

1755

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs At Albany Janu:^r 3th 1755

Present

Cap Winne

the Recorder

Cap: John B: V: Renselaar

Jacob C: Ten Eick Esq^r

Cap: Co: Cuiler

Hans Hanson Esq^r Mayor

Skanegrade a Principal

Seachem from Caiuga appeared
to this Board, Who Expresses Great
Joy to Meet us here In Perfect
healt, and Assures us of his fidilily
ty, Who from his youth has been

Linked In the Covenant Chain

He Says that Som time Past, he Intended
to Go Out A fighting, But On his Jorney the Warriars
Got Sick, and So Wass Oblidg:^d to Retorn home= When
he heard that Hendrick Wimple Wass Sent By the
Governour to Reside Among them (In Caiuga) as Black=
smith (for Which they Were All very Glad) But on his
Arrival there, he found that the Ballace Wass Broke &
Cut to Peces. the Indians then Advise'd him to Go to
the Senecas Contry to do their Work there; Which Wimple
Consented to, But In his Jorney ~~there~~ he found a french man,
Who Lived Between Caiuga & the Senecas Contry Who
Could Mend the Bellace, & Did it Accordingly.

then Gave a Belt

The Commissioners Replied

Brother We are Also Glad to See You here, and that You are
Well Satisfied With the Smith the Governour Sent to Your
Castle, and hope you Shall Always Keep Your Self firm to
the Covenant, As You have Just Now Expressed; But are
Sorry to find that your People has Distroyed the Belles.
We Desire You to take Better Care of the tools for the
future. and Also that you Dont Go Out a fighting to
Any of his Majisties Indian Allies
We Shall Satisfy You for Comming Down

then two Letter Was Braught to this Board, one
of John Van Size [out] of the Senecas Contry one from Hendrick Wimple from
Caiuga

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs at Albany January 9th 1755

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Col: Schuiler
Cap: Winne
Cap: Cuiler

Resolved that the Clark Write the
the following Letter to the Interpre=
ter

To M^r Aarent Stevens
Sir

You are Directly after the Recept
Hereof, to Go to the Mohacks Contry to Git 3 trusty
Indians, to See What Passes at Crown point, & if You
Can Git None there then You are to go to Canejo=
=harre & git 3 there

By order of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs
Abraham Yates Ju:^r D Secr^y

Ordered that the following Be Wrote an Answer to the
Letter of John Van Sice

Albany January 9th 1755

To M^r John Van Sice
Sir

Yours of the 23 Decem:^r Came
to Hand. As to the News from Ohio, We hope May
Be true: Altho We Doubt it, and Concerning the
Indian Corn, We Shall Let the Governour Know there of.
We Send You the Medal By Volkert Van Vegten
You are to take Special Care of the Indians; that they
Dont go A fighting, Against Any of his Majesties
Subjects, Or Indian Allies to the Southward
By Order &c:^a

the following Wass Wrote
To M^r Hendrik Wimple

January 9th 1755

Sir

Yours of 22 Decemb:^r Come to hand
We are Sorry You had the Misfortune that the

Ballace Was Broke But it is well
You Got the Same Mended
Again & are at Work, & that the Indians are Well Pleased
With You, and hope You Will Do Your Endeavour
to Please the Indians, & that You Will take Special Care, that
they Don't Go A fighting, Against Any of his Majesties
Subjects, or Indian Allies to the Southward
By Order &c^a

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian affairs at Albany January 9th 1755

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Coll: Schuiler
Cap Cuiler
Cap Winne
Cap Beekman
M^r Ten Eik

John Davison Who is Employed By the
Government of Pensalvania to Conduct two
Indian Chief to Onondge (to Wit, Scarroyady &
Arons, one of the Oneide & the Other of the Seneke
Nation; Along With the Said Indians
Appeared to this Board. Said Davison
Produces a pass from the Lieut Governour of
Pensalvaia, Also one of the Liu^{en} governour

of New York

The Commissioners Bid them Welcome
& Wiped the Tears out of their Eyes According to the
Usuel Ceremony And Shewed them All Sivelities then Desired them to Say
their News.

The Chiefs Replyed

Bretheren We thank You for that you have
Wiped the tears Out of Our Eyes & Cleard Our hearts
&c^a Which We Do Likewise
they Produced a Letter from Gove:^r Delancey to this
Board

Ordered that a Slee Be Given as far as the Mohacks
for the Chiefs

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian Affairs at Albany January 13th 1755

Present

Sybrant Van Schaick Recorder

Hans Hansen Mayor

John Beekman

Jacob Ten Eick

Col: M: Schuiler

Cornelius Cuiler

the following Accounts Were
Delivered at this Board & Examined

One Account from Abraham Douw	£	1: 10: ---
1 D:° from Joh ^s Lansing		--- 04: 8 --
1 D:° from John Fryer		1: 02: 6 --
1 D:° from Jacob Cooper		3: 18: 6 --
1 D:° from Myndert Schuiler		19: 02: 7 --
1 D:° from Peter Winne		19: 08: 0: 1/2
1 D:° from Niolas Cuiler		---: 3: --: --
1 D:° from Jacob C: Ten Eyck		25: 3: 2: --
1 D:° from Robert Sanders		13: 0: 6: --
1 D:° from Jacob Lansing		2: 16: 8: --
1 D:° from Sybrant V: Schaik		15: ---: --: --
1 D:° from Robert Latterage		14: 17: 6: --
1 D:° from John Beekman		9: 4: 9: 1/2
1 D:° from Cornelius Cuiler		59: 11: 3:
1 D:° from Tedy Magin		<u>10: ---: --: --</u>
	£	194: 13: 2
1 D:° from Jacobus Clement		16:
		<hr/>
		195: 19: 2

Resolved that the Above Account Be Paid
M:^r John Beekman Be Pleased to Pay out of
the Commissioners Mony Lodged In Your Hands
the Several Above Accounts, Amounting to One Hundred
& Ninety five Pounds Nineteen Shillings & Two Pence
& their Receipts Shall Be Your Discharge

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Ind[ian]
affairs At Albany January 14th 1755

Present

Col Schuiler

the Mayor

M:^r Ten Eick

Cap^t Cuiler

Cap V Renselaar

Cap Winne

Cap Beekman

Arent Stevins Appeared to this Board

With three Indians to Go to Crownpoint

to Wit (Lorence) Set, & Johannes

the Commissioner Agreed With them

for 4/. P^r Day, they are to take Each

two Blankets of Strouds In Payment, & the Remainder

In Mony. they are to Spend No more than

12 Days or 15 At Most, they are to Be Provided

With a Buckskin to Make Shoes, they are

Also to have Powder & Lead, 2 pair Sno Shoes & Provision

At A Meeting of the Commissn^{rs}
of Indian Affairs At Albany Jan^r 17th 1755

Present

the Recorder

Cap V: Renselaar

Cap Winne

Cap Cuiler

M:^r Ten Eick

Cap Beekman

the Post Braught a Letter to this

Board from Governour Delancy

Dated 10th January 1755

Resolved that the Same Be taken

Into Consideration

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs At Albany January 20th 1755

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Col Schuiler
Cap V: Renselaar

Jacobus Clement
Interpreter

Canotouck a Seachim from Onondage
Appeared to this Board, the Commiss=
Bid him Welcome, & Desired him
to tell them Some News
He Says that the Seachim Were All
Reterned home from Caneda
But had Not had No Meeting When
he Went from home, So that the News Wass Yet
Private;----- But he Says he has Been Lately at Oswego
Were he has heard, that they had Been to
Caneda

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to Condole the Death of a Great Man, As Also to Caderogg[ie]
& When they Came In Caneda they Were All Brought In
Cagnewage, the Interpreter Cleard their Eyes Ope'd
their Hearts &° As In the Usuel Ceremony.
then the Officer Stood up & Said
Children Our Governour You Expect to Se [see] here, is
Gone to Quebeck, and Desires You to Go there Also

the Seachems Replyed
father What You Desire us, We Intend
Not to Doe, for the Cold Weather is Nigh At hand
& Wont to Go home Again

Still the Officer Insisted on their Going
then the Seachems Consulted Each Other, & Resolved
Not to Go
then there Wass a Post Sent to Quebick & Wass In
few Days Back Again
then the Commanding Officer took 3 Strings
of Wampon and Said Children I am Glad to See You
here But it Seems that the Whole Number of the five
Nations Are Not here, I mis the Mohocks. I am
Very Sorry that this Man, Who Was a father to You is

Now Dead (meaning the former Commanding officer) the
Governour of Quebeck Intends to Go to Old franc
& that an Other Governour Shall Come In his Room
Next Spring Who Shall Treat With them In the Spring
When he hoped they Would All Be there together
then he Desired the Onondage Seachems, to tell
his Children the Mohacks, Certainly to Come, In
the Spring and Not to Be Affraid, that there Was
No harm.

then a Letter Wass Sent far to this Board of Albert
Rickman from Oswege, to one Of
His Reletion at Albany, Who Writes that
Six Nations of the french Indians, Desired the Seachems
of the five Nations (When they Were at Caneda) upon a
a Large Belt, to Break the Deed made By them, to
the Governars at Albany Concerning Ohio

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& that the 5 nations, must take Pitty on their Children
for the English Who they Called Bretheren, Were Busy
to Distroy them Whereupon they are to have a General
Meeting In Onondage.
the Commissioners Asked the Seachem What he [Knew?]
of that; Who Confirms the Same
He Says Also that the french Continually Send forces
& Arms to Ohio

At a Meeting of the Commiss:^{rs} of
Indian Affairs At Albany Jan:^r 21: 1755

Present
M: Schuiler
Col: M: Schuiler
the Mayor
the Recorder
Cap Winne
Cap Beekman
Cap Renseler
Cap Cuiler

Ordered that the following Letter Be
Wrote to the Honorable James De Lancy
Esq:^r Leut^{nt} Governour &c:^a at New York

Albany 21th January 1755
May it Please Your Honour
Your favour of the 13 Instant We Reced, and

Noted the Contents. We Shall Do Every thing in
Our Power to keep the Indians firm to his Majesties
Interest, But it Cannot Be ~~Supposed~~ Expected that
We With 170 £ Can Doe things of Great Consequence
With the Indians (Which Mony has Been Long Exhausted)
the french are at a Vast Expence With them, and
thereby Gits a Great Many Indians for their Interest
Which makes them very Powerfull; and Even our
Indians they give Yearly So many Presents that
they Both Out of Interest and fear: they Lean
to the french the Occasion of Which is that this
Province Doth Not Assure the Indians of Any
Protection Against the french: In Case the[y] Should
Engage In a War Against them, By Bulding
fortifications in their Contry & Do Not Constantly
Give them Presents for Comparison With the french
We Beg Leave further to Represent to Your Honour
the Hardships this Contry Labour under, more then the
Rest of the Province, On Account of the Marceles
Savages; their Barning & Distroying our Settle[ments] [corner of page missing.]

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& murdering the People Which very Likely
We may Expect Next Summer Again; While
the Rest of the Province may Sit and Enjoy
the fruits of their Labour
Our City is Parly Enfen:^d With a Parcil of Rotten
Stockadoes have of Which Ready to tum=
=ble Down: the City Gates, Blockhouses & Batteries
All out of Repair, the Corporation Incumbred Into
A Debt of upwards of a thousand Pounds Contracted
In the Last War, towards Repairing Said Block=
& Batteries &c (and have at Present No Income at All)
for Which Very Reason, they Cannot Git Either Work
men or Materials on the Credit of the Corporation
or Province. All our Inhabitants to the North
of this City are already Busy to Remove their
Goods In Order to Desert their habitations, on the
first Alarm, the Inhabitants of this City Able
to Bear Arms, Will hardly Amount to 400. A Number
Vastly Insufficient to Guard this City
We Beg Leave to Affir [offer] Our thoughts on that
Subject to Your Consideration, Which if they Seem
Reasonable We hope Your Honour Will Be Pleased
to Lay Before the Other Brances of the Legislat[ure]
We think that the Only Way to Engage the

Indians heartily In Our Interest is to Bring
Our Selves In a Proper Poster of Defence,
And Nothing more Necessary then that a Stone
Wall Should Be Build About this City.
the management of the Indian Affairs Requires
A Large Sum of Mony more then We have At
Present, At this Critical Juncture
We are Aware that this Will Be Attended With
A Considerable Expence, But it Seems Such as
is Absolutely Necessary, for the Preservation
of the fronteers of this Province the Inhabitants
Will Otherwise Be Obligated to Desert their
Habitations; Or Be Every Minute Exposed to
the Cruelty Even to the Very Gates of the City
(if Not the City itself)
You Will Se By the Answer We made to the

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Letter of John Van Sice / Vide Minutes 23 Ultimo) that
he has wrote us Concerning An Ingagement there
Should have Been At Ohio Between the English &
the french; Which We Perceive Groundless, Else Would
have Sent the Letter to Your Honour.

He Also Writes us that the Senechas Seachems have
Desired him to Write to us for a Batoe Load of Indian Corn
& that the Corn is Very Scarse there, We Dont Know
Whatt to Do in this Matter, for fear of Making the
Other Nations Jealous, Who at the Same time are
In Want Also.

As far as We Can Learn there is A General
Invitation, made By the Governour of Canada to
to the Six Nations, to Come & treat With him in the
Spring We think it Will Be Very Necessary
to Send up Early In the Spring, proper Persons
Along With the Interpreter to Reside ther
for A While, to Prevent there going, But Not With Emty hands.

the Indians from Canejoharry Expects
that Your Honour Will Appoint
Jacobus Clement As Second Interpreter, According
to Your Honours Promiss to them As they ~~Say~~ tell us
We Must Realy Say a Second Interpreter
is Much Wanted here

We Remain &c

At a Meeting of the Commiss:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany January 25th 1755

Present

Col: Schuiler

Jacob Ten Eick Esq:^r

Cap Renselaar

Cap Beekman

Hans Hanson Esq.^r Mayor

Col: Marshall

Sybrant V. Schaick Recorder

Jacobus Clement Interpreter

the three Mohack Indians (to Wit)
Lowrance, Set, & Johannes, Who were
Sent to Crownpoint (Vide Minutes Janu^{ry}
14th 1755) Retorned to this board
they Say that they have Been No
further then About have Way, Between
the Carrying Place, And the Lake
Sacrema, Where they found Som
Mohacks & Cagnewage indians,

(Who Laid a Hunting there) With Whoom they Consulted,
Who Perswaded them to Retorn Back: as there (At Crownpoint[]]
Was Nothing Stirring, Maybe it Would Give Suspicion

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At a Meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs At Albany february 5th 1755

Present

Hans Hanson Mayor

Sybrant V: Schaick Recorder

Jacob Ten Eick Esq:^r

Cap^t Cuiler

Cap^t Beekman

Davit, A Mohack Indian Appeared to this
Board, Who Was Sent (Last Week) In Order
to View Crownpoint: But (at the Wood Creek)
he had the Misfortune to hurt himself, &
So Retorned Back.

Resolved that Nanning Fisher Go to the Carrying
Place With a Copy of the following Letter (In Dutch)
to Dirk Van Der Heyden

Sir

Be Pleased to Procure, one or two, trusty Indians
to go to Crownpoint, to See What Passes there, and Agree
With them as Well as You Can, and Pay them When
they Retorn Back, and the Commissioner Will Repay
you. ----- and If So be ~~that~~ You Can Git the Indians
Directly, than Naning is to Stay So Long Untill they
Retorn Back, to Make Report to this Board.
Give them 6: [blank space] Along to Buy them a Couple
of french Blankets, for a token that they have Been
there. A few days after Nanning Fisher
Retorned home; & Reported that there Were No Indians =
= to Be had there

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs At Albany february [16?] 1755

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Col Schuiler
Capt: Cuiler
Capt Beekman
Jacob Ten Eick Esq:^r

the Commissioners Being
Informed that Hendrik With his
Compony, Were Arrived from
Philadelphia,
the Commissioners Invited them
to Come to the Board, & Sup With them, Which
they Accordingly did & ~~the Commissioners~~ Shewed
them Proper Marks of Distinction, to their
Great Satisfaction

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs at Albany Mert [1]th 1755

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

Jacob T: Eick Esq:^r

Col: Schuiler

Cap Cuiler

Jacobus Clement Produced a Commiss
from the Honorable James De Lancey
Esq:^r his Majesties Liutenent Governor
& Commander In Chief In & Over
the Province of New York &:c^a
to Be an Indian Interpreter

Also Appeared to this Board the half King,
Aurosa, & Several of the five Nations

the Commissioners Asked them Whether they
had Any thing to Offer to this Board

The Half King Replies, When he Came at Onyde
the Seachems Were Just Retorned home from Caneda
Who reported, When they Came In Moreal, the
Commander Desired them Proceed to Quebeck:
Which they Would Not Consent to, Still the
Commander Insisted on their Going, Which they
Refused, And Asked the Commander how he
Would Like it, if he Came to treat With them
to Be Sent to Another Place. then Immediate=
=ly there Was a Post Sent to Quebeck, and on
his Retorn, the Commander Treated With them
tould them he Wass Sorry for the Mismanigement
of the Onydes, Cayugas & the Sinnick; Asked them
Why they Did Not Call their Bretheren home from
Ohio
then the Half King told them, that he, & an Other
Cayugar, & a Sinnik Wass meant there with, to Which
he made the following Answer Why Should I Be
Called from my Own Land
and fight Against the french; Why Does Not he
Call his People home Who are Building forts at
Ohio upon Land Which Does Not Belong to them
We Did Not Envite them to Build forts there
[I] Advise You to Go In the Spring to Caneda, and

make the Covenant Stronger then Ever it was With the Cagnewages
& Canassedages, and Desire them Not to Assist [corner cut off]

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Assist the french, Against ~~their~~ our Bretheren the
English. as for the french talk is Nothing But
Sham: Let us Look to the Great heaps of Dead B[ones?]
of Our forefathers Which the french have Destroyed
We [must] Side With our Bretheren the English
With Whoom our forefathers Entered into A Covenant
time out of Mind
He Says further, that he has Invited 4 Nations
(to Wit) the Onydes, Taskeroraas, Schanyadegrones &
the Mohacks, to Come Down to Siskohane at
John Harres:^s., and they have Promised to Come
Accordingly
He Also Desires the Commissioners to give
him a Pass, for his Save Passage

Resolved that the Same Be Given In the
following Manner
This Day Appeared Before us (the Commis:^{rs}
of the Indian Affairs) the Bearers hereof
one of Whoem is the Half King, Who has
Bien Employed By the Goverment of Pensilvan[ia]
to Go Among the five Nations on his Majisties
service, & is Now On his Retorn home We
have thought Proper to Assist him in his
Jorney; and Desire All ~~Persons~~ Gentlemen
Civil & Military to Shew them frindship & Assist
them in their Jorney

at a meeting of the Commis:
of Indian affairs at Albany March [2th?]
1755

Present
Myndert Schuiler
Hans Hanson
Jacob C: Ten Eick
John Beekman
Cor: Cuiler

Ojissaragenraat & Adejathoine
two Seachems from Cajuga,
& Several Warriars Along
With their Wifes, 22 In Number
Appeared to this Board and

made the following Proposition
Bretheren You Desired us (By Shanigra Who Was
here About two Months Ago), that
Nine of Our People Should Go out a fighting,
No Where But to Stay home
I Come now to tell You, that our Nation the

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the Cayugas have Granted Your Request & Will
All Stay home

Whereup Gave few Strings Wampon
We are Also Sent Down by our Whole nation
to Beg & Desire You to Assist us With Som
Indian Corn: for Without Your Assistance We are
Like to Starf, for Want thereof, or Be Obligated to Go
to the french for their Assistance, Who (We Belive)
Would Be Very Glad to Supply Our Need
then Gave a Belt
they Also Desired us to Have some of their
hatcheds & Guns Mended. Which Request Was
Granted, and had them Mended Accordingly

The Commissioners Answered them
In the following manner

Bretheren We thank You & All Your Nation
for Granting our Request In Not Going out a
fighting
We are Sorry to hear that You are So Much In
Want for Indian Corn & You Doe Very Well that
You are Come Down to Your Bretheren for
Assistance We Grant Your Request, & Shall Supply
You With three Canoes full of ~~Indian Corn~~
But you must Come to Schonegtonde & fitch it
for there is None at the Great flats,
& We Shall Give You Some Bread & Pork; and
Write to M.^r Herkemer to Give You So much Corn
As You may Want on Your Jorney In Going hence
As We Were Informed Some time Past, that You
& Your Nabours the Sinecas Were In Want of Corn
We have Already Acquainted Our Governour
therewith, Who has Desired us in a Particular Manner
to Supply You With Corn & Will Always Take as
Much Care of You as Lays In his Power
then Gave a Belt

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Bretheren

We have Sent By Ojissaragerat a few
Strings of Wampon, as a massage to the Senecas
to Let them Know, that they Can Come Down to
Schonegtande, to fitch 3 Canoes full of Indian
Corn

The Indians Retorned us Many thanks, &
Were Extreemly Well Satisfyed that We Granted
their Request, & Would Acquaint their Nation there
With & Come Down to fitch the Corn

Resolved that the following Letter Be Wrote
to the Governor

May it Pleas Your honour
About three Weeks ago here has been two french
Indians from ~~Cagnawage~~ Caneda With a Desire to Send
them a Carpenter to make a Saw mill According to the
Modell of our mills for the Indians in Kagneuage
they were told that Our Carpenters had No Mind to Go
Those Indians Brought Several Letters for [frence]
Which We Now Send to Your Honour By M^r Peter Winne
the Indians Staid But three Days In town & then
Went Back Again to Canada We have No Reason to
think, that they have gott Any Intelligence of any
thing What We Suppose to Be Intended --- What these
Indians told We have Reason to think that
here Will be french Indians to trade in a Months
time therefore We Desire Your Honour to Let us
Know, how We are to Behave, Our Selves When the
french Indians Comes here. it is our Opinion if
We Should tell them to Be gone, is Declaring War
Against them: Which Would Be of Bad Consequence
We think it Will Be the Best Way to Lett them
Come, if they Should Gitt Any Intilligence, About What
is Intented, then to Desire & Perswade them to Stand
Neuter.---- the Greatest Policy of the Governour of Canada
has Always Been; Whenever there has been Any Design
Against them to Desire & Perswade the Six Nations to
Stand Neuter; he Did So the Last War. We think there
Ought to Be Sent up proper persons to the Six nations
to Prevent there Going this Spring to Canada, We find
by Your Honours Letter of the 10 January that you
think it Will be Necessary; to Send up proper Persons

to Stop as many of our Indians As Possible;
from Going to Canada We Do not Know how to Doe [In]
this Affair for Want of Mony as for Indian Corn here is
None to Be had ---- We are &c^a [March] 20: 1755

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At a meeting of the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs at Albany
Aprill 3 1755

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Cap Cuiler
M:^t Ten Eick
Col Schuiler

A Letter Was braught to this Board
from Arent Stevins
Resolved that the following Be
Wrote to Arent Stevins

Sir

Your Attendance is here
Required here Next Tuesday Morning
By order of
the Commissioner
Resolved that the following Be Wrote to
Governour Delancey

May it Please Your Honour

Sir

We Wrote You the 20th ultimo upon
Which We Would have Been glad to Receive An
Answer ----- this servs further to Cover the
Minutes from January 25th untill the Date
hereof We Remain

Sir

Your most Obediant
Humble Servants

At a meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs at Albany Aprill 7th 1755

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Capt Cuiler
Col Schuiler
Cap Beekman
Cap Winne

Arent Stevens the Interpreter
Appeared to this Board
Whereas Killian a Principal
Seachem from the Mohacks, is
Drowned a few Weeks Ago

Resolved that the Recorder Along
With the Interpreter, Do Go to the Mohacks
to Condole his Death; In the Usuel Ceremony
and at the Same time to tel them, to Be firm
In their Resolutions, and Not to Go Any Way
Abroad: Untill they hear further from us
And In the Mean time Not to Molest the
traders, Who Go to Oswege: & Cause the Same
Request to Be made, to the Canejoharians

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At a Meeting of the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs At Albany Aprill 14th

Present
the Mayor
the Recorder
Coll: Schuiler
Capt Beekman
Capt. Cuiler
M^r Ten Eick

a Letter Was Braught to this
Board, from Governour Delancey
Dated Aprill 2th 1755

Also the Recorder made Report
that he hath Condoled the death
of Killian a Principal Mohacks
Seachem, to the Satisfaction
of the Indians

At a meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs At Albany Aprill 16th

Present
Col Schuiler
the Mayor
the Recorder
Cap Winne
Cap Renselaar

Resolved that the following Letter
to Mons:^r Jacobus Mynderse & Peter
Groenendick Be Wrote

Gentlemen

We have this Day Re:^d from his Honour
a Quantity of Indian Corn: In Order to Be
Distributed Among Our Bretheren the Six
Nations, & that a Quantity of ~~Indian Corn~~ thereof
must be Carried up to the German flats at
Capt: Herkemans: We therefore Desire You
to Get four batoes, With Proper hands, to
Carry up 162 Bushels of Corn. Please to
Send down 9 Wagons to fetch the Corn
it Lays Ready here In Bags. the Sooner
[The] Better

the following To Arent Stevins

Sir

this is to Acquaint You, that You are to
Attend M^r Van Schaick to the Senecas Contry
Som time Next Week, & to Come Down to Albany
this Week or the Beginning of Next Week, & try
In the Mean time, Whether You Can hire a Good
Large Batoe for S:^d Jorney

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At a meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs At Albany Aprill 22th 1755

Present

Col Schuiler

Cap Winne

Cap Renselaar

Resolved that the following Instructions
Be given to the Recorder

Instructions for Sibrant G: V: Schaick Esq:^r Recorder
one of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs

Pursuant to an order of his Honour the Liu^t Gover:^r
Directing us to Send up Som proper Person and the
Interpreter among the Indians to Disswade them from
Going to Meet the french at ~~Can~~ Montreal & to use
All Argument for that Purpose, and to acquaint the two
Castles of the Mohack that he Will take Care of their
Security as Soon As Possible; by fortifying their Castles
In Case of Need.

And Whereas the Six Nations have Ingaged
themselves Last fall to to Send Deligates to Montreal

You are hereby to Go from hence with All Conveni^{nt}
Speed to Schonegtande Where Arent Stevins is to Attend
You as Interpreter from thence you are to Proceed to the
Mohacks, Where You are to use, All Arguments Which You
May think Necessary to Disswade them from Going to Canada,
& Also Condole the Death of Canegquasie & from thence
to Onondage, Where You are to follow the Said Directions,
from thence to Caiuga, & the Senecas Contry if the Case
Should Require. & Perswade them to Be firm In his Majes:^{ts}
Interest & Stay home untill further Orders
Given under Our hands,
At Albany the 19th D of Aprill 1755

At a meeting of the Comm:^{rs} &c: at Albany
Aprill [21th?] 1755

Present

the Mayor

the Recorder

Coll. Schuiler

Cap Renselaer

Schanegrade a Principal Seachem from Caiuga
Appeard to this Board, Who Says he Was Sent as
a Message, to Inform us that they Are In distress
& as By the Old Covenant made By Our Ancesters, they Were

to Apply to this Board for Assistance, Particularly to
~~Col S~~ Queter (Col Schuiler) he Accordingly Now begs of this
Board, to Supply them With Powder & Shott to Shute Som Berds [birds?]
for their Children to Buil Broath [boil broth?] With, he Says ~~Also~~ that there
is Almost a femine In their Contry
then Gave few Strings of Wampon

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The Commissioners Replied

Bretheren Yoy [You] doe Very Well that You Apply to this
Board, for Your Necessaries: for We Shall Always take Care of You
As much as Lays In Our Power . . . and We Shall keep
Ourselves Alwais firm to that Covenant Made By By our
Ancesters & Shall Supply You With Som Powder & Shott
[We] Heard Last Winter that you Were In Want of
Provisions, & did Let the Governour Know of it, Who has
Been So Good as to Send up Corn, and Ordered the Same
to Be Braught to the flats, Were it Shall Be Ready
for your People

Resolved that 25 [wt] of Powder & 75 [wt] of shot Be Given them

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs At Albany Aprill 22th 1755

Present

Cap Winne

M^r Mynderse

the recorder

Capt Renselaar

a Principal Seachem from the Senecas
Contry Appeared to this Board, Who Says he
Was Sent By their Castle to Enquire
Whether the Letter of John V: Sice Came

to hand, Concerning their Necessity of Indian Corn
Brethere it has Been Reported that Perhaps
the Interpreter Should Come up to Call the Six Nations
Down, if so; We Desire You that he may Bring a
Batoe Load of Provision Along: for Without Which We
Cannot Come down: for We are Very Scarce of
Provision

the Comm.^{rs} Brother We have Already acquainted
the governour that You Were In Want of Indian
Corn, Who has Sent Som Corn up, Which
is to Be Lodged at M:^r Herkemans, Where You
May fitch it when You Please

At a meeting of the Commissioners of
Indian affairs at Albany May 4th 1755

Present

the Mayor

Cap Beekman

M:^r Ten Eick

Cap Cuiler

3 Cagnewage Indians Appeared to this
Board, (two of them have Been twice
Down, Last Winter, to Look for one
Johnson from New England, Who Was
taken Prisoner Along With his Wife &

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Wife & Childeren, Som time Past, Who Agreed With the [french]
Indians; to Go home & fitch Mony to Redeem his Wife [&
Childeren from them) they Say that they Went Last
Winter from their Hunting House to the Carrying Place
Where they found James Conner With a Servant of his
With Whom one of them traded for a Cap for two Legs
of Venisen. after he had Bought the Cap, he Met one of these
Indians, Whom the Cap did Belong to, told him it Was
his, and that he Left it In a tronk With Said Conner
----When they Came to Conner, he offered them a
thousand Wampon to Bring him to Caneda; Which the
Indians Refused: Saying that then it Would Be Reported
that they had taken a Prisoner. ---- then they
Got a Quarreling about the Cap, When James Conner
told them, take care In 6 days time there Will
Be An Army of 8000 English, to Build a fort Who
Will take Away All your furr, and Distroy You
Where upon they Directly Left their Place, Went to
Caneda With this News, (Which has Put All the Indians
In Alarm, and have Since that time Expected
the Army Every Minute) ----- the Cagnewages
Resolved to Send those same Indians as a Schout, on Pay[ment]
if the feller Should Deny to Confront him, and
tel him Every Word he Said: and When they Came
Down to Saragtogue they Did Not Doubt, the
truth thereof, Because All the People had ~~Diserted~~ Left
their Places

The Commissioners Replyed
Bretheren as to What You tell us About, an Army
We Know Nothing About, & it is a Lying feller that tould
you So, Which You See Now With Your own Eys
We Desire You to depart this Place to Morrow Morning

& Gave these Strings of Wampon to the Cagnewages
and Assure them that We keep our Selves firm to
the Covenant made Last Summer,
then Gave the few String Wampon
Bretheren As to the People Leaving their Places is very
true, the Occasion of Which is, the Destroying of
Hosack and that these Indians have Not Been here to
Reconcile the Matter