem from the Mohacks, is

Drowned a few Weeks Ago

Resolved that the Recorder Along
With the Interpreter, Do Go to the Mohacks
to Condole his Death; In the Usuel Ceremony
and at the Same time to tel them, to Be firm
In their Resolutions, and Not to Go Any Way
Abroad: Untill they hear further from us
And In the Mean time Not to Molest the
traders, Who Go to Oswege: & Cause the Same
Request to Be made, to the Canejoharians

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At a Meeting of the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs At Albany Aprill 14th

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

Coll: Schuiler

Capt Beekman

Capt. Cuiler

M^r Ten Eick

a Letter Was Braught to this
Board, from Governour Delancey
Dated Aprill 2th 1755

Also the Recorder made Report
that he hath Condoled the death
of Killian a Principal Mohacks
Seachem, to the Satisfaction
of the Indians

At a meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs At Albany Aprill 16th

Present
Col Schuiler
the Mayor
the Recorder
Cap Winne
Cap Renselaar

Resolved that the following Letter
to Mons:^r Jacobus Mynderse & Peter
Groenendick Be Wrote

Gentlemen

We have this Day Re:^d from his Honour
a Quantity of Indian Corn: In Order to Be
Distributed Among Our Bretheren the Six
Nations, & that a Quantity of ~~Indian Corn~~ thereof
must be Carried up to the German flats at
Capt: Herkemans: We therefore Desire You
to Get four batoes, With Proper hands, to
Carry up 162 Bushels of Corn. Please to
Send down 9 Wagons to fetch the Corn
it Lays Ready here In Bags. the Sooner
[The] Better

the following To Arent Stevins

Sir

this is to Acquaint You, that You are to
Attend M^r Van Schaick to the Senecas Contry
Som time Next Week, & to Come Down to Albany
this Week or the Beginning of Next Week, & try
In the Mean time, Whether You Can hire a Good
Large Batoe for S:^d Jorney

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At a meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs At Albany Aprill 22th 1755

Present

Col Schuiler

Cap Winne

Cap Renselaar

Resolved that the following Instructions
Be given to the Recorder

Instructions for Sibrant G: V: Schaick Esq:^r Recorder
one of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs

Pursuant to an order of his Honour the Liu^t Gover:^r
Directing us to Send up Som proper Person and the
Interpreter among the Indians to Disswade them from
Going to Meet the french at ~~Can~~ Montreal & to use
All Argument for that Purpose, and to acquaint the two
Castles of the Mohack that he Will take Care of their
Security as Soon As Possible; by fortifying their Castles
In Case of Need.

And Whereas the Six Nations have Ingaged
themselves Last fall to to Send Deligates to Montreal

You are hereby to Go from hence with All Conveni^{nt}
Speed to Schonegtande Where Arent Stevins is to Attend
You as Interpreter from thence you are to Proceed to the
Mohacks, Where You are to use, All Arguments Which You
May think Necessary to Disswade them from Going to Canada,
& Also Condole the Death of Canegquasie & from thence
to Onondage, Where You are to follow the Said Directions,
from thence to Caiuga, & the Senecas Contry if the Case
Should Require. & Perswade them to Be firm In his Majes:^{ts}
Interest & Stay home untill further Orders
Given under Our hands,
At Albany the 19th D of Aprill 1755

At a meeting of the Comm:^{rs} &c: at Albany
Aprill [21th?] 1755

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

Coll. Schuiler

Cap Renselaer

Schanegrade a Principal Seachem from Caiuga
Appeard to this Board, Who Says he Was Sent as
a Message, to Inform us that they Are In distress
& as By the Old Covenant made By Our Ancesters, they Were

to Apply to this Board for Assistance, Particularly to
~~Col S~~ Queter (Col Schuiler) he Accordingly Now begs of this
Board, to Supply them With Powder & Shott to Shute Som Berds [birds?]
for their Children to Buil Broath [boil broth?] With, he Says ~~Also~~ that there
is Almost a femine In their Contry
then Gave few Strings of Wampon

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The Commissioners Replied

Bretheren Yoy [You] doe Very Well that You Apply to this
Board, for Your Necessaries: for We Shall Always take Care of You
As much as Lays In Our Power . . . and We Shall keep
Ourselves Alwais firm to that Covenant Made By By our
Ancesters & Shall Supply You With Som Powder & Shott
[We] Heard Last Winter that you Were In Want of
Provisions, & did Let the Governour Know of it, Who has
Been So Good as to Send up Corn, and Ordered the Same
to Be Braught to the flats, Were it Shall Be Ready
for your People

Resolved that 25 [wt] of Powder & 75 [wt] of shot Be Given them

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs At Albany Aprill 22th 1755

Present

Cap Winne

M^r Mynderse

the recorder

Capt Renselaar

a Principal Seachem from the Senecas
Contry Appeared to this Board, Who Says he
Was Sent By their Castle to Enquire
Whether the Letter of John V: Sice Came

to hand, Concerning their Necessity of Indian Corn
Brethere it has Been Reported that Perhaps
the Interpreter Should Come up to Call the Six Nations
Down, if so; We Desire You that he may Bring a
Batoe Load of Provision Along: for Without Which We
Cannot Come down: for We are Very Scarce of
Provision

the Comm.^{rs} Brother We have Already acquainted
the governour that You Were In Want of Indian
Corn, Who has Sent Som Corn up, Which
is to Be Lodged at M:^r Herkemans, Where You
May fitch it when You Please

At a meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian affairs at Albany May 4th 1755

Present

the Mayor

Cap Beekman

M:^r Ten Eick

Cap Cuiler

3 Cagnewage Indians Appeared to this
Board, (two of them have Been twice
Down, Last Winter, to Look for one
Johnson from New England, Who Was
taken Prisoner Along With his Wife &

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Wife & Childeren, Som time Past, Who Agreed With the [french]
Indians; to Go home & fitch Mony to Redeem his Wife [&
Childeren from them) they Say that they Went Last
Winter from their Hunting House to the Carrying Place
Where they found James Conner With a Servant of his
With Whom one of them traded for a Cap for two Legs
of Venisen. after he had Bought the Cap, he Met one of these
Indians, Whom the Cap did Belong to, told him it Was
his, and that he Left it In a tronk With Said Conner
----When they Came to Conner, he offered them a
thousand Wampon to Bring him to Caneda; Which the
Indians Refused: Saying that then it Would Be Reported
that they had taken a Prisoner. ---- then they
Got a Quarriling about the Cap, When James Conner
told them, take care In 6 days time there Will
Be An Army of 8000 English, to Build a fort Who
Will take Away All your furr, and Distroy You
Where upon they Directly Left their Place, Went to
Caneda With this News, (Which has Put All the Indians
In Alarm, and have Since that time Expected
the Army Every Minute) ----- the Cagnewages
Resolved to Send those same Indians as a Schout, on Pay[ment]
if the feller Should Deny to Confront him, and
tel him Every Word he Said: and When they Came
Down to Saragtoque they Did Not Doubt, the
truth thereof, Because All the People had ~~Diserted~~ Left
their Places

The Commissioners Replyed
Bretheren as to What You tell us About, an Army
We Know Nothing About, & it is a Lying feller that tould
you So, Which You See Now With Your own Eys
We Desire You to depart this Place to Morrow Morning

& Gave these Strings of Wampon to the Cagnewages
and Assure them that We keep our Selves firm to
the Covenant made Last Summer,
then Gave the few String Wampon
Bretheren As to the People Leaving their Places is very
true, the Occasion of Which is, the Dstroying of
Hosack and that these Indians have Not Been here to
Reconsile the Matter