

1740

[2-0325] II-179A

Att a meetting of the Com.<sup>rs</sup> of  
Indian Affairs att the City  
of Albany the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.<sup>r</sup>  
Cornelis Cuyler

The following Letter was  
writt to John Schuyler Jun.<sup>r</sup>

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<sup>r</sup> Cuyler sends w<sup>t</sup> your  
Brother Phil: a Letter to the Comanding Officer  
at the Crown Point w.<sup>ch</sup> you are to give to the  
Ind.<sup>n</sup> w<sup>t</sup> 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.<sup>n</sup> that you have that you have [sic] had  
the Letter sometime by you say ab.<sup>t</sup> a fortnight  
You must also tell the Ind.<sup>n</sup> that it is you that

sends him, and by no means let him know that  
this comes from the Com<sup>rs</sup> of Ind<sup>n</sup> Affairs I am  
M<sup>r</sup> Horsmanden & M<sup>r</sup> Winne took the Oath Re-  
-quired by his Hon.<sup>r</sup> the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governour

[2-0326] **II-180**

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of Indian

Alb.<sup>y</sup> y.<sup>e</sup> 30. Jan.<sup>y</sup> 1739/40

[illeg.]

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present  
Ed. Holland  
Dirk Ten Broek  
Myndert Schuyler  
Rutger Bleeker  
Hend.<sup>k</sup> Ten Eyk  
Ed Collins  
Joh.<sup>s</sup> Lansingh J.<sup>r</sup>  
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.<sup>e</sup> 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:<sup>t</sup> 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.<sup>r</sup> 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

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[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<sup>t</sup>] 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.<sup>d</sup> from them  
that y.<sup>y</sup> did it for the best

[2-0330] **II-181**

Att A meeting of the Com.<sup>rs</sup> of the  
Indian Affairs att Albany the  
19.<sup>th</sup> March 1739/40 [Summarized in Wraxall p. 216.]

Present

Philip Livingston Esq.<sup>r</sup>

Cornelis Cuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Myndert Schuyler

Steph. Groesbeek } Esq.<sup>rs</sup>

Joh.<sup>s</sup> Lansingh Jun.<sup>r</sup>

Peter Winne

John Schuyler Jun.<sup>r</sup>

Hend.<sup>k</sup> Ten Eyck

By an Express from Schinechta-  
-dy this board rec.<sup>d</sup> a Letter from  
M.<sup>r</sup> Bratt one of the Members of this Com.<sup>s</sup>  
& 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.<sup>e</sup> 20.<sup>th</sup>  
March 1739/40 [Summarized in Wraxall p. 216.]

Present

John Schuyler Jun.<sup>r</sup>

Dirk Ten Brock

Rutger Bleeker

Cornelis Cuyler

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Nicolaes Bleeker

Step. Groesbeek

Joh.<sup>s</sup> Lansingh Jun.<sup>r</sup>

Myndert Schuyler

Abraham Cuyler

Lowrence Claesen the Interpreter  
with the Indian mentioned in  
yesterdays minute appeared at  
this board

The S.<sup>d</sup> Indian being An Onondag-  
-ge Acquaints the Com.<sup>rs</sup> 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.<sup>t</sup> the Sachims there that An Onondage  
is Come here with Seven hands of Wampum & Acq.<sup>ts</sup>  
the Com.<sup>rs</sup> that the Sachims of his Nation Intend As-  
-soon as the water is open to go to Canada to Condole

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the death of one Jean 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<sup>t</sup> 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.<sup>rs</sup> 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.<sup>g</sup>  
to the Comissioners.

[2-0332] **II-182**

Att a Meeting of the Com.<sup>rs</sup> held y.<sup>e</sup> 25  
March 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

Rutger Bleeker

Hendrick TenEyck

Dirk Ten Broeck

Joh.<sup>s</sup> Lansingh Jun.<sup>r</sup>

Ab. Cuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

Cornelius Cuyler

Edward Holland

Cap.<sup>t</sup> Edward Clarke

John Schuyler Jun.<sup>r</sup>

Coll.<sup>o</sup> Jeremiah Van Renslaer

Peter Winne

Ed. Collins

John de peyster

M.<sup>r</sup> Henry Van Renslaer Jun.<sup>r</sup> appeared  
at this board & desired that Whereas  
he had been prevailed upon for the good  
of Province by Cap.<sup>t</sup> Edward Clarke in Case  
of a Certain Emergency last fall when  
the relief of the Men att Osweego was  
Increased by order of his Hon.<sup>r</sup> the Gov.<sup>r</sup>  
from 25 Men to 40 to provide provisions  
for the men exceeding the number of  
25 no more being provided for by the  
Osweego Act That this board should  
represent the same to his Hon.<sup>r</sup> the Lieut  
Gov.<sup>r</sup> that he Would be pleased to Lay  
the Case before the assembly at their  
next meeting

The foll.<sup>g</sup> Lett.<sup>r</sup> was wrote by the Com.<sup>rs</sup> to his Hon.<sup>r</sup> the  
Lieu.<sup>t</sup> Gov.<sup>r</sup>

May it please your Hon.<sup>r</sup>

Sir

Upon application made to us by  
Henry Van Renslaer Jun.<sup>r</sup> to represent to your Hon.<sup>r</sup>  
the State of the Osweego garrison in relation to the Ex-  
-traordinary detachment sent there by your Hon.<sup>rs</sup> orders  
Last fall, we take Leave to represent the Affair to your  
Hon.<sup>r</sup> as follows, When the party Came to Schinechtady

to go to Oswego, M.<sup>r</sup> Wendell & M.<sup>r</sup> Herkemer the Two gentlemen Concerned with M.<sup>r</sup> 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.<sup>d</sup> M.<sup>r</sup> Rensslaer was prevailed upon by Cap.<sup>t</sup> Edward

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Clarke fore the good of this Province to supply provisions for the said men for six months which the said M.<sup>r</sup> 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.<sup>r</sup> would recommend the same to the Assembly at their next meeting

M.<sup>r</sup> Renslaer Informs us Likewise that he is not inclined to supply the S.<sup>d</sup> 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.<sup>r</sup> Hon.<sup>rs</sup> Judgement We are

S.<sup>r</sup> Your most Humble &  
most obedient Serv.<sup>ts</sup>

Ph. Livingston

R. Bleecker

John Schuyler J.<sup>r</sup>

John de peyster

Hendrick TenEyck

Ed. Collins

Joh.<sup>s</sup> Lansingh Jun.<sup>r</sup>

Peter Winne

Dirk Ten Broeck

Ed. Holland

Nicolaes Bleecker

This board gave Joh.<sup>s</sup> Seeger orders to buy on the Com.<sup>rs</sup>  
Acc.<sup>t</sup> a good strowd Coat.



[2-0334] **II-183**

Albany 31<sup>st</sup> March 1740 Att a  
Meeting of the Com.<sup>rs</sup> of Indian Affairs  
att Albany [Summarized in Wraxall p. 216-217.]

Present

Dirk Ten Broeck

Myndert Schuyler

Stephanus Groesbeek

Joh.<sup>s</sup> Lansingh Jun.<sup>r</sup>

Cornelis Cuyler

Rut. Bleeker

Reyer Gerritse

Nicolaes Bleeker

Abraham Cuyler

M.<sup>r</sup> Lourence Claesen being return'd  
from his journey to Oneyde gives the  
following Acc.<sup>t</sup>

Gentlemen

The 22.<sup>d</sup> Ins.<sup>t</sup> I acquainted the Sachims  
att fort Hunter with the Content of my Instructions y.<sup>e</sup> 23  
I Acquainted the Canajoherie Sachims with y.<sup>e</sup> 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.<sup>r</sup> 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

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in the first place, All those of Our people who go to Cana-  
-da Are Cloathd by that Gov.<sup>r</sup> 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.<sup>s</sup> 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.<sup>rs</sup> orders.

Orderd. that this Answer be Transmitted by the first  
Oppertunity to his hon.<sup>r</sup> the Leu<sup>t</sup> Governour.

Orderd. That Mr Cor: Cuyler give Lowrence 2 Shirts & 2 knives for  
what he disbursed for Sending for y<sup>e</sup> Oneyde  
Sachims.

[2-0336] **II-184**

Att a Meeting of the Com.<sup>rs</sup> of Indian  
Affairs att Alb.<sup>y</sup> 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.<sup>s</sup> Lansingh Jun.<sup>r</sup>

IEatiout [Kahout?] a Sachim of the River  
Indians accompanied with Other  
Indians of S<sup>d</sup> 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.<sup>t</sup> the Com.<sup>rs</sup> 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.<sup>rs</sup> grant their request that they Shall have  
a blanket Strowd att Cap.<sup>t</sup> Nicolaes Bleekers & three  
hatts att M.<sup>r</sup> 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.<sup>rs</sup> of  
the Indian Affairs att Albany  
24.<sup>th</sup> April 1740.

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Nicolaes Bleeker

Abraham Cuyler

Stephanus Groesbeek

Joh.<sup>s</sup> Lansingh Jun.<sup>r</sup>

John depeyster

Peter Winne

Cornelis Cuyler

John Schuyler Jun.<sup>r</sup>

Philip Schuyler

Myndert Schuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Dirk Ten Broek

Whereas Sybrant Van Scha-  
-ick & Com.<sup>y</sup> 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.<sup>t</sup> 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.<sup>o</sup> Myndert  
Schuyler & M.<sup>r</sup> Abra. Cuyler & that 7 hands of  
Wampum be Also disbursed by M.<sup>r</sup> 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.<sup>rs</sup> of Indian  
Affairs Att Albany y.<sup>e</sup> 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.<sup>t</sup> Schuyler

[illeg.] Collins

John Schuyler

Cornielis Cuyler

John de peyster

Abra. Cuyler

Stephanus groesbeek

The Com.<sup>rs</sup> a few days since rec.<sup>d</sup> the  
following Letter from his Hon.<sup>r</sup> the  
Lieu.<sup>t</sup> Gov.<sup>r</sup>

2 May 1740

Gentlemen

Untill Coll.<sup>o</sup> Spotswood & Coll.<sup>o</sup> 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<sup>rs</sup> &<sup>ca</sup>

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.<sup>r</sup> Lowrence Claesen

You Are to up and Acquaint the  
Sachims at Onondage that his Hon.<sup>r</sup> the Gov.<sup>r</sup> 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.<sup>d</sup> 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.<sup>t</sup> the Sachims of All the Nations  
between this place & Onondage

was Signd by ord.<sup>r</sup> of the Com.<sup>rs</sup>  
Phil Livingston Jun [illeg.]

the following Lett.<sup>r</sup> was wrote to Sybrant Van Schaick

We Are desired by his hon.<sup>r</sup> the Gov.<sup>r</sup> to Acq.<sup>t</sup> the Six Nati-  
-ons that he designs to meet them early this summer but  
that on Acc.<sup>t</sup> of this Expedition ag.<sup>t</sup> 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.<sup>t</sup>  
ye Sinneke sachims. & that you Use y.<sup>r</sup> Endeav.<sup>rs</sup> to keep at  
home the young men. The Gov.<sup>r</sup> Orders us likewise  
to Acq.<sup>t</sup> 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.<sup>rs</sup> agreed with Lowrence for five pounds to hire a man &  
horses.

[2-0340] **II-186**

Att a Meeting of the Com.<sup>s</sup> of Indian  
Affairs Att Alb.<sup>y</sup> this 23. day of May  
1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

James Ramsay Cap.<sup>t</sup> Command.<sup>t</sup>

Myndert Schuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

John Lansingh Jun.<sup>r</sup>

Peter Winne

Ab. Cuyler

Nicolaes Bleeker

Hend.<sup>k</sup> TenEyck

Joh.<sup>s</sup> Knickerbacker Interpreter for  
the Schaahkook Indians appeard at  
this board & a Sachim of s.<sup>d</sup> 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.<sup>g</sup> of the Com.<sup>rs</sup> of Indian  
Affairs att Albany 24.<sup>th</sup> May 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Edward Holland

Dirk Ten Broeck

Myndert Schuyler

Step. Groesbeek

Rutger Bleeker

Joh.<sup>s</sup> 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

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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.<sup>g</sup> of the Com.<sup>rs</sup> of Indian  
Affairs att Albany y.<sup>e</sup> 9.<sup>th</sup> June 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Peter Winne

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Step. Groesbeek

John Schuyler Jun.<sup>r</sup>

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.<sup>e</sup> purport of the Gov.<sup>s</sup> Letter of y.<sup>e</sup> 2.<sup>d</sup> May  
they answerd that they were well pleased that the  
Gov.<sup>r</sup> would meet them this sum.<sup>r</sup> 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.<sup>s</sup> 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.<sup>t</sup> them w.<sup>th</sup> the same Errand & to  
the people posted in the Sinnekes Country by the  
government

The foll.<sup>g</sup> Lett.<sup>r</sup> was wrote  
to y.<sup>e</sup> governour

May it please your Hon.<sup>r</sup>

According to y.<sup>r</sup> Hon.<sup>rs</sup> order in  
your Lett.<sup>r</sup> to Us of y.<sup>e</sup> 2.<sup>d</sup> May we sent up the  
Interpreter who has Acquainted the Indians  
with y.<sup>e</sup> purport of the same & brings y.<sup>e</sup> Inclosed  
Answer to Us, haveing nothing further to add

[2-0343] **II-187A**

Att a Meeting of the Comiss.<sup>rs</sup>  
of Indian Affairs att Albany  
y.<sup>e</sup> 23 July 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present  
Ed. Holland  
Myn. Schuyler  
Dirk Ten Broeck  
Ni. Bleeker  
John Schuyler Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Joh.<sup>s</sup> Lansingh  
Hend.<sup>k</sup> 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.<sup>r</sup> black Stock.<sup>gs</sup> D.<sup>o</sup>  
1 keg rum & 1 Shirt  
ab.<sup>t</sup> 6/. worth Linnen

Order'd that Ni. Bleeker give the Strowds and  
Shirts, Dirk Ten Broek y.<sup>e</sup> 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:<sup>ble</sup> George  
Clarke Esq.<sup>r</sup> Lieu.<sup>t</sup> Gov.<sup>r</sup> & Comander in  
Chief of the Province of New York &<sup>ca</sup>  
To the Schaachkook Indians in Alb.<sup>y</sup>  
y.<sup>e</sup> 20.<sup>th</sup> Aug.<sup>st</sup> 1740. [Brief summary in Wraxall p. 220.]

Present

The Honb.<sup>le</sup> George Clarke Esq.<sup>r</sup>

Philip Livingston

Philip Cortland } Esq.<sup>rs</sup> of

Dan.<sup>l</sup> 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.<sup>s</sup> 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.<sup>s</sup> 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.<sup>t</sup>  
Chain & wish that the Tree planted for them may  
grow & flourish

You just now wrapped a belt of wampum Ab.<sup>t</sup> 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.<sup>r</sup> 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.<sup>r</sup> power & not be so  
besotted as to sell the verry Cloaths from off your  
backs for Rum

Att a Meet.<sup>g</sup> of the Com.<sup>rs</sup> of Indian  
Affairs att Alb.<sup>y</sup> the 21. August 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present  
Ph. Livingston  
Ed. Collins  
Jer. Van Renselaer  
Ph. Schuyler  
John Schuyler Jun.<sup>r</sup>  
Hend. Ten Eyck  
Rut. Bleeker  
Dirk Ten Broeck  
Abraham Cuyler  
Cornelis Cuyler  
Joh.<sup>s</sup> Lansingh Jun.<sup>r</sup>  
Ste. Groesbeek  
Myn. Schuyler

Certain Sachims of the Six Nations Appear'd  
At this Board & said viz.<sup>t</sup>

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.<sup>r</sup> 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.<sup>d</sup>  
Sachims should be for the English Interest & the  
wellfare of our Own Nation, we Say that the Gov.<sup>r</sup>  
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.<sup>rs</sup> Answer'd  
That they approved of the Af.<sup>d</sup> 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<sup>r</sup> Stock<sup>gs</sup> be given him  
by M<sup>r</sup> Livingston

They they returned Hearty thanks to the Com.<sup>rs</sup> for  
Complying with their Request

[2-0363] **II-197A**

Att a Meeting of the Com.<sup>rs</sup> of Indian  
Affairs att Albany this 3 Sep.<sup>r</sup> 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myn. Schuyler

Cap.<sup>t</sup> Ramsay

Ni. Bleeker

John D'Peyster

Jo. Lansingh Jun.<sup>r</sup>

Jo. Schuyler Jun.<sup>r</sup>

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<sup>t</sup>

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.<sup>s</sup> 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.<sup>rs</sup> Thanked them for Sending y.<sup>e</sup> message &  
Said they would write our gov.<sup>r</sup> with what the

[2-0364] **II-198**

Annagonges Say & when we Receive an Ans.<sup>r</sup>  
we will Lett you know.

Att a Meet.<sup>g</sup> of the Com.<sup>rs</sup> of  
Indian Affairs att Albany this  
24.<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1740. [Briefly summarized in Wraxall p. 220.]

Present

Philip Livingston Esq.<sup>r</sup>

Myndert Schuyler

Ste. Groesbeek

Abra. Cuyler

Dirk Ten Broek

Reyer Gerritse

Appear'd Att this Board, Arent  
Stevens, Hendrick Wemp & C.<sup>o</sup> who were Appoin-  
-ted by his Hon.<sup>r</sup> the Lieu.<sup>t</sup> Governour to reside  
in the Sinnekes Country for the Ensueing year  
to whom were given the follow.<sup>g</sup> Instructions

Whereas You are Appointed by his Hon.<sup>r</sup>  
the Lieu.<sup>t</sup> Gov.<sup>r</sup> to go & reside in the Sinnekes  
Country for the year ensueing on the service of  
the governm.<sup>t</sup> 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.<sup>t</sup> Gov.<sup>r</sup> or Comand.<sup>r</sup> in Chief for  
the time being or the Com.<sup>rs</sup> of Indian Affairs att  
Albany from Time to time, with all such Intilli-  
-gence w.<sup>ch</sup> you think relates or Concerns his Maj.<sup>ty</sup>  
or the diminish.<sup>g</sup> 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.<sup>t</sup> Gov.<sup>r</sup> or the Comand.<sup>r</sup>  
in Chief for the time being, or the Com.<sup>rs</sup> 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<sup>g</sup> any  
Settlement anywhere amongst the Indians &  
to Keep them from gett.<sup>g</sup> any foot.<sup>g</sup> at Tierondequat



You May likewise Tell them that we Are yet at  
peace w:<sup>th</sup> 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.<sup>rs</sup> w:<sup>th</sup> 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.<sup>r</sup> & the  
Com.<sup>rs</sup> 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.<sup>e</sup> Presents the other sa-  
-chims have had on that occasion

Orderd that the people that go Up to the Sinne-  
-kes for the Governm.<sup>t</sup> have to the Value of  
Twenty five pound in food to be Employed in  
presents to the Indians for the Govern.<sup>t</sup> & that  
Dirk Ten Broeck furnishes.<sup>d</sup> goods  
orderd Iron & Steel as usual above y.<sup>e</sup> Afores.<sup>d</sup> Sum.

[2-0366] **II-199**

Att a Meeting of the Com.<sup>rs</sup> of  
Indian affairs att Albany the  
15.<sup>th</sup> October 1740. [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Livingston

James Ramsay

Dirk Ten Broeck

Reyer gerritse

Nicolaes Bleeker

Step. Groesbeek

Joh.<sup>s</sup> Lansingh

John Schuyler Jun.<sup>r</sup>

Abraham Cuyler

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Appeared att this Board Two Mohawks  
who say viz.<sup>t</sup>

Brethren

Our Governour when he was  
here Lately told us that he was  
impowered by the Southren Indians  
to conclude a peace w.<sup>th</sup> 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.<sup>r</sup> 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.<sup>r</sup> 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  
Treachorous Indians with whom we have so lately made  
An Alliance  
Brethren

When the Gov.<sup>r</sup> 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.<sup>r</sup> 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.<sup>r</sup> the Gov.<sup>r</sup> nor they know Nothing of any  
Treachery ag.<sup>t</sup> them or Any Indians com.<sup>g</sup> 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.<sup>n</sup>  
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.<sup>g</sup> 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.<sup>rs</sup> of  
Indian Affairs Att Albany  
the 5.<sup>th</sup> Dec.<sup>br</sup> 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd.<sup>t</sup> Schuyler

Joh.<sup>s</sup> Lansingh Jun.<sup>r</sup>

Cornelis Cuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

John Schuyler Jun.<sup>r</sup>

Nicolaes Bleeker

Cap.<sup>t</sup> Ramsay

John depeyster

Peter Winne

Ab. Cuyler

Hend.<sup>k</sup> Ten Eyk

Jan B. Van Eps Jun.<sup>r</sup> Appeared  
Att this Board who gave the  
following acc.<sup>t</sup>

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.<sup>r</sup> of Canada given him their  
Leave to take Oswego & that the ffrench did  
design to Take it this Winter or Early y.<sup>e</sup> Next  
Spring & Att the Same time told him that this  
was Not only a Report but was Absolutely  
true & desired him to acq.<sup>t</sup> the Com.<sup>rs</sup> of Indians  
affairs with this News.

Whereupon this Board resolved to Send up  
the Interpreter with the Follow<sup>g</sup> Instructions

M.<sup>r</sup> Lowrence Claesen

You Are Imediately to go to Onondage  
& there Call Together the Sachims & tell them  
that John B. Van Eps Jun.<sup>r</sup> has informed us that  
he was Told att Onondage That Decanonde  
& some other Sachims had Lately in a Confe-  
-rence with the Gov.<sup>r</sup> of Canada given him

[2-369] **II-200A**

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.<sup>d</sup> 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.<sup>t</sup> 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<sup>e</sup> 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.<sup>y</sup> 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.<sup>t</sup> 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 Speek with by the Way  
All which M.<sup>r</sup> Cor. Cuyler is desired to furnish

Att a Meet.<sup>g</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Com.<sup>rs</sup> of Indian  
Affairs Att Alb.<sup>y</sup> y.<sup>e</sup> 30.<sup>th</sup> Dc.<sup>br</sup> 1740 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present  
Ph Livingston  
Rut. Bleeker  
Dirck Ten Broeck  
Reyer Gerritse  
Ni. Bleeker  
Jo. Lansingh Jun.<sup>r</sup>  
Peter Winne

The follow.<sup>g</sup> Lett.<sup>r</sup> was wrote to  
his Hon.<sup>r</sup> y.<sup>e</sup> Lieu.<sup>t</sup> Gov.<sup>r</sup>

May it please y.<sup>r</sup> Hon.<sup>r</sup>  
Inclosed are copies of Instructions we  
gave the interpreter your Hon.<sup>r</sup> will  
thereby perceive the occasion of his being sent up  
Also Copy of a Letter from the people Sent up by y.<sup>r</sup>  
Hon.<sup>r</sup> to reside in the Sinnekes country & copy of a  
Lett.<sup>r</sup> we wrote to them for Answer Your Hon.<sup>r</sup> will  
perceive by the Tenor of All those Papers that the  
Indians in gen.<sup>l</sup> are very much disturbed About the  
french tak.<sup>g</sup> osweego, with Submission to your Hon.<sup>r</sup>  
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

[2-0371] **II-201A** 201R

to this Colony in particular But to all his Maj.<sup>s</sup>  
Colonies in generall.

We are informed that the Fort at Saraghtoga is  
finished.

We wish you a Happy new year & remain

The follow.<sup>g</sup> Lett.<sup>r</sup> was wrote to the People at the  
Sinneces Country

Gentlemen

Your lett.<sup>r</sup> of the 14.<sup>th</sup> Ins.<sup>t</sup> we have rec.<sup>d</sup> & understand  
thereby that a great numb.<sup>r</sup> of the Sinneces were gone  
afight.<sup>g</sup> before y.<sup>r</sup> Arrival there & that many more were  
Ready to go, w.<sup>ch</sup> you Say you have prevented, which  
is certainly y.<sup>r</sup> duty to do as much as in y.<sup>r</sup> 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.<sup>r</sup>  
which you ought to represent to them in the Strongest  
Man.<sup>r</sup> 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 Oswego whether it be peace  
or War & that they Shall be Rec.<sup>d</sup> by us there as  
frinds. You must not let Any Opertunity Slip  
without writeing us what news you have.