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[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].

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[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

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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 therein mentioned by w:ch youl
observe the Wholesome Law therein provided for
Continuing the Indian Trade there in a peaceable
Manner w:ch very much 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.ys

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 altog=
=ether false and Scandelous, and is Reported only by
those who are Enemies to His Ex.cy our Governour and
our brethren the Six Nations; and with a View to
Stopp up that Path between Our Brethren and us
which hitherto has been open and Clear; And you may
Likewise Acquaint them That His Ex.cy our Governour
With

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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 Conten & 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 blank=
=ets and a Shirt, and you are desired to make all the
Narrow Inspection you can dureing your Stay in the
Sinnekes Country, how and in what manner Jean 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 relateing oswego during
their Stay there. We have nothing Materiall to
Communicate to your Ex.cy untill we have the honour to

do it to your Ex.cy in Person We heartily wish your Ex.cy
a good Voyage and Safe Arrivall here. Who are &tc.

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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

Hetquandequeghte 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

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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

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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 Council

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 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. I do Renew the Covenant Chain between
the Six Indian Nations, and all his Majesties Subjects
in North America; I hope this Silver Covenant Chain
Wherein We are Linked will Every day grow Clearer
brighter and Stronger Gave a belt

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Brethren

I Do not think that the barbarous Murder
Committed by one of your People last year on Jacob
Brower 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

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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

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Whether he Should grant it, Who Desire that
his Ex:cy will be pleas'd to ask the Opinion of the Comm:rs
of the Indian Affairs on that Subject.

His Excellency Ordered the Said Comm:rs to Attend
at his Lodgings to whom the Same was Communicated

Present

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

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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

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With Death, that may Murder any of his Majesty's
Subjects

Brother Corlaer

You Told us also that Countreys are
Governd by the Laws of God and man, and that a 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

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The Evil Proceeds, that is that Rum is Carried up
Among us, Therefore we desire you that no Rum may
be brought to our habitations, but Other goods as
much as they will, for it Creates great mischief when
Strong Liquor is brought Among us, for Liquor is Mast.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
Treacherously built there, but the house at Oswego
has been built by all Our Consent, the more buildings
are

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are Made near us, the more Liquor is brought unto
us, which is the occasion of all Mischief therefore We do
not Incline any more Should be made Gave a Belt
Brother Corlaer

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

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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

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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

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Open your heart so freely, and Shew Such great Affection
for us Gave a String of Wampum

We are poor because your people follow us where=
=ever we go hunting, w.th Rum and make us bare and
Naked, by Enticeing us to drink all we gett, So that we are
Ashamed to Come to Town and are thereby disabled to
Pay our Debts. We desire that no Rum may be Sold but
in Albany only that we may be Quiet on our hunting

His Ex:cy Told them
Children

I am very glad for your dutifull behaviour &
Answer and do assure you of the protection of the Great
King of Great Britain your Common Father. And I
Expect that you do not Molest or oppress any of his

Majesties Subjects in the peaceable possession of their
Lands. If you are 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

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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.

[1-0690] **343** [Wraxall p. 184]

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

[1-0691] **343a**

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 giveing Intelligence
to

[1-0693] **344a**

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 Labort, 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 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.

[1-0701] **348a**

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

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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

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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 obliges 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