

1754

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At a Board of Commissioners met at
Rob.^t Luttridges Jan^{ry} 5. 1754.

1754

Present
Co.^{ll} Mynd: Schuyler
The Recorder
Cor: Cuyler
John Beekman
Jac: C. Ten Eyck

Hendrick Wemp (Son of Maynard Wemp Smith among
the Senecas) with Kaheightoga alias Grote Yonge
appeared before this Board M.^r Wemp brought a letter
directed to Cor.^{es} Cuyler from his Father dated Dec^r 24. 1753.
which was read.

Resolved that Copy of the following Letter be sent to Maynard Wemp
by his Son.

Sir, The Commissioners have received yours of 24 of
Dec.^r by your Son, who is now present with the Grote
Yonge. You may tell John Abeel that the Governour
and Councill will be informed that he sells Rum to
the Indians; contrary to the Proclamation published
by order of the Gov.^r & Councill before he left Albany.
also wrote him Copy of the Message sent by Arent
Stephens (vide Minuts of Nov.^r 26. 1753) to notify to the Senecas
and all other Indians in Alliance with us: who per-
perchance, have not heard of said Message
Albany Jan^{ry} 5. 1754 By Order of the Board
Alex.^r Colhoun D.^{ty} Sec.^{ry}
To M.^r Maynard Wemp in the Senecas Country

At a Board met at Rob.^t Luttridges
Jan.^{ry} 16. 1754

Present
Co.^{ll} M. Schuyler
Mayor
Recorder
J: Beekman
Jac: C. Ten Eyck

Alexander Colhoun then opened a Letter
which he had received by the Post from his
Honour the Lieu.^t Gov.^r which was read:

But As Several of the Commissioners were then
oblidged to attend the Court.

Resolved that the foresaid Letter be taken into
consideration the next meeting.

N. That Alex.^r Colhoun paid the postage 1/3

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Jan^{ry} 19. 1754

Present

The Mayor

Recorder

C.^{oll} M. Schuyler

Cor.^{es} Cuyler

John Beekman

That the following Letter be immediatly
wrote to go by the Post.

May it please your Honour

We have received your
favour by the post dated the 8th of this moneth,
[&] shall send a proper person to acquaint the
Six Nations: That your Honour has appointed
the fourteenth day of June next for the Interview
with them at Albany when the Hatchet is to be
buried, the Covenant Chain renewed and the
Ancient friendship subsisting between them &
His Majestys Subjects strengthned & confirmed.
and that for these good purposes, the Present
which is sent from England By His Majesty's
Order, and the other Presents will then be
delivered to them, when the Silver Chain shall
be brightned, & all Jealousy and uneasiness
be buried in utter Oblivion.

By a Letter from Maynard Wemp in the Senecas
Country dated 24 of Dec^r last, That John Abeel
daily sells Rum to the Indians there, which
we conceive may be of very bad consequence.
We shall be very glad to know, Whither your
Honour has received our Letters of 3.^d of November
last and December 28 in the first was inclosed
Copy of minuts of Oct.^r 3. 30. & 31.st and in the other,
Copy of Minuts to that Day.

At Albany Jan^{ry} 19. 1754

We are most Respectfully

your Honours most humble Serv.^{ts}
Mynd^t Schuyler
Co.^{rs} Cuyler
Rob.^t Saunders
Syb:^t G. Van Scaick
John Beekman

To
The Honb.^{le} James De Lancey
His Majestys Lieu.^t Gov.r &c &c
at N: York

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Resolved
That Arent Stephens be wrote for by Joseph
Yates Junior. that he attend this Board on
Monday next.
Sir,
at the desire of this Board, am to acquaint
you: that your attendance is required here
on Monday next, upon business of consequence.
am yours &c. Alex.^r Colhoun Dep.^y Sec.^{ry}
at Luttridges Jan^{ry} 19. 1754.
To M.^r Arent Stephens Indian Interpreter
at Schenechtady
Hanse Eager reported that he delivered to the Post the
Letter for the Lieu.^t Gov.^r and the other to Joseph Yates J.^r
At a Board met at Rob.^t Luttridges
Jan^{ry} 22. 1754

Present
Cap.^t Marshall
The Mayor
Recorder
C.^{oll} M. Schuyler
M.^r C. Cuyler
John Beekman
Jac: C. Ten Eyck
M.^r Stephens the Indian Interpreter attended.

Resolved that Copy of the following Instructions be wrote
& delivered to him.

Whereas we conceive it is expedient and
necessary for His Majestys Service the Wellfare
& Interest of this Province: Accordingly you are

hereby required & directed to proceed without loss of time, from hence to Fort William & Conejohare thence to Oneido & Onondago; from thence you are to forward by a proper Messenger to the rest of the Six Nations, and inform all of them.

That the fourteenth day of next June is appointed by the Governour for a Conference or Interview with them at Albany; when the Hatchet is to be buried the Covenant Chain renewed & the Ancient friendship subsisting between them and His Majesty's Subjects confirmed and strengthened: and that for these

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these good purposes the Present sent from England by Order of His Majesty King George and the other presents will then be delivered to them. When the Silver-Chain shall be brightned & all Jealousy and Uneasiness be buried in utter Oblivion.

Given under our Hands

at Albany Jan^{ry} 22. 1754. signed

Hubert Marshall

Mynd.^t Scuyler

Rob.^t Saunders

Syb: G: Van Scaick

Cor.^{es} Cuyler

John Beekman

Jac: C. Ten Eyck

Alex.^r Colhoun Dep.^{ty} Sec.^{ry}

M.^r Arent Stephens

Indian Interpreter

At a Board met at Rob.^t Luttridges

Jan.^{ry} 24. 1754

Present

Cap.^t Marshall

The Recorder

C.^{oll} M. Schuyler

C Cuyler

John Beekman

Jac: C. Ten Eyck

Odysanont & Aquaiota two principal Oneido Sachems, with Five Warriours of the same Nation appeared; (Vide Minuts of Dec.^r 31st) they said a young Indian who had suffered most was gone home to Oneido.

Resolved. that Jacobus Clement be sent for, who was desired

to interpret between the Commissioners & the Indians.

Harman Fedders Negroe was not spoke off. One of the Indians said that John Garritse Roseboom knew one of the Negroes. M.^r Roseboom was sent for and said he knew nothing of the matter.

After a long Examination, It appeared that the Indians were at the Block House N2. where were a gang of Negroes, who had got a fiddle; & probably were all in liquor, quarreled & lost their Blanketts &c Resolved. that Jac. C. Ten Eyck give two Blanketts of Strouds and two Shirts to the Indians, to heal their wounds.

The Board informed them that the 14th day of next June was appointed by the Governour to deliver them the presents sent from England by His Majesty, also the Province Presents to the Six Nations. They returned thanks to the Board & went away seemingly well satisfied.

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At a Board met at Rob.^t Luttriges

Feb^{ry} 14. 1754

Present

Cap.^t Marshall

The Mayor

Recorder

C.^{oll} M. Schuyler

Cor: Cuyler

Jac: C. Ten Eyck

The Recorder delivered a letter from Arent
Stephens the Interpreter a true Copy as follows

Schenechtady feb^{ry} 11. 1754.

Gentlemen

My Son Jonathan is returned from
Onondago; and delivered the Message there
according to the Instructions I received from you,
and likewise sent the same by a proper Messenger
to the rest of the Six Nations of Indians.

There is no Newes at present among the Indians
which makes me think it needless to come to
Albany at this time, and hope you will excuse
the same. I am with all Respect

Gentlemen

your most humble Serv^t

Arent Stephens

To

The Commissioners of Indian Affaires
sitting at Albany

At a Board met at Rob.^t Luttriges March 23 1754

Present

The Mayor

C.^{oll} M. Schuyler

John Beekman

Jac: C: Ten Eyck

A letter from Arent ~~Stephens~~ Stevens as follows

Schenechtady March 20. 1754

Gentlemen

Here is Onondago Indians which is come
in search after two Catabaw-Squaws. who have been
their prisoners 5 years, and have run away from Onond
-dago, they have heard of them at every Castle as far as the
Mohawks, which makes them think the Squaws are in
Albany with an intention to get to N: York & from thence

to their own Country: they desired me to write you this
and beg you will order, that no Sloop takes them in and
if you hear of them, that you will confine them, till
the Gov.^r meets with the Five Nations.

I am Gentlemen
your most humble Serv^t
Arent Stephens

To
The Commiss.^{rs} of Indian Affaires
at Albany

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Tieohaquan'dro, Son to one of the principall Onondago Sachems
Awiegachiad and [Je]Eesteren present, Jacobus Clement
as Interpreter by order of the Board asked them several questions,
and found they agreed to the acc.^{ts} wrote by M.^r Stevens.
they said that sometime agoe 5 Mohawks were going
to war against the flat-heads, that the Sachems at
Cayuga had spoke to them and prevailed upon two of
them to return to the Mohawks, the other three went
forward from Cayuga. They farther said that none of
the Onondagos would join them, they complained of
want of provisions upon the Road. The Commiss.^{rs}
ordered & gave them 12 shillings in money a Cag with
One Gallon and half pint of Rum, also a written Order
[to] Hanose Petrie at the german flatts to supply
them with fiveteen pounds pork 3 loaves of bread
& half a Skippil pease to subsist them to Onondago
The Commiss.^{rs} told them they had not seen the two Squaws
and belived they were not in town, probably from the Mohawks
they might have gone to Schcohary from thence through
the back Country perhapes down the Susquehanna River.

At a board met at Robert Lotteridges April 12th
1754

Present
the Mayor
Col. M: Scuyler
John Beeckman
Jacob C. Ten Eyke
Cornelius Cuyler

Mynard Wemp from the Senecas Country
informs the board that the Indians appear generally
well pleased that the English intend to atack the

French at Ohio, and are willing to Joine their
brethren the English, he complains much of
John Abeals supplying them yet with Rum
notwithstanding the letter from the Commissioners
which he told him off vide Minits of Jan^y 05:th and
Jan.^y 19:th he also repeated what he had often said
before that he did not Care for the Gov.^r Counsill or
Commissioners that he would sell Rum as he
pleased and that he expected soon a battoe load
from Albany, Wemp farther told the Commissione[rs]

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that he brought with him 5 hogsheads last October

April 22^d at a board met at the house
of Robert Lotteridge

Present

Col M Scuyler

the Mayor

Cornelis Cuyler

Jacob C. Ten Eyke

John Beeckman

That Sconondo a Sachem with four Kagh Nawaga
Indians appeared before the board; Sconondo told the
board by M.^r Clement as interpreter, that agreeable
to the [illeg.] Commissioners Request, (vide Minutes of October
31) that two Sachems of these four nations, would be
here when the indian Corn should be about two feet
high that the Aderondacks and Onagongoes were
in the bush but should be informed of the Message
by first oportunity, upon which gave a String of
Wampum, the Commissioners told them they were
glad to find they had been mindfull of their Message
and that they expected to see them according to
their promise to smoak a pipe together in this place

Resolved there be given them two Cags of Rum
one for their Journey the other to the Sachems
at Kagh Nawaga to drink the Commissioners
healths

At a board met at the house of Robert
Lotteridge April y^e 27th 1754

Present Robert Sanders Mayor

Cornelius Cuyler

Sibrant van Schaick

A letter was delivered by M.^r Van Scha[ik]
to the board from his Hon.^r the Lieu^t
Gov.^r dated the 20.th of April as

Follows -- As the time appointed
to meet the Indians at Albany is on the
14th of June and it is usual to send the
interpreter up among them before in order
to bring thm down -- I desire you will

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send him away for that purpose so that he may
have the Indians down at the time appointed
and that you will take all the usual and ne=
=cessary steps on such occasions I am Gentle.ⁿ
your most obedient and most humble

Serv:^t James Delancey

Ordered that a letter be wrote to the Interpreter to
Attend the board on Wednesday next -- the letter
was wrote and delivered to Nicholas van patten
to be sent to the interpreter ---

At a board met at the house of Robert Lotteridge
May the 1st. 1754

Present

Col Marshal

Col. M. Scuyler

The Recorder

M.^r Groonenedike

Cap^t Beeckman

M.^r Ten Eyke

M.^r Cuyler

Instructions from the Commissioners
of Indian affairs to M.^r Aaron=
=Stevens Interpreter

In Obedians to a letter of his
Hon.^r the Lieu.^t Gov.^r dated y^e 20th of
April 1754

You are to go to the Six nations
of Indians and tell them that his Hon.^r the
Lieu.^t Gov.^r desired them to come down to
Albany on a Gen:^l Treaty, which is to be held

in the City of Albany on the 14th day of June next
You are therefore required to do your Endavour to bring
down all the Sechems and principal Indians out of
each Castle as usual on such occasions, you are to
bring the said Indians down at the time appointed
To
M^r Aaron Stevens interpreter

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two Strings of Wampum was delivered to M.^r Aaron
=Stevens by order of the Commissioners -- to be given
as he thought necessary -- one of Said Strings was sent
to y^e Commissioners by the Conajohary Indians as p^r
Minutes of 18th Decem:^{br} 1753, the other String was given
by Sconondo, see Minutes of April 22^d 1754

At a board of Commissioners met at the house of
Robert Lotteridge
Present
the Mayor
Col. M. Scuyler
M.^r Cornelius Cuyler
the Recorder
Cap^t Beeckman

Upon report from our
Indian traders at the Carrying
place that some onogongo
Warriors were intending to go
out to fight against New England
we sent for a cochnawaga Indian named Joseph
to enquire about the truth of that report -- He
informed us, he heard nothing about it -- Nevertheless
upon account of that report, y^e Commissioners thought
proper to give the said Joseph a String of Wampum
to acquaint his Nation that if they should hear
of any such design, that they might be carefull
to put a stop to it --

At a board held at the house of Robert Lotteridge
May 15th 1754.

present

Col. M. Scuyler

Cap^t Beeckman

the Mayor

M.^r Cornelius Cuyler

Cap:^t [W]inne

M.^r Harme Ritemans neger

Clause accused John Ransilers

neger York, Widdow Scuylers neger

with one Eye named Dick

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and said they and others came with Sticks and asked
him if he took the Indians part -- Three Scortico Indians
Quooneypapas and two others complain that Quooneypapas
son is found Murdered, and then the Commissioners sent for
M.^r Ritemans neger Clause as above --- Widdow Scuyler[s]
neger dick was sent for -- he was at Sarretogo --- upon
report that M.^r Basset knew something about --- he was sent
for --- could give no information --- then growing late
it was concluded to send over the River for M.^r Ransilers
neger York tomorrow -- the Commissioners appointed
to meet y^e next morning at 9 of the Clock
[sidebar] Robert Wenda^l was Interpreter

At a board held at the house of Robert Lotteridge
May 16th 1754

Present

The Mayor

M.^r Cornelius Cuyler

Cap^t Beeckman

Col. M: Scuyler

Robert Wendal acted

as Interpreter

M.^r Egbert Egbertse was examined
releating to the Suspected murder
of the Indian --- also M.^r
Jacobus Groosbeck, who both
affirmed they knew nothing
of the affair, M.^r Ransilors
negro York was sent for, but was
gone to Claaverock -- eight shillings
was given in bread to y^e Indians --- and

ten shillings was given to M.^r Robert Wendal for
bringing down the Indians and attending the Indians
and Commissioners as interpreter

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At a board held at the house of Robert Lotteridg[e]

May the 18.th 1754

Present

the Mayor

M.^r Cornelius Cuyler

Capt Beeckman

M.^r Jacob C. Ten Eyke

M^r Sybrant G: Van Schaick

Col. M. Scuyler

A Message was brought
that the Indian William that
was missing as appears in Minute
15 is now found dead at Scotack
Jacobus van Volkenburg was
sent to take Care of the corps
and a letter and Messenger was forth=
=with sent to Robert Wendal to bring
the Indians down to bury the Corps and he should be
paid for his trouble

At a board held at the house of Robert Lotteridge

May 19.th 1754

Present

the Mayor

Recorder

M.^r Beeckman

M.^r Ten Eyke

Col. M: Scuyler

Cap.^t Winne

Several Scortico Indians came
to treat about the murdered Indian
and the Commissioners ordered all necessary
as a Shirt Stockins Clout -- and Coffin for y^e dead
Indian --- and victuals for the Company
that came to the burying, being in number
about twenty five --- and Robert Wendal
and van Volkenburg were ordered to accompany
the Indians to the Corps, and assist them at the
Burying ---

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At a board met at the house of Robert Lotteridge May y^e
21st 1754

Present

The Mayor

the Recorder

M.^r Jacob C. Ten Eike

Cap.^t Beeckman

Cap.^t Ransilor

M.^r Cor:^s Cuyler

C.^{ol} M: Scuyler

Cap.^t Winne

A Speech from the Commiss.^{rs} to the
Scortico Indians, upon account of
an Indian found dead who is suspected
to be killed by some negroes belonging
to albany

Robert Wendal Interpeter

Brethren

We are sincerely sorry for the death
of one of your men, we have already ap=
=prehended three of the negroes upon
Suspicion and if we can find them guilty we shall
punish them according to the Laws of our Country --
we now come to condole his death and wipe your
tears away, and therefore descire you all to be easy
in your minds -- Whereupon the Commis.^{rs} gave two
blankets of black Strouds and two Shirts --
Brethren, as you are now going home we sincerely
desire you not to revenge any thing that has
happened about this melancholy affair towards any
of his Majestys people or their slaves, and we shall
take care to punish the guilty whereupon they gave
them a belt of Wampum price 19^s--6^d bought from
Jacob Lancen

y^e Commissioners Speech in the afternoon
of the same day

Brethren --- this morning you demanded one of the
negroes to be delivered unto you, we told you it
was contrary to the Laws of our Country whereupon
you parted dissatisfied --- We now give you this
present of Six Indian blankets and three blankets
of Strouds a pear of Stroud Stockins and a piece

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of gartering and provisions for your Journey home
Whereupon they expressed themselves well satisfied
and promised they would take no revenge ---
The Commiss.^{rs} ordered M.^r Robert Wendal for bringing
down the Indians, for his charges in providing for
the Indians upon the Road, for his trouble in Burying
the Indian, for five days attendance and serving as
Interpreter - the sum of two pounds -

ordered that a Letter be wrote to the
Gov.^r to acquaint him with this affair, and also
that eighty four french Cannoos are past Oswego

Copy of the Letter to the Gov.^r--
May it please your hon^r
We are told by persons come now from oswego
that eighty four Cannoos and battoes are past by
oswego we suppose for ohio, which we thought
proper to acquaint your hon.^r of - We also let your
hon.^r know that a Scortico Indian was lately killed
by some negroes of this City -- three of the suspected
negroes are in Goal, and with much difficulty and
expençe we have satisfied the Indians and sent them
peaceably home --

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs at
the house of Robert Lotteridge May 26:th 1754

Present
Myndert Scuyler
Cornelius Cuyler
Robert Sanders
Sybrant van Schaik
Peter Winne
John Beeckman
Jacob C. Ten Eike

Pursuant to a message sent
last year to Kannossodaga, appeared
before us an onondaga Indian and
his wife who brought with them
from the Indian Castle calld Kan=
=nossadaga one William Powel

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an English Prisoner who was taken by the French
about sixteen months ago to the back of Philadelphia, the
Indian and his wife demanded a negro man in Exchange
for y^e said Powel -- after a long debate the Comm:^{rs} agreed
with the said Indian and his wife to pay them Eight
thousand black wampum for maintaining and bringing hither
the said William Powel -- Mess.^{rs} Robert Sanders and Cornelius
Cuyler have paid the Indians y^e Eight thousand wampum ---
the Comm:^{rs} ordered M.^r Sanders to give the said Indian
a blancket of Strouds and a Shirt, because he is a principal
Indian belonging to y^e Onondaga Castle

Albany 15 June 1754

At a Meeting of the Commiss.^{rs} for Indian Affairs
at M.^r Lutteridge's

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Pres.^t

Co.^l Mynd:^t Schuyler

the Mayor Rob.^t Saunders

the Record.^r Sybrant van Schaik

Cornelius Cuyler Esq.^{rs}

Co.^l Marshal

John Beekman

John Rentzlaar

Jacob Coenr.^t Ten Eyck

Peter Winnie

Peter Wraxall Sec.^{ry}

His Honour The Lieut Gov.^r having directed Co.^l
Mynd.^t Schuyler to convene the Commiss^{rs} of Indian Affairs
that they might consult together if they had any Matters
in particular to recommend to His Honour upon the
approaching Congress with the Six Nations

In consequence hereof, the Commiss^{rs} are of Opinion, that
His Honour should in the most earnest Manner exhort
the 6 Nations who now live dispersed & confused, to unite &
dwell

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dwell together in their respective Castles, And that the Mohawk
Nation should live in One Castle only--

That His Honour apply to the Onondaga Indians in
particular to direct & Exhort them to live together in One
Castle according to their Antient & prudent Custom & to cause
all their Friends & Relations wherever dispersed to join them,
particularly those who have seperated themselves & live at

present at Sweegassie † where the French have lately Fortified have a Garison & where there constantly resides a French Missionary in order to draw them off from our Alliance. At this Sweegassie the French have lately made a Settlement of Indians belonging to the 6 Nations & more particularly of the Onondaga & Cayouge Nations --

That whereas the French have for a great while past been endeavouring to prevail on the Sennecas to come & live at Irondequat in order to have them nearer to their Settlements the more easily to effect their Design of Debauching them from the British Interest, the Commiss^{rs} are of Opinion that His Honour should insist on the Sennecas, who at present live very remote from one Another, to make a General Castle near the Mouth of the Sennecas River, where they have already began to build a New Castle. This point has been several times recommended to them by former Gov.^{rs} and w^{ch} they have faithfully promised to do but have not hitherto effected.

The Commiss.^{rs} are of opinion that the most effectual Method to retain & secure the 6 Nations to the British Interest will be to build Two Forts, the One in the Onondaga the other in the Sennecas Country & that each of the said Forts be supplied with a proper Missionary --

They are further of Opinion that the carrying & selling Rum in the Castles of the 6 Nations is of the most pernicious Consequence is of the most pernicious Consequence [sic] to the public Interest of this Colony in particular & to the British Interest in general with respect to our Indian Connexions

The

† South Side of the River S^t Laurence
to the Eastward of Fort Cadaraqui

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The Commiss^{rs} are also of Opinion, that no French man should upon any pretence whatsoever be suffered to reside or trade amongst the 6 Nations, And that the s.^d 6 Nations should be directed to send those French Men away who now Reside or Trade amongst them & to warn them not to return, These French Emissarys having always been if [of] Fatal Consequence to the British Interest amongst the 6 Nations --

The Secretary is directed to give a Copy of these Minutes To His Honour the Lieu.^t Gov.^r

Peter Wraxall

Sec^{ry} & Agent for
Ind.ⁿ Affairs

The Commission constituting Commiss^{rs} for Indian Affairs having been omitted to be Recorded in its proper Place, it is here -after done viz.

By His Excellency The Hon.^{ble} George Clinton
Captain General & Governour in Chief of the Province of
New york & Territories thereon depending in America Vice
Admiral of the same And Admiral of the White Squadron
of His Majesties Fleet

To all to Whom these presents shall come or may
concern greeting

Whereas it is highly necessary for His Majesties
Service & the Welfare & Interest of this Province, that the
Affairs of the 6 Nations of Indians should be duly managed
& transacted, I have therefore thought fit to constitute
& appoint, and I do by & with the Advice of His Majesties
Council, hereby constitute
& appoint the Gentlemen of His Majesties Council of this
Province for the time being; The Cap.^t Commandant or
Commanding Officer of His Majesties Forces posted at
Albany for the time being; The Representatives in General
Assembly for the City & County of Albany for the time being;
The Representative in General Assembly for the Mannor
of

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of Renselaerwyk for the time being; The Representative
in general Assembly for the Township of Schonectady for
the time being; The Representative for the Manor of
Livingston for the time Being; The Mayor & Recorder of the
City of Albany for the time being; And Mynd.^t Schuyler,
Cornelius Cuyler, Hendrick Blecker, John Beekman, Peter
Groenendyck, Johannis Lansingh the Younger & Jacob
C. Ten Eyck Esq^{rs} To be Commiss^{rs} or Managers of the In-
-dian Affairs at Albany. Hereby giving & granting unto
the said Commiss^{rs} or ~~Managers of the Indian Affairs~~ [illeg.]
any Three or more of them full Power & Authority to meet
together at such place as they shall appoint & as often
as the Exigency of the Indian Affairs may Require, And
to make & give such Orders & Directions in the Management
of the said Affairs as have been heretofore usual for such
Commiss^{rs} to do & w^{ch} They shall conceive to be expedient for
his Majesties Service & the Welfare & Interest of the Province

They the said Commiss^{rs} transmitting their Proceedings
therein from time to time to me or the Gov.^r or Commander
in Chief for the Time being & observing & fulfilling all

such Orders & Instructions relating to the [Premises] as they shall receive from me or the said Gov.^r or Commander in Chief. And all other Persons are hereby required not to intermeddle in any matter relating to the Execution of this Commission --

Given under my Hand & Seal at
Arms at Fort George in the City of
New York the Sixteenth Day of Nov^r
in the year of our Lord 1752-- And in
the Twenty sixth year of His Majesties
Reign

G Clinton

By His Excellencys Command
[Gleo i.e. Goldsboro] Banyar D Sect^{ry}

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Albany 18 June 1754

At a Meeting of the Commiss^{rs} for Indian Affairs
at the House of Rob^t Lutteridge

[Printed in DRCHNY at 6:857 with some differences in wording.]
Pres.^t

Peter Winne

Sybrant van Schaick Recor.^{dr}

Myndert Schuyler Esq.^{rs}

John Beekman

Jacob C.^s Ten Eyck

The Lieu^t Gov.^r having sent to Co.^l Mynd.^t Schuyler to know what he should do with regard to the River Indians in the approaching Congress. Co.^l Schuyler thought it proper to convene the Commiss.^{rs} that they might Answer his Honour upon this Point.

They are of Opinion, that after the 6 Nations arrive in Town it will be time enough to send a Message to the S^d River Indians.

whereas divers Complaints have been made to the Commiss^{rs} of Indian Affairs, that the Indians at Coego-heere Castle do forcibly take Rum from the Oswego Traders in their passage by the said Castle. And that the Oneida Indians oblige the Traders to let them carry their Goods over the Carrying Place & to pay them double & sometimes more than double the Customary price w^{ch} the Germans are ready & willing to take. It is the Opinion therefore of this Board that His Hon.^r be pleased at the approaching Congress to represent the Injustice of these Proceedings to the

6 Nations and that it is a Breach of their Promises solemnly made & a Violation of their Engagement entered into & frequently renewed with former Governours

Ordered that the Secr.^y do give a Copy of these
Minutes to his Honour the Lieu^t Gov.^r
Peter Wraxall Sec.^{ry}

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Albany 20 June 1754

At a Meeting of the Commiss^{rs} of Indian Affairs
at the House of Rob^t Luttridge

Pres.^t

Peter Winne Esq.^r

Rob^t Saunders Mayor

Syb.^t van Shaick Esq^r Record.^r

Mynd^t Schuyler}

Corn.^s Cuyler } Esq^{rs}

John Beekman }

His Honour The Lieu.^t Gov.^r having directed the Commiss^{rs}
to meet & give him their Reasons for recommending him

By their Minutes of the 15 Inst.

to speak to the Mohawk Indians to live together in One
Castle

This Board say they had no other Reasons for mentioning
that point to His Honour but that they thought such a
Conjunction of the Mohawks would add to their Strength
& better enable them to resist any Enemy who might Attack
them -- but upon further consideration that the said Indians
would not be willing to consent to this Scheme, the Board
are now of Opinion that it will be more Adviseable for
His honour to be silent to the Mohawks upon this [Article]

Ord.^d that the Sec.^{ry} do give a Copy of the above
Minute to His Honour

Peter Wraxall

Sec.^{ry} &.^c

Albany 24 June 1754
At a Meeting of the Commiss^{rs} for Indian Affairs
at the House of Rob.^t Lutteridge

Pres.^t

Rob.^t Livingston Esq.^r

John Renstoelaar Esq.^r

Peter Winne Esq.^r

Rob.^t Saunders Esq.^t Mayor

Sybrant van Schaick Esq.^r Recorder

Mynd.^t Schuyler Esq.^r

Corn.^s Cuyler Esq.^r

John Beekman Esq.^r

Jacob C. Ten Eyck Esq.^r

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His Honour the Lieu^t Gov.^r having directed the Commiss^{rs} to meet [and] said Arent Steevens Interpreter to Attend them in order to give them a Relation of his Negotiations with the 6 Nations in his late Journey amongst them to bring them down to this City to meet his honour, the s.^d Inter-preter gave the following Acc.^t

That before he arrived at the Conojohere Castle he received a Letter from the Mohawks of that Castle † that he should not proceed forward amongst the Six Nations till the Gov.^r himself came up amongst them to make them easy about their Lands: And they told him no good would come from the intended Treaty unless they were previously satisfied in this Point. Upon w^{ch} he referred them to their Meeting with the Gov.^r at Albany for satisfaction & thereupon they suffered him to proceed.

He then went to the Sennecas Country without any Interruption where they told him to stay 10 days whilst they sent to invite the whole Nation to go down with them to the Conference, part of whom namely those who live at Sinnosscaere sent word they would not come because they had a breat deal of bad News amongst them from Ohio & thought themselves in danger, but the particulars were they did not communicate to their Brethren the other Sennecas.

He set out with the Senneca Sachems for the Cayouge's Country where he joind them in the Gov.^{rs} name in condoling the Death of One of their Sachims. Just as he was setting out from Caouge some of their Warriors arrived with News that they had lost Two of their Party that had been fighting against the Gehogroenes

a Nation who live to the Westward of the Cattabaws, &
that in their return they saw a great Number of
English near the Ohio, among whom they thought there
were some Cattabaws w^{ch} made them affraid they
were

† Signed by Abraham-Hendrik: & Nicholas.

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they were coming to Attack their Castle--by this News he
was retarded in pursuing his Journey down.

From Cayouge he went to Onondaga, where they
had taken a Resolution that some of their Sachems must
stay at home to treat with the Missasaguas who were
daily expected, & Six other Sachems went with him--

From Onondaga he proceeded to a Castle of the
Tuscarores where News arrived that the Oneidas had
something to say w^{ch} would Stop their proceeding farther
towards Albany--At this Castle News came that a
Sachem was dead belonging to the Oneidas whose Death
must be condoled before they could be spoke with--
Accordingly

He proceeded to Oneida & joined the other
Nations in their Condolences in the Gov^{rs} name. At Oneida
came a Deputation from the Schanantoghroenes, Who
are settled in the Oneidas Country, to make their acknow-
-ledgements to the Oneidas Tuscaroas & Mohawks for the
Lands they had given them to live on, They at the same
time agreed to come down with him to the Conference
but a report coming the Groote Jongen (a Senneca Sachim)
had passed the Oneida Lake & said that the Bloody
flux & Small Pox was so Violent at Albany that
the People lay dead in the Streets & that he had lost his
Wife there--Upon this the Oneidas cryed out if they
went forward they would all die; [hence] three Onon-
-daga Sachems & Six private [Sennecas] & 6 of the Schanantogh-
-roenes returned. The Interpreter assured the rest
of the Indians these reports were entirely false &
by many other Arguments prevailed on them to pro-
-ceed, & before he came to Burnets-field Two diff^r
Messages came with Two Belts of Wampum informing
them there was a French Army near Co^l Johnsons
at the great flatts to [east off] the Mohawk River
& also that there was an Army of English & flat-
-heads to cut them off when they came to Albany.

And

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And to prevail on them to return back to Oneida Others to consult whether they should venture down to Albany or not-- But the Indians joined with the Interpreter in returning for Answer that they would go as far as Burnets field [& there] send for the Mohawks to come & inform them whether the above News was true-- The Mohawks came & assured them the News was false & Groundless & then they proceeded to Albany. N.B. the Tuscarores went back from Oneida to their Castle to fitch their [Stores] & promised to follow the Interpreter

As it has been generally the Custom to give private presents to the Leading Sachims this Board are of Opinion that it will be for the public Service if the Gov.^r gives private presents to those sachims whom the Interpreter has given a List of to his Hon.^r & also to some of the principal Fighters.

This Board are also of Opinion that His Honour Should send a Message to the River & Schaaktekook Indians to be here at some certain day w^{ch} His Hon.^r will name to them

A Message from His Honour by M.^r Banyar
"That the Commiss^{rs} will draw up what he shall say
"to the Indians relating to the Complaints made to
"him of the Oneida Indians Obstructing the Oswego traders
"in carrying their goods over the carrying Place.

The Board are of Opinion that His Honour say to them as follows

"Brethren

"You may remember that you &
"Your Ancestors have at sundry times since the
"House at Oswego was built, solemnly promised that
"the path should be open to & from Oswego, that the
"Traders should meet with no Interuption in carrying
[of]

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"of their Goods & should employ whom they thought
"proper to ride their Goods over the carrying Place.
"And this the Oneidas particularly engaged themselves
"to observe above 15 Winters ago. If the Oneidas will
"ride Goods for the Traders at the same price & the same
"Loads as the Germans & be as careful of the Goods & the
"Traders are inclined to employ them, I have no Objection
"against the Oneidas being employed as well as the
"Germans."

A Copy hereof to be given by the Secr.^t to
His Honour The Lieu^t Gen.^r
Peter Wraxall

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs
at the house of Robert Lotteridge June y^e 27.th 1754
Present
Col. Scuyler
Robert Sanders Mayor
Sibrant G. vanSchaick Recorder
Capt Beekman
Cornelius Cuyler Esq^r

M.^r Peters M.^r Franklin and M.^r Norris Gentle.ⁿ
from the Province of Pensilvania came to the
Commissioners and demanded the accounts paid for
releasing four English prisoners named David Hendricks
Alexander m^cGinty, Jabez Evans, and William Powell
who were taken near ohio by the French Indians
which accounts as delivered in by Messures Cuyler
and Sanders appeared in full to be Seventy two pounds
eight Shillings, which was paid down by the said
Pensilvania Gentle:ⁿ and Mess.^{rs} Cuyler and Sanders
gave receipts for the same before the Commissioners

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At a meeting of the Commissioners at the house of
Robert Lotteridge July 2^d 1754

Present

Col. M Scuyler

Capt: Beekman

M.^r Sanders Mayor

M.^r VanSchaick Recorder

M.^r Cor.^s Cuyler

Col. Marshal

Ja. C. Ten Eyke Esq.^r

M.^r Groonendike

May it please your Hon.^r

We were very much surprized

to hear that Hendrick and Abram

Speakers of the Indians told your Hon.^r in publick
yesterday that no Message had been sent by the Com=
=miss:^{rs} of Indian Affairs to acquaint them, that
Commissioners for Indian Affairs had been appointed
----- and also that arms and Amunition
had been daily sold by the people of the County of
Albany to the French at Albany and Oswego---
which arms and Amunition the french now made
use of against the English at Ohio---

all which we absolutely deny, and as to the
first charge, -- we beg leave to refer your Hon.^r
to the Publick register Book of Indian Affairs, the
Copy of which being carefully examined with the
original we inclose to your Hon.^r --- in which
it appears, due, and early notice was regularly
given by Arent Stevens Interpreter of the Indians
for this Province to all the six nations without
exception as your Hon.^r may see by the answer of

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of the said Arent Stevens to this board, which
we also present to your Hon.^r

As to the second Charge of selling arms and Amu=
=nition, we are well assured by our long Experience
in the French and Indian trade, that our traders
carry neither arms nor Amunition to trade with
the French or Indians at Oswego ---
nor do the people of Albany trade with the
french in arms or amunition -- but on the

Contrary there is French Guns and Powder
brought frequently from Oswego and Canada to
Albany, which arms are more Esteemed and the
powder better and cheaper than ours in General

all which we think necessary to acquaint your
Hon.^r in order to clear our conduct -- and the
false aspersions laid on the traders--
And we pray your Hon.^r to incert this in your speech
to the Indians, and that they may inform your Hon.^r
in publick, who the persons are, that have sold arms
or amunition to the french or Indians -- which
they say, they make use of against the English
now at Ohio ---

Resolved that the Mayor and Recorder
present this adress to the Gov.^r

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs at
the House of Robert Laterage July 24th 1754.

Present

the Mayor	}	
Cornelius Cuyler	}	
John Beekman	}	Esq. ^r
Jacob C. Ten Eick	}	
Cor M Schuiler		
Cap. John B: V: Renselaar	}	
Cap Peter Winne	}	

Abraham Yates Ju.^r

Dep. Sec.^{tr}

Several Accounts Being Produced Viz.
an Account of Robert Sanders Amounting

	to	£	6:	15:	9
P: ^r	D.° of John Beeckman		3:	3:	6
	D.° of Benjiman Goewy		--:	8:	6
	D.° of Johannes Goewy		--:	8:	6
	D.° of John Cuiler		1:	9:	6
	D.° of Jacob C: Ten Eick		18:	18:	6
	D.° of Cornelius Cuiler		17:	8:	2
	Allowed to Abraham Wimple				
	on his Account of £ : 3: 2:		2:	6:	6
	D.° of Myndert Schuiler		--:	3:	7
	D.° of Edward Williams			4:	6
	D.° of John Jost Petri		00:	13:	2
	D.° of Robert Laterage		17:	1:	--
	D.° of Peter Winne		7:	19:	6
	D.° of Johannes Seeger		12:	8:	--
		£	89:	8:	10

M^r John Beekman Plased to Pay, out of the Commissioners Mony
Lodged In Your Hands, the Several Above Accounts, Amounting
to Eighty Nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ten Pence and their Receipts Shall
Be Your Discharge.

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs at the
House of Robert Laterage July 27th 1754

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

[Cornelius] Cuiler

Cap Winne

Cap Beekman

Jacob C: Ten Eick

Col: M: Schuyler

Resolved, that Dirk van Der Heyden, Procure two or
three Proper Indians, to go as Spies to Crownpoint. to Se [sic] Whether
there Be Any Preparations Made, By the French or their Indians
to Commit Hostilities on Our fronteers. and that one of them, Come
Immediately Back to Bring Answer, and the Other Remain there
for a few Days

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs at
the house of Robert Laterage August 3th 1754

Present

M^r Sanders Mayor

M.^r Van Schaick Rec.^r

Cap. Winne

Col. M Schuiler

Cornelius Cuiler Esq:

Six Indian Seachems of Anondage and Taskarora to Wit, the
the Roetkop, the Bont, the Blatt Neus, Canegegaie, Taya=
=dagrede [blank space] With About 45 Warriars of that Cassel,
Apeared Before us, and Expressed Great Joy that his
Honour the Lieutenant Governour had Been Pleased
to Kindle the fire here at Albany Again, As Usual, Where all News
Must Be Brought; they Desire of this Board to Act Carefully With the Six
Nations --- then Gave few Strings of Wampon

They Desire to Be Excused, that No More of them Came Down to
treat With the Governor, they Say that the Rum Being So Plenty Among
them, Was the Occasion, and hope there Will Be No Discontent Amongst
us for it, then Gave few Strings of Wampon

They also Desire of this Board that Tayadagrode Be Appointed
a Seachem In the Tribe of the Wolf, then Give few Strings of Wampon

They Also Say, that they are Promised frindship By the Governor,
and that he Would Provide them their Necessities-- Accordingly they Desire
that a Proper Smith May Be Sent Among them, Who Shall Be Capable to
to Mend their Axes, hoes, and Guns, and Also, as they have Been at Som
Expences, In Riding of their Canoe Over the Carying Place, and the falls,
and Shall Be at the Same Expence In Returning Again, they Desire

it May Be Paid, as Also Provisions Given for their Journey home, that they May keep their Yong-man from Doing ~~hurt~~ Mischief to the farmers, then give few Strings of Wampon

They further Say, they have Received Last fall a Belt of Wampon from the Govenors, of Verginia and South Carlina, as a Letter, To Inquire, Whether Any of the Six nations have had a hand, In Killing Som of their People, they Say they have Made a Strict Inquiry thereafter, But Cannot Perceive that Any of their Nations are Guilty of it, and if Such Be Done, they Suppose it to Be Done By the french Indians

They further Say that they have Sent 5 Belts of Wampon to the Govenor of Verginia, and Never had Answer thereon; they Desire that the Belts May Be Returned With an Answer -- they further Say that here is an Indian, One of their Nation, Who Left Swegagie and the Corn he had there Planted, In Obediance to our Govenors Request to the Six Nations, and Came to Live With them, Whereby he is for the Year Debarred of his Corn, they Desire that 3 Skipple of Corn May Be Given to that Indian to Support his family

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The Commissioner of the Indian affairs, Replyed the Seachems and Warriars, By Arent Stevens Interpreter of this Province as follows

Bretheren, We thank You for the Joy You Now Express, that his Honour the Lieutenant Governour had Been Pleased to Kindle the fire here at Albany As Usuel, and that All the News is to Be Brought here & You Expected We Would take Care of the Six Nations, We Assure You that All the Prudent Care Possible Will Be taken By this Board of the Six Nations, Give few Strings of Wampon

Bretheren the Reason You Assign that No Greater Number of Your Nation Came Down at the Last Treaty With his honour here, Wasse Occasioned By the Plentiffulness of Rum then Being Among You, Agreeable to Your Request to us, Since Rum is a [Drawing] Article. We Shall Bury it In Oblivion, and Expect for the future that the Same Shall Not happen Again, When the Govenor Sends Down for You, then give few Strings of Wampon

Bretheren Since You Desire us to appoint Tacadagrode as Scachem Amongst You in that tribe of the Wolfe, We Do Agreeable to Your Request Appoint him a Seachem Among You, and to Confirm him In that Part, We Give him One Aurora Blanket, one Shirt, one hat With a Gold Lace, and One Pair of Stockins

Bretheren You Say, that his honour the Govenour has Promised You frindship, and that he Would Provide Your Necessities, and that you Now Desired that he Should Send a Proper Smith to Reside Among You; to Make Your Axes and hoes, & Mend Your Guns, We Shall Agreeable to Your Request Recommand the Same to his honour the Govenour, and Doubt Not, But he Will fulfill What he Promised You. and We Will Pay Agreeable Your Request for the Riding of Your Canoe and Calking it at Schanegtande, and Give You Provisions on Your Return By the

Way and While here

Bretheren as to What you Desire us to Make Known to the Govenours of Verginia and South Carlina, Shall Be faithfully Done By us In Your Behalves, and Since there is one of Your Nation here Who Left Swegagie, and the Corn he Planted there, In Obediance to Our Govenours Request to the Six nations, Whereby he (for this Year) is Debarred of Indian Corn, and You Requested of us to Give him 3 Skepple Indian Corn, We Agreeable thereto Give him an order to take 3 Skipple at the falls, By John Jest harkeman; and Expect You

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You will Recal from there All Your People, to Come and Live Among [You] and ~~further~~

Note Ø

Bretheren here is News, the English (our and Your Brethe=
=ren) and the french have Been a fighting together, and there are on Both Sides Several Killed and Wounded, and We hear that All the Shawenase, Also Som of the Six Nations (Residing at or About the Ohio River, Joyned the french, Which We are Amazed to hear, Being that they are Your Grant Children, and as We Con=
=ceive, that the Shawenase Only Lay there as Being Your Spies, it Aggravates our Grief, to hear they Joyn the french, of Which We have a Certain Account from Asharego

We Desire You Bretheren, that Imediately after Your Return home, You Send a Massage, In Your Name to forbid them Not to Joyn the french for the future; But assist the English. Also We Desire you to Send Massages to All those Nations Where=
=evir you have Any Interest to the Same Purpose, than Give A Belt of Wampon

Arent Stevins Delivered 3 Accounts one Amounting to	£ 4:	-----
one D. ^o amounting to	:	13: 6
one for riding the Seachems from Schonegtonde	:	9: ---
Amounting together to £ 5: 1/2: 6	5: 2: 6	
Robert Laterage Also Delivered an Account Amounting to	£ 5: ---: 5	
Orthered that the Above Accounts Be Paid		

At a Meeting of the Commissioner of Indian affairs at
the House of Robert Laterage August 7th 1754

Present

the Recorder

Col M: Schuiler

Cap John Beekman

Jacob C: Ten Eick Esq:^f

two Cayuga Seachems, With Several Warriars Appeared
Before us; And Say they are Sent as Messengers from
their Cassels to Desire Once More, that No Rum Be
Braught Among them, And That they Also Desired the Same
of the Govener, Who Seem.^d to Be Convinced and well Satisfyed,
the Reason the Say is this, that they Cannot Look to their Land, Nei=
=ther Can they Increase, and In Case it is Not Spedily Prohibited, they
Cannon Remain A Nation. they further Say, that the french at
Yagera Wont Allow that Rum Be Sold to the Indians, that

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Lives there Among them, So that if they Will have Rum, they are
Obligated either, to Go to Caneda or to the English. and Unless Rum is
Prohibited to Be Brought among them, they Will Be Obligat[ed] to Remove
to the french, Where No rum is Sold: for they Say they Cannot Subsist
if Rum Be Braught among them, they Add, that there has Been a
Massage to Invite them to Come to Caneda to Treat With the Govenour
and they Propose to Go, When the Indian Corn is Ripe; they Also Desire
that Provision Might Be Given them, In Returning home and While here
and a Waggon to Carry the Presents from the Governour Which they Left
here, to Schonegtande -- then Give a Belt of Wampon

The Commissioners of the Indian affairs Replyed the Seachems and
Warriors In the following Manner

Bretheren, We thank You for the Message You Braught in
What You Say Concerning the Rum, We think it Very Reasonable, And
We Will Represent it in the Strongest Manner We Can to the Govenour,
And Doubt Not But that Your Request Shall Be Granted
You Also Desired to have Provision While here and In Returning home
and a Waggon to Schonegtande, Agreeably therto it Shall Be Given You
then Give few Strings of Wampon
Brethren You Also Acquaint us that You are Invited By the
Govenour of Caneda, to Come and Treat With him, When the Indian Corn
Shall Be Ripe
Brethren Since the Governor has Been But few Days Gone, and
has Renewed the Covenant Chain Between You and [Ous], We hope
that Such is Not Yet Out Your thoughts, therefore Desire You Not to
Go, And Send Your Invitation Back, You Very Well Know What

a Set of People they Be, they Are Always Craveing to Rise Distur=
=bances and Confusions Among You And the English, and Especially
Now While they are Busy to Incroach on the English Settlements
at Ohio, therefore Wee Desire You Not to Go, Since We are one head
And one heart, they are Also Inimies to Both of us
You Very Well Know that from time to time You have Been Misled
By the french, Somtimes By Saying that You Must Not Go to Albany
for fear of the Small Pox, Again at Other times that You Will Be Killed
at Albany, and more Other Lyes, then Give a Belt of Wampon
Sybrant Van Schajck Delivered an Account amounting to £ 4: 14
Ordered that the Same Be Paid

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs at
the House of Robart Leturage August 8th 1754

Present

the Mayor

" Recorder

Col M. Schuyler

Cornelius Cuiler Esq:†

Jacob C: Ten Eick

Cap John Beekman

About 50 Schanyadegroene Indians Appeared Before
Us. they Say they Intent to Stay Yet 2 Days and
Desire that Provisions Might Be Given them, While
here, And On their Jorney home, they Say Also that they
have Som Guns among them Which are Out of
Repair, they Desire that the Commissioners Will get
them Mended, they Also Desire that A Waggon Might Be Given
them to Ride the Presents, Which they have got at the Last Treaty
With the Govenor, as far As the Uppermost farmers At Schoharre
then Gave a Belt of Wampon

The Commissioners of Indian Affairs, Replyed the Schanyadegrone
Indians In the following Manner

Bretheren as to What You Desire About a Waggon, that is
Impossible, for there is No Waggons to Be Got, Being it is harvest
Also the Road is Impracticable
As to What You Say About Your Guns Being Broke, We Shall
order a Gunsmith to Mend them, Also We Shall Give You Provi=
=sion While here and In Your Retorn

Ordered that a Copy of the Minutes from the 3th of August Until August
the 7th Be Sent to his Honour the Lieutenant Govenor, and that they
Be Inclosed In a
Copy of the following Letter

Albany 10:th August 1754.

May it Please Your Honour

We the Commissioners of Indian affairs, having
had five Days since several Seachems and Warriors, from the Anondage,
Taskerora, & Cayuga, Cassals, and fifty Schanyadegrones
who Chiefly Came Down for the Presents and also

to Treat

With us, and the Inclosed are the Minutes of Our Proceeding,

We are most Respectfully

Your honours Most Humble Servants

Myder Schuiler

Cornelius Cuiler

Robert Sanders

Sybrant Gase V: Schajck

John Beekman

John B: V: Renselaar

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners at House of Rob[ert]

Laterage Albany 12th August 1754

Present

the Recorder

the Mayor

Col M: Schuiler

Jacob C: Ten Eick

Cap^t John Beekman

Cap^t Cornelius Cuiler

Cap^t John Bab: V: Renselaar

Cap Peter Winne

Cap^t Peter [Dow]

Resolved that Arent Stevens Be Wrote for
that he Attend, this Board, to Morrow Morning as Soon
as Possible-- and that the following Letter Be Sent to
him

S:^t at the Desire of this Board I am to
Acquaint You, that Your Attendance is Required here
to Morrow Morning, as Soon as Possible, On Bussiness
of Consequence --- I am S:^t Your Humble Ser^t

Abraham Yates Ju:^r Dep:^t Secretary

The Indian \ Nabaughkauwe, [illeg. - crossed out?] Who Wass Sent to Cruin Point
By Dirk Van Der Hyden (By Order of the Commissioners Vide Minutes

July 27: 1754) Returned, and Appeared to this Board & Braught the following Answer Viz:^t

He Went from Schaghkook to Killian De Redders: the first Day and Proceeded In his Jorney from there to the Carrying Place &c:^a the fifth Day he Came to Crown Point Where he found 16 Souldiers In the fort, But Before he Came there, heard Som Dancing after the Indian fashion, When he Resolved to Retorn Back, But on a second Consideration, he Went forward and Laid his Canoe Down By the Wind Mill Where he Slept that Night, In the Morning Som Annagongues Came to him, & Bid him Welcome, So he Went In the fort, Where the Commander tould him that he Did Not Come there of his Own Accord, But that he Wass Sent there and Asked the Reason, he Confessed that he Wass Sent there, and told him for Reason, that as he Sent Spies in Our Country Without Touching or Stopping at Any Place in Our Country, Gave as Reason to Mistrust them, the Commander Replyed that they had been there to Carry Letters. He further Says that there Was 14 Tents about the fort, Which Contained Workman, that Were About Repairing the fort

Also Anonragète, Sanatsiowane, and Siohahiren Who Represents Oroniadadickha 3 Seachems and Several Warriars of the Cagnawage Cassel Appeared Before us, Saying they Were Now Ready to hear What We have to Say

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The Comissioners of the Indian affairs Replyed them
By Jacobus Clement as Interpreter
Bretheren we Desired You Last fall (vide Minutes of October 31. 1753) as You then Wass But few In Number that two Seachems out of Each of your Cassels, to Wit, of the Cagnawages, Cannssedage, Rondaks and Annogungues, to Come Down this Spring to Confirm the Old Covenant, And are You here Accordingly

To Which the Seachems and Warriars Replyed
it is true You Did So, But We that are now here Speak In the Name of All the Said Nations, and We Command and Are Master of All the Rest.

then the Commissioners Asked them, Why All the Nations Did Not Come Down as they Desired them,

they Replyed that the Canosedages Where All Busy In their Own affiars. and Could Not Well Spare time to Come With them, And as for the Rondaks, and Annogungues, they Overtook them At

Cruinpoint, and In preceding of their Journey, they Concluded, they Would Go In Compony to Albany, and when they Came to Lake Sacrama, they Said they Would go No Further then Schackok, and as they (the Cagnages) Were the Greatest in Power they Left it Intirely to them, and if the Commissioners Were Inclyned to Speak With them In friendship, they Might Come to the Carrying Place, Where they had Kindled their fire

The Said Commissioner[s] Appointed the Day after to Morrow to Speak further With them

Resolved By this Board that Robert Wendle Be Sent for to Attend there to Morrow Morning As soon as Possible

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs
at the House of Robert Laterage August 13th 1754

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

Col M: Schuiler

Cornelius Cuiler

John B: V: Renselaar

Peter Winne

Jacob C Ten Eick

Cap Peter Dowe

Robert Wendle Appeared to this Board

Resolved that Said Wendle Go forthwith up to

Schachtekook and Desire the Annagungue

Seachems to Come Down to Albany

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners ~~of the Indian Affairs~~ at [the?]

House of Robert Laterage August 14th 1754

Present

Cap Cornelius Cuiler

The Mayor

Col: M. Schuiler

the Recorder

Jacob C: Ten Eick

Cap John B: V: Rensalaar

Cap^t Peter Winne

Cap^t Peter Dow

M:^r Antony Bleeker Appeared hier and Informed

this Board that Between 40 & 50 of the Onyde Indians

are Ready to Remove to Caneda, In Order to Live there

and further Said, that In his opinion Cap^t Teady
Magin has the Most Interest among them, to Stop
them

Whereas We Conceive it Expedient
and Necessary for his Majestys Service, and the Welfare and Interest of
this Province, that Cap^t Teady Magin, and Arent Stevins the Provincial
Interpreter, Be Sent to Said Cassel, and Desire them Not to Go
Resolved that a Copy of the following Instructions Be Delivered
to Cap Teady Magin and Arent Stevinse Provincial Interpreter

Instructions for Cap^t Teady Magin & Arent Stevins
Provincial Interpreter

You the Said Cap: Teady Magin, are hereby Required and
Directed, to Proceed Without Loss of time, from hence to Schonegtande
Where Arent Stevins is to join You as Interpreter, and from thence
to Onyde, and Tell the Onyde seachems, that We are Informed that
a Great Number of them are Agoing to Remove to Caneda In Order to Live there;
and that We Desire them, to Do their Utmost Indeavour, to Make
a Stop to their Going, and Also to Acquaint the Mohaxs and
Canejoharry Seachems, With Your Message
Given Under Our Hands
at Albany August 14th 1754

Myndert Schuilder
Robert Sanders
Cornelius Cuiler
Jacob C. Ten Eick
Sybrant G:^s V: Schajck
Peter Winne
John B: V: Renselaar
John Beekman
Peter Dow

Resolved that a Letter Be Wrote to
Arent Stevins, of Which the following
is a Copy.

Albany 14. august 1754

Mr Stevins

Sir. You are here by Required, forthwith to go With Cap: Teady
Magin to Onydy; and there Use Your Utmost Indeavour In Con-
=junction With him, to Stop the Onyde Indians from Going to
Caneda and hereof fail Not at Your Peril
We are Your Humble Servants

Myndert Schuylder
Robert Sanders
Cornelius Cuiler
Jacob C: T: Eick &:^{ca}
as Above

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August 14th

Then appeared Before this Board the Seachems and Warriors
of the Cagnawag Cassel, to Whoom the Commissioners Made the
following Speech

Bretheren We are Glad to See You here at this Day, In
Obediance of Our Request to You Last fall (Vide Minutes of October
31 1753) --- then gave few Strings of Wampon

Bretheren if You have Lost Any of Your ~~Man~~ People
We herewith Wipe the Tears Out Of Your Eyes, that We May See Each
Other as Clear as the Sun Shines In a fair Day at Noon, and Speak
to Each Other Without Sorrow. Whereupon Give a Belt of Wampon

Bretheren as You Came But few In Number Last fall
to Renew the Old Covenant Chain, We therefore then Desired You
that two Seachems, out of Each of Your nations (to wit) Cagnawages,
Canassedages, Rundaks, and Annogungues, Should Come Down Last
Spring. and We are Glad to See You here, for Your Selves & in
Behalf of the Other[s] Your Allies

Bretheren: We Now Again, Renew the Old Covenant
Chain With You and Your Allies, Which has Been Made By Our
forefathers, and Desire You, and All Your Allies, to keep the Same
Bright, Clear, and free from Rust; as Long as the Sun and Moon
Indures, and that No Dark Clouds May Come In
the Way, So that You and We May Walk and Go Without fear or
Terror; and Live Always In frindship, With Each Other. and if In
Case an Open War Should Break Out, Between the King of Great
Britten, and the french King We Desire You to Stand Neuter, and

Commit No hostilities On any of his Majesties Subjects. and We Do Now
Again (as Wee Also Did Last fall) Assure You; that We of Our Side, Will
Keep the Said Covenant Chain Bright, Clear & free from Rust and
filt, and the Road Between us and You Clear from All filt and
Dirt, and the fire Burning
And as We are Informed, that You have Now Stopt the Annagonges
And Rundax, of Doing Mischief to Our People, We Sincerely thank
You for it; and Desire and Expect You Will Do the Same, at
All times, and Acquaint us thereof if Any thing Should happen
for the future
then Gave a Large Belt of Wampon

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August}
14th }

Then the Cagnawage Seachchems and Warriars Replyed
Bretheren We Rejoyce with You to Behold it hath Pleased
God that this Day We have a Conference together; We Dont
Doubt, But You Likewise have had Sorrows together; We herewith
Wipe Away the Tears out of Your Eyes: and Open Your hearts, that
You May hear and Understand

then Give few Strings of Wampon

Bretheren, We thankfully Receive Your Belt of Covenant, and to Confirm
the Same, We, for Selves, and In Behalf of the Canussedages, Rondax
and Annagungas, Give You this

then Give a Belt of Wampen

Bretheren You Did Also Give thanks for that We Stopt the Rondax
And Annagungues, and Sent A Great Number Back.

In our Conference With them (Vide Minutes of the 12th Instant)
they told us, that Some of them, Would Go to Schagkook, And
Renew their Covenant With the Schachkok Indians; We Said, that
May Be, the Commissioners Would Send for them to Albany. they
Answered No, they Will Not, for their fire Was Kindled at the
Carrying Place.

Notwithstanding all that, We Shall Keep our Selves firmly
to the Covenant Chain, and Shall Always Do, as We have Done
Now: and Moreoever Shall Give You Intilligence, if Any
Ill Design is Intended Against You.

Bretheren You Also Say that No Cloud, Shall Come In the
Sky But What You Will Seperate and Clear, as Much as
Lays In Your Power. And that You Will Keep the Road Open;
and Clear from all filt and Dirt. and if a War Should Break
Out Between the King of Great Britan and the french King.
You Desire us to Keep our Selves Neuter.

We Cannot Give a Proper Answer to that, Since We have heard

that Your Governor has Given the hatched to the Mohawk Indians,
Which We Shall Go and Enquire into: and Answer You that
Paragraph, When We Return. and if Any of You are Inclind
to Go Along With Us, to hear What We Say, You May and Welcome
We [Desire] You Also, to Provide us a Waggon to Schonegtande, and a horse to the Mohacks

Resolved that A Waggon to Schonegtande and a horse from
there to the Mohacks Be Provided for the Seachems. And that
Jacobus Clement Go Along With them, and Observe their Speech,
And Make Report thereof to this Board

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At a Meeting of the Commissioner of Indian
affairs at the Hous of Robert Laterage August 15th 1754
Present

the Mayor
Col M: Schuylder
John B: V: Renselaar
Jacob C: Ten Eick
Sybrant G: Van Schaick
Cornelius Cuiler
Jacobus Mynderse
Peter Winne

The Annagugue Seachems Appeared to this
Board. Who Were Sent for to Schagkok
By Robert Wendle (Vide Minutes of the 13th
Instant) to Wit. Allenas, Inolawit, Ottawa=
=kaskatok; and Otasagquenapo, of Massiesque
and Several Warriors: to Whoom the Commissi-
Made the following Speech

Bretheren We heard You Were at Schachkok, We then Sent
You 7 Hands of Wampon, to Invite You Down to Smook a pipe
With You here

then Gave few Strings of Wampon
Bretheren Since We Now have an Appurtunity to Smook a
Pipe with You, We Cannot Well Omit to Mention to You, that
We have Yesterday Renewed the ~~Old~~ Covenant Chain, With Your
And Our Bretheren (the Cagnewages) Who Did it for themselves
the Cannassedages and Rondaks annagungues and if We Understood
them Right they Said they had Your, and their Express Order to Do it With
us, and Since We Understand, that You have But few Seachems
here at this time, We Desire You; that if you Git home to tell
the Rest of the Seachems of it, and that We Desire them, To Come
Down this fall to Confirm the Same

then Gave a Belt of Wampon

Bretheren We have Lately heard that You together With 100
More of Your People & 20 Rondax Left Your Cassel Lately
In order to Cut of Our People at Saragtoghe and had it Not
Been for our Bretheren the Cagnawage Indians, Who Perswaded
You to the Contrary. & ~~there is~~ upon their Request 100 of Your
People and 20 Rondax Returned home from fort S.¹ Frederick
at Cruinpoint, & You Proceeded to Schaghkok: and that All In
time of a Profound Peace; Which We think Strange
And Since Now We Enjoy Profound Peace; We Desire You
that the Like May Not Happen Again. But that You
Come here to this City from time to time Where You Will
find Your fire Burning as In former Days, and the
Road Clear from filth and Dust
Bretheren We are Astonished, to hear You Should have

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have Said, that Your fire Was Burning at the Carrying Place
We Desire You to Tell us Who had Directed You, to Make or
Kindle the Same there, for We are Strangers to that fire, and
Know of No Other fire [than?] In this Town Burning
The annagangue Seachems Replied
Bretheren for those that are Asleep, this is to Open their Ears
And heart, that they May hear and Understand
then gave few Strings of Wampon
Bretheren We have Made the fire at the Carrying Place
Long Ago, and Also two Years Ago and the french have
Scattered the Same, and Now Bretheren We are Come
from Alsecantikoke to Look to the fire the Same Decreasing, M:^r
Ladies Was to take Care thereof
Bretheren We are Exceeding Glad that the fire is hier Now
Kindled; and We Like it Very Well that the Road is Open and
if Any Trees Should fall therein We Shall take them out and keep the Same Always
Clear. and We Shall for the future, Come here as to Our own
House, and if By Chance, We Come to Schaghkok, or [Below]
Schaghkok, Where We Might find Blod, Maybe of a Wounded: dog
: We Shall Not Cross the Same, But avoid it; and so Come and [Enquire]
of this Board Where that Might Proceed from: and Not Return Back
to Our Cassel, that they May Not See Blood to Our Shoes. Now
Bretheren You Must Certainly Believe that We are Your Bretheren
and take us to Be Such. and Now We of Secantekok have Opened
the one half of the River. and Bear Witness thereof.

then Gave a Belt of Wampon
Bretheren here is Also three Indians out of Matsissque Cassal, Who Also
Opens the Other half of the River, as far as the Same Exends,
and Assure You that, of our Side, this Road Shall Be kept Open
and Never Stopt; Unless Stopt By You.

Bretheren Be Assured that We Masiesque Indians Open the
Road to this our house: and Since this Road has Been a Good
Road to Our forefathers, We therfore Clear the Same, that it May
Be as Good as Evir it has Been
Dont Mind Bretheren if Maybe Bad Wind or Tydings
Should Bloe In Your Ears, for that Proceeds from the Devil
then Give a Belt of Wampon
Bretheren We Also affirm to have Authorized the Cagnawage

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Seachems to Renew the Covenant In Our Name. and it Wass
Granted to Us, that Whatevir is Done By us, Shall Be Approved
of By Both our Whole Nations

Bretheren We Receive Dirk Van Der Hyden as Being one
of the Secantekok Nation, he Understands Our Language, and
if Anything Should Be transacted he Shall Be Present

The Commissioners Replyed them
Bretheren We are Well Satisfyed With the Assurances You Give us to keep the Road Clear and free from All Stumbling Blocks & We Do Assure You of Our Side, that We Will Do the Same and Desire You Will By No Means Commit Any Damage or Hostilities On Any of his Majesties Subjects Whereupon Gave them the following Goods

	2 P ^s of Strouds
	10 Shirts
	50 [wt] Tobacco
	1 Groet of Pipes, and
	Provision while here, and
	on their Jorney

At a Meeting of the Commissioners at the House of Robert
Laterage Albany 21th August 1754

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

Col. M: Schuilder

Cornelius Cuiler

Jacob C Ten Eick

John Beekman

a Letter Wass Braught from his Honour
the Liutenand Governour of New York to
the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs.
With one Inclosed therein to
Hitson Holland Commander of his Majesties
fort At Oswego

Resolved that the Same Be Sent there By
the first Oppurtunity

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At a Meeting of the Commissioner of the Indian Affa[irs]
at the House of Robert Laterage August 24th 1754

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

Col M: Schuiler Esquires

Jacob C: Ten Eick

Cornlius Cuiler

John Beekman

Several Mohack Seachims and Warriors
Being Sent for to this Board; to Whoom the
Commissioners Communicated the Spech to: and
the Replication: of the Cagnawage Seachims
And the Mohack Seachims Expressed Great
Satisfaction thereat.

then the Cagnewage Seachims and Warriors Being Also Sent for (In
the Presence of the Mohack Seachims and Warriors) to answer the Last
Paragraph (Vide Minutes of 14 Instant) Which they Did In the following
Manner

Bretheren We Rejoyce to Meet you at this our
Return; You Know We Tould You, that We Would Give a Proper
Answer to the Last Paragraph When We Should Return from the
Mohase. [sic] We Accordingly Now tell You, that We Intirely Stand
to and Agree to the Said Article; and All and Every article or Clause
In Your Proposition Concerning the Renewing the Covenant Chain.
Which We have Also Renewed In the Mohacks: With our Bretheren
the Mohacks: Who are Now Present. and As We Live But a Little
Distance from Each Other: Our Communication from time to time
With Each Other Will Confirm the Same. and We Promiss and
Assure You that if a fals Report Should Come Among us, We Shall
Not Stop thereby, But Will Come here and Inquire, Where it Might
Proceed from. it is Not Worth While to Repeat All Our
transactions of What Past Between us, We Again Say, that We
Entirely Agree Stand to and Agree to Every Article Past Between
Us. and as God is Master of Our Lives, Being Not Certain how
Long We Shall Live, Howevir We Promiss to Be firm In the
Covenant Chain, and Keep the Same as Long As We Live
thereupon Gave a Large Belt of Wampon

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners at the House of

Robert Laterage Albany 26 August 1754

Present

Col M Schuiler

John Beekman

the Mayor

the Recorder

Cornelius Cuiler

Cap^t Teady Magin Appeared to this Board
to Make Report of his Jorney to Onyde (Vide
minutes af 14th Instant)

He Says: he Went from hence to Schonegtonde
Where Arent Steavens joyned him; from thence to the Mohacks,
and Acquainted the Mohack Seachims of his Massage, thence to Cane=
=joharre Where he Also Acquainted them af his Said Massage, then
to Onyde, When he Came there he Desired the Seachems to
Meet together; then Acquainted them that We had heard: that
Several famelies Intended to Remove to Caneda; then Enquired
for Kawega, (one of their Seachims Who Lately Braught a Belt
and a french flag from Canada to Invite them there) and tould
them they Must Not Sel their Land, and Contry, and Brethe=
=ren, for a french Blanket or Gun: and that the french Wass
Dayly Busy to Steal, and Bring them to Caneda ~~to their Country.~~
the Answer they Gave (Magin) Wass, that is Wass Not So
Bad as the Commissioners had heard it. and that a french Priest
Had Sent them a Large Belt of Wampon, and a flag to
Come to Caneda, to Be ~~Bap~~ Rebaptized, and if they Could Not
Come to Caneda, the Priest Would Come and Rebaptize them there.
Whereupon Magin Desired them Not to go. they Answered, that they
Could Not Well Do Less then Send the Belt and flag Back Again
to Caneda from Whence it Came. then Magin Desired them
to Send a Couple of Boys Who would Not Listen to Lyes.
then Magin Went to the Carrying Place In order to Speak
to Kawege, Where he Also found Schusyes: two of the Most
Principal Seachims of Onyde, then Magin Repeated the Above
Message --- and gave them a Belt of Wampon
Whereupon they Replyed, that they Would Not Go. and thereupon
Did Send few Strings of Wampon to the Commissioners, By Which
they Promised: they Would Come to Albany.
and after Magin had finished his Discours, In the Onyde
Cassel, they Returned few Strings of Wampon; and Said it
Was Sent to them By M^r Liedies. In Order to Invite 4
of the Principal Seachims Down to his House at Albany.

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and Said that they Would Not Go; if M^r Liedies Wanted to Speak

With them, he Might come In their Cassel,
Capt Tedy Magin Says further, : that Arent Stievens Our Interpreter
Would Perswade him to Keep that Message af M:^r Liedies Private

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs At the House of Robert Laterage August 28th 1754

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Col M Schuiler
Jacob Co: T: Eick
John Beekman
Cornelius Cuiler

Peter Hog Appeared to this Board, Who Informed
the Said Commissioners that Hosack
Wass Cut of By the french and their Indians, the Said
Hogg Wass Sworn, and his Deposition Sent Down
to his Honour the Liutenant Governour, Enclosed
In a Letter

Resolved that the following
Be Sent Down as An Express to the Governour (to Wit)
William freyer, Lucas Witbeek, Isaac freyer, and Gerrit
Van Sante Ju:^r With the following Letter

Albany August 28th 1754

May it Pleas Your ~~Excellency~~ Honour
We Have Been Alarmed Since Last Sabbath; on a Report
of a Number of french Indians -- Being Gone Out a fighting
towards Hosack, and just Now Peter Hogg Appeared here
Who Informed us that Hosack Wass Cut of this Day, and
We Refer Your Honour to the Enclosed for the Particulars

We Remain With Great Respect
Your Honours Most Humble Servants

Myndert Schuiler
Sybrant V: Schayck
Robet Sanders
Jacob C Ten Eick
Cornlius Cuiler
John Beekman
Hubart Marshall

at a Meeting of the Commissioners at the
House of Robert Laterage August 29: 1754

Present
Col Myndert Schuiler
Col Marshall
the Mayor
the Recorder
John Beekman
Cornelius Cuiler

Resolved that a Letter Be Sent to Arent
Stevens, that he forthwith Communicate
to the Mohacks and Canojoharre
Seachims, that Hosack Wass Yesterday

Cut of By the french Indians

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners at Letreges
August 30 1754

Present
the Recorder
the Mayor
Col. M: Schuiler
Col Marshall
Cap Cornelius Cuiler
Jacob C. Ten Eick
John Beekman

After We Had the Melancholy News of
Hosack Being Demolished: We Sent for
4 Kagnawage Indians Now Being In Town
and Asked them whether they Did Not Know Who Were the Transgressors
they Replied No. and that Not Long Ago
they had Been at Albany, and In their

Retorn home, When they Came at S:^t John, (the Usual Landing
Place About 7 Leagues from Montreal) they found a Great Number
of Annagungues and Rondax Indians, they Asked them What Braugt
them there In Such a Number, they Answered that they Were Agoing
to Schachkok to fetch their Brethren: and if that Would Not
Succeed they Would Go Out a fighting and after the Goven[our]
of Caneda had heard their Design, He Sent for the Cagnawage
Seachems, and Told them; Children these Indians have an
Ill Design: and I assure You that I have No hand in it.
Go Immediatel;y On Your Seachems Business, and tel them
to Return Back. Whereupon the Seachems Immediately
followed them and Overtook them at Crownpoint, Where they
found them a Dansing (as Usuelly they Do When they go Out
a fighting) they gave the Commanding officer a Letter from
the govenour, With Orders to Enquire, What they Intended
to Do, Whereupon the Commanding officer the Next Day

Called the Chiefs together, and then Told them, that he had Received a Letter from the Governour to Order them to Return Back. and the Seachems Joyned the Commanding officer In Desiring them to Return Back.

they further Say, that they Can Say No More But that they Deceived the Governour; as Also Our Seachems: for they thoug[ht] that the Warriors Were Returned Back. the Informer Says they Lift Caneda 13 Days Ago, and heard Not A Word About it til they Came to the Carrying Place, Where they found Sum Annagungue ~~Seachems~~ Indians, Who had Lately Treated With the Commissioners at Albany, Who Tould them, that they had Sent Down few Strings of Wampon: to Inform the Commissioners, that the Onnagungue ~~Seachims~~ Indians Where Gone to Distroy Hosack

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August

30th

the Commissioners Replied

Bretheren Since it is But Such a Little time Since We have Renewed the Covenant With our Bretheren the Cagnewages, Who Told Us, that they Were Also Impowered (By the Rondax, and Annagun =gues, and All the Other Nations to Whoom We had Sent) to Make the Covenant Stronger than Evir it hath Been and Desired us to Be Easy and Depend thereon, and Not Be frightened, it May be Bad News Should Be Reported; for they Said if Any thing Ill Wass Intended Against us ~~they would warn us~~ they would give us Intilligence. and after that Som Annagungues Came In Person, and Acknowliged that they Had Impowered them, and Gave two Large Belts of Wampon, (one for Alsecantekock and the Other for the Massiesque Indians) to Confirm the Same. and Said further they Were Also Impowered By Both their Whole Nations, to Open the Road; and if Any thing Should Come I the Way, they Would Clean it. We Were Astonished to hear that ~~Such~~ those Who So firmly made their Covenant; Should Go and Distroy So Many famelies, (Who Never Did them Any Hurt) by Burning and Distroying All their Wheat, Houses and Barcks and Killing their Cattle: the Cry thereof Goes to Heavin. We Desire You Bretheren, to Make this Known When You Come home: And Let us Know Who Were the Transgressors, and that You Do your Endeavour to Prevent Such Murders for the future ~~and it is our Opinion that the Governour of Canada has [Known?] this, and We are Concerned that You [illeg.] Also; for We Never [illeg.] Such By You~~ Notwithstanding We Keep unto the Covenant Chain made

With You and . . . Expect You Will Do the Same
then Gave few Strings of Wampon

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners At the House
of Robert Laterage August 31th 1754

Present

Col M. Schuiler

Col Marshall

the Mayor

the Recorder

Jacob C. Ten Eick

The Mayor Delivered to this Board four Strings
of Wampon, Which Killian Redder Delivered
this Morning to him

and Said they Were Given to him
by the Cagnawage Seachems

Who Were Here Lately, and Desired him to
Deliver them to this Board, and to Assure
this Board (for them) that they Keep themselves
Strictly to what they had Promised the Commissioners

Ordered that a Copy of the following Letter Be
Wrote to his Honour the Governour of New York

Albany August 31th 1754

May it Pleas Your Honour

We hope You Have Received our Letter Dated 28th Instant
By the Express, Giving You An Account of Hosack Being
Cut of; Since Which We have Received the following
Melancholly Accounts, of the Demages there Done By the
Enemy (to Wit) Hans Jurre [illeg.] Primmer & his Son
Who Both Were there During the Whale [whole] Transaction, Who
Informed Col: M: Schuyler as follows.

He Came from there yesterday About Ten a Clack, he Says
that a Party of Indians Came So Near to him and his Son,
that he thaught He Could Not Have Excaped them: for he
Was About 30 Yards from them, and heard them Talk Dutch
together; then took Particular Notice of them, and Counted
that Party to Be About 16-- or 17 In Number, and he
Belives that Several of the Schackok Indians Were Among
them, and Says further that he Wass Sure 14 Houses, With
Barcks and Barns are Burned and Distrayed, and the
Cattle that Were About the Houses Were Killed. and this
Day Rudolf Kidney Appeared, Who Went there yesterday
With a Party of five Man to Se See] What Mischief there

Wass Done, and Returned Back Just Now, and Informed
us, that All the Houses, on the East Side of the Creek
as for as he has Been, Were Burned, as Also the Bariks
and Barns, and Several Cattle and Horses Killed.
there is Still 5 Men Missing. and it is very

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Shocking to Se [see] the Contry People Come In from All Quarters
With their famelies and affects, We have Nothing More to
Add, But if We get any further Intelligence, We Shall
Acquaint You

We Remain Your Honours
Most Obediant Humble
Servant

Hubert Marshall
Myder Schuyler
Robert Sanders
Jacob C: Ten Eick
John Beekman

At a Meeting of the Commiss:^s at Letreges
Sep^t 5th 1754

Present

Capt Carnelius Cuiler
the Mayor
the Recorder

Jacob C Ten Eick
Col M. Schuiler
Col Marshall
Johannes Beekman
Peter Winne

2 Cagnewage Indians Being Sent for
to this Board, Who Arrived Last Night In
Town from Canada
The Commissioners Asked them Whether
they Could Not Inform them, Who

Were the Transgressors at Hosack, and What Wass the
Occation of their So Murdering the People
they Replyed, that the Schachkok Indians Have Several
times Sent to the Annagungas Indians of S.^t frensway,
to Come and Assist them to take Revenge, for one of their
Bretheren, Killed By Negroes In Albany and flang In the River.
and that they Know No Other Reason; and that Neither they,
Nor the Governor of Caneda have any hand In it, and
that they Both Despised the Same, and Says further, that

those Seachems that have Renewed the Covenant here,
Are Very Much Concerned About the affiar, and
Will Do their Utmost Endeavor to Hinder their Doing
So for the future: he Says he Met them Agoing
home

Also a letter Wass Braught In from his Honour

Ordered that the following Letter Be Wrote Immediately
and Sent Down By Cap^t Jacob Ten Eick, With All the Minutes
Inclosed Until this Day

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Albany 5th September 1754

We Rece:^dYours of the 9th Ultimo and have
Noted the Contents; We Dont Know, But What We Have
Intirely Done Our Duty, from time to time as Commissi=
=oners of Indian Affairs, and Shall Do So as Long as We
Remain In this Post.

What Evir Hendrik Said of us, at the Last Treaty With
Your Honour at ~~Albany~~ is Intirely falls, as Appears
By Our Minutes, Which the Mayor and Recorder has Delivered
to You, Which We Expected, Would have Convinced You
of Our Conduct, We Assure Your Honour that Hendrick
When he Comes In town, is Always About Som Land Affairs
With Som Body or an Other.

We Also Received this Morning an Other Letter Dated the 31th
Ultimo. Concerning the three Belts Which the Anondage Indians
Sent to the Governour of Virginia, they Did Not Say on What
Occasion or for What Purpose the Were Sent.

As to the firing Guns at the Arrival of the french Indian Seachems
When they Laid About a Mile Above Albany, they Sent Word, that
they Would fire three Vallies, and it Wass there upon agreed that
they Should Be Answered By a few [~~Great?~~] Guns: Accordingly
~~We~~ Col Marshall Was Desired by the Magestrates, to fire few
for it is Always Done When our Indians Come to Caneda
Agreable to Yours We Will Send for Mindert Wemple and
Endeavour to Send him With M:^r Renselaars Nephew
to the Senecas Contry, and We Will Endeavour to Send an Other
Smith to Anondage Cassel. Inclosed You have All our Minutes
to this Day Which We Would have Sent You Sooner, But on
Account of the Late Disturbance our Clerk Could Not Get them
Done. Since Our Last to you, We Have had Intilligence
from Hosack, that one Samuel Barns is Killed and Scalpt & an Other Man
Wounded. So that there is Only Now But one Man Missing, and

Sinckajek totally Burnt, and At Hosack all the Houses, Barns
and Barcks, on the East side of the Creek there, as to Our Trans=
=actions In general, We Beg Leave to Refer You To the Inclosed
Minutes. Last Munday Went from this Town to Hosack

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Above 100 Men Whoom We Look for Every Minute, and Expect
then More of the Porticulars

We Remain With Great Respect
Your Honours Most Humble Servent
Hubert Marshall
Myndert Schuiler
Cornelius Cuiler
Robert Sanders
Peter Winne
Jacob C: Ten Eick
Johannes Beekman

P.S. our People is Just Now
Come Home from Hosack
and Say No More a^[bt] Above

Resolved that a Letter Be Wrote to Myndert Wimple of Which
the following is a Copy

Albany 5th September 1754

Sir

By Order of the Commissioner of Indian affairs, am
to acquaint Desire You to Come Down to Albany,
on the Request of the Governour

I am

Sir Your Humble Ser:^v
Abraham Yates Ju:^r Dep: Secratary

at a Meeting of the Commissioners at Latreges Sep^t 6th
1754

Present
Col Marshall
Col M Schuiler
the Mayor
the Recorder
Jacob C: T: Eick
John Beekman
Peter Winne

a Letter Wass Delivered In at this Board,
from his Honour the Liutenant Governour
at New-York by the Express

At A Meting of the Commissioners at
the House of Edward Williams Septem.^r 10th 1754

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Cornelius Cuiler
Jacob C: T: Eick
Col M: Schuyler
Hubert Marshal
Capt Winne
John Beekman

Resolved By this Board that the
following Letter Be Wrote to his
Honour the Lieutenant Governour of
New York

Albany 10 Septem^r 1754
May it Please Your Honour
We Have Recev:^d Yours of the [?]th Instant
By the Express, and Noted the Contents.

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Contents, and In Obediance thereto, We Have Endeavoured
to Git All the Material Intilligence In Our Pawer About the
Cutting aff: of Part of Hosack & Sinckhaick Totally Save one
House, the Affidavits You Have Here Inclosed, We had Already
Acquainted Our Indians of this Treacherous affair, and We are
Glad to See Your Honour Intends to Represent the Iniqui=
=ty of this Affair to the General at Canida, for the Damage
Sustained thereby is at Least Ten thousand Pounds. and had
it Not Been for the Intilligence Sent Here By the Anne=

=Gungue Seachems and Warriors, that had Been Here ~~By~~ to
treat With us, We Humbly Conceive
that All the Poor People Might Have Been Killed. and
We Can Assure You that the People af Hosack and Sinckhaijk
Are In a Deplorable Condition, and Want Assistance to
Subsist

We are With Great Respect Your
Honours Most Obediant Hamble Servants
Hubert Marshall
Myndert Shiuler
Cornelius Cuiler
Peter Winne
Robert Sanders
Sybrant Van Schajck
Johannes Beekman
Jacab C: Ten Eyck

Then Several Accounts Being Produced to the Board,
Being a[ll?] Examined, and the folowing Allowed

1 to Robert Laterage for freight to Schonegtonde and Beef for the Indians, Amounting to	£	3: 19: 6
1 D:° of Nicolaas Cuiler		--- 9: ---
1 D: of Benjeman Williams		9: 10: 6
1 D° of Strats Van Santfort for Gunsmiths Work		1: 10: 6
1 D° of Mary Egvert for Porck		1: 3: 7 1/2
1 D° of Abram Peek and Jacab Cooper for Beef to the Indians		3: 18: 3 1/2 17: 2
1 D° of Cornelius Cuiler		
2 of Jacobus Clement, on Amounting to £ [3: 1/4] for Sundry Services Done a Intirpreter and Also a Jorney to the Mohacks Contry With the Cagnewages Seachems, as Also one Account Amounted to 5/8 In All		3: 5: 8
1 D° of Robert Wendle for Sundry Services done as Interpreter , As Also for a Journey to Schackkock		00: 20: ---

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Ordered that the Above Accounts Be Paid By John
Beekman out of the Commissioners Mony Lodged In
his Hands

then 2 Letters Wass Brought In this Board, one from
His Honour the Governour and one of M:^r Philip Verplank, the Same
Being Read

Resolved that the Same Be taken In Consideration Until
to Morrow at two a Clock In the Afternoon

At a Meeting of the Commissioners at the
House of ~~Robert~~ Edward Williams Siptember 11th 1754
Present

the Mayor
the Recorder
Col Marshall
Col M Schuiler
Jacob C Ten Eick
Cap^t Winne
Cap Beekman

Several Carpenters Being Sent for
this Board Asked them, Whether they Would take
upon them to Build a fort at the Little Carrying
Place at Saragtoque: upon the Credit of the
Province. they Replied. that they Would
Consider upon the Matter, and Give Answer to Morrow
Morning at Nine a Clock

At a Meeting of the Commissioners at the
House of Edward Williams Sep:^t 12th 1754

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Col Marshall
Col: M Schuyler
Jacob C: Ten Eick
Cap John B: V: Renselaar
Cap John Beekman
Peter Winne

Myndert Wimple Appeared to this Board
Who Being asked Whether He Would Go to
the Senecas Contry With Wendle the Nephew

of John Renselaar
Replied that he had Several Sons, Who
Understand the Indian Language; Which
He Perceived this Wendle Does Not.
And if the Governour Would Be Pleased
to give him Leave to take Such of his
Sons Along With him, (Who are Able to Do All Smiths
Which is there Required) He Will take upon him to Go
Else Not

Also the Carpenters Being Sent for
Replied that they Would Not take upon them to find
the Materials
and further, that if they Should Go they Would Insist Having
their Wages a Little Raised, Which they Will Not Leave
to the Discretion of the Assembly, Since there are So
Many Examples of Laborers, Who When they Delivered

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Delivered their Accounts to the Assembly; (Moderately
Charged), Had them Cut off Considerably

Resolved that the following Letter Be Wrote to his Honour
the liutenant Governour

Albany 12th September 1754
May it Please Your Honour
We Have, According to Your Order, Sent for Myndert
Wimpel, and Asked him Whether He Would Go to the Senecas
Contry, With Wendle the Nephew of Mr John Renselaar,
He Replied that He Had Several Sons, Who Understand
the Indian Language, Which he Perceives this Wendle Does
Not, and if Your Honour Would Be Pleased, to Give him
Leave to take Such of his Sons Along With him, (Who
Are Able to Do All Smiths Work Which is Required there)
He Will take upon him to go, Else Not. He Also Informed
this Board, As P:^r Inclosed You Will find
and We have Sent for All the Principal Carpenters here
In Town About the Building of the fort, Som of them
Being Engaged, and Others Scrupal to Work and find
Materials on the Credit of the Government. We Shall
[fixe] Advertisements, both here and at Schonegtande
to try Whether We Can find Any that Will Comply
M^r Verplanck Writes us that the Present State of his family
Will Not Allow his Being Absent from home

We Remain With Great Respect
Your Honours Most Obediant
Humble Servent
Hubert Marshall
Myndert Schuiler
Cornelius Cuiler
Robert Sanders
Jacob C: Ten Eick
Peter Winne
John B: V: Renselaar
John Beekman

To the Honorable James
De Lancey Esq:^r His Majesties
Liutenant Governour and
Commander In Chief of
the Province of New York
at New York

Resolved that the Clerk Write Advertizements
and get them [fixed] up here and At Schonegtende
In the following Manner

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Advertisement

Whereas the Honorable James De Lancey Esq:^r His Majestie[s]
Leiutenant Governour and Commander In Chief of the
Province of New York &^{ca} With Advice of his Majesties
Council, Has Ordered that a fort Be Built at the Little
Carrying Place Just Above Saragtogue, and Desired
the Commissioners of Indian Affairs to Employ Proper
Persons to Build the Same
In Obediance thereto the Said Commissioners, Desire
All ~~Persons~~ Carpenters, Labouring Men and Waggoners
Who Are Incl^d to Work to the Said fort, to Apply to the
Said Commissioners at the House of Edward Williams
A Monday the 16th Instant at 2 a Clock In the Afternoon
Albany 13th September 1754

By Order [Of]
Abraham Yates Ju^r Dep Se^t

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs
at Albany [13] September 1754

Present

the Mayor

Cor:^s Cuiler

Ja: C: Ten Eick

John Beekman

John B: V: Renselaar

Peter Winne

Between 30 and 40 Onyde Seachems and
Warriers Appeared to this Board
And Said Bretheren, You Lately Sent
a [Message] to us (vide minutes of the 13th Augst
1754) On Account You Heard that a Great
Number of us Were Agoing to Caneda and
Desired us Not to go, and that Kawage With 2, 3, or 5 at
the Most Should Come here Where upon We agreed
to Send the french flag and Belts Back to the Prest. and Come
Now here to hear and See What Cawege Does here
Had We But gon to Caneda, there We Would have Got handsome
Presents, the french Understand, the Indian Affairs Better
then Your People does, they are more generous; and that Draws
the Affections of the Indians (from You) to them
A Letter Wass Braught In from Col: Marshall, on
Account of the Indians firing their Guns Last Night
When they Came In Town, and Also Informed this Board
that the Said Indians had [Insulted] Daniel M Michal

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and his family at the [Vere berg]

and desires the Board to take the Same Into Consideration

the Commissioner[s] Made the following Speech to them

Bretheren We are Glad to See You All here, that We Have an
Oppurtunity to Smoke a Pipe together, as We Sent a Message to
Inform You, that Hosacks Being Dimolished, We Dont doubt, But
that you have heard it

Bretheren We heard Som time Ago, that a Number of You
Were Ready to Remove to Caneda In order to Live there
We therefore Sent Cap: Magin, and Arent Stevins the Interpreter,
to Desire You Not to Go, You then Replyed that the News
Wass Nott So Bad as We had heard, that there Wass only 2 or 3
to Go to Retorn the Belt and flag to the french Priest, (for
Which We Heartily thank You), they then Went from Onyde
to the Carrying Place to Speak With Cawege, Who they there Likewise

found, and Invited him to Albany. As the Seachem Caweges
Predecessor has Never Been to Caneda, and Kawege Being
Named (Carunda or Tree) after him, We hope he Shall follow
the Maxime Not to Go there Also. and we Now Appoint
him to Be a Seachem In the Room of that Seachem Called
Carunda or tree; Deceased, and to Confirm him In that Post We
Give him one Aurora Blanket, a Silver Laced hat, and a
Shirt

We Have Lately Received a Letter from the Governour
Who Says that he Could Not have Expected, after he and So
Many Commissioners from the Several British Governments
had Treated With You In the Name af the Great King
Your father, that You Would So Soon forget Your Selves,
And Your Promises, as to Be Led Away By So Plean [plain?]
An Artifice of the french Who aim at Nothing but
Disuniting and Weakening You, and the Governour Would
take it very ill if You Should Be So Treacherous as to
Go to the french

We are Sorry that We are Obliged to Acquaint You
that Complaints are made to us that Som of Your Men ~~Last Night~~
Yesterday at the Verreberg, on their Coming to Town Assaulted
and forced Rum from Daniel M Michel, and frighted Not
Only his family, But Also his Nabours family to a very

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Great Degree, and We our Selves, have been both Ear and
Eye Witnesses of a very Odious Action, that Som of Your Men
did Last Night, on there coming to Town. Now Since We are
Bretheren and friends together We Desire You Not to Molest
or Abuse Any of Our People ~~for the future~~ By the Way
Nor to Commit or Be Guilty of Such Like Actions ~~for the~~
~~future~~ as your Men Did Last Night here In Town for the future
for it Might Be of Bad Consiquence on Both
Sides, Since You Know We have Lately Been Surprized (In
time of Peace) By Som Treacherous Enemy

At a meting of the Commissioners at Albany
September 14th 1754

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

Joh: Beekman

John B: V: Renselaar

Cap. Winne

Cor Cuiler

Jacob C Ten Eick

the Onyde Seachems and Warriars

Replied to the Spech of Yesterday

Bretheren as to the News of the
Verreberg We have Enquired Into, and find
the Same to Be Groundless, However
We Shall take Care for the future

that No Such happen By Either Seachems
or Warriars. it Seems there is a Discord Between You and
the french, We Will Mediate the Difference as much as
Lies In our Power on Both Sides, and if that Will Not [do]
and we Should Be Attacked

We Shall Joyn you, and Dye Hand and Hand According
to the Old Covenant,

You Have Desired that Kawege Should follow the Steps
of his Predecessor (Caronda) Who Never Wass at Caneda.

He Also Never Came here to treat With the Governour,
But Wass Always Busy With the five Nations to Strength
=en and Pecify them, and Did Only Look this Way

When You Perswaded us, Not to Go to Caneda, You Said
What Will You Do there, is it for a Gun or two, You Know
Our Bretheren have more goods then they. We are

Now Come here, Consider What Quantity of Goods We
Would have Got, if We had Gone to Caneda With Such
a Number. We See Whatt You are agoing to Give us,
Here Lays 20 Blankets & 10 Shirts With Pipes and tobaco.
We Desire You to take Care of this Indian Whoom You

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Have Invited, Whose affection is Now Set upon You
And Promises Never to Go to Caneda

You Som time Past Got Letters from Ohio; Whereby

You had Intilligence, that Som af the five Nations

And All the Shawenos had Joyned the french (In the

Battle vide Minutes of 3th August 1754) against your People and Desired that Every
Nation Should Call his People Who Were Scattered about the [contry] together

Who Were Reported Should have Joyned the french
We Sent a Massage Accordingly, But they are Not Were
they used to Be, Som are on one Side of the Mountains
And Som on the Other. So that they are Not to Be found
then Gave a Black Belt of=
=Wampon

Bretheren as We have mentioned just Now How faith=
=full We are to You We [once] More tel You, We are
Not Like the Rest of the five Nations Who only talk With their
Mouths, And Dont Mean it With their hearts, But
We Speak it from the Botem of Our Hearts, that We
Shall Always Keep hand and hand Until We Dye together
there upon Give a Large Belt
We Desire You that No Rum Be Sent up the
River, there are Now Again 3 Dead, Who Dyed from the
Rum. the Rum is Entirely the Ruin of our Nation
We Can Do No manner of Business; Neither Can
We take Care of the News

The Commissioners Replyed them
Bretheren You Seem to Express Som Discontent About our
Small Presents. You Doubtless must have heard; that our
Governour Wass here Lately, and that he then Gave to the
Six Nations, (By Way of Speaking) Not only a house full of
Goods, But a Whole Street full of All Sorts of Goods, as
Doubtless Som of You have Been Eye witnesses of; if Not
it Must Be Your Own fault, Since You Were All Invited
to Come here, So that You have Nobody to Blame But
Your Own Selves, and if You had Not Your Share thereof
We Look on You to Be Reasonable Man Enough to Know
that, that is Neither the Governours Nor Our fault But
Your Distributers only; for We think that the

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the Presents Were Greater In our opinion then [illeg.]
then Evir We hear the
Governour of Caneda Gave In a Year
You Must Know Bretheren that We are No Governour,
But Only By him appointed, here to Receive and Transfer
News to him and You. Which You Will find We Shall
Always Do, and We Expect that When our Governour Comes
Again, You May then All Come Down, and then We
Belive You Will Not Be any More Dissatisfyed With us.
and We Shall Inform our Governour About the Seachem
Carunda, and take as Much Care of him; and You All

as Can Be Expected,
When You Go home, We Will Give You Som Victuals &
2 Waggons & 3 Casks Rum at Schonegtonde at the Interpreters house

Memorandum of the Present

2 Short gowns for the Squaes
1 Aurora Blanked 1 D° of Strouds
1 pr of Aurora Stockins 1 D° Strouds
1 Hat With silver Lace
20 White Blankets & 10 Shirts
28 lb tobacco one Gross of Pipes
1 Black Coat

At a Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian affairs In Albany September 16th
1754

Present
the Mayor
Jacob C T: Eick
the Recorder
Cap John V: Renselaar
Joh Beekman
Peteres Dow
Col Marshall
Peter Winne

Several Carpenters Laboring men
and Waggoners Appeared to this Board
Resolved that the following Letter Be
Wrote to his Honour the Liutenat
Governour

Albany 16th September 1754

May it Please Your Honour

Sinc our Last of the 12th ~~Instant~~ Current We
Had Advertisement fixed up here and at Schonegtonde
and have had Carpenters and Labourers before us
And We Endeavored to Agree with them to Build a fort
~~Agreeable to Your Order~~ In Obediance of Your Letter, and
At the Place You Directed. But the Carpenters Declyned
Building it, Unless We Would Engage they Should have
8 / P Diem (finding themselves) & Evin then Would have

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One of us to Insure them there full Wages & their
Respective Sums they thereat Earned, Notwithstanding We

Offered to Advance them a Considerable Sum to Purchase
What Necessaries they Should have Occasion of to Carry
Up With them, On the Credit of the Government. and We
Are Sorry We Cant Succeed in this Affair
We are &c

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs at Albany September 21th 1754

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Cornelius Cuiler
Col M Schuiler
John B: V: Renselaar
John Beekman
Jacob C: Ten Eick

Charles Cook, and Indian of french
and Indian Extraction, and Lives
In the Cagnewage Castel
Who Chiefly Came Down, to Bring
Elizabeth Steal, an English Prisoner
taken About 10 Years Ago. Appeared
to this Board,

Who Says he Left Caneda About the 8th September
and Arrived here this Day, and In his Jorney
this way About 3 Leagus to the North of Crownpoint, He met ~~About~~
21 Indians from Beekencoor, Known By the Name
af Eastern Indians and About 60 Schagkock Indians
Men Women and Children, Aboard af a vessel Shipt,
By the Commandant af Cruin Point for Want af Canoes
Who told him they had Been Out a fighting to Dear
=field, and had 5 Prisoners, 1 man, 2 Women one of Which
Wass dilivered af a Child In her jorney after She Wass
taken, and then one But Did Not Know Whether that
Wass a Garl or Boy

He Says he Asked them What Wass the Reason that they
had Been out a fighting Since it Wass Peace
they Answered that that Wass Nothing for the English
at the fort N: 4 Had Somtime Past Poisond ~~Killed~~ 2 Indians, (When at
the Same time, they Sit and Discoursed together, and
Seemd to Be Good frinds) By Giving them a Dram
at Night and In the Morning they Were Both Dead.
Also the English Som time after Killed 3 Indians
Below Dearfield, and Because the People af New England
had Killed these 5 they have Now taken 5 In the Room

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and told him that they Were Now Paid. then Proceeding
to Crownpoint he found 5 More of those Eastern Indians
Who had 4 Scalps.

the Commissioners Asked them Whether they had Been With
those he Met first, He Says No these Scalps they had taken
Below Dearfield. he Says further that he Never heard that
Hosack Wass Cut af Before he Came to Lake Sacrema
from our Mohack Indians.

then the Commissioners Asked him Whether He thought
the Cagnewage Indians Would Not take the Hatched from them
Answered Yes Sure, Else they Would Be Worse then Brutes, Since
So Lately they had Been here to Treat With the Commissioners
the Comm:^{rs} further Asked him, Whether the Man of War Wass
Arrived In Canada, Replies yes: and Braught News that
there Wass No Likelihood af War

they Also Asked him About Ohio

He Replies, that the People Retorned All from their
Excepting 40 Soldiers 20 In Each fort. And those that
Were retorned Were Mostly Sick of the fever, and
Were About 4 or 500 In Number. the Cagnewage
Seachems Just Arrived In Caneda When he Came
Away

the Prisoner Braught here By Charls Cook
Says the General of Caneda and the Comandant
At Crownpoint had Expected an Ambassador
from here

At a Meting af the Commiss
af the Indian Affairs At Albany Sip^t 24th
1754

Present

Cap Beekman

the Recorder

Cap Cuiler

Col M Schuiler

the Mayor

Cap Winne

Jacob C T Eick

John B: V: Renselaar

Ordered that the following Letter Be
Wrote to his Honour the Governour

May it Please Your Honour
Since Our Last of the 16 Instant to Which
We Refer, had None from You
the Present Serves to Cover and Convey
You Our Minutes, from the 5th
Day,

We are With Profound Respect
Your Honours Most Obediant
Humble Servants

To the Honorable
James De Lancey Esq^r
his Majesties Lieu^t
Governour and
Commander In Chief

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners
At Albany September 25th 1754

Present

Col Marshal

Cap Renselaar

the Recorder

Col M Schuiler

Jacob C Ten Eick

Cap Cuiler

the Mayor

Cap Winne

Jacobus Clement

Interpreter

Kaiengode a french Indian from
Cagnewa Appeared to this Board
Says after he Left Cagnewage
Being at S:^t [Johns] With his Baggage
there he Tarried 4 Days On Account
of the Bad News that Came from
Here, and Whilst he Was there he
Received a Messenger, from the
Cagnewage Seachems; Who told him

to Proceed to Albany and to tell the Commissioners ther[e]
that the Seachems Shall Come to Albany, for this is
too heard, first We have Been With them to Open and
Clear the Road, and Now there is Again Mischief Done.
the Cagnewage Seachems are Men of Knowledge, Who
takes this Very Much to heart, the Governour of Caneda
has Also Been In the Cagnewage Castel, and Says
he Knows Nothing at All About this Affair, and Suposes
the Schaigkok Indians Were the Occasion of it

Ordered that the following Letter Be Wrote to
his Honour the Leutenant Governour at New
York

May it Pleas Your Honour

Since our Last of the 24th Instant, Here Arrived
a Canoe from Caneda With 3 Cagnewage Indians
& a Boy, one of Which We had Before us, and
Braught us a Message from from [sic] the Cagnewate
Seachems, As You Will See By the Enclosed Minute,
We Have Somtime Past, Sent your Honour the Minut
of a Treaty We had With the Cagnewage Seachems
Which Will Be Glad to Receive Your Honours

Answer thereon
if the Cagnewage Seachems Should Come Again this
fall We Would Be Exceeding Glad to have Your Honour

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Honours Advice How to Act With them

We are of Opinion that it is Very Necessary to Keep frind
=ship With them. the Arrival of this Canoe, Encoraged
the People of Schagkok (and Others) to Retorn to their
Habitations Again, In Order to Sow their Lands, Which
Otherwise they Would Not have Done out of fear.
this Indian tells us that there is About 14 Days Ago
Burnt 35 Capital Houses In Montreal, and 3 Church=
es

We Remain Always Your Honours
Most Obediant Humble Servants

At a Meting of the Comm:^r at
Albany September 28th 1754

Present
Cap Beekman
Cap Van Renselaar
M^r Ten Eick
the Mayor
the Recorder
Col Marshal
Col M Schuiler
Cap Cuiler
Cap Winne

Arent Stevins Interpreter

3 Mohack Seachems (to Wit)
Hendrick, Johannes, Sojahowanne,
and several Warries from
Canajoharre, and the Mohacks
Cassel Appeared to this Board
Who Say that Bretheren Ought
to Speak to Each Other, Moderate
~~erately~~ and in a friendly ~~together~~
Manner and Desire

This Board to te [i.e. tell] them, What We have Been
Doing With the Cagnewage Indians,
they Also Enquire for Jacobus Clement, and
Desire the Commissioners to Send for him

Ordered that Jacobus Clement, Be Sent for
Accordingly

then the Commissioners Repeated to them
the Whole Speech (vide August 30th 1754)
the Seachems Replied We are Now Come to Smoke a Pipe

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With You, and Desire You to tell us What News
You Got Among You, ~~We Also Desire You to tell~~
And In Particular What News You have from Westenhook
We Desire You, Not to ~~hide~~ Conceal Any News from
Us Since We are Bretheren together: for We
have heard that the Stockbridge Indians are All
In Goal:
they further Say that they Shall Conceal Nothing from
the Commissioners, But ~~Reveal~~ Discover Every thing of News
that Lays on ~~Our~~ their hearts

the Commissioners Replied them
In the following Manour

Bretheren We Dont Remember Since We have
Been Commissioners but Whatt We have told You,
All the News We had from time to time: for You
Wass Present, When We Entered Into the Covenant
Chain, With the Cagnewage Seachems, for themselves
Also the Canissedages, Randax, and Annagungues;
When Hosack Wass Cut of Distroyed, We Imediately
sent You Word: Desiring You to Let All the five
Nations Know Also What had Happened here
As to the News of Westenhook We are hitherto
Ignorant of, for We Never had Any Letter from there
to this Day, But as Soon as they Communicate
to us What happened there, You May Depend We Will
Acquaint You of it, However We have heard by Word
of Mouth On the Streetts, that there Was three Kild
1 of the English
But We have Never hitherto heard ~~heard~~ that there
Were Any Indians Committed to Goal, Here in the house
Are Some People from Kinderhook (Who are Neighbours
to Wistenhook) Who Just Now told, that they Never heard
of Any Indians, Being in Prison,

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What We Now Say We hope Will ~~Satisfy~~ Convince
You, that We have ~~Not~~ hid Nothing (of News) from You
And We are Glad to See You here, and Do Assure You
that We Shall Always Look upon You as Good Bretheren
& Promis to Let You Know from time to time, if Any
News of Moment Should happen

Gave a Belt

Resolved By this Board, that they Are Given Provisions
and £ 4:-- In Cash

then they Replyed, Bretheren We thank you for
your Kind Speech, and ~~We~~ are very glad ~~that~~ we Part In ~~Such~~
~~Good friends~~ Such Great Satisfaction and for a token hereof
We Shall Write this In Your Book
(ononwekatirighisi Sa Genthos Skaghneghdutigh) In English
(We have this Day made In Albany Every thing as
Right as it Can Be) ----- Written By the
hand of Powelis By Order of All the Rest

At a Meeting of the Commissioners
At Albany October 2th 1754

Present

Col Schuiler

Cap Beekman

M^r Ten Eick

Cap Van Renselaar

M^r Groenendik

Jacobus Clement

Interpreter

seven Delegates ~~fr~~ Seachems off the
Cagnewage Castle Appeared, and Say
As follows Viz

Bretheren You have had Great Sorrows
together, We Wipe the Tears from your
Eyes, Open Your Understanding, Wash of
Your Blood, Condole the Death of All
the people You have Lost, that

We May Behold Each Other With Joy

Gave few Strings of Wampon

the Commissioners Bid them Welcome, and Said
that Jacobus Clement Shall Go up to Schonegtande to

tell the Interpreter (Arent Stevins) to Invite 3 Seachems
of the Mohacks and 3 out of the Canejoharre Castle, to
Albany, they they Produced a Letter from a
french Priest, With one Inclosed from the

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governour of Montreal

Ordered that the following Letter Be
Wrote to Arent Stevins

Sir

this is to Inform You that 7 Kag=
=newage Delegates are Arrived here Last Night
I am hereby to Desire You, that You forthwith (on
the Receipt hereof Proceed to the Mohacks, and Desire
3 of their Principle seachems one out of Each tribe
to Come to Albany. Also 3 out of the Canejoharry
Castle, In Order to hear the Spech of the Cagnewages

At a Meeting of the Caommissioners
At Albany October 8th

Present

Col M Schuiler
the Recorder
Cap Winne
Jacob C Ten Eick
Cap V. Renselaar
Cap Cuiler
Cap Beekman
the Mayor

Arent Stevins appeared to this board
With the Mohack and
And Canejoharry Seachems and Several
Warriers and one [Scho seachem] (to Wit)
Caniege from Onyde

the Commissioners told them By Arent Stevins, that they
Were Welcome, and that they had Sent for them on
Account of the Cagnewage Delegates, Who Wanted to make
a Speech to them Also Asked them whether they
had Somting to Say first; if Not they Would Send for
the Cagnewages.

then the Commissioners Sent for the Cagnewage
Deligates and told them that they, In Conjunction
With the Mohacks and Canejoharry Seachems Were
Ready to hear them

the Cagnewage Delegates Replyed
Bretheren, We Come Now Again to Renew What Our
Bretheren have Done here ~~Lately~~ Som time Ago
the Mischief happened here Lately; You Must Not
Be Very uneasy About; for You Must Not take

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as Done By Man, But as if it Was Done By the
Devil (Meaning A [Percil] of fellons) --- the Last time
when We were here to Renew the Covenant Chain, We
told You that if Any filth or Dirt Should Come In the
Way, We would come and Clear the Same Again, and keep
the Covenant Chain from Rust, and if Any Dark Clouds
Should Come In the Sky, We Would Clear and Separate
----- Which We Do Now Accordingly, and Confirm
the Same By this Belt

Gave a Belt
Bretheren if any thing Should Be Amis In
What I have Now Said, I Desire to Be Excused
and take No Notice thereof.
Concerning the mischief Lately Done it Seems
We, In Our Contry Differ in Opinion With the
Malefactors; But We Cagnewages Shall Stick to the
Covenant, and Do Our Endeavour With our Allies
to Make Every thing Right

Gave a Belt
Brother Queter We have [Not] Long Since Cleared
the Road, there has Been a Great Stumbling
Block In the Road, We Now Come to Clear it up
and keep the Same Open that You and We may
Pass and Repass

Gave a Belt

At a Meeting of the Commissi=
ners at Albany October 9th 1754

Present
the Recorder
Cap Winne
Jacob C Ten Eick
Cap V: Renselaar
Cap Cuiler
Col M Schuiler
Cap Beekman
the Mayor

the Commissioners In Conjunction
With the Mohacks and Canejiharre
Seachems Replyed the Cagnewages
Bretheren You Wiped the tears
Out of Our Eyes, and Opened our
Understandings, and Wiped the
the Blood, Condole the Death of
People We had Lost. that We Might

Behold Each Other With Joy.

We Likewise Do the Same to You
Gave a Belt

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Bretheren You Renewed What Your Bretheren
Had here Done Lately, and Desired us Not to Be
Very Uneasy About the Mischief Done here Somtime
Ago, and Said that We Must Not take it as Done By
Man, But By the Devil, and that You told us the
Last time When you Was here to Renew the Covenant
Chain, if Any filth or Dirt Should Come In the Way,
You Would Come and Clear it from the Same, and
keep the Covenant Chain free from Rust. and if Any
Dark Clouds Should Come In the Sky, You Would
Clear and Seperate, and You Did the Same
Accordingly, and Confirmed the Same By a
Belt. for Which We thank You

Gave a Belt

Bretheren You Desired of us to Be Excused
and that No Notice Might be taken thereof, if
there Should Be Any thing amiss In What You Said
----- You also Say that it Seems You
Are of Different Oppinions With the Malefactors
In Your Contry But that You Will Stick to the
Covenant, and Do Your Endeavours With your Allies

to Make Every thing ~~Easy~~ Right.

We thank You for the Same

Gave a Belt

Bretheren You further Said that you have
Not Long Since Cleared the Road, and that there
Been a Great Stumbling Block In the Way,
Which you Now take out, and keep the Same Open
that We May Pass and Repass.---- We thank for
Your Speech - - - - - Gave a Belt
Bretheren Since Lately one of your Chiefs
(to Wit) Onogregigta &c:^a Were here With us, and
Renewed the Old Covenant Chain for Your Nation
the Canessedages, Annagungues, and Rondax, and Said
he had full Power of them All, So to Do, and soon
After Hosack Wass Cut off to Our Great Surprise,

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And As We Look upon you, to Be the head
of All Your Allies; We therefore Desire you Again
to Use and Do Your utmost Endeavour to
Prevent All Hostalities for the furture, On Any of
his Majesties of his Majesties [sic] Subjects

The Cagnewage Delegates Replied
Bretheren We thank You hartily for Your Speech
We Shall Consider on the Last Paragraph When
We Come In Our Castle

Ordered that Arent Stevins Send few
Strings of Wampon to Canejoharre, to Desire
the Seachems ~~there~~ to Rebuke the Warriors
there for the Mischief done by them In Going up

Ordered that a Present Be made to the
Mohack and Conejoharre Seachims of £ 4: 8: In Cash

Ordered that the following Letter Be
Wrote In Answer to the Letter of the french Priest

Albany 9th Octo 1754

Gentelman

We have Received Your Letter of
the 16 Instant by Iannsies, Also that of
Your General, Inclosed In yours.
We Shall Send them Both to Our Governour
At New York

We are With Respect

Gentlemen

Your Most Humble
Servants,

To
the Missioneries R. R. Belliard
And Jordan

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At a Meeting of the Commiss.

[at] Albany 10.th October 1754

Present

Col M Schuiler

Cap Cuiler

Cap V: Renselaar

Peter Winne

Jaconus Mynders

Cap John Beekman

Ordered that the following
Letter Be Wrote to his
Honour the Governour of
New York

May it Please Your
Honour

Received Yours of [28th] Ultimo We Shall
Send Governour Dinwiddies Speech With the
Belts up to Onondage, With a Proper Person
Cap Winne Will Deliver the Account for Said
Purpose. Here Inclosed We Send Your Honour,
the Proceedings, Since the 27 Ultimo, together
With 2 Letters, one from the Missionaries and
One from the Governour of Caneda, the Same
Being translated, We have a Vast Deal
of troble With the Business of the Indian
Affairs, and our Mony is Exhausted Long Since

Which We hope Your Honour Will
Recommand to the Assembly to Enlarge
the Same
the 7 Deligates from ~~Cagne~~ Caneda
Went Away this Day

We are Your Honours most
Obediant Humble Serv[ants]

At a Meeting of the
Commissioners of Indian Affairs
At Albany october 11th 1754

Present
Capt Cuiler
Col Schuiler
John Beekman
Jacob C Tin Eick
the

~~Appeared to this Board Mynder[t]~~
~~Wemple & Hendrik Wendle, Who~~
~~Were appointed by his Honour the~~
~~Liutenand Governour, to Reside~~
~~In the Sinecks Contry for the Ens[uing]~~
Winter Until
to Whoom the following Were given

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At a Meeting of the Comm^{rs}
of Indian Affairs at Albany October 11
1754

Present

Col M: Schuiler

Cornelius Cuiler

John Beekman

Jacob C Ten Eick

Appeared to this Board

John Van Size Hendrick M:

Wimple Hendrik Wendle &

Volkert Van Vegten In Order

to Go to the Senecas Contry. to Whoom the Com^r

Gave the following Instructions

Whereas his Honour James

De Lancey Esq:^r his Majesties Liutenant Governour

and commander In Chief of the Colony of

New York &c.^a Has Ordered us to Send You up

to the Senecas contry to Reside there as [Usual]

You Are therefor [as] Soon as conveniently You

Can, to repair thither, and During Your Stay

there, to observe the motions of the french, Which

Now are, Or May Happen to Come Among them

And Prevent their Residing In that Contry if

Possably You Can

You are Likewise to Do Your Utmost Endeavour

to keep the Indians firm to his Majesties Interest

And those that are Wavering in their Allegiance

to his Said Majesty, You Are to Use Your Utmost

to Bring them Back to their former frindship

to the English Nation. You are Also to Acquaint the

Lieutenant Governour Or Commander In Chief for

the time Being; or to the Commissioners of Indian

Affairs At Albany from time to time With All Such

Intelligence As You Shall there Receive, You are

also to observe the Instructions the Governor, or

We, Shall Send You from time to time

Ordered that the following Accounts

Be Paid, and that M^r Beekman Pay the

Same to Wit

to Leendert Gannvoort £ 00: 8--

to Jacobus Mynderse £ 1: 9

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one of Johannes Bleeker

one D:^o Johannes Lansing

one D^o of Peter Groenendyk £ 1: 8: 8

At A Meeting

October 22

Present

Col Schuiler

Cap Cuiler

the Mayor

Recorder

Resolved that the following Letter Be Wrote
the Lieutenant Governour

Albany October 17th 1754

May it Please Your Honour We have ~~this~~
~~Day Agreed With~~ Sent John Van Sice Hendrick M Wimple
Hendrick Wendle volkert Van Vegten, to Go to the
Senecas Contry, and Gave them the Enclosed Instruc=
=tions, We had first Agreed With Myndert Wemple
Who Would have Gone But is Now taken Sick.
We have Also Sent Michal [Basset?] John J: Bleeker & Harmanes Cuiler to Onondage
As Your Honour Will find By their Instructions
We ~~Should~~ Would Be Very Glad if Som Allowance
~~Should~~ Be made to Jacobus Clement, he has
Done us a Great Deal of Service these 3 Months
Past As Interpreter, Because Arent Stevins Lives
At Such a Distance from here:
and Somtimes Otherwise Employed by [us In Said=]
=Service

We have heard that there is [a] franch Man of War
Arrived In Caneda, Which We Suppose Braught
People

We are Most Respectfully

Your Honours

Most Humble Servants

Instructions

for Michal Basset, John J: Bleeker & Harmanus
Wendle,

Whereas the Honorable James De Lancey
Esq:^r his Majesties Lieutenant Governor and
Commander In Chief of the Colony of New York
&c^a has Ordered Us to Send a Smith to Onondage

to Reside there As [Usuel]
You are therefore As Soon as Posseably You Can to
Repair thither and During Your Stay there, to Do

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At the Work Of Smith And Gunsmith and to
Observe the Motions of the french, Which May happ[en]
to Come among them, and Prevent there residing
In that Contry if Posseably You Can

You are Likewise to Do Your Utmost Endeavour
to keep the Indians firm to his Majesties Interest
And those that are Wavering in their Allegiance
to his Said Majesty, You are to Use Your Utmost
to Bring them Back to their former friendship to
the English Nation, You are Also to Acquaint
the Lieutenant Governour Or Commander In Chief
for the time Being, or the Commissioners of the Indian
Affairs At Albany from time to time With All Such
Intelligences You Shall there Receive. You are
Also to Observe the Instructions the Governour or
the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs Shall Send
You from time to time
Give Under Our hands
At Albany Oc:^r 22th 1754

Memorandum that [Hans] Hanson Present Mayor
for the City of Albany is Qualifid as Commissioner
of the Indian Affairs

at a meeting of the Commiss
of Indian Affairs at Albany October 26
1754

Present
Col M Schiuler
Hans Hansen
the Recorder
Cap Beekman

Instructions for [Hendricus] Wim=
ple Blacksmith John Glen Junior and
[Gose] S: Van Schaick

Whereas the Honorable James
Delancey Esq:^r his Majesties Lieutenant Gover=
nour and Commander In Chief of the Colony of New

York &c:^a has Ordered us to Send a Smith to Caiuga
As Usual

You are therefore as Soon as Posseable
to Repair thither and During Your Stay
there to Do the Work of Gunsmith and Blacksmith
and to Observe the Motions of the french, Which

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Which May happen to Come Among them
and Prevent their Residing In that Contry
if Passeably You Can

You are Likewise to Do Your Utmost
Endeavour to keep the Indians firm to his
Majesties Interist, and those that are Wavering
In their Allegiance to his Said Majesty, You
Are to use Your Utmost to Bring them Back
to their former frindship to the English Nation,
You are Also to Acquaint the Lieutenant Governour
or Commander In Chief for the time Being
or the Commissioners, or the Commissioners
of the Indian Affairs at Albany from time
to time, With All Such Intilligence as You
Shall there Receive, You are Also to Observe the
Instructions the Governour, or the Commissioners
of the Indian Affairs Shall Send You from
time to time
Given Under Our Hands
At Albany October 26th 1754

At a meeting of the Commiss=
at Albany November 5th 1754

Present
Col M Schuiler
the Mayor
the Recorder
Cornelis Cuiler

Resolved that the following
Lett Be Wrote to the Governour

Albany November 5th 1754
May it Please Your Honour
We have Received Your of the 21th
Ultimo, and have Agreable to your Request
Sent Hendricus Wimple John Glen Ju:^r &

Gose S: Van Schaick to Caiuga (With the
Inclosed Instructions, a Place Where is Little
or No trade

We Remain With Great Respect
Your Honours
most Obediant Humble
Servants

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At a Meeting of the Commiss
of Indian Affairs At Albany the 9 Decem^r 1754

Present

Coll M: Shuiler

Jacob C: Ten Eick

Cor: Cuiler

Joh.^o Beekman

Peter Winne

Appeared Before this Board 12 Chirekee
Indians Men Women & Children

Ordered that the Clerk Gave them
a Copy of the following Licence

This Day appeared Before us (the Commissioner[s]
of the Indian Affairs) the Bearers hereof: Who are
Cheraikie Indians Being 12 In Number, and from
there taken Captives By the french Indians, About
two Years Ago, and from thence Run Away and
Came here, With an Intent to Proceed to their Own
Contry, and We taking Compassion on them
have thought Proper, to Assist them on their Jorney
And therefore Sent Jacobus Clement to Guide them
to Esopas, and the Said Commissioners Desires
All Persons Not to Molest them; But to Direct
and Assist them In the Road thither

At a Meeting of the Commission^{rs}
of Indian Affairs At Albany Decemb
24th 1754

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Cap Van Renselaar
Col M: Schuiler
Capt Cuiler
Cap. Winne
Cap Beekman
Jacob Ten Eick

A Letter Was Brought this
Board from his Honour Liu^t
Governour De Lancey Dated 25
November 1754

Ordered that the following Be
Wrote, An Answer thereto

Albany December 27th 1754

Sir

Your favour of the 30th Ultimo We
We Rec.^d and Noted the Contents. As to A Particu
lar Account What Passed Between the Mohacks
and Cagnewage Indians, When Clement Went up
Along With them We then Wrote A Letter Along
With him to Coll Johnson; Desiring him to
take Notice of Whatt Passed Between the

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Mohacks and Cagnewage Indians,

[several lines crossed out and illegible]

And When Clement Came Away

he told him he Would Write it Down; But has Never
Sent it to Us, And as he is a Member of this Board,
We thought that he had Transmitted it to
Your Honour Long Ago.

Notwithstanding We have Now Enquired of Jacobus
Clement, What Passed Between them As Your Honour
Will See By the Enclosed Affidavit.

As to What Passed Between us and the Mohacks We have
Already Sent You Down In Our Minutes, and Know
of Nothing Else.

Relating Governour Shirlies Printed Spech, Concerning
his Intilligence from Augquage; the Greatest Part

of Which is Chiefly the Business Wherefore We Sent
Cap Teady Magin & Arent Stevins up Vide Minutes
August 14th 1754, and Concerning the Batoes, We
have heard that they have Been to Oneida, Cajuga
And Onondage Castles, for to trade for Gin Sang
Roots We Shall Enquire Whether a Well
Can Be Sunck at the Place Were M:^r Schuiler
Lived, And What Stockadoes Will Cost, and Whether
there is Plenty of Stone and Lime.

Inclosed You have a Plan of fort Massachusits
Made By One of the Man Out of that
fort. We Shall Be Carefull About
the Motions of the french, But it is Impossible
that We Can Know Every Individual thing, that
Pases Among the Indians, Our Interpreter Lives
to a Distance, from here And Never Gives us
Any Intilligence.

Inclosed You Also have A Copy of Our
Minutes

We Remain

Your Honours

Most Obedeant Humble
Servants

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City of Albany

December 28

1754

then Appeared Before me Hans Ha[nsen]
Esq:^r Mayor. Jacobus Clement, Who Be[ing]
Duly Sworn Sworn On the Holy Evangelis[t]
of the Almighty God, and On his Oath

Doth Say that Som time In August Past, he Wass Sent
to the Mohacks to Accompany the Cagnewage Seachem[s]
And Observe their treaty, With a Letter to Coll Johnson
from the Commissioners of Indian Affairs, Desiring
him to take Notice Also of What Passed Between them
And Says he Wass Present at the Treaty.

He Says that the Cagnewages Condoled the Death of
of the Son of Nickus the Seachem, Who Dyed At Caneda
And told the Mohacks What Care they had taken of
him, As Also the french Priest: how he had Buried
him Into Holy Ground, and Did Not Doubt But
that he Will happy for that very Reason
then Gave few Strings

they Said farther that it Seemed as if the Road had
Been full of Old trees and Stumbling Blocks,
Which they Were Come to Clear from Cagnewage to
Canajoharre

there upon Gave A Belt
they Said further Bretheren Since We have
Cleared the Road, and Nothing Being In the Way,
We Desire ~~You~~ that our & Your Yong People May
Pass and Repass to and again

there upon Gave a Belt
they further Said. Bretheren if You Should hear Any Bad
News, We Desire You Not to take Notice of it, But Go &
See from Whence it Proceed from, As We Will Do Likewise

there upon Gave a Belt
The the Mohacks Replyed, By Repeating Every Paragraph
of the Cagnewages; & Exchanged the Belts; And then Said
that they Would Look upon the Road, and See Whether
they Would keep it Clear

the Deponent Says further, that he tould Coll Johnson that
he Would Write it Down, Whereupon Col. Johnson Said he Would Also.
the Deponent Says further, that they have had Private
Meetings Out of his Presence, But What Passed he Cannot
Say. and further Says Not
Hans Hansen Jacobus Clement