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Indian Affairs Commission for Indian Affairs. Albany  
Schedule of propositions made by the Indians and answers given to them  
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Abbreviations:

S of P = Schedule of Propositions

LIR = Robert Livingston, *The Livingston Indian Records, 1666-1723*, Gettysburg: Pa. Hist. Assoc., 1956.

DRCHNY = E. B. O'Callaghan, ed. *Documents Relative to the Colonial History of New York*, Albany: Weed, Parsons, 1853-87.

BHD = British Historical Documents in the NYS Archives

Richter = Daniel K. Richter, "Rediscovered Links in the Covenant Chain: Previously Unpublished Transcripts of New York Indian Treaty Minutes, 1677-1691," in *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society*, XCII (1982), 45-85.

Munsell Annals = Joel Munsell, *The Annals of Albany*, Albany, J. Munsell, 1869.

Van Laer Ct Minutes = Arnold Van Laer, tr. and ed., *Minutes of the court of Fort Orange and Beverwyck, 1652-1660*, Albany, University of the State of NY, 1920-23.

Colden = Cadwallader Colden, *The History of the Five Indian Nations of Canada ...*, NY: Allerton, 1922.

Colden Papers 9:xxx = Cadwallader Colden's *Continuation of Colden's History of the Five Indian nations, for the years 1707 through 1720*, in v.9 of his papers printed in the *Collections of the New York Historical Society for the Year 1935* (v. 58) beginning on p. 359.

Early Records of Albany = Jonathan Pearson and Arnold Van Laer, *Early Records of the City and County of Albany and Colony of Rensselaerswyck*, Albany: New York State, 1869-

Wraxall = Peter Wraxall, *An Abridgement of the Indian Affairs ...* (ed. Charles H. McIlwain) Cambridge: Harvard U. Press, 1915.

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[18] January 1702

Schedule of Propositions of the Indians and answer thereto from Government Begun the 20th December 1677 ending 26th [September] 1679 [Actually December 27, 1706]

Date 1677	Name of Tribes	Subject of Propositions	Indian Record Vol I Page	Answers from Government	Notes (AH)
20 Dec.	Oneidas	Relative the delivery of young Magikander	2 8	Delivery acknowledged	<i>Richter 46-47. Probably BHD 26-161. BHD 26-162 is answer. See DRCHNY 13:516 for related letter.</i>
[1678] 20 [March]	Oneidas	Related to the late fire at Schenectady, and running of the North Indians	8	Sympathies acknowledged	<i>Richter 76.</i>
[1678] 21 March	Sinnekes	Lament late war renew their former Covenant and promise made last year for their presents to be continued to them Thanks for their Presents.	13		<i>Wraxall 8.</i>
1678 22 March		[Renewal?] of former Covenants	18		<i>Wraxall 8.</i>
23 Sept	Onnondagas	In Indian No Interpretation	19		<i>Richter 48, 76; Wraxall 9.</i>

28150 [0007]

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Date 1678 [1679]	Name of Tribe	Subject of Propositions	Indian Record Vol I Page	Answer from Government	Notes (AH)
6 Feby	Onnondagas	Respecting the Onneydes not comporting themselves well	25		1678/1679
6 "	Onnondagas	Indian No translation	27	Respecting keeping their [Covenant] inviolable	
15 "	Onnondagas	Give no credit to the bad tidings from Schenectady relative to the fight between some Onnondagas and the [Cannajese]	30		Wraxall 9
17 "	Oneydes		33	Respecting Reports raised in Schenectady concerning Covenant chain.	Wraxall 9
1679 22 Jan.y	Oneydes			Respecting Propositions by [Shomer] & Daniel [Eels] to release Christian Pr?	Wraxall 9
1679 Feby 17th	Oneydes	Thanks for their Presents will release 3 Christian [Prisonrs]		Thanks for will release	Wraxall 9

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Date 1679	Name Tribe	Subject of Propositions	Indian Record Vol I Page	Answer from Government	Notes (AH)
28 Feby	Onnongagues		36	Relating to the Report that the Maquas Castle could be destroyed.	<i>Not in Wraxall?</i>
25 April	Oneydes		41	Relative to Chief Siveqipe sending [owan Adofse] to enquire about Messenger sent to Virginia & Maryland	<i>Not in Wraxall?</i>
24 May	Oneydes & Sakuwncers	Relative to the troubles between the Six Nations and the [Christians]	44		<i>Colden 1:27-28?; Wraxall 9?</i>
26 "	Oneydes		47	Relative to their bringing the rest of the Prisoner[s]	<i>Colden 1:27?; Wraxall 9</i>
26 "	Oneydes	Let Corlaer take [care] that he deliver up the Squaw who is missing	48		<i>Not in Wraxall.</i>
16 June	Mahikanders of the River [Wilde?]	Inviting their Grand Governor to visit them Reply to the refusal of their Grand Governor	51		<i>Not in Wraxall.</i>

8 July it two if a woman & 2 children Presents 3 Christian Prisoners	Mahikanders of the River [Wilde?]	In Indian No Interpretation	53		<i>Not in Wraxall; Richter 61?</i>
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Date 1679	Name of Tribe	Subject of Proposition	Indian Record Vol I Page		Notes (AH)
19 July	No name	Indian No Interpretation	55		
21 "	Magnase Sakannokes [?] and the Government General Court of the City of Albany	Indian No Interpretation	56		<i>Wraxall 9? Richter 56?</i>
no date given	The Government General and Antwortt Maquase Indian	Indian No Interpretation	59		
11 Sept	Meeting of Oneydes Col. [Wm.] Kendall & Colonel Littleton authorized by Governor in Connect and Burgesses held in City Court House Albany	Complain of their houses being taken and entered their Goods and people destroyed and some of their women and children taken captives into your Castles contrary to and in breach of the Terms of Peace made with Colonel [Coursey?]	101		<i>Not in Wraxall.</i>

Date 1679	Name of Tribe or [people do Govt]	Subject of Proposition	Indian Record vol 1	Answer from Government	Notes (AH)
no date given	[Van Cornell Wm Kendall & Cornel & other band of [Virginians] In Indian no translation		Page 103		<i>Not in Wraxall.</i>
16 Sept.	Agent of Virginia Band & Maquas also the Sinnekis		104		<i>Not in Wraxall.</i>
26 Septr	Maquase and woord [van] Cornell Wm. Kendall [illeg.] band of Virginians		105		<i>See LIR 48</i>
25 Sept.r	Virginia Indians by Wm. Kendall Maquase	Relative to the Mischief done by some of their neighboring Tribes are satisfied that the Government were not concerned in it	107		<i>Not in Wraxall.</i>
26 Sept.r	Maquase Col. [?] Wm. Kendall at Gov.nt Council Burgesses of Virginia	Expressing their thanks that the Mischief done by their neighbours is pardoned and buried in oblivion	118		<i>Not in Wraxall.</i>

6.  
28154 [0011]

Date 1679	Name of Tribe or the Government	Subject of Proposition	Indian Record Vol 1 Page	Answers from Government	Notes (AH)
30 Oct.r	Col. Wm. Kendes & Gov.r & Councillor Burgesses of Virginia	Complaint of some of the Gov.t people having destroyed & taken away their goods and People & Children Captive into Castles	120		<i>Not in Wraxall; LIR 52-61 covers this conference.</i>
31 July	Maquaghas [?] Oneydos Ononondagas Cagugas	Indian no translation	125		
Dec.r [exact?] date not given	No name given	Indian no translation	127		<i>Van Laer Ct Minutes 3:265 July 1 1682 Md Propositions to the Commissaries &amp; their Answers re Indian war parties. p. 271 July 13, 1682 deliberation on these proposals. p. 274 July 24 see also 307. 1682 session re Philip Schuyler conflict w/ Indian; Indians present in court.</i>



D.o	No name of Tribe	Indian no translation			<i>DRCHNY 3:321 =text of conference with 5 Nations, Va &amp; Md 3-13 August 1682</i>
1684 31 July	De maquase van Cortlant	Indian no translation	135		<i>Wraxall jumps from July 21 1679 to July 31 1684 on p. 10. Richter 57-59, 64</i>
no date	no name	Indian No translation	137		

*Van Laer Court Minutes 1680-1685 Vol. 3 has additional entries for 1680s. In particular see:*

*p. 362 re murder and related pages. June 6 1683 Propositions and Answers by Maqua Sachems & Commander & Commissaries in the Court House. They refer to "the ancient covenant made between us in the presence of Major Pynshon" bound not with bark but with a chain of precious metal.*

*p. 367 July 2 1683 Jonathan Bul of Hartford asks for 2 Indian servants who ran away. He can't take them by force "because all Indians here are free". The Indians at Skachkook agree with him to give him 30 beavers for the two Indians.*

*LIR 61- also has entries for 1680s about negotiations with MD by the Esopus, Mohicans, Catskills, etc., and other topics.*

*DRCHNY 13 has a few entries from 1680s relating to negotiations with the Minisinks (p. 551), relations with Maryland, (p. 555 et seq.)]*

*DRCHNY 3:321 has August 1682 Conference between 5 Nations and MD.*

*DRCHNY 3:347 has abstract of Proposals of Onondaga & Cayuga proposals Aug. 2 1684.*

*DRCHNY 3:417 has full Proposals Aug 2 1684. These proposals include the Susquehanna protection clause.*

*Colden 1:34 has text of July 13 1684 meeting, which included a ceremonial burying of actual axes, and Aug. 2 speech 1:46.*

7.  
28155 [0012]

Date 1684	Name of Tribe or the Government	Subject of Propositions	Indian Record Vol 1 Page	Answers from Government	Notes (AH) DATES ARE CONFUSED
no date	The Oneydes to the Govt. Genl	Indian no translation	138		
no date	no name	Indian no translation	142		<i>Wraxall 10-11 may cover most of these entries?</i>
no date	no name	Indian no translation	143		
9 Augt. Augt.	no name	Indian no translation	144		
[14?] Augt.	no name	Indian no translation	147		
no date	The Tribe of Onnondagas	Indian no translation	149		
2 Aigst [Augst?]	Onnondagaes	Indian no translation	151		<i>Wraxall translated Aug. 2 1684 entry from "Low Dutch" see p. 11. RL had already "translated, compared, and revised" it. See DRCHNY 3:417. See also Richter 64-66;</i>
1684 5 " August	no name	Indian no translation	155		
" "	" "	Indian no translation	158		
[1685] 15 Feb.y	" "	Indian no translation	163		

Date 168[?]	Name of Tribe or the Government	Subject of Propositions	Indian Record vol 1 Page	Answers from Government	Notes (AH)
8 Sepr	Squadinng gebonden in Albany	Indian No translation given	168		
no date	No name given	Indian No translation given	169		
no date	no name	Indian No translation given	172		
7 Octr	no name	Indian No translation given	175		
no date	no name	Indian No translation given	176		
no date	no name	Indian No translation	177		
no date	no name	Indian No translation	178		
no date	no name	Indian No translation	179		
168[?] 13 Nov.r	no name	Indian No translation	180		

**28157 [0014] 9.**

Entries for [1689 or 1684]: Nov. 17, Dec. 2, three with no date, Dec. 8, Dec. 11, no date, Dec. 11, Dec. 26, and Jan. 5. All say no date / no name / Indian no Interpretation. pages run 183-204.

**28158** [0015] 10.

Entries for 1681 or 1684: June 5, June 6, no date cover pages 204-211

Entries for 1684 Jan 6, Jan 6, Jan 27 on page 211

All say Indian No Interpretation

Date 1684	Name of Tribe or Government	Subject of Propositions	Indian Record Vol. 1 Page	Answers from Government	Notes (AH) <i>The original minutes may be out of order here chronologically?</i>
27 Jan.y	no name	Indian No Interpretation	213		
30 July	Right Honble Francis Lord Howard Gov.r Gen.l of His Majestys Dominion of Virginia to the Maquase Oneydes Onnondagas and [Cayugas?] Indians	Propose to have two hatchets to be buried as a final determination of all wars between us	214		<i>LIR 71</i>
31 July	Maquas Oneydes Onnondagas & Cayugas Answer to the Propositions made by Rt. Honble Francis Lord Howard Baron of Effingham	Stating that they did not join or participate in the evil done in Virginia	219		<i>Richter 58-59, 64</i>
no date	The 4 Nations to Lord Howard	Expressing their joy that the Govt have been persuaded to forgive all their former faults	220		
no date	the Maquas	Thanks to his Lordship Lord Howard that the axe and	223		

		Hatchet is taken out of all hands			
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Date 1684	Name of Tribe	Subject of Propositions	Indian Record vol 1 Page	Answer from Government	Notes (AH)
no date	Three nations thro Speakr Thasioghjaistha and Onnondago	Thanking the Gov.t of Virginia for forgiving and forgetting the evils they had done	225		
no date	4 Nations Lord Baltimore & his Indians Onneidas Onnondagas Cayugas	Thanks to the Gov.r of Virginia for his moderation in their behalf	226		
5 August	Sonnekas answer to the Propositions made to them by Lord Howard Baron of Effingham Gov.r Genl of Virginia	Expressing their joy that all ill will is buried with the axe and that both are sunk in the pitt of oblivion	227		<i>Wraxall 13</i>
30 July	Van Cortland authorized by the Govt of Massachusetts to the Maquase Sachims	Indian no Interpretation	231		<i>Richter 56-57</i>
2 Augt	Onnondagas & Cayuga Sachims before Lord Effingham Gov of Virginia Col Dongan Govr of New York	Praying for protection against the French People	237		<i>Wraxall translated Aug. 2 1684 entry from "Low Dutch" see p. 11. RL had already "translated, compared, and revised" it. See</i>



					<i>DRCHNY 3:417. See also Richter 64- 66;</i>
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Date 1684	Name of Tribe or the Government	Subject of Propositions	Indian Record vol.1 Page	Answer from Government	Notes (AH)
31 July	Maquas Sachems to Stephanus Cortland [agt] [for Massachusetts?]	Thanking the Brethren of Boston for the proposals made to them three [?]s ago & for the presents given yesterday	237		<i>Page numbers or dates are confused?</i>
31 July	The Maquas Sachems	Answers to proposals made by the Honble Col. Dongan	240		<i>Richter 64, See Wraxall 10-11 re July 31 1684 mtg and unsigned deed for land on both sides of the Mohawk. also DRCHNY 3:417 &amp; Early Records of Albany 2:229 (copy of deed?)</i>
9 August	The Maquas Sachems to Rt. Honble Col. Tho. Dongan Gov.r of N. York	Declining to be annexed to the Gov.t of Canada	250		<i>Wraxall 10-11</i>
15 Sept.	The Maquase Oneydes Onnondagas Cayugas &	Relative to three Boys which are in their country	253		<i>Not in Wraxall; Richter 59-60?</i>

	Sinnekes Hon.ble Col Byrd				
15 Sepr	Maquase Onondagas Cayouges Sinnekes	Answer to the Proposition to Captain John Pomunky	258		<i>Not in Wraxall; Richter 59-60?</i>

Date 1685	Name of Tribe or the Government	Subject of Propositions	Indian Record Vol 1 Page	Answer from Government	Notes (AH)
15 Sepr	Maquases Oneydes Onondagas	Answers to propositions made by Rt. Honble Col Tho. Dongan Gov.r Genl. Relative to their disobediance in not making Peace with the French	261		<i>Not in Wraxall; Richter 59-60</i>
" "	Captain Jno [Pestelins] [Popettesonimin] King of Sommatky Indians & Sachims	Request that they may be protected in their Hunting Grounds and Mountains	264		<i>Not in Wraxall; Richter 59-60</i>
5 August	Sinnekes Cayugas Onnondagas Onneydes Maquase Proposition of His Excelly Captain Genl Dongan of New York	Relative to the War made by the French on the Indians Messenger sent to His Majesty King of England and recommends one being sent on behalf of the Five Nations to the Christian Indians of Canada to persuade to come home to yr native country and to promise them all protection	267		<i>Not in Wraxall? 1686?</i>



23163 [0020] 15.

Date 1687	Name of Tribe or the Government	Subject of Propositions	Indian Record vol 1 Page	Answers from Government	Notes (AH)	
3 Sept	Onydes Sachem of to Mayor & Aldermen of Albany	Delivery of the six prisoners taken captive by this Band	276			
1684 3 May	no name	Indian no interpretation	278		<i>Dates Confused</i>	
1685 3 Nov	no name	Indian no interpretation	280			
no date	no name	Indian no interpretation	281			
D.o d.o	no name	Indian no interpretation	282			
no date	no name	Indian no interpretation	283			
14 Nov.	no name	Indian no interpretation	284			
19 "	no name	Indian no interpretation	286			
23 "	no name	Indian no interpretation	289			

**28164** [0021] 16.

"No name, Indian no interpretation" for the following dates and pages:

1685

1st Dec. 296

30 Dec. 304

5 January 305

2 Dec. 313

no date 315

1686

1 April 318

23 April 319

6 May 321

29 May 322

31 July [Sakasoodes?] Band Indian no interpretation 325 *Richter 76?*

7 Augt Indians of Shackwook Indian no interpretation 329

28165 [0022] 17.

All entries say "Indian no interpretation". The following meetings are listed:

1686			
22 August	Lumbeg	p. 330	
1687			
March 31	Sannondowanes?	p. 331	<i>Richter 78? (also entry for Sepr 24 1686)</i>
no date	Tahaidoris Smahannaker	p. 334	<i>DRCHNY 3:483? Sept. 9 1687</i>
27 [Jan.y?]	Cayouges Takasmakeor & Magistrates of Albany	p. 337	<i>Richter 68?</i>
20 [June?]	[Tannondagas]	p. 339	
9 [July?]	Shacboob Indians	p. 341	<i>LIR 130?</i>
<i>Dongan Conference with the Five Nations Aug 1687 see DRCHNY 3:438 et seq.</i>			
9 Jany [1688?]	[Maquase] Sachims & Magistrates of Albany	p. 342	
21 Feb.y [1689]	Sachim Maquase to ye Commands & Magistrates of Albany	p. 343	<i>Wraxall 14?; Richter 61-62. 79</i>



Date 1689	Name Tribe or Government	Subject of Proposition	Indian Record vol 1 Page	Answer from Government	Notes (AH)
[8 March?]	Shackboch Indians 6th June	are glad that the selling of Liquor is prohibited	344		
1st May	Shackbock Indians	Assurance of their inclination and affection towards you as much as ever	345		
1689 17 Jan.y [June]	Maquase Sakamackers Canedgunlust Tonaquiunise Ognodagon	Indian no interpretation	346		<i>Richter 80</i>
18 Jan.y [June]	no name	Indian no interpretation	348		<i>Richter 80</i>
27 Jan.y [June]	Sakamakers The Sinnekes Cayouges Onnondages Oneidas Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of Albany	Indian no interpretation	351		<i>Richter 48-49, 81</i>
28 June	Sinnekes Cayouges Onondagas Oneydas Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty Commander & Military officers of City of Albany	Indian no interpretation	356		

Date 1689	Name of Tribe or Government	Subject of Propositions	Indian Record vol. 1 Page	Answer from Government	Notes (AH)-chaos b/c of Leisler during this period.
20 Aug.t	Shachkook Indians to the Mayor & Aldermen of Albany	Relative to Covenant with the Indians from the Eastward not to do harm to their [farpest?]	359		<i>Richter 81-83; Aug. 10 1689 entry in City Records (Munsell Annals 2: describes rumor brought by Schaghts.</i>
29 Augt.	Antwordt to Shachkookse	Indian no interpretation	360		<i>Richter 83</i>
""	Magistrates of Albany & Onnondagas	Indian no interpretation	362		<i>Richter 83 Probably the speech printed in Munsell Annals 2:112</i>
3 Sept.	Govt. at Albany	In relation to the fight between the Tinndhees and the Western Indians and the French	363		<i>See Munsell Annals 2:112-128 re Indian Affairs &amp; the war.</i>
16 [Dec.?)	River Indians to Col John Pynchen Major [illeg.] Captain A. Beecker Captain J Bull against Lt. Collings of Massachusetts Plymouth & Connecticut	Thanks for the Ammunition given to them	364		<i>LIR 150 et seq? See Munsell Annals 2:153 for Maquase support for C of A in face of Leisler. See 2:159 et seq. for</i>

					<i>Mohawk message via Akus &amp; 5 Nations message via Jacques Cornellisen; also Richter 83- 84</i>
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Date 1689 [/90?]	Name of Tribe or Government	Subject of Proposition	Indian Record vol. 1 Page	Answers from Government
29 Feby	5 Nations of Indians Maquase Onydes Onondagas Cayougas to the	Returning their thanks for the remoration of their Covenant Chain	365	

[Subsequent entries all say "No name / Indian no Interpretation" for the following dates and pages:]

1689 25 February            p. 370  
1689 27 ?                    p. 380

1689/1690  
1690 4 Jan.y                p. 381            *Richter 84?*  
1690 7 Jan.y                p. 382  
1690 6 Jany                 p. 384            *Richter 69?*

no date                      p. 386

1690 3 Feb.y                p. 388  
no date                      p. 389

*Notes: See Munsell Annals 2:162- 166; During this period, the "Convention" of Albany was functioning as a body to handle Indian Affairs and maintaining ties with the Haudenosaunee, Mahikanders and other nations. Members of the Convention included Pieter Schuyler; Jacques (Akus) Cornelisen continued to work as a translator. Schuyler, Livingston et al refused to join Leisler, using the argument that to do so would disrupt Indian Affairs and bring about Indian hostilities.*

*Munsell Annals 2:177 et seq. includes more records of negotiations with the 5 Nations and events leading up to the French attack on Schenectady, a period in which Dutch, Mahikanders, and 5 nations were working together diplomatically and militarily.*

*See also DHNY 1:302-306 re burning of Schenectady.*

*Munsell Annals 2:184 describes how the Anglo-Dutch encouraged the Maquas and River Indians to move closer to Dutch and English settlements at Schenectady and Catskill.*

**28169** [0026] 21. *Note gaps in dates and pages.*

no date /Sakamakes / Indian No Interpretation p. 390

entries with no date / no name / Indian no interpretation for pages 392, 394, 396

16 Feb.y 1689 [1690] Sedquanachids & Gamakes / Indian / n.i. p. 400

25 Feb. [1690] Sachims of the 3 Maquases Express their regret for the murders committed by the French on their Brethren of Schenitady and lament their death and condole with at Schenectaday The Governor of Canada comes to our Country & speaks of Peace at onnon dage but war is in his heart. p. 402

*See Munsell Annals 2:186-191 for this condolence speech and the C of A answer, including the phrase quoted. This treaty was printed and sold see NYHS Coll. 1869 p 165 et seq.*

27 February 1690 The Maquaase Sachims Relative to the War p. 405

*See Munsell Annals 2: 213 et seq. and 2:234 et seq. for continuing joint military efforts with Jannetie aka Lawrence the Indian playing a leading role. R Livingston is in hot water at this point and Akus testifies against him. 2:216. Also see LIR 158 et seq.*

*NOTE GAP: Wraxall says on p. 13 that between Governor Dongan's Speech to the 5 Nations August 5 1687 and June 2 1691 "I cannot fine any Govrs Speech or meeting with the Indians Recorded. the intermediate Space of Time in the records is filled up with Transactions between the Magistrates of Albany & the Indians; in some parts They are entituled the Convention of Albany."*

1698 [1691]

2 June Oneydes Onnon dagas & Sinnekes to Capt. " of the Province of ?

Relative to their many troubles by the late Userpation  
So many things are  
so strange [illeg.] on p. 408

*Richter 49, Wraxall 16, DRCHNY 3:774-777; S of P adds nothing.*

Date 1698 [1691]	Name of Tribe	Subject of Proposition	Indian Record vol I Page	Answer from Government	Notes (AH)
no date	Brother Corlaer	Relative to the many troubles of late by the late usurpation and [professing] their [?] that all things will soon be better	409		<i>Richter 49, Wraxall 16, DRCHNY 3:774- 777; S of P adds nothing.</i>
3 Jan.y	no name	Relative to the examination of Capt. Shuyler & Captain Paling being examined about the [townganlisent Tollisus] relative to the Christian Prisoners in the late war.			<i>Not in Wraxall?</i>
3 June	Shackkook Indians	Relative to the planting of the tree meaning the protection of their land.	416		<i>Richter 85</i>
4 June	Maquaes Sachems to His Excellency Col. [Douglas??] Gov.r Gen.l in Chief	Have [come] to inform the [Jus.t of its indens] as to what happened to their Indians	418		<i>Wraxall 16</i>

Date 1698 [1691]	Name of Tribe	Subject of Proposition	Indian Record Vol 1 Page	Answers from Government	Notes (AH)
8 Jan.y [June?]	answer of His Excellency The Gov. Gen.l to the Maquaes Oneidas Onnondagas Cayugas Sinnekes & Shackkook Indians	Relative to the Gov.r Genl's propositions to the Five Nations regard to French and the Treaty made with them.	420		<i>Wraxall 17</i>
1691 5 June	5 Nations [Westwardous] Maquases Oneydes Onnondages Cayugas & Sinnekes & the Captn. Genral in Chief of the Province of New York	Relative to the proposals for their going out against the French being very acceptable	424		<i>Wraxall 17</i>
1691 5th Jan.y	Gov.r Genral to certain Indians	ordering a Company to be raised for an expedition to Canada.	425		

Date 1691	Name of Tribe	Subject of Proposition	Indian Record Vol 1 Page	Answer from Government	Notes (AH)
5 Augt	Tosaqua the Captain of 41 Maquase now bound for Canada	Expressing that they have come this [illeg.] upon the expedition to Canada	426		
11 Augt	Maquase Indians	Relative to their expedition to Canada	427		<i>Richter 85; See LIR 162 et seq.</i>
19 Oct.r	Carachkondie and Sadequanachtie 2 chiefs Sachems of Onondagas accompanied with some of the Sachims of Oneydes & Cayugas to the Mayor & Aldermen of Albany	Condoling with Brethren to condole upon the death of their people lost at the late engagement in Canada and requesting to be supplied with Powder and ammunition	428		
21 Octr	Govt. to the Chiefs and Sachems of the Oneydes Cayugas and Onnondagas		429	Thanks for their condol[ences] in the loss of their Peoples killed in the War in Canada.	

*UP TO THIS POINT (late 1992, P. 24 OF THE S OF P, p. 429 of Volume I of the AIC Minutes) THE S OF P IS TOO CONFUSED TO BE MUCH USE.*

*However, it does reveal that it was kept mostly in Dutch except for proposals from the governor and other colonies, which were entered in English. It also gives us a rough index of what was entered in English, which can be correlated to some degree with the copies in other sources.*

*Beginning in 1692, it becomes more coherent, and starting in June 1692 following Ingoldsby's conference, it adds new details and entries.*



Date 1692	Name of Tribe	Subject of Propositions	Indian Record Vol 1 Page	Answers from Government	Notes (AH)
6 June	Rich.d Ingoldsby Commander in Chief of their Majesties of the Province of New York to the Sachims of the Five Nations of [illeg] Maquase Onydes Onnondagas Cayugas and Sinnekes		431	Has come to manifest the good affection he has for their Brethren to view the position of the Place: so as to take effectual care to secure it from the designs of the Enemy who had ordered larger Forces there	<i>Text in DRCHNY 3:840 et seq. S of P adds nothing, but is becoming more detailed and dates are more consistent.  Summary in Wraxall 17 et seq.</i>
6 June	5 nations name of Tribes not given	That they have taken notice of what has been said to by Hon.ble [Richard] Ingoldsby Commander in Chief of Province of New York	437		<i>Text in DRCHNY 3:842 et seq.; S of P adds nothing.</i>

Date 1692	Name of Tribe	Subject of Proposition	Indian Record Vol 1 Page	Answer from Government	Notes (AH)
[6] June	Maquase	Have heard the proposals made to them which are very acceptable	452		<i>Text in DRCHNY 3:842 et seq.; S of P adds nothing.</i>
6 June	Five Nations Maquase Oneydes Onnondagas Cayugas & Sinningas to Richard Ingoldsby Commander in Chief of Their Majesties Province of N. York	Thanking Corlaer for his Presence at this place to view the strength thereof and likewise for the Forces he brought along with him and for his resolution to garrison Half Moon and Canastagioene when the Forces comes as he did to Schenectady and complaining and asking to know the reasons why Maryland Delaware and N. England Indians are to be disengaged from this war since you have told us that they are our Brethren and subjects.	454		<i>Text in DRCHNY 3:842 et seq.; S of P adds nothing.; Wraxall 18 - dates in S of P have become more accurate.</i>

Date 1692	Name of Tribe	Subject of Propositions	Indian Record Vol 1 Page	Answer from Government	Notes (AH)
13 June	River Indians to Major Ingoldsby Commander in Chief	Expressing their gladness that live under the light of corlaer their Father and the whole of the Christians who are a great people	457		<i>Not included in DRCHNY or Wraxall accounts of June Conference.</i>
22 Octr	River Indians to the Maquase of Albany	Relative to their Indians diminishing by going a hunting	459		<i>Not in Wraxall.</i>
26 Dec.r	2 Sachems of Onnondagas called Deganotwa & Degagoonde to Major R. Ingoldsby Gov.r of all and Commandr in Chief	acquainting the Govr of their design of going to Canada to meet the French	460		<i>Not in Wraxall.</i>
1693 25 Feby	5 Nations to His B Fletcher Captain General	Relative to being called upon in regard to the French in Canada their Enemy	463		<i>Summary in Wraxall 18; Text in DRCHNY 4:22; S of P adds nothing.</i>
26 Feby	Sachims of the Five Nations	Relative to their return from the French War in Canada	464		<i>Text in DRCHNY p. 24; S of P adds nothing.</i>

Date 1693	Name of Tribe	Subject of Proposition	Indian Record vol 1 Page	Answers from Government	Notes (AH)
31 May	Sinnekes Soldiers from the farthestmost Nation in Fort Albany	come after their Old Custom to condole in the Blood that is shed by the French and the Indians	465		<i>Not in Wraxall.</i>
3 July	His Excellcy B. Fletcher Captn Genl Governor in Chief of New York, Pennsylvania to the 5 Nations of Indians Maquase Oneydes Onondages Cayougas & Sinnekes	His disappointment at receiving Commands from the Great King & Queen of England who were graciously pleased at their sending their Royal Mandate requesting me on its receipt to repair into Pennsylvania and take that Province into their Majestie's immediate Care and [illeg.]	466		<i>Summary Wraxall 18; DRCHNY has text 4:37, 38 This speech starts p 40. S of P adds nothing.</i>
4 July	Five Nations or Cantons of Indians the Maquase Oneydes Onondagas Sinnekes to Captain Genl Fletcher Captn Genl & Governor in Chief of New York	Relative to the Bloody War in which they are involved	469	Captn General & Commander in Chief states that we are much rejoiced that the King and Queen of England do take note of us so as to extend their [illeg.] by making so considerable a [illeg.]	<i>Wraxall p. 19 Text in DRCHNY p. 4:43 S of P adds nothing.</i>



Date 1693	Name of Tribe	Subject of Proposition	Indian Record Vol 1	Answers from Government	Notes (AH)
6 July	Benj. Fletcher Captn Genl & Govr in Chief to River Indians	Relative to their withdrawing all their Forces out of their Castles to hunt and [illeg] leaving their [illeg] unprotected & exposed to the accidents and hardships which attend a country embarked with a watchful Enemy as this is	474		<i>DRCHNY 4:41; S of P adds nothing.</i>
5 July	His Exy the Capt Genl sent for the Sachims of the Five Nations	It is high time for you now to go home to your Castles that they may be secured from all attempts of the enemy to govern New York	477		<i>DRCHNY 4:44; S of P adds nothing.</i>
no date	Five Nations reply to Brother Cayenquiragoe	They forgot the article concerning the horses but will take care that whoever kills any horses or Cattle belonging to Christians shall make satisfaction	478		<i>DRCHNY 4:44; S of P adds nothing.</i>



Date 1693	Name of Tribe	Subject of Proposal	Indian Record Vol I Page	Answer from Government	Notes (AH)
	Five Nations to Brother [Cayuquiage]	Proposal to make Peace with the Dionnandades a nation of Indians who are in alliance with the French of Canada which will strengthen them & weaken the Enemy. His Excy [illeg.] approved of their proposals to make Peace.	479		<i>DRCHNY 4:45; S of P adds nothing.</i>
[1694] 2 Feby	Sachims of 5 Nations	Sachims of 5 Nations of Maquase Oneydes Onnondagas Cayugas & Sinnekes Relative to the French from Canada having sent a belt back to express their thanks	480		<i>Text in DRCHNY 4:85; Wraxall summary p. 20; S of P adds nothing</i>
[1694] 8 Feby [6 in Wraxall & DRCHNY]	Majr P. Schuyler answer to the Five Nations	States that he is not satisfied with their dubious answer made to the proposal of His [Excy The Commander] the Governor General	488		<i>Text in DRCHNY 4:90; Wraxall summary p. 21-22; S of P adds nothing.</i>



1693 [1694] 7 Feby	Sachems of the Five Nations	Respecting the impossibility of keeping them from making Peace with the French	489		<i>Text in DRCHNY 4:90 et seq; S of P adds nothing.</i>
1694 3 May	Sachems of Five Nations Maquase Oneydes Onondagas Cayugas & Sinnekes His Excy John Fletcher Captn Genl & Governor in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania	agreed upon by all the tribes that should not keep up any correspondence with the French in Canada	492		<i>Wraxall 22</i>
5 May	His Excy the Govr Genl. to the Five Nations		497	The Govt cannot proceed to answer their proposals until they are satisfied on three heads with the lack the Govt. has always treated you is wrongfully accused.	<i>Wraxall summary 23; S of P adds nothing.</i>

<p>1694 6 May</p>	<p>Five Nations to Brother Cayenquarege</p>	<p>We acknowledge to have stated in our Proposals that in all circumstances you never opposed our Gov.t but cautioned us not to listen to the language of the French to keep up meetings in the occasion</p>	<p>498</p>		<p><i>Wraxall summary 23- 24; S of P adds nothing.</i></p>
<p>15 August</p>	<p>Sachims of Five Nations of the Maquase Oneydes Onnondagas Cayugas &amp; Sinnekes to His Excy B. Fletcher Captain General &amp; Governor in Chief of New Yorke</p>	<p>Relative to the Messages delivered to the Five Nations together to consult about [mutualy?] for their public Good</p>	<p>502</p>		<p><i>Wraxall summary 25; S of P adds nothing.</i></p>

<p>1694 16 Augt.</p>	<p>His Excellency B. Fletcher Col Cortland Col Bayard Col Smith Col Brooks Col Schuyler (Comml of New York)</p> <p>Col. J. Pynchon Major [illeg] Major Townsend (Comm.rs for Massachusetts)</p> <p>col J Allyn Captn [Harley] (Commisrs for Connecticut)</p>	<p>Respecting the Govt. of Canada sending for them</p>	<p>508</p>		<p><i>Wraxall summary p. 26; S of P adds names of those present.</i></p>
<p>17 Augt</p>	<p>The Sachims &amp; Sackamakers of the Onnondagas</p>	<p>Warning parties against giving the Indians strong drink making them drunk and distracted</p>	<p>513</p>		<p><i>Wraxall summary 26 doesn't include this point.</i></p>
<p>[illeg] Augt</p>	<p>The River Indians to His Excellency the Captain Genl in Albany</p>	<p>In times of old the River Indians were a living Nation but are now much dimmed by the War carried on by the Crown.</p>	<p>516</p>		<p><i>not in Wraxall</i></p>

<p>1694 20 Augt</p>	<p>His Exy B. Fletcher  Col A Hamilton Gov.r of Jersey Col Cortlandt Col N. Bayard Col. Wm Smith Childe Barole [Chidley Brooks?] Esq. (Commrs. of the Province of New York  Col. J. Pyncher Saml Lamb Esq Major Genl Townsend Col Jos Alleyn Captain Calder Gravely The Sachims of the Five Nations</p>	<p>Whether the Indians had made a firm Peace</p>	<p>517</p>		<p><i>Wraxall summary p. 27; S of P adds names of those present.</i></p>
<p>23 August</p>	<p>His Exy B. Fletcher Captn Genl to the River Indians  and I charge</p>	<p>Relative to the death of one their Nation accidentally. Having heard a good character and that you had behaved well &amp; like obedient children and good subjects to your Great King of [sic] Queen of England</p>	<p>527</p>		<p><i>Not in Wraxall</i></p>


**28183** [0040] 35. [same heading]

1695 6 Feb.y	Five Nations	On hearing the Report that an army of the French had been at the Lake Champlain on their way to Albany, for which we came down without anything but our arms	529		<i>referred to DRCHNY 4:118</i>  <i>Not in Wraxall.</i>
6 July	Five Nations			Should the French our enemy make any attempts the Five Nations are to protect all they can, and sent notice to the Govt thereof with all speed.	<i>Not in Wraxall.</i>
3 July	The Shackkooks Indians Major Schuyler J. Stubbs J. Bleeker Janlanwigs Albert Rykman	Renew the old Covenant chain at the beginning we had a Covenant to hold fast by the hand, it is now fastened with an Iron Chain which we hope will never rust.	532		<i>Not in Wraxall.</i>

<p>1695 28 Augt.</p>	<p>10 of the Principal Sachims of Mohoggs Country</p>	<p>Bringing a token from the Five Nations whereby we acquaint your Escy that it is certain that the Governor of Canada hath kindly [sic] his fire at Cadanadiqui again, and is busy repairing the Walls I speak from the [Lanitron] Captn of Ononnsdaga who desires the thirty soldiers which were promised to him formerly to lay in Garrison at Onnondaga.</p>	<p>533</p>		<p><i>Wraxall summary 27; S of P adds details.</i></p> <p><i>LIR 172 et seq. is related.</i></p>
<p>10 Sept.</p>	<p>His Excellency B. Fletcher Captn Genl &amp; Governor in Chief to the Five Nations to wit the Maquase Oneydes Onnondagas Cayugas &amp; Sinnekes</p>	<p>Is glad to welcome them here and are better satisfied to fine that a greater number are engaged in opposing the common Enemy the French and their Indians who are by all artifices of fraud and force endeavoring</p>	<p>536</p>		<p><i>Wraxall 27- 28 summarizes this conference. S of P words Fletcher's address in a different tone.</i></p>

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28185 [0042]      37 [same heading]

1695 19 Sept	Five nations viz The Maquase Oneydes Onnondagas Cayugas & Sinnekes to the Propositions made by His Excellency B. Fletcher Captn Genl & Governor in Chief	The Five Nations are come here to you, the alarm of the French our Enemy in our Country has been the occasion here is not a greater number to meet our Brother Cayonsuragod	539		<i>Wraxall summary 27-28; S of P wording is different.</i>  <i>Wraxall: "no Indian Transactions recorded"between 9-18-95 and July 20, 1698" is confirmed by S of P making same jump. There are confernces in DRCHNY eg 4:175 et seq. Dirck Wessels, Godfriedius Dellius, &amp; Pieter Schuyler are made Indian Commissioners Aug. 10 1696. The notes during this period are not signed by RL and The NY Council recommends not paying him. As of May 1698, he again signs docs. See DRCHNY 4:204</i>
[1698] 20 July	Five Nations Maquases Oneydes Onnondagas Cayugas & Sinnekes to His Excellency Richd	Indian no interpretation	543	His Excellency Lord Repulyd Thanking them heartily of the welcom he had had [illeg] the Indins.	<i>Wraxall summary 28. S of P adds the info that the 5 Nations speech is recorded in Dutch.</i>

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1695 [1698 <i>Bellomont did not arrive in America until 1698.</i> ] 21 July	Col P. Schuyler & Mayor Dirk D. Gonlain Col. Romer to Indian Sachims of Canada in Albany		546	We are glad to see you here again and that you have not forgot the love you have for your native Country	<i>Wraxall summary 28-29; S of P adds wording.</i>
22 July	5 Nations of Cantons van Indiand Westwards vizt Maquase Oneydes Onondagas Cayugas Sinnekes to His Excellency Richard Earl Bellamont Captain Genl Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of New York	[note in pencil] Ask the befr Sujet for pri ... plass	547		<i>Wraxall summary 29; S of P adds nothing.</i>

23187 [0044] 39. [same heading]

1695 [8] 23 July	Canada Indians	Returning His Excy Lord Bellemont thanks for the Presents furnished them.	551		<i>summarized Wraxall 30</i>
25 July	no name	Indian No Interpretation	552		
27 July	Maquase Indians to His Excellency the Earl of Belomont	Praying that they may be granted a large Tract of land	553		<i>Wraxall 30- Bellomont promises to vacate the Dellius grant; Wraxall's version makes more sense.</i>  <i>Munsell Annals 2:30 et seq begin the discussion in the Albany City Council about the Dellius grant.</i>
25 July	Bas [Das] Shachkooks Indians to His Excellency the Earl of Bellemont	Indian No Interpretation	560		<i>Not in Wraxall</i>
25 July	Five Nations to His Excellency the Earl of Bellomont in Albany	Indian No Interpretation	563		<i>Wraxall summary 30</i>

28188 [0045] 44 [same heading]

1695 [1698] 15 July	The Shachkooks to His Lordship Earl Bellemont	Too small to make out [in pencil]	768 [568?]	<i>not in Wraxall</i>
28 July	The Maquase sachems	Would have brought the French Proposals along with them but being told they were now free by virtue of the Treaty of Peace they delivered up and made exchange of Prisoner brought from Canada that the said 2 men may come along and delivered up by your cordial exchange		<i>not in Wraxall</i>
1 August	River Indians or Maliteandest	Too small to make out [in pencil]	571	<i>not in Wraxall</i>

<p>1695 [1698 - Frontenac died Nov. 1698.] 26 Dec</p>	<p>Mayor Aldermen and the Commanding Officer of the Albany Garrison</p>	<p>Relative to the message received from the Government of Canada with the news of the death of Governor Fromtrais and that one the old persons had gone to New York on his voyage to France communicating the same message there</p>	<p>572</p>		<p><i>Text in DRCHNY 4:491; Summary in Wraxall 30; S of P nothing.</i></p>
<p>27 Dec.r [1698]</p>	<p>Maquase indians of Ornikko the first Castle of the Maquase where the Praying Indians live</p>	<p>Stating that the people of Schenectady have of late found a way to rob them of their Indian Corn by bringing into their Castles and trading the same for [Corn] by means we are in danger of starching then[?] now that that they are so much [?]which</p>	<p>573</p>		<p><i>Summary in Wraxall 31</i>  <i>see Munsell Annals 3:19 where C of A orders people not to buy Indians Corn 12-15-1696</i></p>

<p>1696 [8/9] 6 Feb.y</p>	<p>Soquans the Sachem of the Mahikander or River Indians Robt. Livingston in Albany</p>	<p>Two Indians have arrived from canada who inform me that the French and their indians are on your Lakes and forests hunting State an old man called Iatahangrarodidse having got drunk at Johanna Prats he was beaten and is quite lame.</p>	<p>574</p>		<p><i>Not in Wraxall.</i></p>
<p>3 Feby [1699 per Wraxall.]</p>	<p>Sachims the Onnondages Schannissons Carondawini</p>	<p>A certain Indian of their Castle called Tohonsowadinne applied to Corlaer and who told him it was bad for him to go to see his Father which was debated among the Sachims who were of opinion that we should send a Wampum [?] Sachems saying why should we send a Wampum to the French</p>			<p><i>Text in DRCHNY 4:492 et seq.; Summary in Wraxall p. 31-32. S of P adds nothing.</i></p>

28191 [0048] 43 [same heading]

1696 [9] 3 Feby	Sakemker Onnondagas Aptiendat	Indian No Interpretation	582		<i>Dutch version of same conference?</i>
5 Feby [1699 per Wraxall]	Onnondagas	Convened together to hinder the 5 Nations from making further negotiations with the French	584		<i>Text in DRCHNY 4:494; S of P adds nothing; Summary Wraxall p. 31-32.</i>
6 Feby	The Govt at Albany	Relative to the Request of Captain J. Schuyler relative to the 6 Frenchmen lately come from Canada and that the Sachems should be examined about those false and scandalous depositions	585		<i>Text in DRCHNY 4:495; S of P adds nothing; Possibly Wraxall p. 31-32.</i>
10 Feby	The Mayor and Aldermen	Robert Livinst having been disposed to regret relative to the Paper addressed to Col. Schuyler	586		<i>Not in Wraxall.</i>

1696 [1699?] 10 Feby	Justices of the Peace of the City of Albany by the Order of the Commanding Officer of this Garrison	Ordering that no horses mares nor Colts be transported from here to Canada on pain of forfeiture until such time that His Excellency the Earl of Bellomont shall give his further orders directing this affair	588		<i>Not in Wraxall.</i>
1699 10 Jan.y [June per DRCHNY]	The Mayor Justices of the Peace of the City of Albany	Examining a Christian Maquase Indian relative to a certain writing which was made at the House of Donald [sic] Dallius yesterday Instant when he the said Dallias went away which has caused great disturbance amongst the Inhabitants	588		<i>Text in DRCHNY 4:539; S of P adds nothing (other than that Wraxall omitted it.) Not in Wraxall.</i>  <i>"Sinnonquiesse the Maquase Sachim" plays a role.</i>

**28193** [0050] 45. [same format]

June 12 1699 entry - p. 597 - Meeting of the Government appointed to manage the Indian Affairs in Albany

2 Govt people will be sent with the Indians to Canada to treat with with French for the release of their Prisoners.

*Summary in Wraxall p. 32; text in DRCHNY 4:567 et seq.*

June 13 1699 entry - p. 601 - *Text in DRCHNY 4:569; summary in Wraxall p. 32-33; S of P adds nothing. [concerns prisoner exchange with Canada]*

June 14 1699 entry - p. 606 with Sachims of the Five Nations "too small to read" *Text in DRCHNY 4:571; part of meeting summarized in Wraxall p. 32-33.*



**28194** [0051] 46

June 15 1699 "The Government Relative to the delivery of three French Prisoners for their Brethren to Canada" p. 610 -  
*see Wraxall p. 33. Text in DRCHNY 4:572; S of P adds nothing.*

June 16 1699 "The Sachims" Too small to make out p. 611 - *Text in DRCHNY 4:573 - continues conference.*

*June 23 1699 entry for p. 613 appears to correspond with Wraxall p. 33 description of an August 23 1699 meeting about negotiations between the Five Nations and Wm. Markham on behalf of Pennsylvania. The entry refers to a letter of 18 April, entered into the S of P as a separate entry. Wraxall has a brief summary; the entry in the S of P is:*

23 June Canessin Sachims of Onnondaga accompanied by 6 sachims of the Sinnekas and Cayugas in Albany  
Wm. Markham Lt. Govr of the Province of Pennsylvania & Countres annexed made the right Honble Wm Penn absolute Proprietor & Governor in Chief of the same

18 April certifies that all whom it may concern that Kikshawtegh Sennekah Konnekeytegh Coyoqueagh Sattatenapow Sennecah have been with me in behalf of the Five Nations to Wit sennecas Cayoquekes Annondagas Ondeges & Mawques and in their behalf have requested a free trade and amity with this Government which was kindly accepted and promise made that they should be kindly received and dealt with all and have protection whenever they shall come peaceably amongst us

Dated Philadelphia 18th April 1699 signed Wm M[arkham]

[0052] is a lighter image of 28194

28195 [0053] 47

"no date" entry p. 614 is response to the letter. *See Wraxall 33.*

"We are surprised to hear of such a Treaty, and negotiation between your Brethren and our Neighbours of Pennsylvania without the least notice given or Care and permission obtained."

16 May 1698 [1699 or 1700?] p. 616 Chief Sachims of the 4 Nations of Indians viz Onnondagas Oneydes Cayugas and Sinnekes at Albany.

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They came to excuse themselves of the scandal that was laid upon the 4 nations as they had from some of these Messengers that were sent from these Castles with Col Schuyler did tell them that they had had an underhand dealing with the Government of Canada to make a separate peace with him and that the Governor of Canada wood continue the war upon this Government

*Not in Wraxall.*

**28196** [0054] 48.

no date p. 618 Govt response: To the 4 Nations of Indians made by the Magistrates of Albany. We are sorry that the Messengers sent to stop your journey to Albany did not meet you before you came here and their intentions not to make any further war with the Government of Canada -- their desire to [unsulbwick] the governor General as to what would be beneficial for their general good

*Possibly Wraxall p. 33 - continuation of conference starting Aug 23 1699?*

**28197** [0055] 49

p. 619 20 Sept. 1699 Five Nations Maquase Oneydes Onondagas cayugas Sinnekes in Albany "Indian No Interpretation" - *probably the Propositions to the River Indians answered the next day.*

*Not in Wraxall*

p. 621 21 Sept. 1699 Meeting of the Govt appointed to manage the Indian Affairs Relative to the Propositions made by the Gov.t to the River Indians

*Not in Wraxall*

p. 623 21 Sept. 1699 The Sachims of the Onnondagas to the Gentlement appointed to manage Indian Affairs at Albany Stating that a Company of the Sinnekes had been out hunting near their Castle five of whom had been killed and scalped -- Proposal to the Sachims of of [sic] the Onnondagas that it would be convenient to go to Canada to demand of the Govt the reason why the French came and destroyed the Indians in alliance with the French.

*Not in Wraxall; Text in DRCHNY 4:597 et seq.; S of P adds nothing.*

**28198** [0056] 50.

1700 7 April Suiquans & Saquahan two sachems of Skachkook before D. Shuyler & John Beecker Recorder & Mayor of Albany

Requesting that powder may be given them to go hunting with p. 626

*Not in Wraxall*

26 August Conference between Bellomont and the 5 Nations p. 630

No proceedings entered

*corresponds to Wraxall 33, confirms that initial speech of Bellomont was not recorded in the minutes. However the text of the speech is included in the record in DRCHNY 4:727 et seq.*

27 August p. 631

Second days Conference Sachims of the Five Nations vizt Maquase Oneidas Onondagas Cayugas Sinnekes

Reply to the Proposals made to them yesterday

*Wraxall p. 33. Text in DRCHNY 4:728 et seq.; S of P adds nothing.*

**28199** [0057] [51]

28 and 29 Augt. speeches p. 640, 641, 651

*Wraxall p. 34 has summary..*

*DRCHNY 4:731 et seq. has text. S of P adds nothing.*

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**28200** [0060] 52

30 and 31 Augt. -- pp. 665 & 662. *Conference continues. Wraxall has clearer account on p. 35-38. S of P does not appear to add anything. See DRHCNY 4:727 et seq.*

31 Augt 1700 p. 663 *Wraxall does not include this entry which is the River Indians Proposal to the Earl of Belmont Captain General & Governor in Chief, but the S of P says only "too small and indistinct." -- see DRHCNY 4:743*

**28201** [0061] 53. [same heading]

p 666. *Continues account of Aug. 31 1700 speeches between Five Nations and Bellomont; see Wraxall p 37-38; DRHCNY has text 4:739 et seq..*

Faithfully promising to be dutiful subjects to the Great King of England in reply to his reminding them to be firm to their Covenant Chain. Also [desiring] that our Brother Corlaer would write to the Great King of England that the limits between them and the French of Canada to prevent all Controversies so that each may know his boundary. [see DRCHNY 4:741.]

[no page recorded:] 9 Sept.r 1701 Maquase to the River Indians. Proposition by some of the Five Nations to the Commissioners of Indian Affairs. 3d of July last bringing word before the Earl of Bellemont relating to a Belt sent by the Govt of Canada praying the Indians of Cachapuaga and the Five Nations to disown the Government of Canada.

*Possibly Wraxall p. 38, in which case date is 1700 not 1701.*

*Text may be in DRCHNY 4:745, not with the River Indians but on the same topic.*



**28202** [0062] 54 [same heading]

1701 14 [or 19] July p. 680 -- Lt. Gov. Nanfan conference with 5 Nations. *see Wraxall p. 38 for summary.*

*See DRCHNY 4:896 et seq. for text. The 14th starts on p. 898 S of P adds nothing.*

1701 19 July p. 686 -- *probably the same conference but this is the River Indians speech, see DRCHNY 4:902 where date is given as July 18th.*

Proposition of River Indians to the Hon.ble John Nanfen Esqr Lieut Gov.r Commander in Chief of New York. Expressing their satisfaction wt. his coming to succeed their Father and that esteem themselves happy that there is such a person pitched upon to be their father and governor who we hoe will take care of us.

**28203** [0063] 55 see DRCHNY 4:904 et seq. continuation of the conference - S of P adds nothing.

**28204** [0064] 56 see DRCHNY 4:907 et seq. (at least partly a literal transcription). continuation of the conference. - S of P adds nothing.

*Wraxall p. 41 says there are no Records entered of Indian Affairs between this conference and Dec. 13 1704. In reality there are a few items, but scattered and out of order in the S of P.*

**28205** [0065] 57

1701 [1702?] 18 Jan.y p.700

Shacbak [Schaghticoke?] Indians in City Hall of Albany. It is God pleasure that the Government has again [vouchsafed] a good hunting of venison & tho we are few and have not much to give our Brother to acknowledge the manifold favors we have received we beg you to accept of some venison as a Gift [Apparently Wraxall did not consider this a significant event.]

[Appears to be the same speech as the one at the end of the book 28283-28284, allegedly pp 814-815]

[The Minute Book does not include many of the records in DRCHNY, including journals of trips to Onnondaga, councils held there, and the council at Albany with Lord Cornbury and 2 Canada Maquase Sachims held July 9 1702 printed in DRCHNY 4:978 or one with the 5 nations July 1702. For this period DRCHNY is the most complete record, supplemented by LIR]

1704 13 Dec.r p. 701

Meeting of Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs. Relative to the arrival of a Sachim of Onnondaga in company with a Frenchman from the Government of Canada and further upon the desire of the said French for a Meeting of the Five Nations to be held in five and and that the Sachims now resolve to tarry until they hear if their Brother Corlaer to the said Meeting. see Wraxall p. 42

**28206** [0066] 58.

1704 17 Dec. p. 703

Meeting of Commissioners for the managing Indian Affairs  
Captain Abraham Schuyler Lawrence Glacer [Claessen] Interpreter

Acquainting the Commissioners that 2 of their Indians are come from Canada to within Six Miles of Schenectady who state they saw the Caguawaga holding Meetings with the French for their Journey with an army of French who set out from Canada

*Wraxall 42 has more complete account.*

1705 3 [?] Jan.y p. 704

Meeting of Commissioners for the Managing Indian Affairs

Sacoagioyir a french Indian arrived from Canada informs that on consideration of the two Belts of Wampum by the Colonel Schuyler and the rest of the Government in August last sent to Canada whereby the Praying Indians then in the Castle of Cagnawaga were desired to come and settle in the Mohogs Country says that the said Indians have had several disputes with the Govt. of Canada they have resolved to come hither and stay here and that three of the Chiefs Sachems of the said Castle are now on their way & others have resolved to come in the Spring.

*Wraxall 43 describes this a little differently with no date. S of P adds details.*

*AROUND THIS POINT THE S OF P BEGINS TO INCLUDE MORE DETAILED INFO AND BECOMES A VALUABLE SUPPLEMENT TO WRAXALL AND OTHER SOURCES.*

28207 [0067] 59.

1705 8 Jan. p. 705

Meeting of the Commissioners

Last Saturday night being the 6th Instant Captain A. Schuyler & Lawrence Cleave Interpreter came home from Onnondaga to inform them that the french ambassadors who were said to become to Onnondaga were only come to the Sinnekes who desired and had a Meeting before they came there when he the Governor of Canada named condoled with the death of those lately deceased among the Oneydes, Onnondagas Cayugas & Sinnekes.

*Wraxall summary p. 43 has clearer more detailed account but S of P adds details.*

1705 3 [8] Jany

Commissioners appointed to manage Indian Affairs to Johannes Bratt  
Captain of a party of a [party] of outskirts-

Instructions as to the place they are to move to, and the route to take from whence an army coming from Canada may be spyeed and then to continue till March [sont] keeping a watchful eye

*Not in Wraxall.*

28208 [0068] 60.

1705 15 Jan.y

p.707

Meeting of Comms. for Managing Indian Affairs

Present

Col. [?] Schuyler

Captain Johannes Schuyler

Captain E. Bank

Captain M. Schuyler

Mr. J: Parke

& The Canashyaddsiyo

& other Chief Sachems of Oneydes

Their young men have been ready to fight with the French since the last July and they now come to hear when you design them to move on [illeg] or when an Enemy shall be spyed.

The Commissioners accept of their [offer?] and design that their young men be ordered to stay 30 days at home and that as soon as occasion requires they will give notice to them to come down ordered for the said sachims twelve pounds of Powder and other Goods

*Wraxall summary 44; S of P adds details. Handwriting changes to a much clearer hand.*

1705 19 Jan.y

Commissioners appointed for the management of Indian Affairs

are informed by Captain John & Abraham Schuyler Low Jacob that the Sachim of the Shaahkook Indians with Twenty of the Cheoffe Indians have gone to Canada upon the invitation of the Governor regarding the late Peace by Belts of Wampum.

*Not in Wraxall.*

**28209** [0069] 61.

1705 29 Jan.y                      p. 709  
Commissioners for management of Indian Affairs

Information on the second Instant having been given by an Indian arrived from Canada the Commissioners have resolved to renew the 2 Belts of Wampum which we sent in August last to the Indians of Cagnawaga by sending 2 other Belts vist one from the Commissioners and one from the Mohogs by the hands of Cahoangowaga to the Sachims of the said Castle of Cagnawaga and that therefore to shew a right understanding in that matter we desire them to come and settle in their country among the Mohages.

*Not in Wraxall.*

Meeting of the Commissioners for the management of Indian Affairs

[Rynier Report]

Informs them that on Sunday night the 4th Instant arrived three Gentlemen from New England whereof John Livingston was one having with them a Frenchman and as he is informed by them they were designed together by order of the Government of Canada to treat for the Government of Canada relating to what is unknown to him and that yesterday the 5th Instant they departed from his house Northward

*Not in Wraxall.*



28211 [0071] 63

1705 23 Feby

p. 711

Meeting of the Commissioners for the management of Indian Affairs

Present

Col [C] Schuyler

Captain E Banker

Captain J: Reeves

A Sachim of the Mohogs Country acquaints the Commissioners that the Sachims of the said Country are going with two Belts of Wampum one from the Mohogs and the other from the Shackkook Indians to a party of the Onnongonguo Indians who have wars with the English of New England

*Not in Wraxall.*

1705 26 May

p. 713

Meeting of the Commissers for the management of Indian Affairs

Present

Captain Schuyler

Captain Reeves

Yesterday a Messenger came yesterday [sic] with the hands of wampum that from the Sinnekis Country to tell us that the Waganhaes have lifted the hatchet against the Five Nations and that the Sackims of the Sinnekes desired the Brethren of the said five Nations to watch full and be on their guard

*Wraxall summary 44 gives date as May 29. S of P adds details.*

28212 [0072] 64

1705 29 May [no page number]

*See Wraxall summary 44 for more details. S of P also adds details.*

Meeting of the Commissioners for the Management of Indian Affairs in the City Hall of Albany

Message from the Sachims of the Sinnekis Country by a Toaken of seven Hands of wampum informs the Commissioners that a warning is from Indians in a Castle at Jawanaghtonhook or Tioghragrondid who have joined with the five Nations in peace That four of the Five Nations called Hightagigroonel Twig Twig grodud Grny Scariagos have lifted up the Hatchet against the said Five Nations and therefore desire that the said Five Nations will be watchful and on their Guard whereupon the Sachims of the Sinnekes have concluded to [appoint] of the Five Nations as soon as possible.

*Handwriting back to original hand.*

28213 [0073] 65

1705 6 June p. 715

Six of the Head Sachims of the Castle of Cagnawaga settled in Canada  
Colonel Peter Schuyler who called a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for the  
managing of the Indian Affairs  
Colonel K. vanRenselaer  
Captn. E. Banker  
Captn. J Schuyler &  
Captain Ja.s Weems

Bidding the Head 6 Sachims of the Castle of Cagnawaga settled in Canada every welcome to  
Albany telling them that upon the Belts of Wampum sent them from Col. Schuyler and the  
Government General when at Shennochtady in August last they expected to see the said  
sachims here last Fall they were yet very glad to see them at this time

*Wraxall summary 44 tells this a little differently with additional details but also omitting  
some.*

1705 8 June p. 717

Present  
Captain Schuyler  
H: E Renslaer  
E. Banker  
Captain Jas Weems  
Commissioners

To the Sachims Cagnawaga

Welcoming their arrival at Albany and trusting that they may come to a good  
understanding one with the other.

*Wraxall summary 44; S of P adds details.*

28214 [0074] 66

1705 9 June p. 718

Sachims of Cagnawaga

They have concluded to observe the orders of the Government and are ready to go as you desire altho we did not expect you would have ordered us to go thither

This day arrives 2 Onnondaga Indians informing them that the four Nations have cutt off the Castle of Cayouga and most of the Five Nations are in pursuit of the Enemy.

The Commissioners have ordered to be sent to them by 2 Indians thirty Pounds of Powder and to carry the same to Onnondaga to be given to such Indians as shall be willing further to pursue the said Enemy

*Wraxall summary 44; S of P adds details.*

1705 17 June

p. 719

Meeting of the Commissioners

John Schuyler

Henry Holland

This day 2 Indians Messengers come from Onnondaga to inform us that the late news relating to the Castle of the Cayugas being cutt off by the Waganhas and the other 4 Naions proves false and that the said Indians were recommended by the Sachims of the Five Nations now at Onnondaga to hold a general Meeting, that if they meet Lawrence the Interpreter (as they were informed) where he was that they should desire him to hasten on his journey to request the Government Commissioners that they would forthwith send the said Lawrence or any other person to appear before said Gov.t Commissioners and bring them word to consult on Public Matters.

*Not in Wraxall.*

28216 [0076] 68.

1705 18 June p. 720

Meeting of the Commissioners  
John Schuyler  
E. Banker  
Henry Holland

This day an account given by the Indians from onnondaga that the tidings relating to the Castle of Cayoughing being cutt off is not so, but that a skulking party of the Wagashas had been there about and had been accidentally met by a party of Mohogs and Oneydes coming from hunting who took the Captain of the said Waganhas party and killed him.

*Not in Wraxall.*

28217 [0077] 69.

1705 29 June p. 721

Meeting of Commissioners appointed for the managing Indian Affairs

Present John Schuyler

E. Banker

H: Holland

Jacob Turke Sheriff

Arrival of three Indians from the Sinnekes Country sent from one of the Chief Sachems called [Murwanad] of Sharon the furthestmost Castle of the said Country who sends word now whilst the Waganhads and other four nations of Indians are making war against the Five Nations and that the Castle Sharon being on the furthestmost frontier is in danger of being assailed notwithstanding the said Sachem sends three other [otter?] skins as a token to assure their Brother Corlaer, that they will stand fast in the Covenant Chain with him to the very of that Nation.

*Not in Wraxall.*

1705 p. 721

[illeg] Three Indians from the Sinnekes  
Commissioners  
Present  
J: Schuyler  
E. Banker  
H. Holland  
Commander  
J. Turke Sheriff

We desire to acquaint our Brother Muonnogh that we are glad to hear from him on behalf of the Castle of Sharon in the Sinnekis Country of their allegiance and firmness to the Covenant with their Brother Corlaer we had thought to have given you some account of news from New York but Colonel Schuyler is not yet come from thence but as soon as he shall bring you news [we will] giving you account of [it]  
We shall not be wanting to acquaint you of the information and give you one kegg of Rum and a bag of Powder [from next page]

*Not in Wraxall.*



28219 [0079] 71

1705 2 July

p. 722

Commissioners appointed for the managing Indian Affairs

John Schuyler

Henry Holland

Jacob Turke

arrival of a party of Indians belonging to the Mohogs who at the request of the five nations were desired by them to come that long for assistance when they heard the news that Cayougas had been cut off Inform the Commissioners that news came to the Castle of Onnondaga with the request that the strange Indians who arrived at the Sinnekes Country at a Meeting there desired the Five Nations to be watchful and on their guard against the Waganas for that since Castles of that Nation and a considerable number of Men would become their Enemies therefore if they happen to take any of that Nation off Waganas to torment & kill them without mercy

*Not in Wraxall.*

28220 [0080] 72

1705 5 July p. 723  
Meeting of Commissioners  
Present  
John Schuyler  
E. Banker  
& Henry Holland

This day the Sachims belonging to the Castle of Cagnawaga arrived here from New York desired this Meeting to be held and to acquaint His Excellency that he had forgot to make answer to an article of their Proposition which they proposed to His Excellency which was as followeth vizt That they were heartily sorry for what they had done against their Brethren of New England wch they had not been concerned in any party against, but now they hope they will forgive the same for that had now [laid] down their [illeg.]

Commissioners reply and told them that it was a very good thing they had so proposed hope they will stand by their [hatchets] and give 4 strings of Wampum.

*Not in Wraxall.*

[0081 is lighter copy of 0080]

*better handwriting reappears*

**28221** [0082] 73

1705 11 June [July?] p. 724

Meeting of the Commissioners Appointed for the managing of the Indians Affairs

Ohodngoround a Sachim of Onondaga appears and acquaints us that when the French Interpreter from the Government of Canada came to Onnondaga last Spring he told them in a Meeting that the Governor of Canada had sent up from Canada Twenty Birch Canoes with Guns and ammunition to the Castle of Todgsagrondie and the said Government sent them for that reason because he had promised the four nations that whatever fell upon them he would join with them against their Enemies and now hearing that the Nations of the Waganhas are become their Enemies he sends up said guns and ammunition to the said Castle to oppose the said Waganhas. Brother [Mattiou] is coming as Ambassador from the Governor of Canada to hold a Meeting at Onnondaga and is expected in a few days.

*not in Wraxall.*

28222 [0083] 74

1705 11 August p. 725  
Meeting of the Commissioners for managing the Indian Affairs  
Present  
Col. C. Schuyler  
John Schuyler  
E. Banker  
James Weems

This day comes a Message from the Mohogs Country who gives an account of the news from the Onondagas that Sachims from Tioghsagond are arrived at the said Sinnekis Country who desire that Quidor or some other person may meet them at Onnondaga in nine days time they having desired a meeting where to bring their hatchets knives Powder and Pipes and to give seven hands of Wampum.

12 August  
Came from Cayouga D'Wadirhed an Englishman who hath lived among the Cayouga Nation from a child now a

*See Wraxall summary 44 for more details, different wording; S of P adds details.*

1705 12 August

p. 725-726

a Sachim of the Castle was a pious man and very to this Government informs them that two Companies of Trogsgroendis Indians now lately arrived in the Sinnekes Country and one company which was designed to Albany and the other to Canada but by the Instigation of Jouinkdur the French Interpreter who lays in the Sinnekis Country that party designed for this Place at his persuasion were not permitted to come but were put off by the Sachims to go to Canada --

Whereupon the Commissioners are resolved since Col. C. Shuyler is gone to send Lawrence Claus the Interpreter with the following Message to the Onnondagas to acquaint them that [Col.] Shuyler whom the Sachims of the Five Nations designed this Meeting is not at home but gone to New York

*Wraxall summary 45. S of P adds details.*

1705 18 Augt            p. 728  
*Not in Wraxall.*

Meeting of Commissioners

Present

John Schuyler

M. Schuyler

James Weems

E. Banker

This day five Indians from Tiogsagranded have arrived at this City having desired this meeting and Propose as follows, as we were designed so we have endeavored against all hindrance to break through to come to see you, well. we have often heard that goods are cheap with you, we also come to try your Market and desire you will let us have for three Beavers one Stroud Watercoat to testify that Goods are cheap with you.

Answer from Government: We are glad to see you here, with did expect that a greater number of your Nations would have come and wonder what is the reason they are not Two years ago and the last year especially when Sachims of your Nations promised that they would certainly come this summer [with?] many of their Nation to trade with us and that they desired that we would have Goods plentiful against they came, but find that your Sachims are not so good as their promise. Brethren you desire that we let you have

28225 [0086] 77

p. 729

Answer continued

for three Beaver Skins one Coat of Stroud, water Cloak, we can settle as prices from the traders goods, but you may go and look out where it is cheapest among them but we doubt not but that to your satisfaction you will find all goods much cheaper here than in Canada We give you 3 keegs of Rum and 2 [illeg.] of Tobacco

*not in Wraxall.*

1705 20 Nov.r

p. 730

*see Wraxall 45 for more details, different wording; S of P adds details.  
returns to old handwriting*

Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in the City of Albany

Present

Colonel Schuyler

Captn. M. Schuyler

Captn James Weems

David Schuyler

Sheriff

This day was received information by a letter from Laurence Claus Interpreter at Schenectady that an indian called Jacob is there arrived from Corlaer's lake between this and Canada, says that he hath spoke with an Indian Sachim belonging to the Indian Castle of Canada well known and affected to this Government told the said Jacob that by order of the Governor of Canada that the French that were settled at Trogsgoond towards the Four nations and French wood runners at Ottawawa were now lately come home to Canada and that the Governor has ordered all his Indians to stay home in Canada this winter



1705 28 Nov.r  
*not in Wraxall.*

p. 732

Meeting of the Commissioners for managing the Indian Affairs in Albany

Present

Col Schuyler

M: Schuyler

E: Banker

David Schuyler

H Van Renslaer

& Jas Weems

It is resolved that two Indians be sent as spies to Canada and have accordingly sent for the Indian called Tayorhonseddon and one who has undertaken that service for the sum of £ 9-50-6 Barrels of Powder and Six Beaver Skins and to sett out on their journey tomorrow with all expedition for Canada and to inform themselves privately either by Christian Indians or Indians of the Enemy's motions and return with all haste to give an account thereof here. which Indians being gone out returnd 19th December Instant from halfway to Canada where they met with Sachems from Canada who gave them an account That all was well in Canada and that most of the Indians were gone hunting

28228 [0089] 80.

1705 29 Dec.r                      p. 737  
*not in Wraxall.*

The Mahikander Indians south of the City of Albany  
Relative to their Great Father often discoursing with the Mohawks without them so that  
they might not know what was said & request that their Father will do so no more

The Commrs reply that when they return from the Mohawks country they will give an  
answer, and are now ready to consult with 3 or 4 of the Principal Indians to form a  
proposition for the Mohawks

1706 23? Feb.y                      p. 738  
*see Wraxall 46 for additional details; S of P adds details.*

Meeting of the Comm.rs appointed for managing Indian affairs  
The Gov.t of Canada sent a Messenger to the Castle of the Oneydes trying to persuade them  
to accept of a French Priest into that Castle.  
Resolved that two persons be sent to Onnondaga, and that Captain Abraham Schuyler, &  
Lawrence Claver Interpreter to continue there until next July for £10 to be paid out of the  
£50 allowed by the Executive Council, and to give account of such matters from time to  
time That a further [support] of money be applied for the continuance of said persons in  
said country

1706 28 Feb.y

p. 740

Commissioners appointed for the managing the Indian affairs at Albany  
answer to the Mahikanders

Col. P. Schuyler  
H. Van Renslaer  
M John Abode  
James Weems Commdt  
D. Schuyler Sheriff

Stating that the Commrs have not corresponded with the Mohawks on weighty matters  
without giving account thereof to the Shaahkook Indians and we did not dount that they  
had given you also such accounts as they received.

*Not in Wraxall.*

1706 20 April  
Col P. Schuyler  
Mr. John Abode  
Captain J Schuyler  
Captain E Banker  
Captn M: Schuyler  
Commrs.

David Schuyler Sheriff

Relative the return of the Commrs.  
Interpreter sent to the Cayugas on the subject of their wishing to accept of the services of a  
Jesuit into their Castle and to advise them of Cayuga that they should not admit of any such  
proposition

*see Wraxall 46 for similar entry dated 10 April 1706.*

21 May

An Indian to the Commrs  
The Indian Castle at Canada have taken up the Hatchet against us.

*not in Wraxall.*

28380 [or 28830] [0091] 82

1706 3 June p. 743

Captain [J:] Schuyler

Comes Home from the Sinnekis Nations and that he perceives that the Cayugas are very much inclined to have a Jesuit and that by all what he endeavoured is [sic] was as much as he could prevail with that Nation of Cayugas by 2 Belts of Wampum, they being really inclined either for French or English to forbear taking any French into their Castle until we had acquainted their Brother Corlaer whereupon they had given any answer so left the Interpreter to bring the same. That the [Post] of the Five Nations wholly depends upon that Nation who says positively if their Brother Corlaer does not send a few Christians into their Castle that they will certainly take in the French.

*Summary in Wraxall 46; S of P adds details.*

6 June p. 744  
Commrs Present  
Mayor Dirk womes [Dirk Wessels]  
Captain E Banker  
David Schuyler

yesterday Indians and a Sachem and Chief of the Praying Indians of Cagnawaga Castle, being recommended by the Governor Canada to inform Corlaer that the Ambassadors with 70 Prisoners were ordered to be conveyed to Boston

*not in Wraxall.*

15 June p. 745  
Comm Present  
John Schuyler  
Capt. J. [Wessell]  
David Schuyler  
& Seven Indians of the Five Nations

They are glad to see Father Corlaer and will give to Beaver Skins. They have a quantity of Skins & furs and request that they may receive goods at reasonable rate - to encourage others to come.

*not in Wraxall.*

28231 [0092] 83.

1706 17 June p. 747

John Schuyler  
E. Banker  
David Schuyler  
H Hanson  
J Roseboom

Ordered that the following acct be sent to Col. Partridge that just now and comes directly from Canada and states that between 100 of our Enemy Indians set out from with a design of going to New England

*not in Wraxall.*

18 June  
Seven [Indians] of the Farr Nations

Answer from Govt. : You are welcome here. we are glad to see you as we told you two days ago when you desired to have goods sold you at a reasonable rate and we hope that you have disposed of your skins to your satisfaction and are so encouraged that you will animate the rest of your nations to come next year assuring you that you shall find us at all times reasonable and our Goods as cheap as we can afford them

*not in Wraxall.*

28232 [0093] 84.

1706 18 June  
Mahikans of [T----]

p. 749

We have considered your proposition made to us yesterday & have recommended the traders not to impose upon and to afford you such goods as you take at a reasonable and cheap price which we doubt not hyou have some experience and also your proposition to take some of our young men with you, but since you are inclined to come here next summer we do not think it needfull for --- any of our young men to go with you.

p. 750.

Father Corlaer we must acknowledge to have received full satisfaction from Skins and furs & cannot but say that you have dealt well and honestly by us as to the belt of Wampum which you gave us and shall accordingly as you desire lay it before the

*not in Wraxall.*

28233 [0094] 85

1706 [18 June]

Sachims and acquaint them of all what you have spoken to us of  
*not in Wraxall.*

1706 19 June p. 750

Information received from Lawrence Clads Interpreter at Onnondaga that the Nation of Cayugas will not accept of a Jesuit into their Castle if their Brother will post a man of respect as Interpreter there.

*Summary in Wraxall 46; S of P adds details.*

1706 19 June p. 750

From the far Nations

Inclosed propositions with the answers returned to them at a Meeting of the Commissioners

it was resolved that an account thereof be immediately sent to His Excellency at New York

*Not in Wraxall.*

1706 3 July p. 752

Meeting of Commissioners

Col P. Schuyler

others

To condole with the Indians of Onnondaga's Sachem's death called Ohodgawadad on his return from New York.

*Not in Wraxall.*

1706 3 July

Upon the account given by Col Schuyler Indians Sachim who lately hath been to see your Excellency in New York the Commissioners

*Not in Wraxall.*

have thereupon now resolved to convene And consult upon such Methods as will be most proper to prevent that the Indians may not believe the Reports which undoubtedly will be spread. Finding Canagquidngi the Sachim have resolved to send him to Onnondaga to condole the death of the said deceased Sachems and for that purpose we have been obliged to up the sum of Four Pounds for belts on the occasion of the deceased Sachem. p. 753

*Not in Wraxall.*

1706 9 July                      p. 756

The Interpreter comes from Onnondaga Informs us that in a Meeting of the four Nations on the 10th June last who are in alliance with the Five Nations have desired to give their assistance against the Ottawa indians of Trogary which the Sachims of the Five Nations did refer to the [Committence] of Cayuga Sachims to whether they should give them [assistance] or not --

*Not in Wraxall.*



1706 6 July p. 755

Acquainting His Excellency of the death of the Indian who was lately in New York to see His Excy. That the Sachems of the Five Nations are coming down to see His Excy to consult on matters for the good of this Gov.t and the five Nations and that they have appointed Sachems of each nation to go to Canada to take the Gov.t of Canada advice in some matters, and requesting His Excy to send up Instructions to answer to them with some supply to defray the charges of that Meeting. We have also seen fit to send Lawrence back to Onnondaga with instructions to return back with the Sachems if he meets them by the way. We hope your Excellency will despatch the bearer this is what Humbly offers at present

Your Excellency's  
Most Obed.t Servant  
no Signature

*Not in Wraxall.*

20 July p. 757

Commrs Present  
Johannis Schuyler  
Ev.t Banker

Joseph Gidion and one of the Indians who have come Home from Canada say that when they came to Cagnawaga in a Meeting of the Sachems of that Castle they reported to said Sachems that by some Reports they had received they were afraid the said Sachems would offer to take up the hatchet and for that [reason] the said Indians made [illeg] to go thither. the said Sachems desired the Indians to go to Montreal and speak what they had to the Gov.r of Canada

answer they were not come to speak with the said Gov.r but with them when they said Brethren we are come this far without the knowledge of our B--- Corlaer to desire you not to take up the Hatchet but to keep the Covenant inviolable and gave them the said belt of wampum

The said Indians do further inform that 4 Indians from Canada are set out to lay wait on the New England Road to Albany to take the post

Whereupon the Sachims of Caughnawaga answer, Brethren you are now come to renew the Covenant with the Castle of Caughnawaga do also now send the same Covenant with the four Nations and as a token thereof they gave a belt of wampum

*Not in Wraxall, except as brief reference p. 46-47.*

28236 [0097] 88

1706 24 July p. 758  
*Summary in Wraxall 47 ; S of P adds many details.*

Mohawks

Commences with May it please Excellency

On the 20th Instant 3 of Our Mohogs who on their accord have been in Canada and come now & say that four Indians from there are gone to lay wait on the New England Road to take the New England Post. On the 21st Instant Lawrence the Interpreter came Home on the 21st Instant from Onnondaga saith that by the way coming hither he found a belt of Wampum in the Mohogs country which was sent by the French first to the Sinnekes and so to the post of the Five Nations to desire their assistance in joining with an army of French consisting of 160 Men now going up to fight the Ottawas Indians, but that the Sachems now resolved to stand to those Resolutions lately made that they would first advise with Your Excellency

1706 24 July p. 758 [cont.]

This day we have received certain tidings from Scindorhordse that the Indian Squaw passing the road between Cluysrd and the Farms of Mr. Livingston at teghkanick is killed and scalped and also her three children taken captives which brings a great fear amongst the Farmers of the country.

My opinion that this was committed by four Indians their tracks are found first gone off to the Southward and then turned up Northward. As to what belongs to the Five Nations we do observe that if some persons are not sent to continue among them the Government The French by these Jesuits and others who are daily among them will undoubtedly persuade them to give their assistance to the Ottawas

Therefore hope your Excellency will take this into your consideration

*Not in Wraxall except as possible ref. p. 47.*

28238

[1706] 26 July p. 759  
*Not in Wraxall*

3 Sachims of the Onnogongue

Present  
Six Nations  
P. Schuyler  
Commr. & other Commisrs.

When we were here last winter you promised to open us a path and took us by the hands desiring us to come and live with you, we are now come along that Path and find that it was clear, so that now we hold fast by your arm and assure you that we shall not be found guilty of any mischief committed on that road or elsewhere ag.t you or your brother -- Give our Belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer -- [What or Mrhat]: we address you comes from a true heart to your Gov.t to which we have always had true love and a good heart so that you may believe that as you recommended last winter we have since then not been guilty of any mischief done in New England Give one small belt of Wampum.

Answer from Gov.t:

Brethren

We have observed what you told us on Saturday and hope you will prove as good as your Words, [vizt] that you have not been guilty in any mischief done in New England -- as we have recommended you last winter so we do still [which] that you shall come to settle here at Shaahkook where you may peace and quietness

Brethren

you tell us that you have found an open path hither and that you are come to see us with a true and good heart. That path shall remain open as long as you do not go out against our Brethren, if you go out against them we may close up the path, and consider you as a common enemy & treat you as such, therefore we recommend you to come and live here and advise to take none of our Indians Gave one large Belt of Wampum

*Summary in Wraxall 47; S of P adds many details.*

1706 14 Augt            p. 764

Mohoggs  
Oneyde  
Onnondaga  
Cayouge  
Sinnekes  
& Col P Schuyler  
other Commrs.

That the Indians of Tiogsagronde who are in alliance with us have complained that the nation of Indians called Michksoriaga have killed several of their Men, they not being so sufficient in strength as to defend themselves do therefore desire our assistance against them

Answer from Government:

14th august 1706

We advise you not to lift up the Hatchet against any Indians during this war with the French and desire you to use what good means you can to make up a peace again between the said Michkariaga and those of Tiogsagrondie so that these may continue an open path for them hither which will be much better for you -- We believe that you have told us that the sd. Michkariaga Indians have killed some of your Indians it can have happened by Mischance as are now your own people have been guilty of the Southward so we hope you'll not take notice thereof but endeavor what you can to make up the peace between the said two nations -- Give a Belt of Wampum

1706 16 Augst. p. 766  
*Not in Wraxall*

3 Sachims of the Five Nations and River Indians  
Present  
Comr Col Schuyler  
others -

We find that how is mischief committed by some Indians living with us which is against the will and knowledge of us and is the occasion of our coming here to condole with the Indian Squaw killed and to take the hatchet from her head  
Gave to the River Indians a belt of wampum

Answer made by the Sachims of the River Indians to the Sachims of Cagnawaga  
we were in peace and quietness and thought of no harm when your Men came and fell upon us killed an Indian Squaw and took three children captive which caused us to send our Wives to Catskills and we came up here to Albany thinking to go to Canada to revenge the harm done us but was stopt by our father Corlaer who desired us to stay and he would send to know who had committed that mischief we are now glad to see you come returning us our children who were carried away, giving us such satisfaction whereby we [understayte] that the killing of the Squaw is without your knowledge so we renew the covenant with you and give a belt of wampum.  
similar answer returned by the Five Nations.

*Not in Wraxall.*

1706 19 Augt

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Sachims of River Indians to Father Corlaer

Expressing their condolence on the decease of the Indian Squaw who was lately killed whereupon the Commissioners appointed for Managing the Indian Affairs renew the covenant with them and desired them to be obedient and ready on all occasions when their father Corlaer called them gave a kegg of Rum & a bag with bread

*Not in Wraxall.*

26 Augt.

Propositions by the Sachims of the five Nations, and, answer and of several Sachims of Cagnawaga Indians from Canada who have returned the three Indian children also the propositions of the River Indians and the answer and the Presents returned to the Five Nations & River Indians & the expenses for provisions and other necessaries amount to £60 -- the acct thereof shall be sent to your Lordship by the first opportunity by Col Schuyler who designs in a few days to go down The presents

*Not in Wraxall.*

28242 [0102] 94

1706 26 Augt.

The Presents given by the Indians being two bundles containing 45 and 35 Beaver Skins ten Raccoons and two Bear Skins which we now send to your Excellency by David Ketelhuyn Inclosed is also a letter from the Governor of Canada [relating] the said Captives. This is what humbly offers at present from your Excy's Most obedt Servant

*Not in Wraxall.*

*Sept. 29 1706 Conference with Governor Cornbury is in Vol 2 of the AIC Records per Wraxall on p. 48. It is not included in the S of P notes for either volume.*

1706 15 [Octr.] p. 771

4 Nations of Indians in Canada & Captain J. Schuyler Commr.

The Commrs made them welcome gave 4 hands of wampum to each [Nation] they returned thanks for the same --

as to the Belt of Wampum which Col. Schuyler sent to the adjucantene Indians living at St. Francis in Canada whom he desired to lay down the Hatchet which they have in hand against New England we must tell you that our Father Onnonti and the Govr have not consented thereto to give our belt of Wampum When we were here last and had condoled on the death of the Indian Squaw lately  
killed

*Not in Wraxall.*



killed here D'Kanissore and Ochynaringiaght and other Sachims of the Five Nations desired all the Indians in Canada concerned in against New England to lay down & bury the Hatchet and go no more out against them -- We then promised to return you an answer and accordingly we are come to tell you that it is not we or any Indian in Canada that have the hatchet in hand but it is our father the Governor of Canada whom we must obey, who saith if those from New England be inclined to peace with his Indians they must address to him and not to his Indians. give one belt of wampum

Brother. We hope to live in peace with you, but if you have anything to answer on the above proposals we would desire you to speak to the Governor of Canada and not to us We are

*Not in Wraxall.*

28244 [0104] 96

1706 Oct. 16

his children and under his command.  
give a string of wampum

*Not in Wraxall.*

16 Oct.r [1706] p. 772

Answer: We have considered what you proposed to us yesterday and what you have desired therein, so shall make no answer to you at present, but shall acquaint His Excellency, our Governor therewith and also our Brethren of the Five Nations with whom we will consult in this matter and give answer when we think fitt give 4 strings of Wampum

*Not in Wraxall*

29 [16?] Octr p. 772  
Commrs  
Col. P. Schuyler  
& 6 others

This day is brought to us a belt of wampum from 60 adjicaytskoke Indians who with their families lay at the Wood Creek towards Canada. They thereby send word that upon the belts of wampum sent last winter from the Commissioners to them

*Not in Wraxall*

28245 [0105] 97

1706 16 Oct.r

p. 772

they are come so far and desire to settle at the Shaahkook whereupon the Commissioners have resolved to send back the bearer of the said belt with another Belt to bid the said Indians to come and to tell them that is place is healthy and that they desire them to come hither where further care shall be taken of them.

*Not in Wraxall*

12 Nov.r

p. 773

Instructions for Lawrence Clark Interpreter to go to Cayuga one of the Five Nations taking with him J.P. Smith who are to stay in the Castle of the said nation of Indians until the 21st day of Oct.r next ensuing. the said Lawrence Clarke is to represent this Gov.t in said nation & in the nations of the Sinnekes & Onnondaga Country in all such meetings as these shall happen to be held when the interest of the Govt. required him to be, Further by the endeavor to encourage

the

*Wraxall summary 48; S of P adds details.*

p. 772 [sic]

the Sachims of those Nations to continue Steadfast to their Covenant with this Gov.t and oppose whatever the french Gov.t by his agents may desire from them prejudicial to this Gov.t.

you are also upon Intelligence given you or heard of that the Indians of the far Nations are on their Journey with a design to this place forthwith to make the best of your way to the Sinnekis Country and there wait till their arrival and prevail with the Sachims there to admit them free passage and encourage them to come and convoy them past Onnondaga & so this city

You are also to acquaint the Sachims of the Mohogs Oneydes Onnondaga Cayuga and Sinnekis what answer is sent here from the Indians of Canada to the proposition lately make to them by Dokanidsor

and

and the rest of the Sachims of the Five Nations when they were here in August last, and that wee have Resolved to give no answer at present until we have consulted with our Brethren the Five Nations herein.

You are also from time to time to send us Intelligence of what happens in the country during the time you remain therein.

26 Nov.r p. 774

Present:

David Schuyler

Commrs

Robert Livingston Secy of Indian Affairs

3 other Commrs.

The Commrs, being informed that Hondrick the Indian lying at Canastagroro was designed to go up to the Adjicankkoks Indians who lye about wood creed whereupon the Commrs have thought fit to send for the sd Hondrick the Indian being a very fit person to persuade the said Sixty Indians to come and settle with their families at Shaahkook as by the last intelligence from them to the Commrs by a Belt of wampum they are designed. the said Hondrick the Indian being come here the Commrs are agreed with him to make the

*Not in Wraxall.*

the best of his way to the said adgicantokoks Indians and to use the best means to come and settle here at Shaahkook with their families where at present the necessary care shall be taken of them -- Thus inviting them by a belt of wampum now given to the said Hondrick for which service Hondrick the Indian is to be payed for his journey one hundred and nine penny Bills and if he doth persuade those indians to come with their families to settle here at Shaahkook for such good service he shall be paid over and above, one other hundred ninepenny Bills. --

Further if the hondrik in his said journey or among the said Indians hears or can inform himself by those Indians or any others that the French our enemy design to make any attack

*Not in Wraxall*

28249 [0109] 98 [sic]

1706 p. 775

attack on the place or elsewhere he is forthwith to bring us intelligence thereof

*Not in Wraxall*

9 Dec.r

Col. P. Schuyler  
Hon. Robt Livingston, Sec  
7 other Commrs

Resolved by the Govt Commrs that 3 Indians be sent to Canada and accordingly they sent for the Indian Sachems called Toquajonont Onidhrightsine and Oynoye, who have undertaken that expedition and are to return in forty days, for which service the said Tognagomont is to be paid 120 ninepenny bitts and the other two Indians each 8 9 penny bitts is in all £10.14. It is further resolved that the foillowing Christians and Indians be sent out Skouts towards the Lake on the way to Canada viz Captain Abraham Schuyler as Captn and is agreed with him in that service at eight shillings per day -- the Indians 3 pennies per day -- Cagnawadichte & Tayingoge River Indians Corlaer & his Brother Shaahkook Indians Matanas & Asponot Christians Jacobus Schoonhonen Jacobus Laykakes and Samuel Dackeput 4 shillings per day.

*Not in Wraxall*

28250 [0110] 99 [sic]

1706 18 Dec.r  
John Abode  
John Schuyler  
10 others

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The Indian Hondrik the Magnase returned this day from the Indians called the adjocunticoke Indians with an answer and a belt of wampum and says that he spoke with the Sachims of said Indians after they were convened from their hunting and that the message he brought was acceptable to them and that they designed in a few days to come to Albany and commune with the Commrs and in the meantime desired that a Messenger might be sent to meet them at Laflours and desired that the said Hondrick might be the Messenger for they apprehended that their creditors might be troublesome to them and therefore desired to be conducted safe to albany without molestation, and would then give an answer to the Proposition of the Govt Commissioners concerning their settling at Shackkook and moreover had sent

*Not in Wraxall.*



28251 [0111] 100 [sic]

p. 778

something to said agent of their friends who belonged to the Indians who also lived formerly in Canada a few days journey from them, to endeavour induce them to join with them in their communication with the Commissioners, which answer they expect in a few days

The said Indian Hondrick by agreement was to have for his journey one hundred nine penny Bitts which is accordingly & Mr. Johannes Corlaer one of the Commrs is desired to pay the said one hundred nine penny bits and to charge it to the acct of the Public for which he shall have a Warrant accordingly.

a letter from Lawrence Claese the 29th Nov. last was recd who acquaints the Commrs of the Indian Affairs that he arrived there the 27th of said Month and found no Indians at Home but that the French had a joint token to them this Fall

*Not in Wraxall*

p. 779

that there are no Indians at Cayuga nor tools to be had for the Smith which he thinks they must be obliged to send for, He adds further that an English Boy is Prisoner at Oneyde which the Indian brought this fall from Canada--then some french came there this fall secretly by night and carried Goods to the Castle 3 days successively

Commrs  
M. Schuyler  
P. Van Brugh  
& [Hend?] Renslaer

It is the opinion of the Commissioners for managing of the Indian Affairs that it is for Her Majesty's Service that Captain Schuyler and Henry the Indian be sent to the fresh water to Laflour to meet the Indians of adjicantoke who are invited to come and settle at Shackkook in this Government and have sent word that they come to the Commrs to treat about that subject and the rather because the Commrs are informed that a Chief Captain or Sachem of the said Indians desire to come to Laflour and no further

*Not in Wraxall.*

1706 p. 779

which Govt are to endeavor by all possible means to persuade him come along with the Indians and also it is further advised that some provisions should be sent to the said Indians by the said Gov.t at the Public charge

*Not in Wraxall*

1706 27 Dec.r  
Col P Schuyler & others

The Indians called the adgoentcoke & Onnogongas to the number of above 20 being come with their Sachims the Govt bid them welcome and said they were glad to see you and are now ready to hear what they had to propose and after a little while that they had consulted together the chief Sachim rose again & said That they were come according to the Message of the Commissioners and are very thankful for their kind reception and that they had been very punctual in observing what was

*Not in Wraxall*

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required of them by the Commissioners last winter namely that they should bury the Hatchet and go no more out to fight against the English of New England, that none of their people had been out to molest the English Lines, they were discharged it by the Commissioners--that they are now come to hear what shall further be required of them but they can come to no conclusion of any affair till they have communicated what shall be proposed to them to their people in their Castle and gave a belt of wampum The Indians were ordered to be lodged in the Court House & Provisions and other necessaries and that tomorrow the Governor and the Gov.t will speak to you for which they are very thankfull.

*Not in Wraxall*

28255 [0115] 103

1706 Dec.r no date p. 781

Col. P. Schuyler

Two River Indians called Corlaer and Dungrament are just come to town and acquaint the Commissioners that according to their duty they come to tell you what hath happened lately to some of their Indians in New England

We were told this Spring that if any thing happened we were forthwith to give an acct to the Commissioners--We come to inform you that 4 days ago when I the said Corlaer was a hunting from Winy-achwnack an Indian came and told me that the English of New England convened about 30 of our Indians of this Government and of the Indians of [Nasonsquach konnah] at a place called Nossanouck but cannot tell the English name of the town. Certain Indians

*Not in Wraxall*

28256 [0116] 104

[1706 Dec.r] p. 781

Certain Indians called Looks that live informs me that the Indianes had had a Christian scalp among them which they concluded must be some of the English killed lately in New England which scalp was given to our Indians by the Mohawks this last spring as all the Gentlemen and people of Albany very well know: for when the french Indian killed Sachkarnt our Brother went to the Magnese Country to acquaint them with it -- and according to the Indian Custom they wiped off their tears and among [the friends which they made to condole ] with our loss. Th--

*Not in Wraxall*

28256 [0117] 104 - repeat with lighter version

28257 [0118] [no handwritten number]

1706 [Dec.r] p. 782

that will happen if our Indians are detained Prisoner and to dissuade our Brethren from being over credulous upon the Reports of the Indians and if the matter of fact is related to us us Indians we will come to endeavor to have the said Looks the Indian punished according to his merits

*Not in Wraxall*

in Albany

Propositions begun & [illeg] 12 July 1701 [sic] 2.d Day's Conference p. 790

12 July 1701

14 July 1701

*see DRCHNY 4:896 et seq. for this 1701 conference with Acting Governor Nanfan. S of P adds nothing. Possibly out of place chronologically in the original.*

Present

Col. P Schuler of his Majesty's Council & Five Nations of Indians vizt the Maquase Oneydes Onnondagas Cayugas and Sinnekes to the Honrble John Manpan [Nanfan] His Majesty's Lieut Governor of the Province of New York & its dependencies

Onieriske assorum Speaker

Brother Corlaer, We are glad to see in this Station to command this Province we must own ourselves very happy under so gracious a King who was so prudent as to send our two Governors, the one to succeed the other we take it to be his great care and love to us we are sorry for the death of our late Governor the Earl of Belmont we hope his soul is in Heaven and on the other hand we are glad to see so good a man as your self succeeds

him

**28258** [0119] 105

[appears to continue from the entry for Dec. 1706 on the top of page 28257.]

1706 [Dec.r] p. 781

they gave us an Indian scalp which they had brought from the Waganhads or far Nations which scalp had been handed about from place to place, and having been at Wayajackenok the said Indian Tribe has probably told the English of it which scalp they bring now the Meeting before the Government.

Now the said Indians request that this Government would be pleased to write to the Govt of Connecticut to let our Indians have the Indian Looks delivered to them to punish him accordingly and this we pray may be done with all expedition for divers of our Indians are out hunting and when they come to their wigwams and find all their are prisoners we are afraid that they will do mischief there upon which the Govt resolved to send David Schuyler Esqr Mayor of the City forthwith [illeg] the said 2 Indians to Connecticut to inform the Government in authority there of the evil consequences

*Not in Wraxall*

**28259 to 28282** (images 0120 through 0144) cover pp. 790 through 815 of the originals. They cover the July 1701 conference with Governor Nanfan printed in volume 4 of DRCHNY starting on page 4:896. They have not been transcribed because they add nothing to the printed version.



[first part of page covers end of July 1701 conference with Governor Nanfan, printed in volume 4 of DRCHNY starting on page 4:896 and not transcribed.]

1702 18 Jan. Scaghkook Indians

Present

J. Bleeker Mayor

J. Schuyler

John Abeel

J. Rooseboom

N: Brook

H Hanse

Captain Jas Wemys

Brethren

It is God's pleasure that we see one another again who has vouchsafed to us a good hunting of venison and we are few, and have not much to give the Brethren yet acknowledge the many favours we receive do make you a present of some venison as a new years gift which we pray you to accept We are ashamed that we have no deer Skins to give as well as the flesh, but it is your fault as well as ours for

28284 [0146]

18 Jan.

the Christians have strong Drink every where to sell out of Town, and our people who are great lovers of it spends their skins in good Liquor and so have none to give you but this skin

Since it cannot be hindered the selling of drink we desire when our People get drunk that they be not shut out of doors in this cold weather -- for we are one heart, and if they be unmercifully shut out of Doors in the frost it may kill them, therefore where they got their drink Let them sleep out till they sober.

p. 185 The Gentlem

answered

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thankd

Brethren

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and in [return?]

gave the[m]

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[0147] is a lighter copy of 28284

28285 [0148] is a title page that says "1707 & 1711"

**28286** [0149] 2 [still using column format with same headings as for Minute Book I]

*Wraxall p. 48 begins Vol. 2 of the Minute Books with an entry for 29 Sepr 1706, a meeting with Governor Cornbury at Albany. There is a gap here in the notes or possibly in the original. Cadwallader Colden's Continuation of Colden's History of the Five Indian nations, for the years 1707 through 1720 clarifies and adds to the entries for this section. It is contained in v.9 of his papers printed in the Collections of the New York Historical Society for the Year 1935 (v. 58) beginning on p. 359.*

*Colden's notes include entries for Jan. 1707*

1707 5 Feby

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*Not in Wraxall; see Colden Papers 9:360.*

whereof one was a sucking child and that his Mother was killed on the way to Canada and that the youngest is yet among the Indians in Canada this is what offers at present from Sir Your obed Servant.

24 Feby

*Related to Wraxall 49 entry for Feb. 22 1707? and to Colden Papers 9:360, which has only a very brief summary.*

Present

David Schuyler

John Abode

E Banker

John Schuyler

James [Weems?]

Henry Holland

John [Cuyler]

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed to manage the Indian affairs in Albany 24 Feby 1707. [probably 21 Feb.?)

yesterday night arrived here Toquajahout with one other Indian who were sent three in company on the 12th Dec.r last the third Indian being left in the Castle of Caughnawaga say that in answer to the 7 hands of wampum to the praying Indians of the Castle of Cagnawaga in Canada, whereby they were desired to continue firm to the Covenant made with this Government and Garrison the Chief Sachims of the Castle Prisoners that by the Instruction of the Jesuits there they delude many of that Castle to be indifferent yet he and several other who have

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the --- of that Castle do assure us that they shall not fail in the least from that Covenant made with the Government

Moreover

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Moreover that he was told by the said Garrison that the Governor of Canada had sent to those Castles last fall a belt of Wampum whereon stood a great hatchet designing them to make ready in arms against next summer for he was to kill a great many people but knows not whether he was designed.

1707 22 Feby

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[see *Wraxall p. 49 and Colden Papers 9:360: S of P adds important info*]

Present

David Schuyler

John abode

M: Schuyler

J: Caylor

Peter Vanbrough

At a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed to manage the Indian affairs in Albany this 22d day of Feby 1706.

This day comes here a post from the Indian Country with two letters from Lawrence Claus Interpreter in Onnondaga the one dated the 10th Instant whereby he informs us that 50 Mahikander Indians with their wives and children were within 2 days journey by the Sinnekis with a design for this place and that he was endeavouring to persuade them to come forward says further that he is informed that the far Nations have killed 10 Canada Indians and 10 Squaws, and that all

our

1707 22 Feb.y

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our Indians who were out hunting are gone out fighting against the said farr nations so there can be no apprehension that the far Nations will come to trade here That the Indians in Onnondaga were all ready also to go out to fight but with much to do had put a stop to their design Further that the the [sic] Onnagongae Indians who are hunting towards New England have promised the Govt of Canada that after hunting in the Spring they will go out against New England.

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The letter is dated the 16th Instant in Onnondaga and informs that a post is come there with [10] hands wampum giving an account that those of Boston or New England were coming to cutt off Albany whereupon this post is sent for certain tidings on the pith of the matter designing he may not be detained for that the Five Nations are all in allarm & have Called home all their Indians that are out hunting.

Whereupon

22 Feby

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Whereupon the Commrs have resolved immediately to dispatch this Post sending with him a Letter to Lawrence to tell the sachims in Onnondaga Cayuga & the Sinnekis That what they have heard of New Englands coming to cut off this place is a notorius lye invented by none other but those seditious Jesuits who are practising to breed disturbance and to make division among the Brethren it is strange to us that the Brethren do give so much ear to them, and it seems that they have believed something in the matter when they sent to call home all those Indians that are out hunting. This is also what the Jesuits aim at being a means to impoverish the Country when the Indians are hindred from hunting so that it can be plainly seen that those Jesuits are constantly contriving for the destruction of the Five Nations which if the Brethren could see so plain as we do-- we do believe they would not be long among them and we wonder that the Brethren on such a notion should be so forward as to

call

as to call home these Indians to the great loss of them and their families we would have wished they had first considered the matter for how cant it be thought that Brethren who are joined as one heart one flesh would think far less offer to do any such thing as the Brethren are informed to prevent any thing the like for the future we desire the Brethren will take no notice of any reports said to be from Home, unless it be accompanied by seven hands of wampum or a belt and that we further desire the Brethren to send out all the Indians again to hunt, and not to suffer any of their Men to go out against the farr Nations to fight them, but rather to use all possible means to conclude a peace, so that they may have free passage [hither]. We know that the french will be very much against this, as is against their Interest when the Farr Indians come here and therefore they constantly contrive how to stir them up against the Farr nations

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present  
Peter Schuyler  
David Schuyler  
John Abode  
John Schuyler  
Henry Holland  
[H] Van Renslaer  
Peter Van Brough  
John Cuyler  
The River Indians

at a Meeting of the Commrs appointed to manage the Indians Affairs in albany the 19th of  
March 1707

Proposition made by the Sachims of River Indians

Father we have always understood from our old fathers  
Wee have always undertood from our old fathers that our nation you and the Mohogs were  
particularly joyned together but it seems to us as if they have not informed kindly since we  
are not acquainted with the Common affairs that dayly happen between you and the  
Mohogs especially who are yet as one and no notice taken of us

Father We cannot imagine to treat particularly with the Mohogs only without our  
knowledge or acquainting us of your Treaty. You must confess that wee have ever since  
your first settling here proved kindhearted--if you were to view our hearts you would not  
fine otherwise

whereas on the other side you must be sensible of the ill doings off the Mohogs who daily do desert their Country and go for Canada and do not hesitate to come out from thence to kill the Brethren which is a true sign of false hearted people and consequently no reason to put great trust in them

Father We must once more repeat that we do not think that our old father have informed us that they wish in telling us that they and wee were your children and joyn on with you and the Mohogs for you do continually converse with the Mohogs and not with us which causeth us rather to believe ourselves Bastards and not children

Father we have told you our former thoughts in thinking ourselves bastards but the care you have taken of us the last summer when one of our Squaws was killed and the three children taken captive to Canada in causing her death to be condoled and the children and the pains you took when you heard that

our



our people were taken by those of New England . We further believe hath greatly convinced us to think ourselves your children and look upon you as a carefull father

Father

If we have told you p. 19  
anything amiss we desire you not to enter it in your Minutes nor take notice thereof as being our father but wee desyre you to continue very careful of us and have a watching eye over us so that we whilst under your care may come to no harm or Mischance--

Father

When you are watching for us we are apt to believe it may be some times cold weather therefore we present you two otters for Muffs to keep your hands warm

Father Whilst you have a watching eye over us  
and

and you are any wise informed of a mischievous design against us wee desire you to use all possible means to protect, for which expedition wee present you with eight drest deer Skins to make you shoes for your journey.

Father We still desire you to be watchful & take good care of us for we wholly depend upon you to preserve us here, thus doing we doubt not the Great God will give us his Blessing and we shall never be wanting to acknowledge your fatherly care of us whenever wee come Give 10 drest deer Skins 8 Bear Skins 10 Beavers.

The Sachims do complain that of their Indians three are kept hostages for debt in [Fairfield] in New England and that they desire the assistance of the Commissioners for their relief. Whereupon it is resolved that a Certificate be given to the Indian going thence to demand from the Authority of Fairfield to let them at liberty

*[not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

answer made to the Sachims of the River

Children

What you proposed yesterday as being in doubt whether your forefathers have told you the truth that you and the Mohogs were joynd as one together we must tell you we never knew other, but that we were as one neither hath our thoughts ever been otherwise--It is true that we some times had meetings with the Mohogs and others of the five nations, as it happens which we should never be wanting you with -- were you not so scattered in your habitations and no fixed settlement notwithstanding you may assure yourselves that we shall ever use fatherly care for you on all occasions

Children

We must allow that when the Mohogs do desert to Canada they prove such villains and do not scruple to attack the Brethren by scalping parties as they have

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done last summer yet doubt not but you have satisfaction through our care for you when  
wee

caused the french to return you the Captives then taken and the Indians who came out to be banished

Gave 7 1/2 Gallons Rum	£ 2.12.6
28 lbs Tobacco	1. .4
1/2 gross Pipes	1.4
11 Shirts	3.3.6
1 Barrel Cider	1.
Provisions	<u>2.4.4 1/2</u>

£10.8. 4 1/2

1 Belt of Wampum Given by Wapanacke Indians the 28th Dec.r last.

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

Col. P. Schuyler

David Schuyler

John Abode

E Banker

Johans Schuyler

Captain

P. Van Brough

Captain

H: Van Ranslaer

Mr John Cuyler

Mr. H: Holland

at the Meeting of the Commrs appointed to manage the Indian affairs in Albany the 29 of March 1707.

Warrants drawn on Col Abraham D: Coysler Treasurer for the Colony payable to the following persons who served us in the

1709 [1704?]

To Captn John Brant

for his pay and the Companies late under his command who served as outskouts in the

1704. \_\_\_\_\_ £ 162.13 "

carried forward

Brought forward	£ 162.13
To Captain [J.] Schuyler for his journey to and in Onnondauga	£ 25 " "
To Captain P. Vanbrugh for building the Guard room & at Shinndhtedaty	£ 38 " "
To Coll P. Schuyler towards the services extraordinary expenses to and about the Indians	<u>£ 100</u>
To Captain Abraham Schuyler commanding the outskouts for their Pay _____	£ 120.1.9
To Mr. John Cuyler according to his account	£ 146.8.9
Mr. John Abode according to his acct	£ 53.23
to Captain E. Banker according to his acct	7.14
To Captain P. Van Brugh according to his account for Board delivered to the outskouts	9
To Joh.s Schuyler as per acct.	£ 4.5
To Captain Mynd. Schuyler as per acct.	2.11.2
To Lawrence Clases the Interpreter or to his [order] Mr. John Cuyler	15
	<hr/> £ 347.2.11

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers. See LIR p. 198 for April 2 1707 letter to "Col Shuyler" from Samuel Partidge in Hatfield about captives and permission for "friend Indians" to come there.]*

Present

Col Schuyler

David Schuyler Mayor

John Abode alderman

Captain Jas Weems

Mbe Shuyler

H. Holland

Robt Livingston Secretary of the Indian Affairs

at a Meeting of the Commrs of the Indians in Albany the 17th of April 1707

The Commissioners of the Indian Affairs taking into consideration a Rumor that is spread among the Indians upon the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of albany purchasing the land of Skackkook from the native owners as if the Indians were not to plant there as formerly Resolved that the Indians of Skachkook and the River Indians be acquainted that the Land of Schackook is still appropriated and designed for the settlement of the Indians that did belong and plant there, or to such other friend Indians as shall come and settle among them. That the said purchase made by the Mayor and aldermen is not designed to debar or hinder the Indians settling and planting there as formerly and moreover to convince the Indians that this Govt. is earnestly desirous of the Indians settling there they have ordered [P: Court] to plough the land this spring for their planting of Indian Corn and if the Indians return and settle there will be a fort made for their security

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security as formerly. It is further ordered in regard that the Indians are now out hunting that Captain M: Schuyler the lame Sachem called Marighrawdt with the promises that he inform all the Indians as soon as they come from hunting; and 7 hands of wampum is given to Captain Schuyler to send to the said Sachim accordingly and further that Captain Schuyler aforesaid is to agree with C: Van Shomhawn or any other for the ploughing of the land at Shackkook for the encouragement of the Indians to come and settle and Plant there as formerly. This having been told them by the Governors of this Province and Commissioners appointed to manage Indian affairs from time to time.

[1707] 28 April

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers. beyond brief note on spies p. 9:360.]*

Present

Col P Schuyler

David Schuyler

J. Cuyler

P. van Brugh

May: Shuyler

J: Abode

R Livingston

At a Meeting of the Commrs of the Indian affairs in albany.

The Government having thought and conversed together have determined to send two spies for Her Majesty's Service to Canada to bring an acct. of affairs there, and reposing great trust in the fidelity of the two Maquase called Dohachnawadichqua & Tothsarise

They

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They were sent for and have agreed to go to Canada and back again in 25 or 30 days and bring intelligence of the French motive for which journey they are to have 50 Ryals [illeg] on their Return together with a keg of Rum & 4 kans of Tobacco to be delivered to them upon their

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*[Not in Wraxal or Colden Papers.]*

Present

D: Schuyler Mayor

John Schuyler

[[] Renslaer

Henry Holland

John Schuyler

R Livingston Secy Indian affairs

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 3 May Captain John Schuyler acquaints the Govt that Tsustkaam & toweacksamit in the name of the Schachkook have sent 7 hands of wampum to the Government by them sent to the River Indians about the high Bergh to invite them to come and plant where there is land to be had [low] for their use & desire further that the Gov.t would take that they may not be exposed to the danger by sleeping in the woods but that there may be a fort built at Shachkook for their security where the Tree of Welfare has been so long under which they may shelter as formerly. 7 hands of wampum is delivered to Mr Johannes Cuyor who is desired to forward the message to the said River Indians.

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*See Colden Papers 9:360-361. Not in Wraxall. BHD 50:45 is described as AIC proceedings for this date, but it has been lost (in a 1911 fire). See LIR 200 for a May 13 1707 letter to the Governor from Peter Schuyler about the incident described here. CHECK C05*

Present

Col P Schuyler

D Schuyler Mayor

M: Schuyler

H Holland Sheriff

Peter Van Brugh

at a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for Managing the Indian affairs.  
Hend the Indian, Brant Jacob and  
several



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several others who have been a hunting towards New England arrived here now and say, We have agreed last winter upon a good design, but now wee acquaint you of our rencounter upon our said hunting wherein we thought we were secure but as it happened wee had much difficulty to eschape with our lifes from our brethren of New England, to our great admiration since we have always kept firm to the Covenant chain with our Brethren whom wee never have troubled.

Brethren. it so that wee did Escape very nerely and if it had not been for the advise of the said Henry our young Men would have revenged themselves against the English of New England by which means our whole country would have been in blood, but to the contrary we fled from time to time-- however they have pursued us & took part of our bever & peltry and broke all our traps for our hunting, they not at least regarding our sign of Green Boughs which the Brethren of this Province of New England had agreed upon to remain until the Middle of this Month which we constantly used on our huts which  
they

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they destroyed totally so that we were forced to come away in this poor condition that we cannot pay our debts in Albany wee therefore desire the Brethren to represent this Matter to His Excellency the Lord Cornbury N.B. The propositions of the 2.d of Jan.y last this day the 4th of May are sent to General Clark of the Province by John Abode.

1707 21st May

*Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers*

Present

David Schuyler Mayor

Peter Van Brugh

Capt. Jas Weems

Joh.s Cuyler

Commissioners

Henry Holland

Sachims of the Sinnekis

at a Meeting of the Commrs to manage the Indian Affairs in Albany on this 21st May 1707

This day came here Cayingyqiruchson and Tsiaquanamies Sachims of the Sinnekes Country who say Brother Corlaer it hath formerly been and is yet concluded between us Brethren that whatever news happens on either side that the same should be made knowne to all of us here is a belt of wampum 15 deep as a token of some matters which seem to us as private dealings.

Brother Corlaer We have in our country a piece of silver Money given us in the time of our late Brother Cayingquiragoe Governor Fletcher but for what it was given we have forgott. therefore desire if you can pray tell us to what intent it was given.

Brother

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Brother Corlaer When we formerly had warr with the Gov.t of Canada and the peace concluded he delivered up all our people that he had taken captives which no sooner done fell upon us again and killed of our People every year except the last summer, what reason he had for to do soe wee know not, therefore desyre you if you know anything thereof to tell us.

Brother Corlaer We received Seven hands of wampum into our Country by the way of the Mohags Oneydes Onnondagas & Cayugas the last winter whereby you told us that you expected to be killed but not by whom wee desire to know from whence you received those tydings and who they are that were to attack you.

Brother Corlaer There came last summer an Indian from some part southward with several Belts of Wampum to a settlement of Indians to the Southward of Onnondaga called Canastoge where the said Indian yet remains with his Belts to what purpose wee know not, if you know anything of his business there, -- we desire you will inform us. thereof

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Brother Corlaer here too we desire your answer and information in the Matter as before proposed It was told the Indians that answer should be given them tomorrow

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*Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.*

Present

Coll. P. Schuyler

Captn E. Banker

Captain P. Van Brugh

Mr. John Cuyler

Lt. H: Holland

Answer made to the above proposition the 22nd May 1707

Brethren wee have considered on what you yesterday proposed in answer thereto must acknowledge that it hath formerly been concluded that whatever news happens on either side that the same should be made known to all of us & and must tell you we never have been nor shall be wanting to communicate to you such news of Moment as comes to our ears, as we do expect the same from you.

as to the piece of silver whereof you mention, to the best of our Memory the same was given by the late Governor Fletcher as a token in remembrance of the Covenant Chain that the same might be kept as clear and bright as that money was.

Brethren. You tell us that the Govt. of Canada ever since the late conclusion of peace with him when he delivered up your People that he had taken Captives, except this last summer hath

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hath yearly killed off your people, tis unknown to us but wee apprehend the matter your people are often times kild by his means for in the first place to prevent that the farr nations who are in alliance with you and us may not continue so, nor with us he [stirs] them against you, then the Jesuits and the Interpreter who are in your Castles discover all your Motions and ways whether your people so think to live quiet and Easy is the only way to hold peace with the farr Nations and allow them a free passage through your Country. as to the Indian which you say is come to Canastoge wee have heard nothing of his proceedings there.

Relating the news come to you by 7 handes of Wampum sayd to be from hence last winter, wee know of no such thing so that the same hath been forwarded by some ill minded people with a design to breed disturbance

Give a belt of Wampum that was given by the Wapunacky Indians the 18th Dec.r last, 2 Blankets 2 kegs of Rum 2 hats & a role of Tobacco

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Present

David Schuyler Mayor

Captain Ab: Schuyler

Captain Van Brugh

Mr. John Cuyler

*Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers; see LIR p. 201 for this entry and a letter to the Governor that enclosed it; S of P adds nothing.*

At a Meeting of the Commrs of Indian Affairs in Albany of 28th May 1707

This day came here onistarond and Tohotsjoge with five more Oneides who do acquaint the Gentlemen that  
they

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they are sent here by the Sachims of Onneyde Castle to inform them that the Chief Sachims of the 5 Nations of Indians are coming down to Albany on their way to condole the death of Onogranorum the Mohog chief late deceased and to come here to renew the Covenant Chain with my Lord Cornbury and the Commander here and the said Sachims & other Indians of the Five Nations may be expected here in ten days to which they give seven band of Wampum as a token.

The belt of wampum given by the 2 Sachims of Sinnekes Country the 21st May last is sent to Canada is sent to Canada [sic] by Onnognhnoukson this 6th of June 1707.

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Present

Col. P. Schuyler

David Schuyler

John Schuyler

H. Renslaer

Evert Banker

P. van Brugh

K: Van Renslaer

Henry Holland

Sachims of Canada

*Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers; see LIR p. 201 for this entry; S of P adds the detail that the small belt was of Col. Schuyler.*

at a Meeting of the Commrs of the Indian Affairs in Albany this 6th day of June 1707. Onnogharickson Sachim of Canada desires a belt of wampum to goe under the ground from hence to their sachims that they may shut up the path of New England that their Indians should not goe and scalp there any more and that the Gov.t of Canada should not know thereof, which belt is given to the said sachim accordingly, and says that he shall bring an answer in a short time if his undertaking has success or not

Likewise

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Likewise there is given to the said Sachim three small belts of Wampum to release Mr. Williams the Minister and his daughter of Dearfield from the Indians if it be possible to be gotten, for Money or else to give an Indian girl for the same. if it was in his power.

N.B. the sd. small belt was of Col. Schuyler

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*Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers p. 9: 361 for brief summary.*

Present

Col P. Schuyler

David Schuyler Mayor

Col. K Van Rensslaer

Capt. P. Van Brugh

Mr. Johs C

Captain John Schuyler

Sachims & Adjecantioka Indians

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs this 16 Day of June 1707.

Yesterday arrived here several Sachims and other Indians from adjiscanticoke which are now convened here and one of the said Sachims called wawasawee stood up and said

Brother Quider Wee return you many thanks for opening the path from adjucanticoke to this place which we found to be very good we are glad it was so concluded wee only now begin to come here for nannanchiet our Chief Sachem is expected here with some other Indians in a short time. wee hope wee may have here a good market for our Bever and soe do refer all further.

Answer to the above proposition.

Wee are all glad to see you here and also that the path is so good and open to your Mind and that you have met with

no

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no hindrance in your way hither wee shall never be the occasion that the path shall be shutt up neither do we hope that you shall be the occasion thereof but keep the road open and clear as you have found it now, and wee do also entreat you all to do no harm to our Brethren of New England

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*Not in Colden Papers See Wraxall p. 50 for summary; S of P adds details.*

Present

Col p. Schuyler

D. Shuyler Mayor

M: Schuyler

Robt. Livingston Sec'y for Indian Affairs

Henry Holland

Five Nations

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany 21st of June 1707 Mentour the Indian who brought last Spring & now this summer sundry of the farr Indians & those of the five nations by which means Her Majesty's Revenue is much increased, they having brought a considerable quantity of bever, being desirous to continue his endeavours to draw more of the Farr Nations hither and for that purpose prays the Government a hunting [pass] which the Commissioners think fit to do and order a pass to be given him and more a present of five pounds for his good service done and for his further encouragement to be faithfull for the interest of Her Majesty's subjects for the future.

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*See Wraxall p. 50 and Colden Papers 9:361 for summaries; S of P adds detail.*

Present

David Schuyler Mayor

M: Schuyler

Captain J: Weems

Captain Banker

R. Livingston Sec'y Indian Affairs

Maquase

Farr Nations

At the Meeting of the Commrs of the Indian Affairs in Albany 21 June 1707.

Aria a Magnase belonging to the farr Castle being come from Canada informs the Government that

there



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there were six troops of French Indians sent sent [sic] out by the Govt. of Canada against the English of New England and that there were 20 Indians ready to go out that way that they had all sorts of ammunition given them gratis to encourage them to pursue the design

He informs the Govt that the Maquase are designed to go out to fight against the Ondadionts a nation of Indians living near Carolina and that this design is is sett on foot by the instigation of the French who send some of their Indians along with them to direct them to get ther out of the way and probably may have some evil design and says further that all possible means is used by the French to entice the Indians of the Five Nations to prepare for said war and thinks that if some means are not used to prevent the Indians of the Farr Castle of the Magnese as we the Mohogs and Mahikanders will be gone in 10 days.

Ordered that 7 hands of Wampum be sent to the Farr Castle of the Mohogs by Wagsassero brother of said Aron who is a Sachim and bound for the Magnase country tomorrow and tell the said Mohogs that such means are used to weaken them and that by no means any of their people ought to go out for fighting to the Southward since it was not

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not certain but the French might have some evil design upon their wives and children, and since the sachims of the Five Nations are expected here in a few days care must be taken to warn them of such [annies] not to be deluded by the French [Polity]

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*Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.*

Present

Johs. Cuyler

E. Banker

H: Holland Sheriff

Cumachkemis

7 other Sachims of the Oneydes

7 Sachims of Oneydes [sic]

at a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 24th of June 1707. Propositions made by Camachkemis & 7 other Sachims of Oneydes by Onnagurannie their speaker.

Brethren

Wee are come here about two things the first is to condole the death of Onacheranorum the sachim of the Magnase who dyed lately-- the other business is that whereas last year we had an account that the farr Indians called the Diakondadoos & Irischtarcks & Mishkuring & Ronddaxagoungonos had a civil war amongst themselves-- the party whereof sent agent to the 5 Nations for assistance which we could not grant till we had acquainted our Brethren of this Government with it having had advice from you to send Agents to endeavour to compose differences among them. It was resolved that the Sinnekes should send Agents to endeavour a pacification, and  
accordingly

accordingly 3 of the Sinnekis were sent who have not returned and come to Onnondaga from whence they have sent for us to come there to hear what report they bring of their negotiation but we have thought convenient first to come and acquaint the Brethren here with and think it more proper that the Agent should come here and make report by the advice and approbation of this Government what answer they have obtained from the farr nations to Corlaer and we therefore acquaint you that we decline going to upon this score and also have declared they design to send an account to Corlaer the Governor and Government and gave seven hands of Wampum.

They were told they should have and answer in response their proposition before they went, and in the meantime were asked if they had heard the news that the Arra the Magnase had brought from Canada about the French design to send some of their Indians to the Indians of the Five Nations to go out a fighting against the Ondadiands Indians that lye to the Southward of Carolina the Messenger was Arra's Brother had 7 hands of wampum to forbid the Magnase sending any of their people that way

The Sachims declare they never heard any thing of it.

Whereas we are informed that Montour and

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*Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers except as part of p. 9:361 discussion of Cornbury trip.*

make to the General Meeting at Onnondaga relating to their negotiations with the far Indians. We have nothing to object to not doubting of the faithfulness and Integrity of the Five Nations who will undoubtedly transmit a letter with a true and perfect account of that whole matter --

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Colonel Schuyler who is going to New York who will acquaint His Excellency of affairs here and when he returns we shall know whether His Excellency comes up this summer and if he do not we shall send you word was given 7 hands of wampum. We must caution them of a pernicious design which the French of Canada have to debauch the young men to go out a fighting against the Ondadhegowa Flat Head Indians who are in friendship with the English who live towards Carolina who wee never heard did annoy the five nations those stratagems to weaken the people and put them in confusion is no new thing and therefore we admonish you to keep your young men at Home to be ready on all occasions if the vigilant french should have any ill design this we desire you to acquaint the rest of the nations with all, for where this Polity has been long afoot-- and therefore the more to be surprised.

Was given 7 hands of Wampum to send it

forward

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forward to the Sinnekes.

The Indians were ordered two kegs of rum a shirt to each of the 9

The said Oneyde Sachims by their Speaker Camiochkond sd. they would acquaint the nations with what was told them but they could not tell whether the relating to the forbidding the young Indians going out to fight to the Southward would be complied withal they would do their best endeavour

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*Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers*

Present

David Schuyler

M: Schuyler

Joh.s Cuyler

Henry Holland

Magnase Sachims from Canada

At a Meeting of the Commissioners this 9th day of July 1707

Csosaquatho and oghrieoga two of four Maquas Sachims arrived from Cannada and doe say that about twelf days agoe at their departure from thence the Jesuit Jackbourins told thm that they were really Poor for said he wee have no shipping from France and moreover we have news that Port Royal is destroyed except the Fort where the Govt was in, but they have still surrounded the same. And say also that they have met with three Partys of French Indians which came from our Brethren of New England the first Party thereof had two English Girls the second haveing a Skalp and the third party had three children and that the Ottawawas Indians had told them that the Indians of their Castle went into

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into Canada to buy ammunition to fight against the French at Wawaiaehsenock and says further that the sachims of Cachnauaga told them that the Government of Canada had persuaded their young Indians to go out and fight against but in case they return with Prisoners the said Sachims of Cachnawaga would return them to Albany

[1707] 11 July

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*Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.*

Present

David Schuyler

Johs. Cuyler

Henry Holland

Sachim of Cacenawaga in Canada

At a Meeting of the Commrs of the Indian Affairs in Albany this 11th day of July 1707

A Sachim of Cackanawagoe in Canada called Tataqugoruss being mett with the Commissioners acquainted them of his departure from hence to his Castle the Commissioners told him that he should stand firm to the constant alliance of this Government and desired him to doe his utmost endeavour for the redemption of the Prisoners of New England, as also to prevent further Mischief there to which he promised his endeavors accordingly.

[1707] 16 July

*See Wraxall p. 50 for summary; S of P adds detail. Not in Colden Papers except brief mention p. 9:361.*

Five Mohogs

Present

David Schuyler

P. van Brugh

Johs Cuyler

M: Schuyler

Henry Holland

Five.

At a Meeting of the Commrs of the Indian Affairs in Albany this 16th day of July 1707

This

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This day arrived here five Mohogs with seven hands of Wampum from the Five Nations giving us an account that the sachims of those nations are on their journey hither and are advanced as far as the second Castle of the Mohoggs that in three or four days they may be expected here in order to treat with the Government whereupon the Gentlemen resolved to send James Tucker [or Packer] with 2 other Men in a Canoe to acquaint His Excellency of the Matter according to a letter to him directed

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*See Wraxall p. 50 for summary; S of P adds detail. Not in Colden Papers.*

Sachims of Five Nations

Commrs

Present

Johs. Abeel

M: Schuyler

P. Van Brough

Evert Banker

Joh.es Cuyler

Henry Holland Sheriff

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs at Albany the 22d of July 1707

This day arrived here the Sachims of the Five Nations and acquainted the Gentlemen of their arrival the Gentlemen made them welcome & told them that they had sent an Express to His Excellency to acquaint him of their coming hither would stay for an answer from His Excellency

1707 24 July

*[See Wraxall p. 50 for summary; S of P adds detail. Not in Colden Papers.]*

Present

John Abeel

M: Schuyler

Joh.s Cuyler

Henry Holland

At a Meeting of the Commrs of Indian Affairs at Albany the 24th of July 1707

This day returned James Parker and the two other Men who were sent as an express to His Excellency of the 16th brought a letter from His Excellency with these following words

New York the 20th July 1707

Your letter of the 16th Instant came to my hand yesterday by which the Sachims of the

Five



Five Nations have something to propose to me I shall always be ready to hear what they have to say but at this time the Queens service calls me another way you must therefore acquaint the Sachims that it is soe, but I will not fail to meet them (God willing) on the 12th day of September next at Albany this is all I have to say at Present and am

Gentlemen

Your very humble servant

signed / Cornbury

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*[See Wraxall p. 50 for summary; S of P adds detail. See Colden Papers p. 9:361 for brief summary.]*

Present

John Abeel

M: Schuyler

P. Van Brugh

E. Banker

Joh.s Cuyler

Henry Holland

Att a Meeting a Meeting [sic] [ new handwriting] of the Commrs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 25th of July 1707

Pursuant to the Directions contained in his Lordship's letter received yesterday by James Parker who was sent as an Express the Gentlemen have acquainted the Sachims of the Five Nations therewith vizt that his Lordship will not fail to meet them here on the 12 day of September next at Albany give seaven hands of Wampum.

Whereupon the sd Sachims went for some time by themselves, and after their consultation returned again to the Commissioners and said by Kannsore Sachim of Onnondaga now Speaker

of

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Brother Corlaer & Quider

You have just now acquainted us the contents of his Lordship's to them that his Excellency would meet us here on the 12th of Septr next to which do say that wee have at present no further business, and that what is relating to the 2 Belts of wampum now returned as aforesaid we wholly leave the matter to the Prudence of His Excellency and so return the seven hands of wampum just now given by you on the acquainting of us his Excellency's N.B. the Sachims desired to speak of something tomorrow morning.

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*[See Wraxall p. 50 for summary; S of P adds detail. See Colden Papers p. 9:361 re peace with Tieuchsaroendies (probably what is meant by Sjuchsueendies) and other matters]*

Present

John Abeel

Evert Banker

M: Schuyler

P. Van Brough

Joh.s Cuyler

Henry Holland

Sachims of Five Nations

Indians

at a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs

Some further conference and proposals made by the sachims of the Five Nations

It was last year you know that we acquainted you that we were desired by the Govt of Canada to make Warr with the farr Nations called the Sjuchsueendies whereupon wee were desired by the brethren not to hearken to the Governor of Canada but instead of Warr to make peace with the said Farr Indians and to live in union with them whereupon we now acquaint the Brethren that we have concluded a peace with the said Farr Indians accordingly

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accordingly gave a dressed deer Skin

Brother Corlaer Quieder

We also acquainted you last year that we left off to fight against the Indians behind Maryland and Virginia by reason we understood they are in alliance with the Brethren there, but now designing to fight against the Oyadagoghroenis called the Flat Heads, a great many of the Five are already gone out probably that most all weill do the same upon the design, and the said war cannot be stoped unless you, brother corlaer send a Man speedily up with us into our country to lay down a belt of wampum to each nation for that purpose give one belt of wampum

Upon all which the Commissioners did say they will lay the afore proposition wholly before His Excellency by the first opportunity

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

River Indians  
Wapamett  
Commrs Present  
Col. P. Schuyler  
David Schuyler  
John Abeel  
John Cuyler  
M: Schuyler  
Henry

At a Meeting of the Commrs of the Indian Affairs in Albany this 29th day of July 1707

This day arrived here Wapamett on of our River Indians from the Shaewanoes a nation of Indians lying to the southward and the  
Castle

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Canastogoe with seven hands of Wampum from the said Indians and said that they expected to be invited by the brethren of this Place to come hither and live here --

Whereupon the Gentlement resolved to send the said Wapamet to the said Indians with one belt of wampum in order to invite them to come and live here and that we would give them land to plant upon for their wives and children and they should be very welcome here.

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*[See Wraxall p. 51 for summary; S of P adds detail. See Colden Papers p. 9:362.]*

Present

Col. P. Schuyler

David Schuyler

John Abeel

PV: Brugh

Joh.s Cuyler

M: Schuyler

at a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in albany this first day of Aug.t  
1707.

The Gentlemen being resolved to send Lawrence Clace the Interpreter tomorrow to the Indian Country and order him to stay there till further orders from the Commissioners and give him seven hands of wampum to give to the Indians of Onnondaga & Sinnekis Country to hinder the french Interpreter Jean Cour to build any house in the country [missing line? or mixed up with previous entry.] who is deserted from Tochsachronnies but that they should sett him at liberty & let him come to this place and if any deserters come there to let them come hither without any Molestation or hinderance and Lawrence is also ordered that he should persuade the Indians of the Five Nations not to goe out to fight against the farr Indians  
called

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Oyadaghogroenis or flatt heads

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*Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers p. 9:362 for summary that distorts the complex situation.*

Adjuantikoke Indians

Present

Col. P. Schuyler

L van Renselier

Joh: Abode

Joh. Caylor

Major [Jas. Weems]

Henry Holland

Robt. Livingston Secy for Indian Affairs

Interpreted by J. Sinickerbuiker [Knickerbacker?]

The Adjuantikokes having sent 7 hands of Wampum to Col Schuyler to acquaint the Government of their coming and there was 7 hands of wampum given to bid them welcome.

Propositions made by the Adgecantikoke Indians to the Commissioners of Indian Affairs

Father

You have opened a path for us to come hither and we come accordingly to make use of the same

Father It is the Custom when Sachims meet together to bid one another welcome and we thank you for welcoming us to town -- We were here last winter and heard your propositions-- we told you that before we had consulted the rest of our People we could not give you an answer, but having now had consultation with our people are now come to make an answer

Father

We are glad that there is a good path ground and we desire that the same be kept clean and weeded of all weeds. The path hath always been kept clean by our Grand fathers lett the same be kept so by us, that  
the

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the same may be continued for ever shall be our wish and desire and endeavor.

Do give a Belt of wampum

We desire that you may look upon us as we look upon you, let us not take heed to other nations what they doe but let us depend upon one anothers fidelity we come to speak for ourselves without being concerned for any other Indians.

and as we said just now that last winter we promised to speak to the rest of our people so we come to tell you now that we designed to have spoke to ten Castles of Indians some inclined and have agreed to send this Belt to be linked in the Covenant chain with this Government and laid down a Belt with 10 Castles figures upon 12 deep we designed to have engaged to be united with us to enter into the Covenant chain with this Government but we have only been able to gain five Castles for at the fifth castle do meet with death which prevented our further progress meaning the opposition they met when they proposed laying the Hatchet against New England was as living as death -- We would have proceeded to have gained the other six Castles. gave a Belt of Wampum 11 deep. We have now done and acquaint you that we design to & speak to Mohogs the same that we have proposed to them.

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*Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers p. 362.*

Present as in the forenoon except that K: [or H:?] van Renslaer was absent & David Schuyler Mayor & M: Schuyler present

The Commissioners met in the afternoon and considering that the Indians of Adgriuntokoke had not answered plainly to what was proposed to them the 30 of December last it was resolved to repeat the said propositions to you which was done accordingly and then asked if they and the Castle's they have treated with were fully resolved to bury the hatchet hitherto raised against New England upon which the speaker said that their hearts were good, but that they could not dive into nor search the hearts of the other Castles. Upon which the Government commended their sincerity & resolution to continue the Hatchet buried against the Brethren of New England and gave them a belt of wampum to use their endeavours with the other nations that are at war with New England to persuade others to their Resolution to bury the hatchet also who then shall be welcome to come and use the path to this Government and gave you a belt of wampum

The said Indians replied that could not receive the belt nor carry the Message but told the Government they had Indians themselves whom they might employ on the occasion, and threw the Belt back again, but said that for their own part they would keep the path clear to this Government.

The

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The Government ordered them 2 kegs of rum some pipes and tobacco upon their Journey to the Magnase country.

It is thought convenient to send some of the trusty Magnase Indians that are in town to be present at the Meeting when the Adjunticoke Indians make their Proposition to the Magnase Sachems and make report thereof to the Commissioners.

1707 11 August

*Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers p. 9:362.*

Present

Col. P. Schuyler

K. C: van Rensalaer

Captn Jas Weems

J: Abode

Joh: Cuiyler

M: Shuyler

at a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs this 11th August 1707

Two trusty Magnase Indians that were sent to Canada as spyes on this day returned having departed from Caghnawage the Castle of the French praying Magnase near to Prairie minodagrago, stating that at the place where Coll: Schuyler fought the french between Laprarie and Chambly they saw 13 French Indians 7 days ago and when they came to the other Castle 2 days afterwards that is on the 6th Instant being on a Creek that runs the East side of the Lake they saw a party of 29 French Indians and lay that night near unto them who told the said two indians that they were designed to go and fight the English of New England and charged them by no means to tell the people of albany of it. Whereupon the 2 spys replied they could not conceal such a matter when they  
went



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went out to kill their Brethren of New England upon which the Indians said nothing-- They saw Deaken Sheldon at Mont Royal but they were told he was detained and had not liberty to go home. They add further that when they came from Mount Royal both the Governors were there vizt the Governor of Quebec and the Government of Mount Royal.

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*Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers p. 9:362-3.*

Hendrick the Mohog sachim and several Cauchnawaga Sachims.

Commissioners Present

Col. P. Schuyler

John Abeel

M: Schuyler

Joh.s Cuyler

Col. K: Van Ransalar

Henry Van Ransaler

Joh.s Schuler

E M: Comer

Henry Holland Sheriff

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany 24 August 1707

Hendrick the Mohog Sachim and several Cachnawage Sachims

By the said Hendrick now Speaker

say Brother Corlaer & quieder

Wee come to acquaint you that we are going to Canada to treat with the Government there and to renew the Covenant chain, with the cachnawaga Indians, our country now consisting of 3 Tribes called the bear the Wolf and the French [sic - perhaps the Turtle?] we have not been there for a long while to renew the Covenant chain but now we go to prevent it from rusting there is an Indian track passed this way as you know the meaning is that the Indians from Onnogonge went this way who have renewed the Covenant chain with our Indians of the Five

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Five nations from one end of the house to the other here are two paths the one we have told you and the other is that of the River Indians from the one end of the house down the River to the high lands have renewed the Covenant chain with the Brethren,

They say further that you must not hearken to the evil tongues what they which breed evil among the brethren but let us hearken what we Sachims doe with one another. Give seven hands of wampum.

The Gentlemen asked the said Sachims of Canachwage if they had linked the Brethren of New England in the Covenant chain with them.

1707 25 Augt.

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[sic - note conflicting dates; Sept. 29 appears correct.] *See Wraxall 51 for summary with different wording and additional details. S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.*

Two Sachims of Onnondaga

Present

His Excellency

Col P. Schuyler Mayor

Captain J. Weems

Major Duipis

J. Abeel

G. Banker

R: Livingston Secretary Indian Affairs

at a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs in Albany 25th day of August 1707  
Proposals made by Sadequnakis & Canagochere or Canarachqua two Sachims of  
Onnondaga to His Excellency Cornbury Captain General & Commander in Chief the 29th  
Sepr 1707

Brother Corlaer and Quider

We are deputed by all the 5 nations of Indians Westward to come and wait upon your Excellency to tell you we are all one heart one head one ear and one eye.

28326 [0190] 42 is a lighter version of 28325

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and are therefore come to and wait upon your Excellency to acquaint you with what happens in our Country. There are some of the nations of Indians that live towards Maryland come to our Castle and have treated with us and desired to be included in the Covenant chain along with us, they come nearer and nearer dayly, being inclined to come and settle among us they are fully resolved to unite with us, and say they will hearken to none but to us Two

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of the said Indians now at our Castle are resolved to stay and learn our language and if they hear any bad news one of them is to return Home and give an account of it. do give a belt of wampum for the said Maryland Indians who are called in the Maquase language Caghnavasaga and they also says that some more of the Sachems of the Five Nations are expected in the Spring when they will send another belt to the Government.

1707 3 October

*Wraxall summary p. 51. S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.*

Albany friday the 3rd Octr 1707

His Excellency having called the 2 sachims of Onnondaga before him who spoke to him five day's ago asked if they had anything further to say since His Excellency  
was

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informed they had omitted something when they spoke last upon which they [said] that they forgot to acquaint his Lordship do advise that they never hear from their Brethren of Virginia Maryland and Pensylvania and why they do not renew the Covenant chain as well as those of New England and they desire to know of His Excellency what the reason is of their remissness, or whether they desire to be excluded out of the Covenant Chain.

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*Wraxall summary p. 51. S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.*

Present

Col. P. Schuyler

Captn. Jas Weemes

His Excellency's answer to the said two Sachims

That he approves of their coming to him and acquainting him of the design of those Five Nations of Indians that are inclined to come and settle among, and that if they behave themselves with the duty and obedience to the Queen as becomes they shall not only be welcome to settle there but shall have the same protection that the Five Nations have always enjoyed.

as for what they say about Virginia Maryland & Pensylvania, he never knew that there was any difference between the People of Virginia Maryland and Pensylvania and the Indians that at His Excellency's first coming to albany he renewed the Covenant chain with the Five Nations

Nations and all Her Majesty's subjects of Virginia Maryland, and Pensylvania were then included, but since they seem to suspect their from the Covenant chain His Excellency will enquire about the truth of it and give them an account when His Excellency comes. His Lordship gave you some powder 2 keggs of Rum Blankets and ordered the old Sachim Addjanatika a kettle according to his drawing

1707 9 October

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*[See Wraxall p. 52 - he gives the date as 4 October and his account is clearer, but this one includes additional details. See Colden Papers p. 9:363 which also gives the date as Oct. 4]*

Five Nations by Lawrence Claaes Interpreter

Commrs Present

Col P. Schuyler

Major Daffis

J: Abode

E: Banker

Mynd.t Schuyler

Joh.s Cuylor

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs in Albany 9th October 1707

Report made by Lawrence Clase Interpreter come from the Five Nations That he departed from Cayuga the 29th Septr last where he had been two Months this last time and says that the Indians of the Five Nations are not gone out a fighting against the farr Nations called Flat Heads in the Indian Language. Ojadachyochroone who leves behind Carolina and about a Month ago a party of 30 Cayugas came home and brought one of the Farr Nations Prisoner who could speak English as all those Indians do that they bring Prisoner from thence which Indian they burnt and eat his flesh. They brought this last spring 36 of these Indians

Prisoners

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Prisoners and bring more dayly

The Indians of the Five Nations are encouraged by the Government of Canada to warr against the said Indians for he sends by his Interpreter called Shankour, that he has there, powder and lead privately to be distributed to all those Indians gratis that will go to fight against the said Flatheads so that most of the Five are enticed to go out to some of the farr Castles as particularly the Oneydes who have not been more at Home

The Sachims of Cayuga Onnondaga and Oneydes entreated the said Lawrence to speak to the Gov.t and to the Governor of Albany in their name to send a Belt of Wampum to each Nation and to charge their people by no means to go out a fighting against those Farr Indians for their country is quite bare of people and they apprehend great danger from Canada since they are informed the French Government has made great preparations by having vast quantities of biscuit baked Snow shoes and Indian shoes and small alees ready for some great enterprise

The Sinnekes are very much inclined to the French Interest the French Interpreter is lately come from Canada and brought another priest in the room of him that was there before who is gone for Canada.

The

[written at right degree angle. *Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.*]

This day issued a warrant to Lawrence clase the Interpreter for fifteen Pounds on Colonel Abraham D: Peyter Esque. Treasurer for the Colony of New York for the last half year's salary of him the said Interpreter for service done here and in the Indian Country which shall expire on the first day of November next ensuing £ 15.

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The said Lawrence says further that there has been Sachims from the Sinnekes Cayugas and Onnondagas at Canada who have returned and relate what happened there, the Governor asked the said Indians whether they knew of any expedition the English were making against the french by sea. The Indians told him no Whereupon the Governor of Canada said that it is strange, you are either not sincere or else the Governor of New York keeps you very ignorant for there are above a hundred of the English killed and taken prisoners that came by water to fight us, and showed some of the prisoners and told them that there were some that belonged to New [sic] and Albany. Hee sees now that the Governor of New York was intended to war upon him but he did not fear him as it was only upon the score of the Five Nations that he spared the [sic] of this Government.

The sachims of the Five Nations are informed that there was a letter from Canada to Shankaer the French Interpreter which contained an answer to their proposals which they made to the Governor of Canada relating to some Goods that were taken from the Magnase, and that there was a belt of wampum with it they hoped that the said letter and the belt would be sent to you being desirous to know the contents of it alledging that the Belt belonged

*[not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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4 Praying Indians of Canada  
Present  
Everett Banker  
Captn Jas Weems

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 27th day of October 1707.

This day came here four Praying Indians of Canada called Scknondie Dehasane Dekakakredone & Jehahjese who are of the three tribes called the Wolf the bear and the Turtle and say that they been deluded several times by the Governor of Canada but for the future they say that they shall never to do so no more as they have done but live in peace with all our brethren whereupon they give seven hand of Wampum

The Gentlemen answered the said four Indians and told them that they heard what they had proposed and hoped that they would be as good as their word, and that it will be their own fault if there should any mischief fall upon them Give seven hands of Wampum

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1707 4 Dec.r

*[not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers p. 9:363 for reference.]*

Commrs Present  
Coll. P. Schuyler  
E. Banker Esqre Mayor  
H: Van Renslaer  
Major D:Wemyus  
Joh.s Schuyler  
Mynd.t Schuyler  
P. Van Brugh

At a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for the Managing of the Indian Affairs in Albany this 4th day of December 1707

It being resolved by the Commissioners to send Major Dirkwennys & Lawrence the Interpreter as farr as the last Castle of the Mohogs Country in order to condole the death of Onachnanonim one of the Chief Sachims lately deceased of that Castle and ordered that provision shall be provided for their Journey accordingly



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[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers p. 9:363-364 for reference.]

Present  
Col P. Schuyler  
& Col. K Van Renslaer  
Major D: Wessels  
E. Banker Mayor  
Captn J: Schuyler  
Captn. P: Van Brugh  
Captn. Jas. Weemes  
Captn. H: Van Renslaer  
Mr John Cuyler  
Henry Holland Sheriff

At a Meeting of the Commrs of Indian Affairs at Albany 15 Dec.r 1856 [sic - is this a clue to when these notes were taken ???]

Major Weems being returned last Saturday from the Mohogg's Country with Lawrence Clase the Interpreter and acquaints the Gentlemen of their proceeding about the condolation of Onachnnorum the late deceased Sachem of the Castle of the said Mohaggs Country

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[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]

1707 15 Decr

Memorandum that this day wee have issued warrants on Colonel Abraham D:Peyster Esqre. Treasurer for the Colony of New York for the remainder of what is due from the six hundred Pounds, article act of Gentlemen assembled entituled an act for raising a fund for the defence of the fronteer and other uses vizt.

To Mr. John Abeel	£ 40.11
To Captain John Schuyler	10.11
To Capt. P: van Brugh	14.13.6
To Capt. M: Schuyler	7.8.10 1/2
To Adriaen Quackenboos	5. " "
To Jean Rosné	11.1 7 1/2
To Mr. John Cuyler	108 17 1

£198.7 1

[Not in Wraxall]

Memorandum that several Belts of wampum which from time to time was lodged in the hands of Colonel P: Schuyler & Evert Banker Mayor respectively are applied by order of the Commissioners on occasions as had required so that they are discharged accordingly  
except

[1707] 22 Dec.r  
*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers]*

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Two Oneida Indians  
Present  
Col. P Schuyler  
E Banker Esqre Mayor  
Captn M Schuyler  
Captn Jas Weemes  
H. Holland Sheriff  
Joseph Shedler

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs 22 December 1707

This day come here two Oneyde Indians called Dehuninges and Orachquennockse who say that there are some of the Tyochonchrondie Indians come to the the Sinnekis country and do say that they have some bad news and desired that the Cayugas should come speedily in the Sinnekes country and that the Cayugas should send for the Onnondagas and the Onnondagas should send for the Oneydes and the Onneydes they should send for the Magnase and the magnase for us in order that this bad news should be speedily acquainted to all the Brethren. Gave seaven hands of Wampum.

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers]*

Instructions for Lawrence Clace the Interpreter to goe to Onnondaga one of the five nations of Indians to lay in the Castle of the said Nation until further order from His Excellency My Lord Cornbury or the Commrs appointed for managing of the Indians Affairs The said Lawrence Clace is to represent this Govt in the Said Nation, and in the said Nation of Cayouga & Sinnekis Country and in all such Meetings as there shall happen to be held where the Interest of this Government requires him to be. Further by your endeavour to encourage

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the sachims of those nations to continue steadfast to the Covenant with the Government and oppose whatever the French Governor by his Agents may desire from them prejudicial to this Government and you shall goe from Onnondaga by Cayuga and the Sinnekis Country from time to time as you shall think most convenient where it shall require you to be, you are also from time to time to send us true intelligence what happens in the Indian Country the time you remain therein.

1707/8 13 Jan.

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

Praying Shackkook

Coll P. Schuyler

E. Banker Mayor

Captn. M: Shuyler

Henry Holland

Captain James Weemes

At a Meeting of the Commrs of the Indian Affairs 13th Jany 1707/8

Godoon a Magnase Praying Indian of this Government together with Onoyochnage of the same Castle and a Shackkoko Indian called Pamollit did appear before the Commissioners and agreed to go with them as spies to Cachnawaga the Castle of Praying indians over against the Island of Mount Royall in Canada and to make what discoveries they can of the Preparations and motions of the French of Canada and to return with an account of what intelligence they should receive in the space of 30 days for which service they are to have one hundred Ryals or three pounds fifteen altogether with some ammunition and provision which they receive to enable them to perform the Journey.

1708 16 Jan.y

p. 65 [Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers p. 9:364.]

Adjoentoke Indians

Present

Col. P. Schuyler

E: Banker

D: Wreesnls [Wessels?]

Joshs Schuyler

Mind. Schuyler

H: Holland

per Van Brugh

H: Van Ranslaer

R.t Livingston Secretary for the Indian affairs

Sachims names

Maquanampo

Tachquinomont

Tinwanitto

Caskama

Jan Baptiste

At a meeting of the Commissioners for managing in Albany 16 Jan.y 1707/8

Proposition made by the adgreantike Indians

Father

We are come here with a true and honest Heart and to keep and renew out correspondence together although we have another Father we desire to hold a firm friendship and allyance with the Gentlemen of this Government as a token of our integrity and sincerity we have brought you some venison.

The Commissioners answer

Children

We are glad to hear you are so much inclined to keep your correspondence notwithstanding your telling us of your having another father, and hope that you keep your engagement to us to lay aside all thoughts of joyning with any that might do the least hurt to the English of New England our Brethren and fellow subjects to the Great Queen of Queen of England and as you find now the benefit of that neutrality that you were Recommended to keep, so we must admonish to Keep friendly to it and not give the least jealousy or umbrage to our Friends of New England  
and

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and do therefore recommend you to come and live at shackkook. We expect you to give us speedy advertisement of any approaches that the Common Enemy the French of Canada that might be made by them against this place which we shall take as a mark of your honesty and integrity -- do give 2 kegs 9 bushels of Indian Corn 30 lbs of Pork 9 dozens pipes and 2 Rolls of Tobacco

Upon which the Chief Sachim Moquanamo stood up and made a speech and promising to acquaint us if any harm should be upon the way or an Enemy coming toward this place and as a token of their sincerity do give three strings of wampum.

Whereupon the Commissioners as a token of their acceptation of their promise and engagement to be true and faithfull to discover the approach of an Enemy did give 3 links of Wampum.

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*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers p. 9:364.]*

Present

[three] Magnas

Col. P Schuyler

K: Van Renslaer

Major D Wessis

Henry Holland

R: Livingston Secy for Indian Affairs

at a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 20th of January 1707/8

Gideon the Magnase with two other Indians who were sent as spyes towards Canada the 3.d Instant being returned  
relate

20 Jany

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relate that they met with some of the Adjuantokoke Indians belonging to Canada on this side of the Great Carrying Place 10 days ago, who were very inquisitive whither they were going a hunting and asked what news from Canada they said that there were six ships come to Canada with goods this fall, and three Men of war, and that the Goods were plenty again and they were to go to Canada for a supply of Powder and lead as formerly as there had been a great scarcity of ammunition and Goods of all sorts\_ they told Gideon further that the Indians were ordered to come in about Christmas and preparations were making and they believed there was a design upon New England this winter or some other place.

The said Gideon says further that the said adjuanticokeho Indians are lying a hunting 3 English Miles to the North of Wood Creek and he observed that they continually goe to & fro to Canada and since he perceived that he was discovered by them that the French would certainly have intelligence of his coming he resolved to spy for their habitations and manner of living and to return hither and to bring us the  
news

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news, fearing if he proceeded he would be detained and not suffered to come back to give the least intelligence.

1708 21 Jany

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers p. 9:364.]*

3 Wood Creek Indians

Present

Captn Jas Weems

Major Daffies [Dirk Wessels?]

E. Banker Mayor

Henry Holland

R: Livingston Secretary for the Indian Affairs

at a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs the 21st Jan.y 1707/8

The three Indians that came from the Wood Creek last night who sent out the 3arth [sic] Instant to go as far as Caughnawaga (the praying castle) in Canada) now asked why they did not proceed in their journey and go quite to Canada for Intelligence whereupon Gideon answered for himself and the other two answered that it is they were hired to go as far as Cachnawaga the former Praying Castle near to Mount Royal but withall they were told that if they met with any Indians by the way, who should give them any information of the French designs they were to turn back

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and give the Gentlemen an account of which according they have done and therefore expect their full wages 100 Ryals a Man moreover that the matter of their design was blazed abroad by the Christians that it was impossible to be concealed from the french, and were apprehensive they should be taken up and secured as spyes, and they  
think

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think they have brought as much news as if they had been at Canada for the Indian that gave them the information of the French preparations for an invasion somewhere spoke their language perfectly well and discoursed the matter plainly and judiciously with them and that two of the said adjorantokoke Indians were lately come from Canada and who perfectly knew the French Designs and they add further that while they were in Company with the said Indians one of their 3 understood the language and overheard them speak very slightly and desyning of this city and that the stockades were but short & that it would be no hard matter to take this place upon which they thought themselves obliged to come and give the Commissioners advertisement.

1708 31 Jany

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*see Wraxall p. 52 for summary account - this one has additional details. See Colden Papers p. 9:364 for relatively detailed account. S of P adds even more detail.*

4 Sachims of Oneydes vizt  
Camachkomis  
Canadgurriaks  
Caghonoronkie  
& Nigarondogoa

Commrs Present  
E. Banker Esqr Mayor  
M: Schuyler  
Col. P. Schuyler  
R: Livingston Secy for Indian Affairs  
H. Holland sheriff  
Joh.s Cuyler  
P. van Brugh  
Interpreted by A. C: Schuyler & Johs. Blecker

At a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for the Managing of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 31st Jan.y 1703 [i.e. 1708]

Propositions made by 4 Sachims of the Oneides vizt Camachkomo Can adquamiaks  
Caghnoronkie & Niqueondogoa  
To the Commissioners of Indian Affairs  
We come to acquaint you that  
the



31 Jany

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Oneydes have been at Canondaga in the Sinnekis country to hear what news there was come from the farr Indians and found there 2 of the greatest Sachims of the said farr Indians called odgiandso and ariaghjadis, of the nation of Wississachroone, and they came to acquaint the Sinnekes that two of their late Sachims were lately dead.

They told the Sinnekes further that there were 3 Castles of the far Indians come to settle at Swoge about a mile on above Jagone, and gave deer Skins to the Sinnekes upon that proposition, they told the Sinnekes further that there was a great fire kindled there which smoak might be see afar off, and that they should not be surprised at it, gave you a Red Pipe being one of the greatest presents given among you the said farr Nations. said further to the Sinnekes & the rest of the 5 Nations, when convened let us live together like Brothers in peace at the hunting or elsewhere and let the Sinnekes their hearts be good as ours are and let us plant and live in union together ourselves and our children let them be united and in peace since it is our inclination and intention to live peaceably together and if any body do hurt or harm to the Five Nations

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nations let us know of it and we will arrange it if we be annoyed by any body we will acquaint you and desire your assistance therefore let our hatchets and arms be one united for the defence of one another

All which proposals were accepted by the Sinnekes and the rest of the Five Nations and the presents received and other presents given back again to the said farr Nations by the Five Nations.

This is the purport of the news that has come from the Farr Nations we thought would be bad news and so our people told them 5 or 6 weeks ago, because we were sent up for in all haste to the Sinnekes Country and not to the usual place of Melting [Meeting] Onnondaga.

Now brethren you have always the whole disposal of our Nation the Oneydes and we obey whatever you propose you told us not to fight against the farr Indians nor take any of them prisoners we obey but you are deaf to what we crave we want a smith and have often told you so but we are not supplied and pray that you will remember it the 4 Oneydes Sachems now

Sachems now thanked them for the news the Gentlemen would send down to His Excellency they were ordered 1 keg of Six Kans Rum a roll of Tobacco and Pipes

1708 2d Feb.y

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

Col. P. Schuyler

Capt. J: Schuyler

Joh.s Schuyler

M: Schuyler

R: Livingston Secy for the Indian Affairs \_\_

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany 2 Feby 1707/8

It having been discussed by the Commissioners to send some Christians to the wood Creek which lies at about 30 leagues from here towards Canada. Colonel Schuyler when he was at Sarachtoge about 14 days ago did then send 3 of our River Indians towards Wood Creek to see what the Adgorantokoke Indians that have their hunting houses there were a doing and to hear if they had any intelligence from Canada which he acquainted the Commissioners with all -- he said 3 Indians called Tasponat Tattokoquassobe & Catsononquo being returned -- It is 2 days since they left Wood Creek being come upon Skates They say the half of the said Indians lye there and the other half were gone a hunting and that they have no news from Canada but came last fall by water none leaving there this winter

they say one half of the Indians had not been here yet who said that they were designed to come hither, they say further that they cannot hear that there in is any party bound to New England this winter because one half of the french Indians that live at Canada are gone out a hunting towards Cadarachqui and the other half there at Wood Creek moreover they were scarce of provisions vennisson being scarce and the wood wet. The said 3 Indians were promised each a gallon of Rum among them, such Johs. Cuyler was ordered to give them accordingly.

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Paper.s]*

Present

Col. P. Schuyler

Major D. Wessels

M.r John Abeel

E. Banker

Captn. J: Schuyler

Captn. Ab: Schuyler

R: Livingston Sec.y for the Indian Affairs

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs in Albany the 16 Feb.y 1707/8

The two Magnase Indian spyes who were sent to Canada the 20th Dec.r last called [Aer:] and Jacobe being returned this day and examined by the Commissioners do say.

That they had a very hard journey in going to Canada by reason of the Thick snow which was turned into water upon the Lake so they were forced to travel up to their in wet which their making of snowshoes by the way took up 90 days before

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before they got to Canada where they staid and returned from thence in 9 days.

As soon as they arrived at Cachnanaga the Praying Magnase Castle near Mont Royall Ondaghso one of the Chief Sachims bid them welcome and received them very kindly and told them that they had Many consultations in their Castle this winter on the subject of the present warr with the [sic] That they had been with the Governor of Mont Royal upon account of a Report that they had heard was spread about that he should say it was the Indians that Carried on the war against the English, and they asked him the question who replied yes, he had said so, that it was the Indians who were the prosecutors of the Warr upon which all the sachims of the castle of praying Indians called Caghanaga gave the hatchet of war to Monsr de Ramsay [Raudot?] Governor of Mont Royal and told him that they were not the Persons that carried on the war but what they had done was solely by the instigation

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of the french, and that heard both drunk & sober Indians and given them ammuniton and provisions to wage warr against the English and when they brought Prisoners pardoned them at the rate of 20 30 & 40 Beaver a head and afterwards sent them Home, but to demonstrate that it was none of the Indians that were the aggressors and promoters of this war -- we do now tell you we will war no more but go out a hunting, and that we will have a general Meeting of all the Five nations that belong to Canada in the Spring, and there are 800 canoes of the Ottawas and the Farr Nations to be at the said Meeting, whom we design to lay down the Hatchet by general consent of all the Indians and to live in peace every where

The said 2 Indians further say that they went to Mount Royal with 2 of the French praying Indians who asked them if they did not go to see the Governor they said no, you said they ought to go to the Interpreter which they did, and he carried them to Monsieur Ramsay Governur of Mont Royal who asked them their business and for news, they said they were only come to see him [see kin?] and had no news, that there were  
only

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only three ships came to New York from England this fall and that the warr continued in Europe, they heard also of said Indians that went with them to Mount Royal that there had been rejoicing & illuminations for 8 days together before they arrived, and upon enquiry of the occasion they understood that it was for the news of a general peace which was to be over all nations

The Indians of Caghnawaga were afraid because they had no account that the Syneekes were gone over the Lake a hunting as their usual custom is

The Governor of Mont Royal had told them that the English had made two attempts upon Port Royall but were beaten off and asked if they had not heard of the news they said no -- The

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Governor told you your Brethren of Albany are ashamed to tell you of it. The said 2 Indians replied that you never tell us of any loss you sustain but when you get the better of it you proclaim it loud enough to all the Indians

They had information of a certain Merchants' servant who spoke Indian very well, that there was a party going towards Port Royal to strengthen the place

place but they must not speak a word of it if they did it would cost him his head. This is all what they heard neither would they promise that there were any preparations making for an Invasion or attack against any part whatever

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Chief Sachim of Onnondaga

Commrs Present

Evert Banker

Jas. Weems

J. Abeel

M: Schuyler

Johs. Cuyler

H: Holland Sheriff

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 28 of February  
1707/8

This day came here deShannore Chief Sachim of Onnondaga with three strings of wampum and a letter from Lawrence Clace dated Onnondaga the 12th of this Instant, whereby the said Lawrence Clace desired the Commissioners to send a Smith unto that country, but that the sachims would have their old Smith Wm Printup one of her Majesty's soldiers, whereupon the Commissioners sent forthwith to Schenectady in order to agree with the said Wm Printop to goe thither with the said Shanasore on Tuesday next.

at



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Present  
Evt Banker  
John Abeel  
Johs Cuyler  
M: Schuyler  
C: Van Brugh

at a Meeting of the Commrs of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 1st of 1st March 1707/8

This day Wm Printop appearing before the Commrs and agreed with him to go up into the Indian Country to work as Blacksmith in Onnondaga and Cayouga for 6.8. or 13. Months at the rate of Twelf Pounds a year whereof the Shanassore is to go up with him now

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*[Summary in Wraxall p. 53; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

Present  
Joh.s Schuyler  
Mindt Schuyler  
Joh. Cuyler  
Henry Holland Sheriff

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing the Indian Affairs 20 May 1708

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Gentlemen only received 29th July last to send Wapamett one River Indian to go with a Belt of Wampum to the Sawanoes a nation of Indians so called in order to invite them to come and live here among us with their wives and children the said Wapamett returned here this day with a belt of Wampum from the Indians called Sawanoes and they told him by the said belt of wampum that they were glad of such news as they brought to them and said that they were of the same mind as they said heretofore.

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that he will take notice of this their request and not slight them, it being a matter of great consequence wherein the welfare of the five nations and their Castles they would have their Brother Corlaer to consider when the Five Nations are removed or scattered what will become of them therefore it is best to join hand & hand as Brethren for safety of both sides

The Interpreter Lawrence informs the Government that the French Jesuit in Onnondaga hath considerable store of Goods in that castle which he dayly distributes to the Indians to gain their affection that the French Interpreter is dayly expected with great presents for the Five Nations.

That Canachquenje the Chief Sachim of Oneyde and several other Indians of that Castle are gone to Canada being invited there by a Jesuit to convey him into that Castle

An Oneyde Indian reports that last winter when he was a Beaver hunting at Sweegasie there came thirty canoes with Onnagongue Rondaxas and other Canada Indians our Indians not being pleased they should fall in amongst their hunting \_\_ those Canada Indians replied they came not for beaver but to hunt deer for their Skins to make shoes because

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because they were fully resolved to go to warr more vigorously against New England than they have done

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*[Wraxall p. 55 has text; wording is almost the same. See Colden Papers p. 9:366 for brief reference.]*

To the Lord Cornbury Albany

the 29th of May 1708

May it please your Excellency

Inclosed is the Report of a Message sent from the Sachims of Onnondaga by Lawrence Clace the Interpreter who comes express to give an acct thereof, wee perceive thereby and are humbly of opinion that if the French be admitted to settle at the places the inclosed mentions off it will not only delude most of our Indians to the French but also in time totally ruine the five nations wee hope your Excellency will consider the Matter and lay it before the Council that means may be used to prevent any such settlement of the French wee cannot but acquaint your Excellency the five nations very cool in their fidelity & truly no wonder since the french are dayly with them making their brethren here [odioss] and gaining their affections by Gifts and presents by which means they gain great influence as may

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be seen by Canachquenjo the Chief Sachim of Oneyde whereon all the Castle depends who with others (as reported) are gone to Canada its much feared that the Jesuits will debauch him, this is what offers from

Yr. Excellency's  
Most humble & most obedient  
Servants  
The Commissioners of the Indian Affairs

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*[not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Sachims of Cachnasonge & Conossadago Canada Indians

At a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for managing the Indian affairs in Albany the 5th July 1708

The Sachims of Cachnawaga & Conossadago Indians in the French Interest living in Canada make the following

They desire that our Mohogs and they may continue in a firm and lasting peace and deliver a belt of wampum thereupon and say that if any misunderstanding should happen this belt is to be kept & produced and heal such differences

They say that they are glad that their eyes are good for they find the benefit of peace far beyond the Misery of a violent war and hereupon delivered several Hands of Wampum

They give six Beavers and desire the  
path

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from Canada may be kept open, and no notice taken of any Lies or stories that may be raised and only to give to the Sachims

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*[not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Sachims of the River Indians

Commrs Present

Col P. Schuyler

Capt. J: Weems

E. Banker Esqr Mayor

Henry Holland [Esqr] Sheriff

At a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for the Managing of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 9th July 1708

Propositions of the sachims made by the River Indians

1. Father Corlaer Wee have always been your children, and you our Father and it has been an Antient custom with you and our Fathers to renew the Covenant Chain with them. Give seven hands of wampum

2. Father Corlaer We are now also come to renew the Covenant chain with you that the same may be kept bright and clear from Rusting

3. Father Corlaer There has been a Tree planted and stands still upon Schaahkook under which we shelter and wee hope that there may at no time come a great wind to blow the same down.

4. Father We are poor as you see by our clothing and other nations that come afarr off are rich

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rich and they buy all Merchandise and we are not capable to buy at such a dear rate as other nations can doe

5. Father Corlaer We are also kept blind from all business and nothing is made known to us as if we did not belong to you our father

6. Father Corlaer Our young Indians are very sorry and have no powder to kill deer therefore we pray you to give us some powder that they may kill some deer that wee may have some victuals to eat

7. Father Corlaer We are but few in number that at some time or other the wolf will come and destroy us meaning the French Indians of Canada.

Answer to the Proposition made by the River Indians

Children. we are glad that you are come to renew the covenant chain with us your Fathers have done before you, and hope you will keep the same as clear and bright as they have done, gave seven hands of wampum

Children This Tree that has been planted upon Sachtekook is very great and has many branches & doubt not but there shall be Branches enough for you to shelter under

Children. you say are Poor and cannot buy  
Merchandize

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Marchandize as dear as other nations doe you would be better husbands & keep what you gott and not drink all you have you would be as rich as other nations are and could buy Merchandize as well as they

Children you say that you are kept blind from all business here is never anything of moment but the same is made known unto you

Children The occasion of your being so few in number, is your own fault because you did not stay at your settled Plantations but went to the Magnase country and elsewhere

Children you say that your young Men are sorry and have no powder to kill dear therefore we give you some Powder that you may kill dear and have some victuals to eat & some Pipes Tobacco and Rum

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By the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in Albany

Instructions for Lawrence Clace the Interpreter who is to go forthwith to the five nations with seaven hands of wampum to each nation in order to desire the Sachims of those nations to come here the first day of Septr. next ensuing to meet his Excellency Lord Cornberry here at Albany in order to treat  
with

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with His Excellency you are also to come down with the said Sachims. You are also to stop all such sachims of the five Nations as are coming here before the time limited (except they have special occasion) to be here to treat with the Commrs of the Indian affairs-- You are also to represent this Government in the said Five Nations and with the said sachims as long as you shall be with them and oppose all whatsoever you shall find to be prejudicial to this Government. Given in Albany the 12th of July in seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign Anno D.o 1708

was signed /  
P. Schuyler

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Chieff Sachim of Onneydes  
Commrs Present  
Major D: Wessels  
E Banker  
Henry Holland Sheriff

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing Indian Affairs  
12th July 1708.

Canachquienre Chief Sachem of Onneydes just now come from thence and informs us that when he was a hunting he went into Canada twenty two days agoe with what he had gotten in his hunting to sell it and as soon as the Governor of Canada heard of his arrival there forthwith sent for him and made him welcome and said that he was very glad to see him there. He being in discourse with the Governor of Canada saw seven drums  
and



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and Pipers goe round in Montryal and all his soldiers in [arms] , the Gov.r said take of this-- he said yes upon which the Gov.r replyed and said this is because I have warr and will be in warr with new England as long as I live, it is for the sake of the five Nations that I let quieder Live in Peace (meaning this Government) The Governor of Canada said further to Canachquiere that he heard that Powder was scarce here and that the Brethren got but very little baggs with powder when gott any but said he [when- crossed out] I give great baggs full and have made a great measure for powder to give to the Brethren for I have compassion on them

Canachquiere brought a French Man which he met in goeing from Cadarachqua with another french Man who came from their companie they being come out of Montreal with a company of souldiers two Months agoe to go up to Taychsachrondre a Settlement made by the French The said Canachquiesie securing this Frenchman and delivered him up to the Gentlemen in order that he may be sent to His Excellency, the other Frenchman was killed between Onondaga & Oneyde by the French Jesuit & Interpreter and had much to doe this Man which he now brought.

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Major Dirk Wessels  
R. Banker [sic] Mayor  
H: Holland Esqr Sheriff

At a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for managing the Indian affairs in Albany the  
12th July 1708

Henry the Indian being just now come from Canada says that two years ago he had spyed an army of French and Indians which were going to New England and then he did in person acquaint the Brethren thereof which was found to be true as he had then informed, and now he believes that he has spyed another army of French and Indians, but alledges that he was not well rewarded for his last services and intelligence, nevertheless he being old he thinks himself obliged to make known what he has discovered seeing we are all one head, one Heart one eye and one body and says he will acquaint the Brethren therewith if they will conceal his name and not discover him -- for the last time when he did spye the French and Indians going to New England, it was all spread abroad that he was the person that had discovered them therefore he was not well esteemed among the French but if kept secret he would always have credit with them.

That fifteen days ago he being in  
Montreal

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Montreal, the French went to Church and then having an opportunity to speak with an Indian he told him that there were three hundred french ready to go out upon some Invasion, and then the Governor laid down the Hatchett off warr and asked all his Indians that were present if they would take up the against N: England they all accepted thereof and took up by a token of a Great Belt of Wampum which was given them and they said not only let us warr with New England alone but against all our Enemys round about us none in the world excepted.

He also coming to an Indian of his own nation asked him he went away he replied tomorrow upon which he asked if he had heard any news he said no, being willing to hear what the Indian would tell him, who confirmed the above news of the french preparation for some invasion and told him that there were seaven hundred french besides Indians ready to goe out, he asked the Indian what the meaning of this was where they would go perhaps to N: England or to Albany or to the Magnase Country and said further that the Governor of Governor [sic] would never tell whither he was going, but when he was out with an army and that they should go in the time of ten days when they expected some Indians with some powder to supply them.

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The Farr Indians  
Present  
Commrs  
His Exce.l Edward Viscount Cornberry  
Col. Reddnapp  
Capt.n Jas Weems  
Mr. John Abeel  
Capt.n J: Schuyler  
Mr. H: Hanson  
Henry Holland Esquire Sheriff

Propositions made by the Farr Indians come from Tarachsachrondie to His Exc.y Edward Viscount Cornberry Capt.n General & Gov.r in Chief and over the Province of New York New Jersey [etc.]  
In Albany 20th July 1708

Dekarasson Chief Sachim of Onnondaga was spokesman for them

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

Wee are come here from our own country to see y.r Exc.y tho much against the persuasions of the Gov.r of Canada who ordered us to the contrary nevertheless we are to visit you

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We are overjoyed to see your Excellency, here doe therefore present you with a few bever Skins

Brother Corlaer & Quider

Wee pray you to have pittty on us that we may have goods cheap that our Brethren may see [when we] return what good pennyworths wee can buy here and then they will breake throw and come here to buy Marchandize as cheap as we have done. Give a few Beaver Skins.

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*[See Wraxall p. 56 for summary; S of P adds details. See also Colden Papers p. 9:367.]*

Present

Col. P. Schuyler

John Abeel

Captn. M: Schuyler

Mr. John Cuyler

Lt. Chas. Oliver

Lt. H. Holland Sheriff

Robt. Livingston Sec.y for the Indian Affairs

Answer made by His Excellency Edward Ld Viscount Cornberry Captn Gen.l & Gov.r in Chief etc. to the Farr Indians come from Trachsaghrondie upon the 21 of July 1708 in Albany

I am glad to see you here and that notwithstanding the Gov.r of Canada's prohibition you are brooke throw. I bid you heartily welcome.

Brethren.

When you come Home tell the Brethren that I have seen you here and would be glad to see more of you and to assure as often as they come they shall be civilly treated in token whereof I gave you this Belt of Wampum

Brethren I am glad to see you come here to trade and do assure that all imaginable care shall be taken that you may have goods as cheap as possible. Perhaps Good are now somewhat dear usual occassioned by some ships not being yet arrived which are expected every day in which ships there some Goods fit for the trade.

Brethren. You may acquaint your  
Brethren

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when you come Home that whenever they come here they shall find goods always cheaper than they can have them at Canada

There was given you 2 Rolls of Tobacco a Runled of Rom some pipes and loaves of bread. [ appears to go with entry on p. 93, tho written opposite entry below.]

Present

His Excellency Edward Viscount Cornberry

Col. Schuyler

Col. K Van Ranslaer

E: Banker Esqr. Mayor

Captn. J: Schuyler

Joh.s Cuylor

Col. Rodnan

H: H: Weesness

R: Livingston

Examination of a Magnase called Odasighto come from Canada taken by his Excellency the Gov.r in Albany the 26th of July 1708.

*[Summary in Wraxall p. 56; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers]*

That he arrived this morning and has been 16 days by the way from Canada they are 4 Men in Company, Two Indians and a Frenchman who is a prisoner amongst our Mohogs and of the 2 Indians and a french Indian belonging to Cachnawaga in Canada

He was required to give an acct of what Preparations the French were making at Canada and what other news he had from thence

That the French have a design to make an attempt somewhere but he knows not whither -- The Jesuit told him there were 500 Men ready and the Meal for the Indians of Cachnawaga was making ready for the Indians of the Castle of Canassodaga and Skawenade upon Mont Royal Island [nore illeg.] before, who have been employed

by the Gov.r of Canada to persuade the praying Indians of Cachanuaga to joyn with them in this Expedition who have hitherto been very backward and averse to engage in a war against the English.

That some of our Indians came to Canada about 4 weeks ago while the Gov.r was bussy to make Preparations for this expedition and desyred them to join with his Indians upon which our Indians declined it and asked why he would offer that to them -- He says the Governor of Canada. I know that this will be made know at Albany but notwithstanding of all that, I will proceed and this expedition shall not be stopt

Says further that there two 2 Companys gone out from Canada afigting one of 5 and another of 19 among which there are two North Indians that live in the praying Castle called Caghanawaga which are gone much against the mind of all the Indians of the Castle who persuaded them to the contrary but the said 2 North Indians said that the English were their Enemys and they would go and fight against them

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The party that is to be sent on this expedition are all choice Men, Picked out who are able to hunt and shift for themselves in the woods and most of them are to be french

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*[See Wraxall p. 56 et seq. for summary; S of P adds details. See also Colden Papers p. 9:367.]*

Present

The Sachims of the Onnondaga Oneyde Magnase & [Siniyekes]

His Excy Edwd. Viscount Cornberry Governor in Chief

Col. P Schuyler

Col. K: [D] VannRenslaer

E: Banker Mayor

Col Rodman

Captn Ab: Schuyler

Captn H: [Van]Renselaer

J. Cuyler

Rt Livingstone Secy for Indian Affairs

Albany 26th of July 1708

The Sachims of the Five Nations not being come

His Excellency the Governor sent for Dekannisson Chief Sachim of Onnondaga & Canioghkanie Chief Sachim of Oneyde & Tasquatho and Lennick Two Sachims of the Magnase and for Sohosowannon and Canaghwisth Two Sachims of the Sinnekes which were all the Sachims that were in the Town and told them

I came up to Albany this time at the request of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs who acquainted me that they had a message from the Sachims by three Indians with 7 hands of wampum earnestly pressing my coming up with all speed which I immediately did notwithstanding I was fixed to neglect Her Majesty's Service at another place at that time being unwilling that the five Nations should at any want an an [sic] opportunity of representing anything they might think fit to offer to the Queen



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Queen, that I have staid here now Eleven days in hopes the Sachims would have come and that I might have heard what they had to say, but finding there is no probability of their coming & the Queens requiring my attendance at New York I am now returning thither but I intend God willing to be here again by the 20 Septr next in is in fifty 6 days from this day that I desire the Sachims of the Five Nations will then meet me here having many things to communicate to them by the Queen's Commands that [if in] the meantime time they have anything to offer, the Commrs of the Indian Affairs will be ready to receive and hear them and will take care to transmit to me immediately whatsoever they have to say to which they shall receive a speedy answer. Therefore I desire you upon your returne Home to acquaint the Sachims of the Five Nations herewith.

and 7 hands of wampum was given them

I am glad to see some of the principal Sachims here who may bear witness that I was here at the time they desired.

I am sorry to hear that by some means or other a Frenchman that was leaving the French to come to us has been killed

They ought in future rather to assist such people in their passage hither because by that means the enemy will be weakened

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*[See Wraxall p. 57-58 for summary; S of P adds details. See also Colden Papers p. 9:368.]*

The said Sachems re;lyed by Dokannesine their Speaker.

That they were very well satisfied that

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His Excellency has staid here with a great deal of patience and that there is yet no certainty of the Sachims coming and that without all Peradventure his Excellency must have pressing affairs in New York, and yet they are concerned it should so fall out. They are now going home and will acquaint the Sachims of all the five Nations to meet here precisely at the affixed day which is 56 days hence to hear what shall be communicated to you by the Queen's Command.

That probably some of the old Sachims are upon the way hither that it will be a great fatigue to go home and come back again do pray that if they should resolve to stay till the prefixed time of 56 days they may be provided

His Excellency told if 3 or 4 of the old sachems came they should be taken care of

They desire to know whether a [sic] will be sent to the Indian Country to conduct the Sachims down. His Excellency the Governor told you to acquaint all the Sachims of the 5 Nations with this Message and that he send a Messenger to accompany the Sachims down against the appointed time.

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*[Wraxall summary p. 57-58; S of P adds details. See Colden Papers p. 9:367.]*

Dakanissore Chief Sachim of Onondaga waited upon his Excellency the Governor to take leave being bound Home and addressed his Lordship as follows

Brother Corlaer

As soon as you hear that the French have made a Fort at Ochjagere (that is the Great Falls) you may conclude that we are undone people and lost and when we are gone and dead you may expect it to be your turn next

For wee look upon ourselves to be one people with you one heart one head one flesh one blood, and must declare that we our selfs are not able to put a stop to the French designs.

His Excellency replied that he was sorry to see that the Five Nations were so much against their own interest not to come at the time which they appointed for which end his Lordship was come up to hear what they had to propose for the Public Good whereby His Excellency would have been enabled to represent the same to the Great Council of the Government nevertheless his Lordship shall endeavor to lay it before the Council and when he comes up again at the prefixed day of 20th Sept. shall take such methods

as

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as shall be found most proper & convenient and in the meantime they use all means possible to obstruct and hinder the French settling there.

DKanissore Returned His Excellency's thants and withall told him with regard that they the Sinnekes and Onnondagas frequently adverstze it this Government when a storm threatened them by the French but could no never obtain any relief or assistance & hopes that better care may be taken for the future

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*details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

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Present  
Major Dewess  
J: Abode  
Capt.n M: Schuyler  
[Josptn] Schuyler  
P Van Brugh  
Captn J: Schuyler  
Col K: V: Rensalaer  
H: Holland Sheriff  
R.t Livingston Sec.y for the Indian  
afterwards came E: Banker Esqr Mayor

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 2nd day of Augt 1708

Philip Livingston being come from Schinechtady this afternoon brings 7- hands of wampum which he had from the sachims of the 5 nations who arrived there this morning who thereby acquainted the Commissioners for the Indian affairs.

That there are some of our Mahikander or River Indians come from Canada by the way of Cadarachqui, who acquainted the said Sachims in their country that the Commanding officer there was gone in Canoe to Montreal in order to command

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party of 700 men that was going out upon a design but they knew not whither that is now 16 days ago since the Mahickandoes came from Cadarachqui.

The Sachims desired that an express might be sent to New England to acquaint them herewith yt they may be upon their guard and desired us not to be secure in regard no body knew when this party would make their attack

The sd. Sachims are about 24 or 25 in number Pray that they may have waggons from Schinnochsad hither

Resolved that a Warrant be sent to Captn. Sanders at Shinocktady to impress 5 waggons for the Sachims and that the Commissioners engage to see the people Paid in [three] Months time

Ordered that an express be sent to Kinderhook with an order to the justice to send a Post forthwith to Westfield with a letter to Colonel Partridge with the above account and to bring an answer with all expedition

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Mohog Sachims

Present

Commrs

Captn P: Schuyler

Coll K Van Renslaer

Captain P: Van Brugh

H. Holland Sheriff

Robt Living Secr for Indian Affairs

At a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for the managing the Indian affairs in Albany  
5 Augt. 1708

Propositions made by the Mohog Sachims

Brother Corlaer Quider

It is

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now about 6 months ago that one of the Onnondaga Sachims dyed called Tahayadgoda and it being an ancient custom amongst us that when a Sachim dyes to condole his death we were designed to make a journey to Onnondaga on purpose but hearing that that [sic] the Sachims of the Five Nations were coming down wee thought fit to condole his death here desiring the Brethren to joyn with us in the matter and did lay down five Belts of wampum of requesting the Brethren to doe the Like upon which theyre was sent for 5 Belts of Wampum, but there being but one Belt to be had it was layd down with 4 hanks of wampum instead of 4 Belts The said Sachims sang several mournful songs and said they would perform this ceremony off wiping off their tears of the deceased Sachim tomorrow which they did accordingly in the City Heall in the presence of the Sachims

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*[See Wraxall p. 59 for a summary; S of P adds details. Related to Colden Papers p. 9:367-368, but adds important information.]*

Sachims of five Nations called the Maquase Onnondagas Cayougas Onneydes Sinnekes  
Commrs Present  
Col P. Schuyler  
K: V: Ranslaer  
Ev.t Banker Esqr Mayor  
Mr. John Abeel

Brother Corlaer Quider we arrived here the day before yesterday and according to the ancient custom amongst us of condolence in the first place wiped off the Tears of those that have any of their Friends dead and give five bever Skins.

When we were here last fall in order to treat  
with

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with His Excellency my Lord Cornbury we were informed of the death of my Lady Cornbury and believe that His Excellency must be very much grieved because he has not treated with us [as to] any public affairs since that time and not having an opportunity before doe now condole her death and wipe off his tears knowing that his Excellency will soon come and treat of publick affairs as his predecessors were wont to do. Give Beaver Skins

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We have now done concerning the Matter of condolence, and shall now enter on some Publick affairs and first we shall

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begin with the nations called the Tiouhwicks & wagnhaes, and give 10 Beaver Skins. As for the nations called the Twichwicks they have proposed to us the Sachims of the Five Nations and also to the Governor and Quieder that there may be a free passage through th Five Nations hither to trade, and that if any mischief should happen to any particular thro' drunkenness or any other accidents it may be composed [resomited] and made up and not to make a [rupture] or else our enemies would rejoice if

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by such occasion a breach should be made and lay down a belt of wampum declaring that wee & all the Brethren ought orderly to consult together what answer shall be given to the far nations called Twichwick and as for the Waganhaes they have had their agents in the Sinnekis also who acquainted them that they had opened a path formerly to this place we have now done relating to the affairs of the Five Nations and shall speak tomorrow about the Pudick [sic] affair of the Five Nations

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The Sachims of the Five Nations

Present

Col. P Schuyler

Col. Van Ranslaer

E Banker Mayor

M: Schuler

J: Schuyler

Robt Livingstone Secy for Indian Affairs

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs about 5 August 1708.  
about 8 o'clock at night

The Sachims of the Five Nations proposed that His Excellency the Governor might be sent for because not only all the old but many but many [sic] of their young men and upon whom their whole nation did very much depend and since strange Reports came every day it would be necessary that good measures be taken by all the Brethren together both Christians & Indians they were told by the Commissioners they should be answered tomorrow & and [sic] in the mean time were desired that since there was a report of the French fitting out an army they would pitch upon a bright young Indian out of each nation to go as Spys to go forward to Canada and return with all expedition



The Sachims replied that when their proposition which they had made about His Excellency's coming up wd. be answered tomorrow morning then they would also answer our proposal made [vzt?] about finding out Skouts or spyes to Canada.

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*P adds details. See Colden Papers 9:367-369.]*

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Present

Col. P Schuyler

Col K Van Renslaer

E Banker Mayor

John Abeel

Captn. M: Schuyler

Captn John Schuyler

Capt C Van Brough

John Cuyler

H Holland Sheriff

R. Livingston Secy Indian Aff

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs to the Sachims of the Five Nations.

Your proposal to us last night to send for His Excellency the Governor to come up and treat with you now to which we reply His Excellency on your request has been here and waited ten days for your coming undoubtedly.

Debanosse and divers other sachems who had seven hands of wampum for His Excellency informed you when most of you were on your way hither that his Excellency was forced to Her Majesty's service at another place and came here upon your earnest pressing by sending 3 Indians with Bands of Wampum on purpose that the Five Nations should have an opportunity of representing anything they might think fit to offer to the Queen, but finding that there was no probability of your coming & the Queens affairs requiring his Lordship's attendance at New York he went hither & and intends to be here [if] God willing on the on the 20 - of Septr that is in 95 days from this day and desires that the Sachims of the 5 Nations will then meet him here, his Lordship having

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many things to communicate to you by the Queen's Commands, if you have anything to offer in the meantime -- We are ready to hear and receive you, and will take care to transmit it to His Excellency, to which you shall receive a speedy answer and if any of your old Sachims are inclined to stay till His Lordship comes up they shall be taken care of

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Answer made by the Sachims of Five Nations

we have heard your answer relating to our proposal cannot come at present having been here so lately & pressing occasions calling for his being at New York all which has been told us by D: Canasore and the other Sachims by the way and wee are very well satisfied in the matter and shall now answer you as to what you proposed last night to send one Indian of each nation to go out as Spys towards Canada. It is not the Custom amongst us when people come to treat about Publick affairs to be then desired to undertake the office of Skouts or Spyes -- If any of thee Brethren should come to treat with us in our Country and if we were apprehensive of any Danger we would send out some of our own people as spyes to descry the motions of the enemy and not desire any of those that come to treat with us to perform that office, therefore desire that some of the River  
Indians

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Indians may be sent as Skouts and spye the motions of the Enemy towards Canada and thereupon give a hanck of Wampum.

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Moreover the Sachims of the Five Nations said further if any of their People should be sent on such an account it cannot be supposed that they can with empty hands and without any arms & ammunition if they should meet with any opposition by the enemy they must not got to handy cuffs or pull by the hair

The Commissioners to the above proposition

What we proposed last night sending out Skouts towards Canada we did suppose would have been very agreeable to the Brethren shewing the great confidence we had in them, especially you sent un to us from Kinedo hard to be upon our Guard believing it would be acceptable to the Brethren to have the first offer there are several off Shackbook & others who tender their service to go out we shall send out volunteers to descry the motions of the Enemy who shall always be furnished with all such necessaries as shall be required

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Mont Royal which is a passage to the Lake Then knew not where they went but they heard that were to attack a place 40 houses that was Stockadod [and] where there is about 20 houses without it

They saw a Bato or flatt bottomed boat full of Men at a place called Fort la Motte being the beginning of the Lake from Canada

It was reported there that the Govt of Canada was to send Spyes as far as Crown point, that is to say to this end of the Lake fearing that the people of those parts might attack him while he sent his forces abroad

That there were no people left at Mont Royal except the Merchants  
The Sd Indians now asked which way they gott away from Canada & if it was not [just] to all Indians They say there is a strict prohibition and that none of our Indians that are there are to come away But they having got their goods out of Mont Royal had hid them in the Woods, and having friends in Caughnawaga the praying Magnase about two leagues from Mount Royall when the last party of the Castle marched away secured & came to a Creek that leads into the Lake opposite to Fort Lamotte. They had here the Bato above mentioned

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Col. P. Schuyler  
Col. K: Van Ranselaer  
Evt. Banker Esq Mayor  
John Aboda Recorder  
Captn M: Schuyler  
Captn J: Schuyler

Present

Lte: Oliver Commander of Her Majesty Fort  
Captain P. Van Brough  
Rt Livingston Sec for Indian Affairs  
Henry Holland Sh

at a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian affairs in albany 6 August

Post Meridian

The Gentlemen being informed that there were

Three Canoes with three Men & 3 women come from Canada, the said three Indians were forthwith sent for who all of our Mohogs the names of the Men Dohotkowane

Thichwanege & Sorochkowane and being examined by the Commissioners do give the following relation that they saw an army of French & Indians goe out from Mont Royal in Bark Canoes it this days since the front of the Army drew out which consisted of about 820 of French the Indians whert out consisting of the French Praying Indians the Rondaxs & the adjuantdkoks or Eastern Indians thereabout except 30 of the Cachanuague or Praying Mohog Indians that refused to go along, now there being about 30 Indians left behind, wont act that those 3 Indians came away which is not fifteen Days.

The army went down the River of

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and now steer unto the fort La Mott on

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the East side of the Lake there is a River that leads to Deer Field in New England

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Sachims of the Five Nations

Present

Col. P. Schuyler

Col K.V. Renslaer

Captain M: Schuyler

E. Banker

John Abeel Recorder

Captn H Van Renslaer

Captn [Charles River Present] Commandant of Her Majesty's Fort

Henry Holland Esqr. Sheriff

Captn E: vanbrugh

R: Livingstone Secy of Indian Affairs

Sadganabts Speaker

as a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs in albany the 9th August 1708

Propositions made by the Sachims of the Five Nations

Brethren

Corlaer & Quider

you desired last winter with several hanks of Wampum that we should not go to fight against the Odadioens and Flat heads but to Stay at home in your own Country & Preserve our wives & children, since we are all sensible of the fraud and cunning devise the vigilant Enemy the French of Canada & further you sent this message with a few hanks of Wampum but the Custom is among us that when any such thing is to be proposed to do it only by belts of Wampum you sent the proposal by a Messenger but the right method had been to have sent it by one of the Brethren, and since the Present which you sent us upon that message was

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so small you were not very eager

to

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have it accomplished and that is the reason that we make such a small Present now of two Beavers we hear like wise that we are not accused of hearkening to your Proposals about our fighting against the odadions it is farr from that wee have not engaged ourselves in any war against those Indians since it was forbid us by the Brethren.

Brother Corlaer & Queder

all what you have proposed to us by your Message last winter concerning keeping our Indians at Home to secure our wives and children and country we have observed & kept and shall take that none shall goe fighting against those nations for the future. And if there be any of the English of Virginia or any of those Indians can accept us Lett them appoint to meet us here wee will answer ourselves.

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[Further] we have heard that Col. Schuyler is designed to goe to England we desire that he may put off that voyage & stay here desiring that he be as observant to this our request Proposal of the Brethren as we to relating to

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to the Farr Indians, and let him despatch his his bussiness thither by letter  
give 10 Bever Skins

Brother Corlaer & quider.

You desired us not to fight but to hunt and our Wives and children but wherewith shall we  
hunt we desired you that we might have Powder and lead cheap but the more we desire it  
the dearer it grows for the Baggs are less than ever therefore desire to have Powder & Lead  
as cheap as formerly.

this is the last time that we ask it & if it be not granted

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Brethren if by the dearth of Powder and lead we be subdued by the French you must  
certainly conclude it will be your turn next and if the French should conquer this Place we  
cannot expect to longer hold it therefore Brethren let us assist and help one another,  
especially ammunition let us not be deprived of it You are against y.r Self -- if you had given  
goods cheaper you should get all the Canada Indians.

Brother Corlaer & quider

We have desired to have powder and lead cheap which is the Chief thing whereupon  
we live and

desire



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and further that when we lye in the Traders houses we should be turned out of their houses as soon as we have traded our beavers, and stay till we are willing to,

Brother Corlaer

We have said we should do no harm to the Nations called ododroent and those that live near Maryland -- we have desired that you should appoint a place to meet with those nations that we make an everlasting peace with them and it is now five years ago since we have desired this We live like Deaf people who can neither hear nor see, meaning all their requests prove abortive

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Brother Corlaer & Quider we must acquaint you that our circumstances are but mean and therefore desire that our Guns and axes may be mended you have seen last night when the alarm was here. what occasion we might have had for them if the Report had been true of the French coming, it may be true at another time wherefore we Pray that care may be taken that the same may be mended

Brother Corlaer and quider

Wee doe very much admire that

now

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now when you hear of the force coming you will repair the town which ought to have been done long before and desire that the stone fort that is here upon the Hill may be made up that when we hear that the French are coming with [foras] and we shall leave our old men to stay our young Men also till we that the french are gone, and desire that they may be supplied with meat and [will] call the River Indians into town till you hear where the french army is gone

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Brother Corlaer & Quider

It is also said that some of the old Sachims that could not return Home were to stay here till the Governor coming up & be provided for but there are some young Sachems that do attend to the old Men wee desire that they may hunt and that a Messenger may be sent from here to conduct the old Sachims out of our Country against the appointed time Give six bever 4 drest Deer Skins & 6 Drest Elk Skins.

N: B: Enter that on the other side before this answer vizt that it is that it is the opinion of the Commissioners etc.

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Present  
Coll: P. Schuyler  
Evt Banker Esqr  
Jn. Abode aronder [John Abeel Recorder?]  
Captn H. van Ranslaer  
Captn Jseph Schulyer  
Captain M. Schuyler  
Joseph Cuyler  
Rt Livingston Secy for the

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs in Albany the 11th of August 1708

It is the opinion of the Commissioners since there is no money to defray the charges of the subsistance of the Sachims of the Five nations while they have been here. that the Present now given by them consisting of 69 Beavers expected to sell them to the highest and the money be employed to pay Mr. Cuyler for the provisions delivered to sd. Indians be bestowed to the Indians to day the 69 Beavers were sold for 4 p 3 per Each some of them Being out of season. Rt Livingston was the highest bidder -- They weighed 125 lbs & amount to £26.11.3 the seven bags were sold 3 p: 3s & John Schuyler was the highest bidder their weight [by] 1.29

Resolved that the Drest Dear Skins & 3 Dresst Elks be made up for Her Majestys Service & Mr. Banker the Mayor be desired to get it done and return to the Government how pairs of the said Skins were made up -- with an account of the charges for making them & that the Money for the above 7 Bags be given to the Mayor to defray the said charges, who is to account for the remainder.

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Present

Col P. Shuyler

Col K. Van Renslaer

E Banker Mayor

J: Shuyler

J: Cuyler

H: N: R Rensulaer

J Abode

C: Oliver Commandant

H: Holland Sheriff

Answer made by the Commissioners for Management of the Indian affairs to the Sachims of the Five nations in Albany on the 11th day of August 1708

Brethren

We have heard & understood the proposals which you made 2 days ago which pursuant to His Excellency the Gov.r Gen.l Commanding

We will transmit to him immediately and you need not doubt but that we have a speedy answer. in the meantime your hatches [sic] and guns shall be mended & your men shall have Powder and Shott to hunt withall and your old men shall be taken care of until the Governor's coming and a Messenger shall be sent for the Sachims, that are in Country, to come at the appointed at the appointed time [sic] against the 20 of Sept.r next --

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Relating to your Proposall of haveing the River Indians in Town they lye a Little above this Place & we may have them here at the first call.

There are given the said Indians 66 small loaves of bread 50 lbs of Tobacco & 18 Dozen pipes 1 bullock for food.

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Present

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Col. Schuyler  
E: Banker Mayor  
John Abeel  
K: Van Rensalaer  
Rt. Livingston Sec.y of Indian Affairs

Propositions made by the Sachims of the Five Nations to the Commrs of Indian affairs in Albany the 12 of August 1708.

Brethren

We were told yesterday that our Guns and Hatchets should be mended, but upon tryal we find to the contrary, the Smith refusing to mend them wee desire that there may be two Smiths appointed because the one works [better] than the other and wee will be the sooner despatched and propose that [Warnser Capaner] might be added to Sam.l Pinsky we desire that Printhop the Smith may be sent to our country with some steel, to enable him to perform our work.

Answer to the said Sachims by the Commissioners.

That their request should be granted relating to the Second Smith who should be sent for to mend such of the Sachims Hatches [sic] & Guns as should be from [time] to time when the Commissioners promised to the Indians & that Printop should be sent to their country who should carry steel with him to do their work

It was resolved that the said 4 Beavers and one Bear skin should be sent to procure steel for that purpose.

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Present

E: Banker Mayor

J: Abeel Recorder

K. V: Rensalaer

H: Hanson

Joh.s Cuyler

Rt. Livingston Jr.

Joh.s Roseboom

Albert Ryckman

Lt. Charles O. Prevost Commander of Her Majesty's Fort

Henry Holland Esqr High Sheriff

R. Livingston Secy for Indian Affairs

At a Meeting of the Mayor aldermen Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for the Managing of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 13th day of August 1708.

It is thought convenient for the security of these Her Majestys frontiers to send out skouts on the East side of Hudson's towards the great Mountains of West Onochond [Westenhook?] as far North as the great Creek on the North end of Sarachtogos Land it was proposed by some Christians should be sent out with the Indians that are to act as spyes, since the Indians are alone to be depended upon so agreed with Jacobus [Tughan? / Laykan?] to go on said expedition for 6 .o per diem also with 3 River Indians to go with sd Jacobus Tughan for 2/o per diem

Note the sd Laykan afterwards refused to go & another was hired in his room vizt P. Oudiskirk

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Present

Col. P. Schuyler  
Mr. John Abeel  
Mr. John Cuyler  
Henry Holland High Sheriff

at a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for the management of Indian affairs in Albany the 16th August 1708

It is ordered by the Gentlemen that 12 lbs of Powder & 48 lbs of Lead be given to the young Sachims to hunt for the old Sachims of the Five Nations that are to stay here till His Excellencys coming here, and desired Col. Schuyler to supply them herewith which he promised to doe accordingly

It is Resolved by the Commissioners that Colonel P: Schuyler & Mr. John Abeel be appointed a Committee to view and auditt the account of Mr. John Cuyler concerning the £100 which said Cuyler received of Colonel A D:Peyster who disbursed the said sum out at the request of the Commissioners which was done accordingly and examined by the said Commission who did approve of the same the 16 of August 1708

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that includes this entry but with less details. See *Colden Papers* p. 9:369.]

Present

Col. C: [P] Schuyler

E. Banker Esqr. Mayor

J: Abeel Recorder

John Schuyler

John Cuyler

P. Van Brugh

Charles Oliver Prevost Commander of Her Majesty Fort

Henry Holland Sheriff

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for the Management of the Indian affairs in Albany of  
14th of August 1708.

This day Returned the four Indian Spys sent towards Canada to spy the motions of the  
French army gone out from thence & doe inform us that on their [way] they mett three  
indians from Canada in the Wood Creek near the falls coming to this place, from whom they  
have intelligence that the said army being come as far as to Fort La Motte the Indians of  
Cagnawaga Castle having received advice that the Jesuit of that Castle did set forth that the  
Government of Canada, did not desire more of them to govern them, and that the rest were  
voluntarily gone of their own accord they alledge going that they would not have gone had  
they not in a manner been forced thereto by the Governor of  
Canadas



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Canada's means, immediately threw away their Indian Meal which had been provided for that expedition & returned homewards, who in their Return heard that upon Intelligence thereof to the the [sic] Governor of Canada he was come to Chambly in order to persuade & command them back again, whereupon took their course through the woods by way of Laprairie to their Castles others with their Canoes by the way of Chambly. they say further that part of the Army went to proceed on their expedition towards New England, but going up the River of Skahonsowane with these Battoes could not gett forward for want of water So that the whole army Returned to Chambly except the forces at Caughnawaga tarried at the [Rifles] of Fort St. [sic] expecting the Governors further orders. That the Governor of Canada was verry angry at their Return since he had been at so great a charge as also to provide the the [sic] Indians each with a Gun & ammuniton whereupon the Indians made answer that they were willing to satisfy him for the Guns and whatever else was layed out them.

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Present

Col. P. Schuyler  
Mr. John Abeel  
Mr. John Cuyler  
H: Holland Esqr Sheriff

at a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for the management of Indian Affairs in Albany the 16th day of August 1708.

It is ordered by the Commissioners that Indian Corn be given to the subsisting of the Sachims of the Five Nations and other necessary provisions till His Excellency coming here, and desired Col Schuyler to supply them therewith which he promised to do accordingly upon the order of the Commissioners.

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Maquase Indians of Canada  
Present  
Evt Banker Esqr Mayor  
John Abeel Recorder

at a Meeting of the Commissioners for the management of the Indian affairs in albany 17th day of August 1708.

Called Jacob, Adiriarachtha, & Oniskoch examination of three of our Maquase Indians who come from Canada this day and say that as they were going to Canada they meet about 20 days ago 80 Praying Indians of Caghnawaga at Laprairie who were going to the French army that were going to New England & were to meet together upon the River Deerfield and that the French and the Mahikanders went up together the River off Skahonsowane, in order to meet upon said river together & in their Return hither they meet 9 days ago the Commander of the forces of Caghnawaga at Fort St. John who was going Chambly, and also the 80 praying Indians Cagnawaga whom they mett at Chambly saw them return some by the way of Lapprairie & some by Water by way of Chambly

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Maquase  
Present Evt. Banker Esqr Mayor  
John Abeel Recorder  
Myndt. Schuyler  
C[h]arles Oliver Comfnr.  
Henry Holland Esqr Sheriff

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs in Albany the 18th August 1708.

This day come two Messengers from the Maquase country sent by the sachims of the Castle with seven hands of Wampum and desire that we should not believe the Indians that come from Canada but we should be on our guard and Repair our Town and they would do the like and desire us that they may [have] two Christians from hence to repair their Castles upon their own cost & charges and they have sent out three spyes towards Canada to spy the motions of the Enemy coming to their country they desire that assistance may be sent them from hence if they hear that the enemy is coming here they will send assistance to us.

Answer to the two said Indians,  
the Gentlemen give you thanks for their good advice. Wee do not believe what the Indians say that come from Canada but we are upon our

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guards and our town repaired and when we hear that the enemy is going to your country we shall send advice and assistance from hence and we expect the same from [you] if they should be coming here, and according to your desire send to Captain Landers [Sanders?] to let you [have] two Christians from Schenectady to help you to repair your Castles.

We are glad that you have sent Spyes towards Canada to spy the Motions of the French among them that are gone out from thence and desire that you may continue from time to [time] asoe that [as we shall?] doe.

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Sachims of Four Nations

E. Banker Esqr Mayor  
Charles Olivier Commander  
[Henry] Holland Esqr Sheriff

at a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing Indian Affairs in Albany the 25 August 1708.

The Sachims of the Four Nations which are here & stay for His Excellency the Governors coming have applied themselves to Lawrence Clace the Interpreter to have some pease or Indian Corn for their subsistence the Commissioners [ordered] that 6 Shept. of Indian Corn be given to them

This day returned Peter Onderhook and two River Indians who were sent out as spyes the 13th Instant towards the great Mountains of Westenoek and as far North as the Great Creek only North End of Sahatchtages Land to spy the French army that is come out of Mont Royall towards New England, and that they have been as far as they were sent by the [Commissioners] but that they spyed no motions of the Enemy, and ordered that they be paid to morrow according to agreement made with them.

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Sachims of Caughnawaga in Canada

Present

E. Banker

John Abeel

M: Schuyler

Henry Holland

Charles Oliver

at a Meeting of the Commissioners for the management of the Indian Affairs in Albany this 30th day of August 1708.

This day come here Omaragonsom & Sinjndaonariese Sachims of the Castle of Caughnawag[a] in Canada who in the late expedition or any other against New England were not out, but on the contrary [discouraged?] many others from going there, who after being welcomed were Asked to give a true information of the French army expedition from Canada towards new England and the reason of their Indians being concerned therein make answer that they will give the relation from the begining of the expedition -- say that at first in the beginning of May last the Governor of Canada desyred a general Meeting of the Sachims and all the Indians settled about who after convened desyred to hear what he had to propose to them or whether he had any news to tell them

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The Governor General Replyed that he had no news and that after the the [sic] Ononnagongue Indians askt why he did not pity them the many losses and hardships they had endured by the English of New England whereupon the Governor seperated the young Men from the Sachims and gave them the hachet [sic] in hand in order to goe out against New England to be revenged; upon which the said Sachims and others of Cachnawaga told their young Indians to be careful of what they were going about, for they had cautioned them several times before of which they took notice and that they were now to take their own way for the Sachims would in no ways be concerned in any Expeditions against New England So quited their young men and then the said Sachims come hither but on their Return from Albany to Canada meet their young men / in company with with [sic] French army on their expedition for New England near Chambly with the axes well sharpened which amazed the Sachims yet

resolved



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yet resolved the dispersement of the army made it their Business to discourse their young Indians and askt them why they would

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be concerned in that Expedition contrary to what they had promised & their expectation and whether they they [sic] did not know that their Sachims were gone to Albany to lay down the hatchet by which discourse and other arguments used did dull or blunt their hatchets, yet they march a little way further & so returned by which means the rest were in Company with them consisting in all sixty five indians and five French returned who were to meet the other part of the army that were gone up by the river St. Francois. the number thereof being asked for, Reply that it did also make inquiry therein of the Governor of Canada who without nameing the number Sayd the[y] consisted in a great many, but by what they learned they learned were not above 200 hundred christians among whom are some Soldiers the Rest Inhabitants. Can give no account of their return yet are of opinion they are returned

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*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:369.]*

Since the above information given another Indian comes in & gives Intelligence that on his way hither he [meet] five Canoes with Rondeau Indians in Corlaers Lake nine days ago who were sent from the Army that went up the St Francois River to see what was become of the Cachnawaga Indians that returned and told him that they were sent on purpose to tell them to return because the French were also on their Return for want of water in the Rivers for their Canoes

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Present  
Evt Banker Mayor  
John Abeel  
H: Holland Sheriff

At a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for the Managing of the Indians Affairs in Albany the 11 of Septr 1708

It is ordered by the Commissioners that Lawrence Clace go to the Mohogs Castle with seven hands of wampum of that Castle in order to acquaint the Sachims of that Castle to come down against the prefixed time being the 20th of this Instant September

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present  
Evert Banker esqr Mayor  
John Abeel  
Myndt Schuyler  
Hendk Rensalaer

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for the Management of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 22d Septr 1708

Upon the death of one of the Sachims of Cayuga Cyenariaghta the Sachims of the Five Nations convened together and condoled the death of the said deceased Sachim with a belt of Wampum & the Sachims of the Five Nations desired Provisson for their subsistence the Commissioners ordered that 10 sheep [schepels?] a Piece should be given unto them by Mr J. Abeel. The Sachims desired also that there should be a Proclamation for prohibiting selling of Liqueur to the Indians, since there is a great number of Strange Indians in Town.

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*[See Wraxall p. 62 for summary account of this meeting; S of P adds details. See Colden Papers p. 9:369.]*

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Sachims of the Five Nations: the Maquase Onneydes Onnondagas, Cayougas & Sinnekis

Present

Col. P. Schuyler

H Van: Renslaer

E Banker Mayor

John Abeel Recorder

Mynd Schuyler

K Renslaer

R Livingston Secy for the Indian affairs

Propositions made by the Comrs of the Indian affairs to the Sachims of the Five Nations Onneydes Onnondagas and Sinnekes in Albany the 25th September [1708]

Brethren

We are now to acquaint you that His Excellency the Governor is extremely concerned, that the Queen's affairs at New York hinder him from meeting you according to appointment his Lordship was very desirous to see you but the assembly having so many things of moment before them to be dispatched before the Winter comes on it is impossible for the Governor to meet you, and therefore that he might make you wait as Little as Possible he has sent Col Schuyler to acquaint you with the causes of his Lordship's not meeting you & make you some presents

Wee are glad to hear that you have hearkened to our advice last winter & kept your Indians from warring against the Odadioenes & Flat Heads. You cannot be ignorant of the Cunning devices of the

French

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French of Canada, who are glad of any opportunity to engage you in a warr to weaken you, therefore take care to secure your wives & children and put a stop to

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the Indians fighting against the Indians Living among the English of Virginia and Maryland.

Brethren

You have a long time had a mistaken notion that goods would be dearer if the farr nations were encouraged to trade but we do assure you it is quite contrary for the more bidders there comes the more ships will be encouraged to come with goods and the traders will have more choice & cheaper, therefore wee must propose to you again that you must make their passage through your country easy and safe, to come to Albany & it will prevent the carrying the Goods to Canada which the French supply the sd Farr Indians withall & you will reap the benefit of their Passage and have the profit of the French now here and moreover it will be a great strengthening to the Covenant chain which we do now Renew in behalf of this Government and all  
the

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and all the neighbouring Governments under the British Crown

Your Great complaint of the Dearth of Powder & Lead cannot be wholly redressed so long as the warr continues, but to convince you the Government is sensible thereof they have made you a considerable Present of the same and diverted other goods now as a token of their kindness not doubting that you will continue to remain steady to the interest of the Queen of Great Britain and then we assure you of her favor & protection.

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Sachims of Five Nations called Maquase Oneydes Onnondagas Cayougas & Sinnkes  
*[Wraxall summary p. 62-63; S of P adds details. Brief reference in Colden Papers p. 9:369.]*

Present

Col P Schuyler

E Banker Mayor

J Abode

K Van Ransalaer

Captn Jas Weems

R Livingston Secy Indian Affairs

Propositions made by the Sachims of the five nations of Indians called the Magnase Onnondagas Cayougas & Sinnekes the 26 Septr. 1708

Brother Corlaer

We have waited here a long time for the Governor's coming up and yesterday we have heard the reasons of his stay we have also understood all what the Brethren proposed yesterday, and we observe that several articles which we have formerly Proposed are not answered as for instance we had desired that a place should be appointed for the Public Meeting

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Meeting that those of New England Virginia and Maryland should meet in as occasion might require & we had pitched upon this town to be established and the settled place but no answer is made thereunto we gave likewise some beavers and desired the Brethren to procure us some steel for the Smith that is to be in our country but we have no news of it.

We received yesterday your present for which we are thankful but are concerned that diverse materiall matters are omitted to be answered which we proposed to His Excellency the Governor 2 years ago especially concerning the making of peace with those Indians called the Odadioanars who live behind Virginia which the Governor promised to write to the Government there to get effected. but we have heard no answer about it it is as if no notice was taken of what we say or Propose

We desire that the Smith may be ordered to go along with us into our country and that the steel may not be forgot since we can conveniently carry it along [with] us.

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The Governor of Canada about a year ago had taken some Goods from the  
Magnase

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Maguase which they had brought from hence to trade upon with the Mohogs -- the Mohags desired the Sinnekis to present a belt of Wampum to the Governor of Canada & endeavor to gett the goods back again whereupon the Governor aforesaid consented that the Mohogs should have their goods again & retd. also the belt which together in the Letter and a Proposition from de Ramsay Governor of Mont Royall to Liancour the French Interpreter was sent hither with Belt & Letter was sent to his Excellency the Governor we desire that the said may be returned to the [sic] who are the right owners thereof

There was a belt of wampum which came from the Mayor and Indian agent that were in their country last fall which they gave to His Excellency telling him that it was the Earnest desire of sd. Indians to be in the Covenant chain along with the 5 Nations & Her Majestys Christian Subjects in those parts but to this there was no answer yet made.

Answer to the Indians

That the Smith shall be ordered to go along with them and Mr. John Cuyler.



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Cuyler had money along with him to New York to buy steel which shall be sent by the first opportunity

We are thankfull for your Making or rather confirming this to be the place of Publick Meeting for all Treaties and negotiations with foreign Indians, it has been so long ago and we will keep it clean swept for that purpose

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A great Sachim of the Cayougas called Ochgnariogighta being lately dead here while you attended upon his Excellencys coming the Commissioner of the Indian affairs condole his death and give two Belts to the Magnase Sachims who are to perform the Ceremony of condolence at Canajuchar and at the Castle of the Magnase.

The Sachims of the Maquase undertook to do it and we are thankful to the Brethren in observing the antient custom amongst them of condolence.

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River Indians

Present

Coll P. Schuyler

E. Banker Mayor

J: Abeel Recorder

R: Livingston Secretary for the Indian affairs

Johs. Knickonbacker

Propositions made by the Commissioners of Indian affairs to the River [Indians] in Albany the 30th [September] 1708

Children

His Excellency the Governor had determined to be here at this time & to have spoke with you himself but the Queens affairs at New York doth hinder him, he was desire to see you but since it is impossible for him at this [time] he has sent Colonel Schuyler to make you some Presents which are given them by the Government.

It has been an ancient Custom between us and our children the River Indians to renew the Covenant chain which we do now not only for ourselves but in behalf of all our Brethren, the English that live under the Protection of the Great Queen of Great Britain

There has been a tree a Tree [sic] planted at Shackkook under which many of the nations did once take delight to shelter and wee hoped they would have increased & grown stronger, but instead thereof you have deserted that  
place

& are scattered every where [thus in] a short time it will be difficult where to find either Mahikanders or Shachkook Indians, this is the way to loose yourselves and and [sic] be a Prey to the Enemy therefore be sober vigilant and Shass [sic] Lighted [sic -- Stouthearted?] & gather your small remnant and settle yourselves as formerly for

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the tree is planted there Still you Shall not want Land nor all Imaginable succor and assistance so long as you continue faithful and obedient Children.

We have had the Sachims of the 5 nations here a pretty while who returned last week they have renewed the Covenant Chain & engaged to desist from warring against the Odadioeonirs & Flat Heads & to permit the Farr Indians to come hither through their country to trade & to have a watchfull eye upon the motions of the French and we also recommend to you especially in the Winter

Father

The River Indians answer wee are thankfull for the kind Present and for renewing the Covenant chain which shall be kept inviolable by us your children wee are glad that the tree remains at Shachkook & we will endeavor our small remnant together & settle there

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(seal)

By his Excellency Edward Viscount Cornbury Captain General & Governor in Chief of the Provinces of New York New Jersey & Territories depending thereon in America & vice admiral of the same &c.

Whereas it has been thought highly necessary for the Services of Her Majesty & and the good of this Province to appoint certain persons in the City of Albany to treat with concert and negotiate such affairs with the Five Nations or other Indians, which by Reason of the remoteness of this Place from thence cannot be conveniently done here, I have therefore thought fit to appoint & I do by these Presents appoint Collonel P.r Schuyler Killiaen van Rensalaer Evert Banker Henry Holland John Abeel Joh.s Cuyler and Hendrick Hanson, or any four [of] them to treat with concert & negotiate all such affairs with said ffive nations or other Indians as has been usually and necessarily done or may happen or has been usually and necessarily done, [sic] or may happen or fall out from time to time necessarily to [be] Done or Transacted with or Concerning the said Indians or any of them.

Given under my hand and Seal

Fort Anne in New York the fifteenth day of October 1708

signed Cornbury

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*[Wraxall has only a very brief summary on p. 63 of entries from Sept. 25 1708 until March 17 1709, focused on French intervention and preparations for war, Commissioners actions in response including spying on Canada.]*

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Present

Col P. Schuyler

Evt Banker

Henry Holland

John Abeel

Hendrick Hansom

Att a Meeting of commissioners appointed for the management of the Indian affairs In Albany the 24th of November 1708.

It is resolved by the Gentlemen Commissioners to send for Lawrence Clace the Interpreter in order that he may gett three good [sic] of the Five Nations & have desired that Mr. Evt Banker & Mr. Hendrick Hanson will procure three other Indians of the River Indians or Mahakkanders promised to doe all their endeavor which said Indians, are to go as Spyes toward Canada to spye the motions of the French there

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Present

Evert Banker

Henry Holland

John Abeel

Hendrick Handson

At a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for the management of the Indian affairs in Albany this 26th of Nov.r 1708

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Wm Printhop came this day from Schinnectady and desired the gentlemen to give him some necessaries to enable him to Perform his agreement made with them the 1st March last to goe to Onnondaga & Cayouga to work there as Blacksmiths for the Five Nations and ordered him

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goe with Laurence the Interpreter

The Comissioners desired Mr. Abeel to give to the said Printhop one Blanket 2 shirts 1 Keg of Rum 1 Good Skin for Shoes & 1 pair of Snow Shoes for which he gave thanks to Gentlemen and took his leave

This day the Commissioners agreed with Lawrence Clace the Interpreter to goe up to Onnondaga to observe the motions of the French agents there until he received true Intelligence from the Sinnekis Country or until the last of March next for which Journey he is to have of the Commrs the summe of fifteen Pounds Currant Money.

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4 Onnondaga Indians

Present

Col. P. Schuyler

K: [or H:] V Ranslaer

E. Banker

Henry Holland

John Abeel

John Cuyler

Hend Hanson

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for the Management of the Indian affairs in Albany the 27 of Novr. 1708

This day came here four Onnondaga Indians express from the Sachims of that Castle with seven hands of wampum, and report that the Canasore Chief Sachim of the said Castle had heard of a Sinnekis Indian who came from Cadorochquoi where there was some French lately come from Canada and say that the French of Canada had a design to go out on some expedition this winter, and also that there came lately an Indian Sqa from Cachnawaga the Praying Indian Castle in Canada.

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and confirmed the above intended expedition of the French by a Token of several Hanks of Wampum which the Governor of Canada gave to one of his Indians & had also given a belt of Wampum to each Castle of his Indians, and say further that the five nations have sent out several Indians to spye if the French Indians are upon their settled hunting places to be certain if the above report be true or no for the five nations are afraid that the French will fall upon them because they know not where the Governor of Canada is designed to make his attack & are also afraid that ye shall joyn with the Governor of Canada to desert. And say further that the sachims of the Five Nations doe now desire by six beaver Skins for the last time that they may have powder & Lead to defend themselves if the Governor of Canada should fall upon them or else they shall be obliged to remove & flee them for when Prayed of the Commrs & Gentlemen here to have Powder Cheap it was not granted. The Commrs ordered they should have Powder and lead proportionable & Laurence Clace the Interpreter and Printop the Smith should go forth with them and bring [answer] to the Sachims of Onnondaga upon the above Report One [Gun] some Tobacco one keg of Rum 1 pair of Snow shoes & 1 axe.

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Instructions for Lawrence Clace the Interpreter who is to goe with all expedition with Wm Printhop the Smith to Onnondaga and to stay there until the last of March next ensuing where he is to represent this Government whilst he stays there or where he shall be among the Five Nations -- he is also to send us such news as he shall hear from time to time during Stay in Onnondaga and Inquire very diligently of what Preparations that the French are making in Canada against this Government or any of Her Majesty's subjects in these parts and to answer the Report now brought by the four Indians and to tell the Sachims of Onnondaga that we wondered that they should be so mistrustfull of us that we should join with the French of Canada to cut them off, or to destroy them, which is nothing but a notion that is put into their heads by the Priests of the French who are from [time] to time in their Country and that they may be satisfied that we shall always stand firm to the Covenant chain and hope always the same fidelity from them be Given the 29th of Nov.r in the seventh year of Her Majestys Reign Anno Domini 1708.



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Five Nations and River Indians

Present

Col. P. Schuyler

N: [E:] Banker

Henry Holland

John Abeel

John Cuyler

Hendk. Hanson

Hendk Van Rensalaer

at a Meeting of the Commissioners for the management of Indian affairs in Albany the 10th of Dec.r 1708

The Commissioners of ours [sic]

This agreed with Six Indians three being of the Five Nations & three of the River Indians who are to goe as spyes to Canada to spye the motions of the French there, two whereof are to goe into Canada with all expedition and the other four Indians are to lye by the way in the most convenient place to spye if a French is out to come & stay there till the other two return to these parts from Canada with what news they shall hear in Canada and as soon as the said two to the four Indians which are to lye by the way, then two Indians of the four are to goe into Canada to observe what intelligence they hear there and then to come to this Town with all expedition but in case the four Indians which lye by the way should happen to hear

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news, while the other two are gone to Canada then two of them are to come here to inform us thereof

The Commissioners agreed with James Parker to attend and provide them with fire and Candle at the City Hall of Albany for one year ensueing beginning the October for which service he is to have Fire and candles for the sum of Five Pounds ten shillings Current Money of this Collony.

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Present

Coll P. Schuyler

Col: K: V. Renslaer

E. Banker Mayor

Henry Holland

John Abeel

John Cuyler H Hanson

At a Meeting of the Commrs of the Indian affairs in Albany the 1st Jany 1709

Whereas on the 1st Instant of January 1709 came here a French Prisoner sent by Colonel Dudley Governor of the Collony of Boston to be exchanged for Mr. Williams Minister of Darfield and his daughter is now Captive among the French Indians in Canada The Commissioners have resolved to send saide Prisoner out of this City and have agreed with Captain Jonas for 6 s per week to keep said Prisoner in his house & to furnish him with Meat and drink until further orders are received from His Excellency

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1709 1 Jany

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

It is ordered that three Indians be sent forthwith to enquire what French Indians are upon the wood Creek & to see where our Spyes are who were sent out towards Canada on the 10th Decr. last.

The Commrs have desired Mr. John Cuyler & Mr. Hanson to agree with the said 3 Indians what they shall have for their [sic] and to dispatch them away accordingly.

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

E. Banker

J: Abeel

H. Holland

John Cuyler

at a Meeting of the Commrs of the Indian affairs in albany the 7th Jany 1709

This day Mr. Hanson & Mr. Cuyler reported to the Commissioners who agreed to send out 3 Indians to goe as Spyes towards Canada to see where Spyes are, according to the order of the Commissioners on the 5th Instant.

N: B: this far sent to His Excellency my Lord Lovelace.

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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River Indians

Present  
Coll: P Schuyler  
E. Banker  
Henry Holland  
John Abode  
Joh.s Cuyler  
H: Hanson

at a Meeting of the Commissioners for the Managing of the Indians affairs In Albany  
the 9th January 1709.

Yesterday the Commrs were informed by one of our River Indians called Wienepaih who reported that Hendrick the Indian one of the Sachims of Maquase had two belts of wampum at Sarachsoge sent him by the French of Canada, signifying thereby the the said Hendrick had some intelligence of a French Army coming to these parts, Whereupon the Gentlemen resolved to send two Christians forthwith in a sleigh to Sarachsogo In order to bring the said Hendrick here to hear if the above Report be true or not

Hendrick the Indian came before the Commissioners this day after being examined said he had no belts of Wampum nor Intelligence of the French and since there is no news come lately from Canada the Gentlemen have therefore resolved to send the said Hendrick (in Company with those 3 Indians that sent out on the Instant who are tarryed at Schiktekook)

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to enquire if there be any Onnogongue Indians upon the Wood Creek and to see where our Spyes Lye & what intelligence they have heard lately of the French of Canada or their Indians and then return with all expedition.

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

Col P. Schuyler

Evt Banker

Henry Holland

John Cuyler

Hendt Hanson

at a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany this 16 day of January 1709

Hendrick the Indian returned this day who was sent by the Gentlemen on the 9th Instant to see and enquire if there be any of the Onnogongue Indians and upon the Wood Creek and to see where our Spyes Lye and what Intelligence they have heard from Canada, he says that he has been upon the Wood Creek but could not find where our Spyes lay and that he heard of a River Indian who had been with our Spys lately and said that they were well and that all the Onnogongue Indians who lay upon Wood Creek all fled to Canada upon a Report that heard of two Squaws that the English with an Army to Canada The Commrs ordered Mr. Cuyler to pay the said Hendrick for his Journey which did accordingly [wt? 60 Bill & an]

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Present  
Coll P. Schuyler  
Col K. V Renselaer  
Evert Banker  
John Cuyler

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs this 20th day of January  
1709.

This day came here two of our Indian Spyes who were sent out to Canada who say that they heard of a Canada Indian called Carachjaquigo Five days ago that the were making preparations to goe out with an army towards New England this winter and that they were to be sent about the 15th of Jany last and of what Learn of the said Indian they were attack a place called Springfield in New England the said and further that the upper end of the [Upper] Lake is open still

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Present  
Coll P. Schuyler  
Coll K. Van Renslaer  
Evt. Banker  
John Cuyler

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in in [sic] Albany the 24th  
Jan.y 1709

The Commissioners Resolved to send Jan Baptist van Eyes [Epps] with two of our Indians for the security of these Her Majestys Frontiers since the Indians are only not to be depended upon, to see and enquire where our spys who are upon the outskouts and if be true that the Great Lake be open as is Reported by two of our Indians who are come from the outskouts & to observe what intelligence he can hear from them.

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Present

Coll: P. Schuyler  
Col Killian van Ranslaer  
Evt Banker  
H: Holland  
J: Cuyler

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany on the 2nd day of  
February 1709

This day Returned Jan Baptiste Van Eyes & the two Indians who were sent out on the 24th of January last in order to enquire where our Spyes lye and if it be true that Great Lake be open and what news he can observe of the French Motions in Canada. And said that he had been with our Spyes & that the [sic] Lye upon a very convenient place to spye the French or their Indians if they should be coming to these Parts with an army, and that he meet a French Indian called nananchat where our Spyes lye, who after a great many arguments used Persuaded him to come here to town and being examined here by the Commissioners sayed that that the Governor of Quebec was come down from thence to Mont Royall 17 days ago upon some news they heard that English were coming with an army to to attack them. Upon which news the Governor of Canada sent for  
his

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1709 19th Feby

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Wampum given to them to acquaint the Sachims of the Five Nations hereof and His Excellency would give timely notice to mett with

The Gentlemen received four letters of Lawrence Clase the Interpreter from Onondaga & Oneyde which letters or copys will be sent to His Excellency per the first opportunity in order that his Lordship may have a perusal thereof.

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Present

K V Rensslaer

Evt Banker

Henry Holland

Henry Hanson

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs in Albany this 20th Feby 1709

This day came here Wm Printop the Smith from Onnondaga with an Oneyde indian called arosa who accompanied him hither being sent of Lawrence Clace Interpreter with a Letter to Commissioners dated in Onnondaga the 16th Feby last which being translated as followeth vist The Indians which have been to Cadarachque would have heard from the Indians which live there if the French should make an invasion and then to acquaint the Captain of Cadachque that the Government of Canada was designed to fight  
the

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1709 2 Feby

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his Indians and ask them what they thought of this news, who told him that they did not believe that the English were coming there, whereupon the Governor told the said Indian Nananchatt that he was fitt a Person to goe and see if it be true upon which he Came hither he Says further that there Lay forty Frenchmen with an officer upon the Great Lake at a place called the Saint Piant and all 40 french with an Officer at another Place, being a days to the northward called the Otter Kill in order to spy if there is an army coming to attack them and says that are no Parties of French nor Indians Gone out to New England Before he Came from Canada.

This Farr sent down to His Excellency.

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

Col. P. Schuyler  
Col H: V: Ransalaer  
Evt Banker  
Henry Holland  
Oneyde Sachims

at a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs the 19 of Feby 1709

The Commissioners communicated the contents of His Excellency My Lord Lovelace's letter unto seaven of the Oneyde Sachims who are going to their country, and that his Lordship to meet the Indians of the 5 Nations here at Albany with some Presents for them there is also seven hands of

Wampum

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the Five Nations he answered upon this that should have no such thought but of their Brother Corlaer the Queen who desired the King of France to joyne to cut the Five Nations off give no powder to them, and to settle their Land with English and French and if there no notice taken and got no ear of what they desire from time to time and that powder and Lead but get less. and in the Sinnekis land there is a great division there is a party who are designed to leave the Sinnekis, but not knowing where they will go Thaquondra desires one Runlet of Rum, 2 knives & tobacco and I have borrowed here 22 hands wampum & 2 shirts that the Government be pleased the Smith cannot work any more the belloes is broke no more at present

Your humble Servant  
signed Lawrence Clace

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*[Not in Wraxall. See reference in Colden Papers 9:370.]*

Present

E: Banker  
Henry Holland  
J: Cuyler  
H: Hanson

at a Meeting of the  
Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 28th of Feby 1858 [sic - second  
clue that this was transcribed in the 19th Century]

The Gentlemen to send arosa the Oneyde Indian to Lawrence Clace the Interpreter in Onnondaga with the following Letter vizt Albany 28th off Feby 1709

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We have your Letter dated the 16th Past per Wm Printhop the Smith & one Oneyde Indian we note the contents thereof and doubt not but that you can Persuade the Indians to the contrary of what they have heard at Cadarachqua which is nothing else but to draw them off & set them against us, but you know that the Queen should not write to the French King to destroy the Five Nations, but to defend them as much as lies in her power. They shall be better this summer for the Queen has a great Present for the Five Nations which is much Powder hoping that Powder shall be cheape as it has been we hope that the Sinnekes are quiet now & to doe your endeavour to convince them hereof, we send herewith a belt of wampum and desire you to Sinneke's to give the same to the Sachems there and to convict them we shall communicate to His Excellency all that you have write us. shall gett a Ballos [bellows] made send 22 hands of Wampum and 2 shirts, that of aqendron we shall send by another opportunity.

Shall not enlarge at Present and remain  
Your most Humble Servant

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which is to Contrive how to distroy & ruine the Five Nations all this above Proposition the five Nations Believe and will by no means be Persuaded to the contrary

That there are Five Priests among the Five nations. two in Onnondaga, and 3 in the Sinnekis Country who give daily Great Gifts & Presents to the Indians to delude and draw them off from their fidelity to the Queen of Great Brittain & there is also a French Smith who dayly works for the Indians gratis, The French Interpreter called Jean Cour is expected from Canada in the Indian Country in the beginning of April next with some Presents for the Indians

The Onnondaga Cayouga & Oneyde Indians desire to have a smith in their country to work for them --

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[See *Wraxall* p. 64 for brief summary of this and following entries. *S of P* adds many details. Also see *Colden Papers* p. 370. *BHD* 53:56 had text see *Cal. Hist. MSS.* - apparently lost in fire.

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Present

K: V: Renslaer  
Evert Banker  
H. Hanson

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs In the City of Albany 6 of April 1709

Message from the Sachems of the Five nations with seven hands of Wampum by an Onnida Sachim called Caniker. that there are Four Nations of the Farr Nations called Waganhaes who had appointed a Certain place for the Five Nations to meet them, in order to conclude a peace, and that the Five Nations had answered that they would meet at no other place -- then either in the Sinnekes or Onnondaga the latter being their appointed place of meetings to which answer the said farr Indians Nations & are expected at Onnondaga in four fourty days time ensuring this day so that the Sachems desire His Excellency to send some fitt person to appear in the said Meeting on his behalf to hear the conclussion thereof and if His Excellency shall think fitt to propose any thing to the said far nations or Desire of them anything which he would expect they should perform must send with such as they shall be approved -- Presents for that purpose vist Blankets powder knives Hatchets and Shirts for that sort of Presents are the most acceptable to those Indians.

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[see *Wraxall* p. 63 for a summary with the date March 17 1708/9. See *Colden Papers* p. 9:370.]

Present

Col P. Schuyler

Col H. V. Renslaer

E. Banker

J. Cuyler

J S Rensalaer [H Van Rensselaer?]

H: Hanson

att a Meeting of the Commissioners  
of the Indian affairs in Albany the 27th of March.

Examination of Lawrence Clace the Interpreter who is now come from Onnondaga, and brings the following information that the Sinnekes are in a great confusion & disorder amongst themselves and most of them have a design to leave

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their country, but know not as yett where they shall goe to settle There lyes a French Capt. at Caradackqua to whom the Onnondaga Indians said that they were afraid that the Govr. of Canada would come to cut them off upon which the said Capt. made the following Proposition to them that the Governor of Canada loved his children better than to destroy them. Butt that the Queen of Great Britain had desired the French King to joyn with her and cut the Five Nations off and then to divide their land among them and to settle the same with the English and French, and said further to them if they took no notice of what they had desired from time to time to have Powder and Lead at a cheap rate but the more they desired & craved it, the dearer it was and that General assembly sits every year at New York

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Present

Col P. Schuyler  
E Banker  
Henry Holland  
J. Cuyler  
Hend Hanson

at a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs on the 10th March 1709

This day returned the Six Indian Spyes which were sent out upon the outskouts on the 10th of December last to observe the motions of the French & Indians of Canada but have heard nor observed of no Engagement that the French or their Indians are to make against any of these Her Majesty's frontiers.

The Commissioners ordered that the Six Indians should be paid for their Journey which was done by Mr Cuyler accordingly.

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at New York which is only to contrive how to destroy & ruine the five nations, all this above Proposition the Five Nations Believe and will by no means be Persuaded to the Contrary --



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[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers p. 9:370.]

Copy of a Letter to His Excellency the Governor

Albany  
10th April 1866 [last digit could also be a 4 or a 9]  
[Error in date that may be a clue to the date of these notes.]  
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May it please Your Excellency.

Since our last by Col. Schuyler to your Excellency nothing of moment has appeared to us worthy of giving your Excellency the trouble of besides the Inclosed Message from the Sachims of the Five Nations to which our answer Depends on more advise from Your Excellency to be sent to them by the first opportunity which we submission to your Excellency. We are of opinion the Commissioners now in and going to New York with your Excellency's desire may be advisable on that subject

This is what offers at present from your

Excellency's  
Most Humble  
and obedient Servants

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& that the sachems of the Sinnekis Country have a proportionable part thereof now in readiness being 10 bears kitts 10 shirts & several bags of Powder & are procuring Knives & hatchets the said sachems of the five nations Doe desire the Govr's answer what he will resolve herein

Present

*[Brief summary in Wraxall p. 64. See Colden Papers p. 9:370.]*

K: V: Rensalaer

Evert Banker

H: Holland

H: Hansen

an answer made to the said Message by the Commrs for the Indian Affairs the  
7th of April 1709

That the Commissioners will acquaint His Excellency with the said Message and whatever he shall Resolve to the Matter proposed shall forthwith give their notice & Intelligence thereof. Give seven hands of Wampum

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*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers p. 9:370.]*

1709 April 25th

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Present E Banker

John Abeel

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indians Affairs in Albany the 25th of  
April 1709

In order to the aforesaid Message from the Oneida Sachem, Desiring some proper person for the behalf of his Excellency to communicate some conclusion in their Conference with the Farr Nations called Wagenahaes sent this day seven hands of Wampum to give them timely notice that Mr. David Schuyler & Lawrence Chace Interpreter appointed by His Excellency, Messengers to conclude with them are making all readiness to goe to Onnondaga.

*[not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Everet Banker

John Abeel

H: Holland

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs in Albany the 26th day of April 1709

This day a message came by an Indian squa called Kighkbinch from Schaghtekook Indian called Wassuwamet [or Massuwamet] that four days ago the said Indian being between Sinchhasinch & Hosick there came to him in his hunting house two French Mohawk Indians who had an Engtshish [English] Prisoner, which they had taken from Northampton in New England which prisoner desired the said Indian Wassawament to take him from the French Indians but said Indian refused to resist or redeem from the French Indians for he had no [sic] to assist him. then the English Prisoner advised the said Wassuwaiminnt to depart from thence least those people, New England that might pursue the Enemy might find him and take him and kill him for Stead of the Enine [Enemy] so that our Indians are much surprised that the enemy should come so near our way fearing the people of New England by pusing the French and these Indians some mischance by mistake might happen to them

May it please your Excellency

In obedience to your Excellency's order in Council of yesterday we have considered of the paper sent by the Commissioners for Managing Indian affairs at Albany to Excellency relating to the Five Nations of Indians and quaganhaes Indians & having examined Lawrence Clase on[e] of the Indian Interpreters on the matter therein contained we are humbly of opinion that it will be necessary to send some understanding Person to be Present at the Treaty with said Five Nations & the Waganhaes Indians and that the said Laurence Clase go with him to interpret That we conceive that a free an[d] uninterrupted commerce with the said Waganhaes Indians will greatly conduce to the advantage and trade of this Province to procure which will be absolutely necessary that the Person as aforesaid to be sent to this Treaty be particularly Instructed to insist that it be part of the treaty that during the continuance thereof all and every of our Five Nations of Indians do permitt and suffer all & every of the said Wagenhaes Indians with whom they shall conclude any treaty of Pacification to come and pass through their respective countrys in their journey to or from albany with their wives, children furrs Skins Merchandize whatsoever without be detained on any pretence whatsoever as they always promised.

We are likewise of opinion that it will be very convenient that the several quantitys of Goods hereafter sent with the aforesaid Person to be by him given to the Sachems and principal Men of the said Waganhaes in the name and behalf of this Government in token of its intention to continue likewise to Induce them to a trade of Commerce wherein they may be assured of Justice and Candour

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Gentlemen

Having received His Excellencys order in Council to send the Presents mentioned in the enclosed to you, and knowing Abeel to be one of the Gentlemen in the Commissioners I have desired to receive them into his care untill you and to advance the money that you shall have occasion for he will deliver this to you and buy the Rum Bread & wampum

I am &  
Thom: Cochride

N: York  
22 April 1709

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yards of duffles and that there also be allowed nine Pounds for Provisions and Canoe hill wagon -- other necessaries for the aforesaid persons on the aforesaid Journey which is nevertheless humbly submitted by My Lord

Your Excellency's most obedient servants &c

P. Schuyler  
Caleb Heathcote  
Tho: Nenham  
K. V: Rensalaer  
Roger Maniposed

New York April 19th 1709

the above written is a true copy Signed Geo. D: Clark

The goods we propose are these viz

one piece of Shrouds  
Thirty Shirts  
half a Barrel of Powder  
fifty hatchess [sic]  
two ankers of Rum  
ten pounds of Brads  
12 yds of Duffls

We are likewise of opinion that it will be proper to send with aforesaid persons two Belts of wampum one whereof to be given by him on the Concluding the aforesaid Treaty to the Five Nations of Indians to confirm that part of the Treaty relating to their suffering the said Waganhaes Indians to pass & repass through their country to and from Albany as aforesaid and the other Belt of Wampum to be Given to the Wagahaes Indians to be carried by them into their own country as a demonstration of the friendship and of the kindness & sincere Intentions of this Government to them That it will Be Proper to send the aforesaid Goods by the first Sloop to the Commissioners for managing Indian Affiars att Albany with directions to employ to employ [sic] Mr David Schuyler or such other person as they shall judge more proper to be sent to the Treaty aforesaid that to whom they are to give the necessary instructions for the disposal of the goods, and also that they are to propose to the said Indians as aforesaid.

That Lawrence has proposed to un[d]ertake the aforesaid journey for ten Pounds and the other Person will as we believe expect fifteen Pounds for his journey and that to the Indians who will assist them in their journey it will be proper to give twelve



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Present

His Excellency Jno Lord Lovelace &c  
Col. Schuyler  
Col. Tho Nenham  
Mr. Rensalaer  
Mr. Monyosson  
Mr. Buffarie  
Mr. Phillipse  
Captn Provost

At a Council held at Fort Anne in New York this 20th day of April 1709

The Report of the Committee of this Board on the Paper sent to His Excellency by the Commissioners for Managing Indian Affairs at Albany relating to the Five Nations of Indians and the Waganaes Indians being read is confarfirmred. [sic]

By order of His Excellency in Council  
Clarke

*[Not in Wraxall except for brief mention in summary on p. 64. See Colden Papers 9:370.]*

on receipt of His Excellencys order in Council and a report of the Committee sent for Mr. David Schuyler and Lawrence Clace therein mentioned who promised to perform that service to Onnondaga for the sums of money thereby allowed them

The Gentlemen have hired to River Indians to goe with David Schuyler & Lawrence Clace the Interpreter called ajout & Totasanes who are to have each for their from & to Onnondaga each 1 Blanket of Strouds 1 short pair of Stockings 1 lb of Powder & 1 Bar of Lead

*[See Wraxall p. 64 for very brief summary. Not in Colden Papers except brief mention p. 9:370.]*

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Present

E. Banker  
John Abeel  
Henry Holland

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing of Indian Affairs in  
Albany

This day the following Instructions were given to Mr. David Schuyler (viz)

Instructions for Mr. David Schuyler who is to goe with all convenient speed to Onnondaga the place of Meeting appointed by our Five Nations of Indians and the Four Nations of Maganhaes [Waganhaes] Indians who are to make and conclude Peace between them where you are to represent this Government and to take Lawrence the Interpreter with you who is to be the Interpreter of the Treaty with said Five Nations and Waganhaes Indians.

You are to endeavor to the uttmost of your Power to gett a free and uninterrupted commerce with the said Waganhaes Indians to the Place which will Greatly conduce to the advantage and trade of this Province and to insist during the continuance of the said Treaty all and every of our Five Nations of Indians be permitted and suffered without any Let hinder or molestation all & every or all of the said Waganhaes Indians

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with whom they shall conclude any Treaty of Pacification to come into pass their respective Countrys in their \_\_\_\_\_ [sic] country from this place with their wifes children furrss Skins and all other Sorts of Merchandize

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whatsoever as they have always promised

You are to take with you quantities and sorts of goods hereafter mentioned to be By you given to the Sachims & to Principall men of the said Waganhaes in the name and behalf of the Government in token of the good esteem this Government has to them and its intention to Continue in Friendship with them as Likewise to induce them to a trade & Commerce wherein they may be assured of all Justice & Candour.

The goods we send are these

1 piece of Strouds  
30 Shirts 1 Barrel of Powder  
50 hatchetts  
Rankin of Rum  
10 lbs of Brads  
12 yds of Duffels

We send also with you two Belts of Wampum one whereof to be Given on the concluding of the said Treaty to the Five Nations of

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Indians That part of the Treaty resulting to suffering the said Waganhaes Indians to pass and repass through their to and from their country to and from this place as aforesaid and the other Belt of Wampum to be Given to the Waganhaes Indians to be Carried by them in their own Country as a demonstration of the sincere intention of this Government to them.

But

But in case the said Four Nations of Indians Called Wagahaes should not meet at Onnondaga at the place of meeting as aforesaid then the said Mr. David Schuyler & Lawrence Clace are to Goe with some Sachims of the five Nations / who shall be appointed by the said five Nations for that purpose / to said Waganhaes where Every thing shall be amongst the Five Nations -- Given in Albany this second day of May in the eighth year of Her Majesty's ty Reign anno Domini 1709.

was signed,  
" E: Banker  
" J: Abeel  
" H: Holland

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*[See Wraxall p 64-65 for summary. S of P adds details. See also Colden Papers p. 9:370 et seq.]*  
*[See LIR 202-206 for documents related to KVR & RL and their oversight of spying efforts that began in May 1709 in preparation for the attack on Canada later that year.]*

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3 Onnondagas Indians

Present

E Banker

Henry Holland

This day arrived here 3 Onnondaga Indians Called Tohajonnogo Annakayega Schetamka, who are sent as express with seven hands of Wampum from the sachims of the 5 Nations & bring the following relation

That 6 days ago the Castle of Cayouga was burnt down by a mischance wherein that nation has sent a considerable value of Goods, & desire by 2 Beavers skins to have a Smith in Onnondaga to make Hattchetts & other tools for them to rebuild said Castle with all speed they also say that all Smith's tools are burnt in Cajouge and desire to have some steel to take with them for the Smith to repair & make their Hatchetts and that the Smith may now go up with them if it be possible They say that yt 12 days ago Montour the Indian in company with 10 Sachims of the Farr Nations meet the French Interpreter called Jean Coeur and some French Men at a place called by the Indians Ossaroda being of upon the Creek that lys opposite Cajouge the said French Interpreter Jean Cour advised Montour to turn back again as otherwise he would oblige the Five Nations

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to kill kill [sic] him upon which he replied that he would perform his journey to this Place after that he told the said John Coeur he would perform his journey the said Jean Cour desired

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him to smoke he replied that he had no Tobacco the said Jean Coeur gave him a little Tobacco after the sd. Montour had the Tobacco he took his knife to cut it then said Jean Cour ask what he did with such a Little knife and desired Montour to give it to him and he would him another that was better as soon as the said Jean Cour had the knife he flonged away at the same time there stood a French man behind said Montour with a hatchet who cut the said Montour into his head & killed him. Whereas the Sachims of the Five Nations (who were in company with Montour) would have killed the said French Interpreter Jean Coeur and all his company if it had not been the Montour's Brother who prevented. Notwithstanding the great misfortune of the death of Montour the said ten Sachims of the Farr Nations will come here to their Brother Corlaer, and are expected here in 10 days time

The Sachims of the 5 Nations desire that the said 20 Sachims of the Farr Nations may be well used (when they come here) and have goods at a reasonable rate, and not be cheated as they have [been] been, from time to time that their Brethren may be when they return Home what good [pennyworths] they can buy here

The[y] say that 2 Nations of the Farr Indians are arrived in Sinnekes Country & do desire by a Small String of Wampum that some proper person may be sent up to meet them in behalf of this Government that the rest of the Farr Nations are expected

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in the Sinnekes country day[ly?] notwithstanding the Messengers Meeting of Mr. D: Schuyler and Lawrence Clase at the Uppermost Castle of the Maquase (who are going to meet the said Farr Nations) their message according to the directions of the Sachims of the 5 Nations

The Gentlemen write L: Ph Schuyler to send Printhop the Smith here tomorrow in order to agree with him to Cajouge and Onnondaga to work there as Blacksmith for the Five Nations.

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

5 Nations

E. Banker

J. Abeel

H Holland

to agree with Five Nations

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for the Indian affairs in Albany the 9th of  
May 1709

Wm Printhrop came this day from Schaennechtaday in order to goe to Cajouga to work  
there there [sic] as Black Smith for they could not agree

1709 10 May

*[Brief mention in Wraxall on p. 65; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

Present

K: V: Rensalaer

E Banker

J: Abeel

Thos [Hendrick?] Holland

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian affairs in Albany 10th May  
1709

This day the Commissioners agreed with Wm. Printhrop the Smith for one year to work as  
Blacksmith in Cajouge & Onnondaga for the 5 Nations and is to goe with 3 Messengers sent  
here the Sachims of the 5 Nations for which service he is to have £.15 currant Money & 1  
Blanket 2 shirts 1 piece of Strouds & [2?] Keg of rom -- the said Printhrop is to be allowed in  
the full of the year a month's time to come to his wife & family

The Gentlemen desired Mr. Abeel to deliver Wm Printhrop 1 Blanket 1 piece of Strouds  
Stockings & 1 Keg of Rom which he is to take with according to his agreement

The Commissioners acquainted the 3 Indian Messengers that Wm Printop the Smith was to  
goe with to Cajouge and gave them a Bar of Steel to take with them & recommend them to  
stand firm & fast to the covenant Chain they having our sincere intention to assist them  
Given to the said Messengers each a shirt & Keg of Rom Sherry for bringing the above  
relation there also were give to bring the

Sachims

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sachims of the 5 Nations from one Castle to another to condole the Death of my Lord Lovelace and that the Honble Col Richd Ingoldsby is the Present Commander in Chief.

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N: B: the 9th May Wm Printop demanded to be paid for his last years services in Onnondaga and desires that it may be paid to Mr. Abeel and the Committee shall inquire in the matter when Mr. Cuyler comes.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

Commission for Indian Affairs,  
Albany

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Commission des Affaires indiennes  
Albany

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No 18:

Minutes of the Indians  
Begun Sixteen September  
1713 ends th 1715

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[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]

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Instructions to Hendrick [Frye? Esqr?] who is appointed by the Commr to go to onnondaga to meet the y five nations being one of the Presents [illeg.] for that purpose

1st

You are to repair with all possible to speed to ononadaga takeing yt assistance Captain (Laurence ye give my notice of a Proclamation of Peace Major Schuyler & that they may meet y

2ndly

You are to acquaint them & that you are come from the Covenant chain and to lett them know [illeg.] is made and proclaimed between our Great Queen and King of England

to take the hatchet o

3

you are to enquire

[illeg.]

and two pieces of Strouds

[illeg.] at Canara

design & that

to have had

is a Direct

4th

meet the two assemblys of New York & the Jersey and that His Excy as soon as Conveniently he can will give them a Meeting and in the meantime to assure them ym from His Excy that they may depend upon his friendship and protection if they do joyn with her Majestys Enemies the Tuscarora Indians being His Excy looked upo as such and he expects (whilst they continue so, & that they give them no protection

5.

Further you to inform ym that His Excy has intelligence that the govern. of Canada designs to sett ym att with some of ye. farr nations but desires them to take no notice of any such Propositions from ye French Indian those Indians being our friends we desire that they may have a free passage hither thro the Five Nations

This day the Com.r from His l by Rent an four belts of wampum wh. were delivered for the service the Govt. with [illeg.]

*[See Wraxall footnote p. 97 which summarizes this entry as a letter to the Governor of Sept 1713. Not in Colden Papers.]*

The 22 of August arrived here thre Sachims of Cajouge who demanded the deeds & writing to ye Lands upon Susquehanna River Lands wh were given the Crown long sinc by those Indian [here] in Albany they say that they wer only given in Trust we are Satisfied they are instigated to this enquiry by some people of Maryland or Pennslytnnis or thereabout They are resolved now to sell thos lands to such who shall give them cheap Goods we submitt it wholly to your Excellency whether this land lies in this Government or what is to be done in this affairs we have promised them to acquaint His Excy of it & to tell them knows by Excy to us in [Meanwhile] desired them not dispose of it as yet we are satisfied that they gave aforesaid Land to y Crown by this according to yr Exc

Hansen  
Col. Schuyler  
permitting to  
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h taks with  
we dont [illeg.]  
effectance

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1711

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:403 35 seq.]*

List of the Shackkook Indians that go upon the Expedition by order of His Excy R Hunter  
Esqre in Albany  
17 August 1711

[long list of names - best to look at image. Includes "Manatas, Matanas, a second Matanas"  
"Mansagheis"]

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List of y River Indians taken by his y Gov Richd Hunter gave his order  
19th of august wh. Indians are to go upon

[long list of names, including apamit, "Jan Conoell", "Jan Connell" and many others. Some  
are bracketed off as "Suinese"]

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*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:404.]*

names of ye Indians brought in by Corlaer the Sachim who lives in Mannor Livingston below ye River 26 Augt. 1711 in Albany

[long list headed by "Corlaer Sachim"]

Names of high land Indians come to go upon ye expedition Albany 27th august 1711

[long list headed by "achas Sachim"]

Parcet in all 20

Tiaupon in all 21

the 19. Coursnatt river Indian

The Indians Indians had their Presents given them by ye Commisrs this 26 of August 1711 and were ordered to make themselves Ready to March to Morrow & Joyn Col Schuyler

att a Meeting of the ye Commr. of Indian affairs.  
In Albany 19th of [September?] 1753 [1713]

Present

Peter Schuyler  
Peter Matthews  
John Schuyler  
Hend Hands  
Robt Livingston

The Sachims of ye Mohowk come & informs us that they condole the death of  
Madam Schuyler and wash of Col Schuyler tears and --

grief for that Loss may be forgotten upon which they gave seaven hands of Wampum to  
dispose of the sorrow They desire ye Comrs upon all occasions to be togher and John in  
their Consultation for the Comon Good upon wh they give one beaver

They desire ye Comrs upon all occasion So to be togethr and John in their  
consultation for the Comon good upon wh they give one beaver they desire tht. ye  
Covenant Chain may be Kept entire and all strict Friendship be maintained with the five  
nations that if a Link there of should be broak would be the generall Ruin of us and to there  
upon wh they give another beaver They wish us joy with the peace and ye it may it extend  
itself to us and the sun may shine bright over us upon then



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The Commrs answer

The Comr [thanke] them for their respect they show for the Loss of Col Schuyler Lady that they may be assured nothing Shall be wanting on our parts to Keep ye Covenant chain bright and Entire and that we shall allways be unanimous in our Councils for the Comon good of yes Governnt & ye five nations and thank want of their Endeavour for the both.

*[Not in Wraxall. See reference in Colden Papers 9:414.]*

Att a Meeting of ye Comrs Indian of Indian affairs ye 4th Day Oct.r  
1713

Present

P. Schuyler

K. V. Renssaler

P. Van Brugh

Hand hansen

Livingston Jr.

Canashquanrie and four oneydes arrived here desire y y. Commr. to be attentive to y. news they bring you may remember that the Summer Seaven hand of Wampum were Sent the Five to use our Endeavors that the Tuscaror Indians Should lay down ye hatchet against the English on the back Side of Carolina and after we recd. a letter sent from the Commissioners to ty Governor of Caroline which he deliverie himself to y Tuscarora Indians there Canachquanje Says that when he came there the English and and the Tuscarora were extremely violent against one another but y aforesaid letter with his endeavors made ye peace tht he brought those Indians to ye oneyde where they live in subjection to subjection to the Oneyde and are entirely at their Mercy he has this out of a true design to to serve this Governt and Strengthen y five nations wh by ye Commrs has allways been recommended as the all interes of this Government & so which no stone unturned that he thought He has taken ye hatchet of their hands Gov.r may write freely to the Governm.t of Carolina and assure him that they may resettle & their Plantations there being no danger from y Tuscaroras Indians and that Resesettle their Plantation there being no danger from ye Tuscarora

Tuscarora Indians and that they may depend on a peaceable Settlement of their Country  
their Country Country

He says further Brother Corlaer & Quieder we hear often bad news from ye Sea Cost  
but I cant believe it haveing allways had a friendly correspondence and Strict allyance with  
this Govt being one hart flesh & blood he has done it out of a just Regard regard to this  
Government as well as well as himself to confirm ye Smith of which he says he lays down a  
Belt of Wampum who had heard that ye onydes were to be cut off whilst he and others  
were gone out towards Carolina.

28455 [0326]

[Not in *Wraxall or Colden Papers.*]

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Att a Meeting of ye Comrs ye Indian affairs In Albany 18 Novr. 17.13

Present

Peter Schuyler

Peter Matthews

Myndt. Schuyler

Johs. Schuyler

P. Vn Brugh

Robt. Livingston

Proposition made to ye Comrs by four oneyde Sachims Canachje &  
their Speaker

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

Wee oneydes (meaning & that are deputed by ye Rest of ye. Sachims of yt. Castle )  
are come here to the house of our Brother we have have always been ye [most] content  
obedient & true of any in alliance with you and now we have an Earnest to crave from you  
& that is that a Smith may sent to our Castles to mend our Hatchets & we hope that this  
Request may be granted as now and yt do not delay nor waite for his answer thereon as  
wee are in great want wh will not suffer and delay we have always obeyed all Reason[able]  
Comands from your a

Wee humbly desire with tears in our eyes that our Request may be Granted us &  
that yr. Smith may go a h with us now for fournsnits  
we desire also that you do acquaint us with what news you have Recd.

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

The answer to y the sd. Sachim

Brethren

We are are satisfied that you have always been true & obedt. to this Govnt. we are willing to grant your Reqt. concerning ye Smith we shall do our endeavour to have a Smith to go along with yo. if we can pesuade him to go & perform the wh. you have desired

Relating to any news we have at present none

It is to us proposed by some o ye. Gent. that one Samuel hagedorn of Shenectady would be a proper person to go to oneyde to work as Smith for that nation whereupon it is done ordered that a Letter should be writt ye. Saml Hagedon to be appear ye on y. 13 Instant.

Att a Meeting o ye Comrs. of ye. Indian affairs in albany y 13th of Decr  
1713.

Present

P Schuyler

P. Mathews

Mynd Schuyler

P. vn Brugh

Rt. Livingston

Pursuant to a letter writ by ye Comr. to Samuel Hagedorn on ye. 11th Instant he  
appeared before this Meeting the Gen.t Proposed unto him to Go to onyde to work as smith  
for that Nation for four Months for which service when performed ye Comr. agreed to give  
him £9 wh. they eandavour to get allowed by ye. Govemt.

The sd. Saml. hagedon agreed to go as aforesaid for the sum of Money but say'd he  
wanted Some Steal

The Commrs. Desired Coll Schuyler to advance 25 lbs Steal for ye sd. Service wh. he  
did according

ordered that a Stroud Blanket be given as a present to Canachquange Chief Sachim  
of Oneyde

12.

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Att a Meeting of ye Commrs of ye Indian affairs in  
Albany ye. 20th February 1713/14

Present

Peter Schuyler

H. Van Rensalaer

P. Mathews

Mynd Schuyler

P. Vn Brugh

Robt. Livingston Junr.

Hendk Hansen

Coll. Matthews came yesterday from the Magnase Country who Informs ye. Commrs yt. Canackquarie Chief Sachim of oneida had said to Lieut huddy yt. he had been at Albany & desired ye commissioner to have a Smith in their Castle for four Months & beg.d ym most earnesty to grant yt. Request wth out wrieting or waiting for His Excell.y ye Gov. Genl answer wh. request ye Commrs promised to grant but have not fulfilled it I told them our nation has always been ye. most true & consent to this Govern.t ment

The Comr being Informed yt M Hansen was going to Schenechtady was desired as follows.

Mr. Hansen

We desire you to take 25 lbs Steal to Shenectady one Monday next on ye arrivall there pray forward Samuel J hagedorn to Oneyede to with the same to work as Smith in that Castle for ye Indians for four Months

In case the sd. hagedorn doth deny or Refuse to go as aforesaid ye are desired  
to

Break up we Sahll Promise him a good Reward for his & fidelity in this but we have not one farthing of ye Publick hands & it is Impossible for us to treat wt. ye Indians without be at some expence So that we hope tht yr. Excy will be pleased to take care yt. we may have some money to defray expense we are we are dayly at

we remain with Respect  
May it please Your Excys humble servant

Att a Meeting of ye Comrs of ye Indian affairs in Albany ye 26  
May 1714

[Summary in Wraxall p. 96-97; S of P adds details. See Colden Papers 9:414-415.]

Present  
K. V: Rensalaer  
P Mathews  
Hen hanssen

Ordered th ye following Letter be write unto His Excellency the Govr.

Albany ye 26 of May 1714

May it please your Excy

Since our last to ye. of ye. 13th Instant Lawrence Clase who has been in oneyde with the Revd. Mr. Andrews is come here and Informs us yt he has also heard also of such a general as we mentioned is be Shecdild at onondaga as he was lying a Bench & ye Indians thinking he was we have a trusty to be sent present at the said who is to acqt us what the shall conclude &c

we shall to see get on other Indian to be present at ye said Meeting being by the one we  
May



be deceived to ye end that ye further of ye May known.

Last winter we had a message from the oneydes by the hands of ye Magnase who acquainted us th 2 of their Sachims were and yt. one of ye Comrs would go with y. Magnas to dondole ye death of ye death of ye said Sachims he answered them yt one should go in company when they ready to do ys and they have sent now for Lawrence thay y then are going up to condole y deaths of ye Sd. Sachims & and one of his Maj company them we thought to send Lawrence pform this consolation since it will lass charge y if one of us should and he shall like further Inspection into y sd. Intended Meeting wh is to be at onnondaga the charges of this consolation &c and oy Incidentals we have been at we Shall keep an exact act. of it and hope that yr Excy will be pleased taken that may be paid since we have engaged thereof

were are with

May it please  
[yr]  
Most Humble Ser

*[Summarized in Wraxall p. 97-98; S of P adds details, eg about who participated and about the state of affairs in Carolina. Colden Papers contain detailed description p. 9:415-416.]*

Att a Meeting oy Comr. of ye Indians affairs in Albany th  
y 22d June 1714

Present  
P. Schuyler  
K V. Rensalar  
P. Matthew

Hendrick ye Indian one of ye Sachims ye Magnasse who was sent by y Comrs. to go to onnondaga to be present at ye Gen Meeting was to be there of ye five nations and other indians to observe & [Opine] into their designs & Motions who is come from ye Said meeting and relates as follows vizt

that it is concluded by th ye five nations yt some of their shall go as Messenger to ye Govr of Canada with 10 Belts of wampum to treat with him and to make ye following Proposition in their name.

1st

Father you have often Times tryd & endeavoured to distroy us but you have always been deceived and disappointed in your designs & no yo. ought to let us live in peace in Peace.

2ndly

that for yt. future you do not Send for[th] any of us to come unto you but when yo shall have any thing to propose unto us concerning our wellfare & prosperity you come yourself or send your Messingers any thing to propose we Shall come unto you

3rd

Father

We are fully resolved to live in peace & when our Brother Corlaer shall desire us again to take ye Hatchett of war up agnst you we shall flatly deny him we desire for ye for ye future yo do not order order or desire your

Indians

to go to war agt. any of ye Queen's subjects according as yo. have proposed y self to ye Indians, if anour war Should break out between yo. & ye English you should fight together & let ye. Indians be neuter for wee are fully resolved to live in peace and not hearken to you nor to our Brother Corlaer  
if either of yo Should desire us to be assistant in any war yo. may have one against another we Shall refuse.

4th

That we ye 5 nations ye minissinks & ye Shawoes Indians desire you to gove powder Cheap by what means you shall have a great trade you'l reap much benefit

5th

We do now plant a tree of peace & friendship in you Country whose Branches shall reach to y heavens & roats throw y whole earth & ye leaves whereof shall weather and all nations shall know & perceive yt. this tree is planted there

6thly

We do desire yt we may speak freely together with true & undict full [undeceitful?] hearts

7th

We desire yt yo may always be persuded of our friendship & fidelity

8thly

We desire yt ye path between our Country and yours may be Kept clean y we may freely pass without any fear.

9th

We have a path of peace from our Country to yours [wh] shall be always kept clean on our part by and if you have occasion to sheapy to speak or propose anything unto us you may freely march yt way as we shall we shall do when we have any matter to propose unto you.

That & hope Sachims who are appointed to go to Canada have 2 belts of wampum to ye Govr. of Canada whereby they may desire to propose in ye name of ye 5 Nations what they Shall think Requisite and it is likely they will that th will desire & hereby & hereby to have Priests Priests in onondaga & Sinnekes Country in onondage & Sinneke country Country

That as soon as ye Sachims that are appointed are to go to Canada are departed from ononndaga ye Rest of ye Sachim of the 5. Nations will come to Albany.

That Messengers are come at onnondaga Sent from ye English of Caroline & th Indians who are in alliance with you & Desired yt some Sachims of th [five or fare] nations Should come to Caronlina to treat & make a good lasting make a good & Last peace wt them and that y they might fear that any evil should befall wh Messengers Spoake with two large Belts of wampum on the [illeg.] a pass for those who would goe with them

The Seaven Nations answered the Said Messengers that would any of their to go to Carolina on this request being they p th y English do desire them to come there to treat and make a peace with the and if they want to Speak or treat wth them they must appoint a time to meet at Albany wh. is ye place of Meeting

when Hendrick left onnondaga there came news yt. the French Interpreter there very speedily

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*[Not in Wraxall. Reference in Colden Papers 9:416.]*

Att a meeting of ye. Comrs of ye. Indian Affairs in Albany y 24th  
day of June 1714

ordered yt. ye following shall be writ to His Ex.y the Gov.r

Albany ye 24 of Jun 1714

May it Please your,

Inclosed you Excy. will find what hendrik the Indian has reported unto us from y.  
Gen.l held at onnondaga wh is all we Gent from him whereby your Exy. will perceiv how  
the I ye French Interest who have always have the creators among & do neither spare  
troubl nor charge to delude and Gain them to their Interest wh we afraid will at last of  
Danger to us consequences not speedily present [illeg.] add at present but remains will

May please

Yr Exc

Most humble

Att a Meeting of the Comrs of the Indian affairs in Albany 1714  
*[Probably the meeting summarized in Wraxall on p. 98-99 dated June 20 tho it follows the June 24 meeting. The S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

Severall Sachims of ye Four Nations being come to this who their Speaker Kanisor Say

Brother Corlaer & Quieder that what he come to Say shud be in in ye name of ye five nations & & they oneide Sachims are not here but be are deputed by them

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

Last fall yo sent Messengers unto who called ye. Five Nations together in y name who renewed ye Covenant that it should be kept inviolable on your side & and if any false any Stories of false reports spread amongst us but we Should not believe it but come to Albany & inquire whether into matter it be true or not

The reason therefore yt we come is to y we have recd news of ye Indians ty Live of Maryland who complain to us by a belt of wampum yt ye English Her Majetys Subjects who live have a design to destroy them & cut them off

th Said Indians desired by 6 Belts of wampum that they make an open path from us to to their country and if we should hear of and design or Evil agst them thereof.

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We are com on purpose to enquire whether any be design or evil agt. or those Indians of Marry Land since we [do] hear but from Private people, that shall be Scattered & Cutt by you to know thereof we give 4 Bele Beve Caps

There have some Indians snet us by th English of Marry land or Virginia & ye Indians who are in alliance with them Desireing to send some of ye Sachims of our Nations to go to treat with them which wh have Refused since they are in one Cowenant with you and they are Her Majestys subjects as you are if they Require or want to treat with us Let them come here to Albany wh is ye place of meeting appointed

The Commrs ans

Brethren

We are glad yt. yo come here to inform y Selfs of ye news & Reports Spread among by false & Sediton people who are inclined to breed a faction & disturbance among you to draw you from your fidelity to Her Majesty we do assure you that here is no ill Design agt. yo by any of Her Majesty subjects to cutt off or distroy you as yo have as you have a notion we wonder how that timorous thoughts can harbour within yt we should have a design agst we have never refused to sell ammunition who day Sent remove in the In the woods by wh you may plainly Perseive there can be no design to destroy the Covenant has alway been kept clean & Inviolate by us we do now renewe gave a Belt of Wampum of 13 deep

**28467** [0338] [sequence changes]

*[continues October 9 1711 Conference between Governor Hunter and the 5 Nations printed in DRCHNY 5:278 et seq; the S of P adds nothing. this page corresponds to p. 278-279]*

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any want of duty or readiness in you nor diligence forwardness in us so I shall take effectual Care that an Enemy who so lately trembled at the name of us shall not dear to assault any of you

For that the Guards upon these fronteers shall be increased forth forthwith built on in the Mohaks Castle and people preparing Messures to build lanother at onnandga in the Spring which Shall be garrisoned by Forces from hence to where you may retreat to in time of danger there shall Smith sent for you as soon as the Missionaries arrive from England they shall be sent amongst you

I take it very kind for your Care of this place & Schinnectady having already ordered for fortifying them.

I know what resolution the Great Queen shall take for ye Reviving of this Expedition to Canada but hope you yt. you will be in readiness if it shall be again interdest [interdect?]

I have been informed that many of your people have taken Horses Belonging to New England and this place soh I desire may be Sent back and that many is killed by them tho they

[0339 is a lighter version of 0338]



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*[continues October 9 1711 Conference between Governor Hunter and the 5 Nations printed in DRCHNY 5:278 et seq; the S of P adds nothing. this page corresponds to p. 279]*

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have been in no want of provisiions so I Invite to your Men and exhort you to forbid them not to do so any more for the future

as to the Garrisons which shall be Planted among you I desire you that you may live Like Brethren with them being they shall be your defence & security --

Touching the houses you desire to have built upon the Hills for you Lye in could not be made Since the time you departed from hencebut I shall take Care to Lay your desire before the assembly that they may be built and the traders not Impose on the you any more

I make no doubt but you will be true to her Majesty alleginance from Her and so Command you to the protection of almighty God

Gave a Belt of Wampum and on Barrel of Beer

*[continues October 9 1711 Conference between Governor Hunter and the 5 Nations printed in DRCHNY 5:278 et seq; the S of P adds nothing. this page corresponds to p. 279.]*

Hendrick the Mohak Sachim Stood up and his Excellency a Letter for his Grace the Lord arch Bishop of Canterbury and said,

We are thanfull to the Great Queen for her Great Care she takes to convert us to the Christian Religion gave a belt of wampum and thanked his Excellency and Leut Gen.; Nicolson for the Great Trouble they have taken in this affair and doubt not but they shall [see this] necessary effected and desire Genl Nicolson will be please to deliver and Lay our wants before our Father his the Lord arch Bishop of Canterbury

Brother

Your desire that we shall live in peace and friends with those you shall order for our Guard & security wh we promise to do for are on head & one heart

*[Not in DRCHNY; probably November or December rather than September. Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

At a Meeting of ye Comrs in Albany  
23 Sept. 1711

Examination of wasewajekie Seakok Indian who went from hence to Canada Returned in 20 days from thence who s that when he came at Montreal ye Gov.r yt enquired what news he had said that a great number of batoos were makeing here & yt. a fleert of 100 Sale where going to Quebec that here were noe forces but ye Long Island  
Indian

Indians, and after he had been some time here he being willing to return hither but was kept by ye Governor & two Magnase Indians called onaquarese & Skonon designs to come hither with him on whom ye. had some Suspicion & sent ym to Quebec after & he given him great presents he had no news there of ye fleet but that 2 French Ships were arrived there from France and that several parties of French & Indians are on these fronteers to spy what our Land army and how far they advance and to take prisoners therefore warns us to give to give notice to yt farmers to be on their guard he being a [rumof of? ranasom?} from a party & one French men (abt the Midle of ye. who where coming this way and one french Men had been neer Still when ye first detachment came who brought intelligence to Montreal the English were coming the Govr told that it was not true and when had brought no prisoner sent them out again The farmers are tl yet at their own farms & not broak up he being askt if had not heard of y Sachims of 5 nations who had lately been at Montreal answer that he had heard that they were returned home yt they had two large belts of wampum from the French & Indians which was given them in a General Meeting  
the

**28471** [0343 - out of order]

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Albany ye 24 of August 1711

*[Conference with the Five Nations and others with Governor Hunter printed in DRCHNY 5:267-268; the S of P adds nothing.]*

**28472** [0344]

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*[Conference with the Five Nations and others with Governor Hunter printed in DRCHNY 5:267-268; the S of P adds nothing.]*

**28473** [0345]

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*[Conference with the Five Nations and others with Governor Hunter printed in DRCHNY 5:267 et seq; the S of P adds nothing. This page corresponds to p. 268]*

**28474** [0346]

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*[Conference with the Five Nations and others with Governor Hunter printed in DRCHNY 5:267 et seq; the S of P adds nothing. This page corresponds to p. 269]*

**28475** [0347]

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*[Conference with the Five Nations and others with Governor Hunter printed in DRCHNY 5:267 et seq; the S of P adds nothing. This page corresponds to p. 269-270.]*

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*[Brief summary in Wraxall p. 92; S of P adds details. See Colden Papers 9:408. Colden also has details of the campaign beginning on p. 9:404]*

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Proposition of Sachims [of ye] 5 nations made in Albany ye 8th  
Septr 1711

Present

Lt. F. Nicholso

Geo Saltonstall Gov.r of Connect

Col P. Schuyler

Col Wm Whytny [?]

th y Commrs of y. Indian affairs

Brother Corlaer Arandedaganiax & quid

we are returned here from the Expedition agst Canada where on we went by ordr. of th ye great Queen of Great Britain we have done our Endeavour to accomplish that design but have been no further yn Creek where we heard ye genle misfortune of ye fleet we shall now repent the proposition wh was made to us by Genl & Quid we shall not answer much Br. C:annaquanquire & quieder you acqtd us of the great misfortune that 9 of the Ships & 884 Men were lost & yt it was not the doings of Men but by the Providence of God for our sins to punish us desired then we should return from thence hand in hand as we came and further yo thank us yt. wee had been so ready to obey her Majistys orders in joyning yo. and hope the yt than ye Great Queen should be pleased to renew the said expedition yt. we might Showe ye Same readiness and obedience and you had sent for his Excellency our Governor the Gov. of Connecticut to meet us at Albany to consult what should  
be

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be done and disuade us not to go out a fighting to fitch Skalps from Canada

Brother

We know th yt. the Great Queen of Grt Brittain is Master of this of Expedition therefore we say no more that in of our Men who have been on ye said expedition have had no guns then those who had them the French do know it already

Brethren we tryed twice with you to go to Canada in order to reduce it to Her Majestys obedience therefore we are now so ashamed yt we must cover our faces & are of opinon that we all shall receive the first Punishment

Brethren it is Barbarous thing that the traders are so extravangt with their goods we dont complain against you yo. give us enough more that a house can hold but we [say?] we must pay at a very dear Rate our Land must be secured to us by powder and lead but if can not gett that we shall Lose it if y should be beat and & By the ye Enemy we can subsist if it fall up us we must with one Gave a Belt of Wamp

Brother

We desire further that you [may] be  
upon

y Guards & keep Good outSkouts as we shal do ) for you may be suddenly surprised by the enemy

Brethren we shall now speake of ancient things what is the that offered to send us Missionares and that chappels & Forts should be built among us we then desired that the Should go with but could have it no commendabl a things to promise a thing & not to perform

Brethren

We dont love those that do not perform their Promise the Govrt promised that houses should be upon the Hill to lye for us when we should to trade that we might and buy where ever Pleased but see not yt it is like to be done now

Brethren

The Comrs desird us just now that 2 Sachims of each nations Should Stay here till His Excellency Govr Hunter came I have therefore two young Men of our nation to stay here who can overtake me by that way if they have any news of Moment the othr nations Shall also appoint 2 of each of them and the rest Design to go tomorrow morning who desire to have Provisions for their Journey gave a belt of Wampum

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Propositions made by the sachims of the 5 nations to his Excellency  
Robert Hunter Esqre ... 4 October 1711

*[October 9 1711 Conference between Governor Hunter and the 5 Nations printed in DRCHNY  
5:278 et seq; the S of P adds nothing. this page corresponds to p. 278 although date is given as  
Oct. 4 rather than 9. See Colden Papers 9:408 et seq.]*



**28480** [0352] 5 3

*Journal of my Journey to Onondaga by his Exy Robt Hunter ... [begins Pieter Schuyler's journal of May 1711. The text is printed in DRCHNY 5:245-249, along with Schuyler's letter transmitting it. It is summarized in Wraxall p. 82 et seq. and in Colden Papers starting 9:399. The S of P notes add nothing.]*

**28481** [0353] 6

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*Continues Peter Schuyler's journal printed in DRCHNY 5:245-249. and summarized in Wraxall p. 82 et seq. The S of P notes add nothing.*

**28482** [0354] 7 4

*Continues Peter Schuyler's journal printed in DRCHNY 5:245-249. and summarized in Wraxall p. 82 et seq. The S of P notes add nothing.*

**28483** [0355] 8 [illeg.]

*Continues Peter Schuyler's journal printed in DRCHNY 5:245-249. and summarized in Wraxall p. 82 et seq. The S of P notes add nothing.*

**28484** [0356] 9 5

*Continues Peter Schuyler's journal printed in DRCHNY 5:245-249. and summarized in Wraxall p. 82 et seq. The S of P notes add nothing.*

**28485** [0357] 10 6

*Continues Peter Schuyler's journal printed in DRCHNY 5:245-249. and summarized in Wraxall p. 82 et seq. The S of P notes add nothing.*

**28486** [0358] 11 7

*Continues Peter Schuyler's journal printed in DRCHNY 5:245-249. and summarized in Wraxall p. 82 et seq. The S of P notes add nothing.*

**28487** [0359] 12 7

*Continues Peter Schuyler's journal printed in DRCHNY 5:245-249. and summarized in Wraxall p. 82 et seq. The S of P notes add nothing.*

**28488** [0360] 13 [illeg] 8

*Continues Peter Schuyler's journal printed in DRCHNY 5:245-249. and summarized in Wraxall p. 82 et seq. The S of P notes add nothing.*

**28489** [0361] 14 8

*Continues Peter Schuyler's journal printed in DRCHNY 5:245-249. and summarized in Wraxall p. 82 et seq. The S of P notes add nothing.*

**38490** [0362] 15 [389?]

*Continues Peter Schuyler's journal printed in DRCHNY 5:245-249. and summarized in Wraxall p. 82 et seq. The S of P notes add nothing.*

**28491** [0363] 16 410

*Continues Peter Schuyler's journal printed in DRCHNY 5:245-249. and summarized in Wraxall p. 82 et seq. The S of P notes add nothing.*

*First part of page continues Peter Schuyler's journal printed in DRCHNY 5:245-249. and summarized in Wraxall p. 82 et seq. The S of P notes add nothing.*

*Second part of page: [summarized in Wraxall p. 87; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]:*

Att a Meeting of the Commrs appointed for management the Indian  
Affair Albany 20th May 1711

Present Cols Peter Schuyler  
Kill Van Rensalaer  
John Cuyler  
Hendr Hanse  
Mynd Schuyler  
P. V: Brugh  
Josh. Rowboon

Proposition made by Six Nations called Miene and Kiechatriene living at Connigniktennik  
or else called Tuchraendie who came yesterday

Father Corlaer & Quieder

We are come here as your in the road which is cleared for us by belt of Wampum  
that yo gave us two years ago the same is [selves] out of sight and do always remember and  
to hold the covenant fast and firm wee then made with y. holding you by the hand which  
covenant shall never be forgett by us and bby any of our nation as long as we live and [Shall  
hope?] ye same from you

[Illeg] Corlaer You see here but but as one of your children perhaps we shall not come next  
year but years Hence Yous Shall see a great many of your child

## Att a Meeting of the Comr for Managing Indian in Albany

## Present

Kill Van Rensalaer

Jos Cuyler

Hend Hanso

Mynd Brugh

John Rose

## Children

You told us two got yt you was come here on belt of Wampum wh. you toke from hence to your ago and that that belt is never out of your Sight and mind y yo do always remember to hold the covenant fast and firm for we are Rejoyed and we do assure to keep this covenant inviolable on our side and shall acquaint your Father therewith and doubt not that he will to hear it being that he is inclined yt. all ye nations shall be in the same Covenant as the Five are with who he lives till now kept a good allegiance as the no doubt told you

Your father Corlaer makes it constantly his Business that the five nations shall never have any difference with the farr nation so hope yt yo will do your endeavor to

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bring the [4] farr nations who live near to be linkt in the same

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers except for possible reference 9:402.]*

Last night arrived here two Indians from Canada who being sent by the Commrs in order to be examined to hear what news they had brought from thence if other was [drunk?] says as follow

That ten days ago they designing for this place in a canoe overtook at Chamby a canoe with 5 french men two English the one Major Livingstons men and a prisoner are coming to this place and that Govr. Genl of Canada was come from Quebe to Montreal in order that the following shall be sent to His Excellency by Express viz

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Just now we examined who came from Canada Last that ten days ago designing for this place in a canoe with other Indians over overtook at Chambly a canoe with five French & 2 Englishmen one Major Livingstons who he left in Canada last winter being that he was & ye oy a Prisoner who are coming to this place and may be expected here in a day or two we do therfor desire yr Excellency pleased to direct what shall be done with French when come we are merely [being] Her Garrison is left naked we also make bold to acquaint Excellency that the stores here are all expended & today we want some of goods without wh we can do nothing with the Indians

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

At a Meeting of ye Commr appointed for Managing the Indian affairs at  
Albany 5th June 1711

Present

John Cuyler

Hend Hanse

Josh Schuyler

Jos Rowboom

Examination Ambaniet a River Indian come here from Canada Last night

Says that when he came to Chambly the French sent him to the Govt. of Canada enquiring whether Col. Nicolson was come or a coming this year to take his Government answered he knew of his coming The Govr told him do you not know of [its 2 do] who do the English not come now [I wish?] one thousand or as many as come here I will kill if they do not come then I sahl take a place of them this year

That the Gov.r Gen.l of Canada Mons Veaudries askt him what Colonel P. Schuyler was going to do at Onondaga He replied when the Governor to Albany from New York the Sachims of the 5 Nations are always sent for he replys that not is not for it if do not know it. I do some of my people are always at Onnondaga who have sent word what is going to do there

Att a Meeting of the Comrs appointed for Managing Indian Affairs in  
[Albany] 2 day 1711

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

K V: Rensalaer

J.o Cuyler

M: Schuyler

Jo. Rowboom

Jo Schuyler

Examination of Cachnanoge & Skawienda were met together at Montreal last winter and told the Govr of that place we think and perceive

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we shall be a dead people why do not awake your children in sending forth the farr nations to be aiding & assisting if any Expedition should be intended against us by the English whereupon he wrote to the Govr Genl of Canada and communicated him what they had proposed who came for with with to Montreal and told that it should be granted what they had proposed to the Govr of Montreal & yt he was of the same opinion with who sent directly for all the nations of Indians in Alliance with him to come to Montreal

That Monsieur Veaudreuil told when all my children are come here and ye English do not come to attack me I shall then go to take a town from them this year who shall be Master then I leave to You to master over us are said further

I will not leave off the war with the English my enemy for I do not approve approve of yt wh Quider says & Let the Christians fight Christians but I [proceive] all to [assize] me when I sahl be attackt by your common enemy whereon the Indians made no answer and then hav [concluded] amongst themselves when the French shall be attacked and an alarm they will leave them and go into the wood with their wives and children and have a certain place where to meet

*[Possibly relates to Wraxall summary for June 2 1711 p. 87; S of P adds details. Possible reference in Colden Papers 9:402.]*

Att a Meeting of the Comrs appointed for Managing Indian Affairs at  
[Albany]

Present

K V Renslaer

Jo Cuyler

[H] Hanse

M: Schuyler

Jno Schuyler

Wee the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs have thought Requisite to Lay before Excy Robt Hunter Esqr Capt. Gen.l and Gov.r in Chief of the Province of New York New Jersey &c the following Represent

Whereas ye sachims of the 5 Nations of Indians are expected here are expected here in a few days to treat abt. Publick affairs we do

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there humbly offer your Excy will be pleased to give them ye Following Present in Publick Proposition being we understand that nothing but Powder is come for the Purpose vis

5 Barrels Powder y.t is one to each

1 Bar do. to purchase Lead

1 do to buy provisions

1 do for ye River Indians & private

100 hatchets

1000 flints

Wee must also take leave to acqt yr Excellency of the Poor and deorable state of these Fronteers at this being wholly left as a prey to our common Enemy ye not haveing one penny in hand of the Publick to defray the expense & necessary charge we must be put to dayly



as outskouts and Spes and to treat with the 5 Nations and other Indians for keeping them firm to their former Promises & [trusting] trusty to this Her Majesty Gov.t and all the neighbouring Colonies on the Continent of America with Gifts and Presents can be kept in such a station

That ye. French of Canada our enemy are very diligent to draw ye 5 nations from us and do dayly by means of such Gifts and Present w.h they present to ym in their own Castles and in case no good care is taken of sd. Nations & a Garrison posted at Onnondaga as is often promised to ym by several Comanders in Chief of this Province whereon they make many great reflections which if not done in due time the French will take possession of tht Country and by such means delude them and fall upon us if not done we hope that God will prevent it will only be the ruin of this city & Countr of this Government & of all adjacent Colonies that last we have been obliged to advance out of our private purses for sendin Spyes & outSkouts for the Security of the Province about above two Pounds has been Delivered to the last Assembly but yet unpaid

All is humbly submitted to prudent Management in the premises

Propositions by the Sachims of the 5 Nations namely the  
Magnase Onneydes Onnondages & Sinnekes to His  
Excellency Robt Hunter Esqre Captn Genl Govr &c  
y 10th June 1711

Present  
Col P. Schuyler  
one of Her Maj Coun

J.o Cuyler  
John Schuyler  
P. V: R.  
M: Schuyler  
Johns Rowboom  
H Hanse  
Lawrence Clace Interpreter

When ye French were in our country Last they desired y.t we Should not accept the Hatchet when Col. Nicolson should arrive from Great Britain we have promised but is only to satisfy the French for disembling We learnt that of them this so as spoken Privately being some of Indians were in their Meeting

D J Karnisson Speaker

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

We are arrived all the 5 Nations when the deputies of the Govr of Canada were amongst they desired us not to accept of ye hatchet when offered offered to us wh. we have promised and they proposed that Christians should

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fight Christians we likewise if they shall Sett Still especially those of Albany and Montreal being there they are

always

always of our Indians in both places who would have a great Losse by the war.

Brother Corlaer and Quider

This is the Propositions to we have promised to y Govt. of Canada Deputies we are not take your Christians have of one another you send them home by such means yo cannever rout one another but when we have war agst we endeavor to distroy utterly gave 10 Bever Skins

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

The French that have lately and desired lately been in Castles came upon us unawares and desired to have liberty to build a Block Hous in our Castle so we granted them being we had no powder to with stand them for powder is the Chief thing to war with and wanting among the five nations & that they shd Let us live and this House was most finisht Colonel Schuyler came with order to break the House down to whom we gave yt Liberty

Brother Corlaer and Quieder the Queens arms are brought amongst to hang in our Castles but those arms cannot defends and the enemy will not be afraid of us what we want is Powder defend our selves agst. the comon Enemy

Brother Corlaer

We have from time desired all Governors that goods should be afforded but was never Promist us we desire your Excellency to direct the Traders to afford Goods Cheaper wee desire this because you desired that the house to be broken down wherewith you order that will be done we do not desire of Quieder but of you, for he must obey your commands if do not order this wee be as poor dogs do not say that it is not in your power to grant our request I speak in the name of the 5 Nations what is spoken and to be said the presents we are given to us as if you did take and throw them into the water being we are so numerous & every one gets but little thereof but if goods could be afforded Cheaper then we shall have the benefitt thereby if granted the old and young men of all [ouer] nations Shall be trusty to Her Majesty

I desired you just that goods may be afforded Cheaper and do it for the last time that you may have compassion over which if not granted we shall be as poor as Dogs & Shall be necessitated to leave our Castles and be no more a Nation If you compassion with yourselves Let powder all be afforded cheaper all this was concluded by us before we departed

from

our Castles gave 10 Bever Skins

Brother Corlaer this yt last time that we shall desire that Goods may be afforded will have no more or Comand over young men then dogs. A dog cannot cannot  
After the foregoing propositions was made D. Kanasore the he had forget to acquaint his Excellency that are no French annoy no the 5 Nation

His Excellency answer to the Sachims of the 5 Nations

I take this to be an assurance in y.e name of the 5 Nations are joined with us in one Interest by one Covenant Chain that they will keep true and faithfull to the same & Run the same fate with us as upon all occasions and will obey all such orders as they shall receive by me from y.e Great Queen

I thank yo for communicating so sincerely what hoped between & the french Deputies

Nevertheless I expect and promise to my self that Nothing shall be able to turn you aside from yt Duty & allegiance and obedience you owe & have so often promised to y.e Queen

I take this to be an insinuation of ye

French to frighten them from their duty but I know to be Men of courage and fright by big words, especially seeing whilst they remain faithfull & and true they are well assured of [illeg] being protected and Secondly if attacked The false hood of the French appears in this that at the same y.t they Propose yt only Christians Should fight Christian they have sent for the far nations of Indians to engage them in a warr agst both Christians & Indians wh is well know to them & for that Reason I desire y.t none of you may go abroad to make a needlesse when may probably have occasion to wage war near Home

The Queen arms are only a Sign of her Sovereinty w.h I hope they will Continue to own and defend ag.t all such make any attemts ag.t it that they & may be tho better to do so. I have granded their request and ordered to each nation a good quantity of powder & lead for that purpose. that I am Sorry their Furrs bear so Low a price the war is the occasion of the falling of the price of all such Goods or what they may have occasion to purchas of the People here effectual care shall be taken for th.y future effectual care shall be taken yt

t none of them shall be cheated or overcharged so y.t who ever thinks himself hardly dealt with by the handlaers has nothing to do but to apply to the Commissioners who have order to see justice done them and to punish ye offenders and to prevent all such abuses for the future I desire y.t they may always encamp upon the or in some common place near ye town (untill such time as convenency be built for them from whence the come from House to House in the town and their goods to the best Bidder without Lying under the Tyranny of or their LandLords who as I heard have used them ill.

Proposition made / privately by some of ye Magnase Onydes Cajouges & Sinnekes to His Excellency Robert Hunter Esqre Captn General & Gov in Chief of the Province of New York &c ye 10 day of June 1711 about 11 oclock at night

Father Corlaer

In y Publick Proposition this day to His we acquainted you that ye French Messengers had desired of us to have liberty to build a house in our country and that we should not accept the Hatchet when offered to us -- which we Granted And Promist them out of fear but not out of Inclination & with an upright heart for he always disembles

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and so we will to him but we do assure you we shall always be [ready] at your Comands on any occasion & kept y.e ancient Covenant

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We have told y.e Govenr. of Canada y.t only Christians Should fight Christians Brother you may be assured y.t we Shall be ready on all occasions where your Comand us to go. We told him this to put him off and satisfy why should be true and trusty to the Governr of Canada he has several times and Slain several of our people but we never had any dispute of difference together we are one Body if a joint is wounded the whole is full of pain

His Excy answer

Brethren

I am very satisfied in ye Declaration you have made & do assure of all the of this Government Can give yo to keep the ancient covenant

I trust to all who are here present to acquaint this Government for ye future of all ye French among your said nations and in confidence whereof have be ordered you to be given a Private Present tomorrow



*[This speech is referred to by Wraxall in his summary of the August 22 1710 Meeting on p. 78, but is not described in detail. The S of P account sheds new light. Not in Colden Papers.]*

Propositions made by his Excy Robt Hunter Esqr Captain Gen.l & Gov.r  
in Chief of the Provinces of New York New Jersey & to the Magnase in  
Albany 11 of June 1711

Brethren

The last time that [I] was here upon the dispute about ye Lands of Skohary which the Queen had been informed belong to her by the act resuming Extravagant grants and your producing an order from the Lt. Gov.r restored to you I th told you that I then made no claim to them but left it intirely to yourselves upon which you freely Gave over all right to the sd Lands to her Majesty & her Heirs for ever as appears by your hands to ye Paper, on which I ordered a present to be given to you of certain Goods but was surprised to hear afterward that y would not receive the Present & Consequently not part with these Lands After you had made a Gift of them to the Queen I am persuaded yt some ill men have beeing ye occasion of these your Proceedings for it is a thing unheard of amongst honest Men of all nations that they Give away so freely they should immediately

Lay claim

to and take back to themselves wherefore I desire to know of you who these Men are and what Induced to this Practice w.h cannot be satisfactory to Her Majesty

Brother Corlaer

Answer of the Magnase to his Exc.y

Hendrick Speaker

We are now in discourse concerning ye Lands of Skohere when were in England the Great Queen said nothing of Land Desired yt we should Lay our hearts open to her we told her then y.t we were a poor People and y.t we had a Minister at Schenectady who had left us and we desired to have one in Castle for they are Posted or Plast [placed?] Elswhere they Leave and She was So Gracious to promise two Ministers and fort & Garrison [illeg] Last year before we arrived from Great Britain then there were some men [were] sent to view y Land of Skohere & was then said that I had sold that Land and that the rest of the Indians should sign their title over this created a misunderstanding but if the Truth had said afirst there would not have been this trouble I take Col. P. Schuyler for a Witnessse that I have not Sold the [you.r? aforesd?] Land in England, had the last year  
all ye

all y.e Sachims of our nation been desired that they sett over y.e Land of Skohere to he  
Maj.e we should done it if there had not been no under handealing it is the Report that hath  
been spread of my selling yt Land brings this Trouble I am in danger of my live thereby

Brother Corlaer

Just now you desired us tell who were the men yt had induced us not stand to  
standing [ towards?] now we begin have no right understanding together what we have  
done shall remain so now for ever

Now we comprehend one another and we have just now said what we have done  
shall & remain so for ever our young people alleagge that y. Present y.r Excellency had been  
pleased to have for us to little We shall say no more concerning that we are not compleate  
but when we come to our Castle we shall conclude there on when we come to our Castle  
fully conclude thereon and Give your Excellency an answer

We speak now of Divinity and desired your Excellency last year  
in

in [illeg] to do your it [that?] we should have ammuniton and munition a fort built but we hear no news of any that is coming if one should come where should we lodge no fort having been been for y.t purpose and we do nont desire y you will for yt purpose and do now acquaint us when a Minister shall come and a fort built in our castle the reason we desire to have a fort built in our Castle is because it is [illeg.] bare and uncovered in open plain if the enemy should attack us

His Excellency answered

Brethren

In the first place it is utterly false that either sold or gave to Lands of the Skoher to ye Queen when he was England the Queen looked upon this lands to be us. I did until hendrik hanson produced an order Government to restore the Lands to you. I quit claim that you have confirmd I thank you again in Her Majesty name for the same and [illeg] an additional Present to what y was formerly sett apart of your [Men ? crossed out?] young people may be Satisfied

As to what you say about the Missionar & fort etc. I am very glad to find that your Still

the same I was informed otherwiys by the as I am informed from Home & Resolved to your Missionary wh and necessary orders of for these w.h I expect by the first Packet that arrives and that I take be t ye surest way to keep us good friends and Brothers and secure against attempts of your enemy

Att a Meeting of y.e Comrs of ye Indian Affairs in Albany  
13 June 17.11

*[Wraxall summary p. 90; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

Present

Col P. Schuyler Esq one of Her Majts Con

K V Rensalaer

Jo. Cuyler

Jo.s Schuyler

M: Schuyler

P. V. Brugh

J.o Roseboom

Whereas were arrd last night [intelligence] that Col Nicholso is arrived at Boston that it wise that y.e Sachims of y. 5. Nations be acquainted of his arrival wh to us communicated to those now in Town and y.t be designs God willing to meet his Exc.y Rob.t Hunter Esqr Captn Gov. & Col Schuyler at N: London that we doubt no of their fidelity to Her Me & and to do their endeavor to keep all their young men at home not permit any of them to go out a fighting agt the Far that as soon as further News doth come we shall acquaint therewith

At A Meeting of y Commrs of y Indian affairs in Albany the 15th of  
June 1711

*[Brief mention by Wraxall p. 90; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

Present

Col. P. Schuyler one of Her Mar Council

K Van Rensalaer

Joh Schuyler

M. Schuyler

P. Van Brough

Josh [illeg.]

This Morning the Col. P. Schuyler communicates that he had a letter from

Excy Robt Hunter Esqre Captn Genl &c where in mentions among other thing yt he is to make all possible speed to [him] at New London and desires that two Sachims of each of y 5 Nations shall stay herein for a while and that they be subsisted by the Commisn where the sachim of the sd Nations were sent [for] y.e question Proposed to them who after a private consultation they answered as follows. Wee have according to the Governor desire appointed ten Sachims to stay for a time

nb: If y letter on ye other side to be [entd] before the

Att a Meeting of the Comrs for the Indian affairs Albany 28th June  
1711

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present  
K: VanRensaler  
Evert B  
Peter Vanbrugh  
Hend: Hanson

Ordered that a letter be write and sent to His Excellency as followeth

May it please

We hope your Ex.y has recd our Letter with the express wherein we acquainted your Excellency of the arrival of the Frenchmen and we should send them in town as a private House till your Excy. pleasure be known relating them and since Col Schuyler is arrived here who has privately Communicated to us of affars relaeting  
the

the expedition and we are afraid they will be & perceive what is in hand & perhaps may make their escape We have therefore [unanimously?] and think it best for Her Majts immediate service with submission to your Excy that had be sent to New York wh. we have ordered and y.t our Resolution herein may be acceptable to and acording to the orders as your Excy should or have or hath been Pleased to give relating to them

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Att a Meeting of ye Commrs of y Indian Affairs in Albany 22 June 1711

Present

Killian Van Ransalaer

Evert Banker

Peter Van Brugh

Hendrik Hanson

John Schuyler

My Schuyler

Resolved that ye following letter be writ to hie Exy viz  
Albany 22th June 1711

May it please your Excy

This day abt 11 a Came here three French men from Canada to this place with a passport of ye Governour of yt Country to y.s place (copy whereof we send enclosed) they have brought with Major Livingston man one Johnson Harman taken prisoner last year, to be exchanged for a French man Called Bovenie whom Dudley has prisoner being taken [Suverhill] where y att and since then yr. Excellency sins been pleased to Leave no direction concerning those French if they should come, we have though[t] it requisite to keep the sd French Men here until your Excellencys pleasure be known therein we have logd ym in a private house & charged them to run at large we shall permit no Private Persons to speak to them wishing eer all Happiness & prosperity

We remain most humble & obedt Servant

ye Commr o Indian Affair

P.S.

We desire ye Exl will be pleased to be paid to this express £3\_6 & good lodging during their Stay u n.o

A letter from the ye Comr. to his Excelleny vizt

Albany ye 18 July 1711

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

a letter

We have recd you Excel Letter of 7th [Instant?]



Pursuant thereto sent some of the Maquase Indians to the Susquehannah New Jersey and Minnisinks Indians in order to bring them with all their fighting Men

We sent Jan Baptiste to Onondaga who returned 7 days from thence & Brought 7 Indians with and is Gone to Boston with them yesterday his journal is here enclosed we have also sent out Skouts to ye Lake who are returned and do send another party tomorrow

Here come dayly Indians from Canada with Beaver who do [yevr?] Promise if we attack yt Placej to make their [escape] & Remain

With repect yr Respe

May it please Excy most obedt Humbl Servants  
The Comrs of th Affairs

Att a Meeting of ye Commrs of y Indian Affairs in Albany 19th July  
1711 [7 written over an 8]

*[Wraxall summary p. 90; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers]*

Present

Evert Banker  
Hend Hanson  
Mynd Schuyler  
Peter Vanbrough  
Jos Rowboom

Pursuant to an order of His Excellency Directed us to send some Magnase to the Susquhanna New Jersey & Minnisunneks to bring all fighting men to this place in joy[n] her Majestys land Forces who are to reduce Canada upon which order the Commrs sent for some of the to perform this Message of them being come this day who now say they are now going to the sd. Indian to desire to come here to joyn Her Majesty forces and send a Belt of wampum wherein they design to speak that sd. belt might be pd by us that be provided with provisions and necessaries for their journey

[that]

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:403.]*

Att a Meeting of the Comrs of ye Indian Affairs In Albany ye 20th July  
1711

Present  
Hendrik Hanson  
John Cuyler  
Mynd Schuyler  
Johs. Rowboom

This day returned here from Canada Ampamet & those three other River Indians who were sent from hence 28 days ago to Spye ye Motions of the French

Sayt that he came in 7. days time at Canada & was brought before ye Government of Quebec & Montreal who askt [him] what he had and if Genl Nicholson was arrived at Boston and Remarked y.t he was come & had brought two Ships and a Missionary for each of the Five Nations

says Further the Fort at Chambly is most finished ye are 3 foot high 4 foot thick as the fort has 15 Great Guns and two Patiwines mounted that he could perceive they th had certain intelligence of an expedition yth them only that ye Governor had prohibited ye Ottawas Indians who were then to trade there being the french are afraid when have to trade their beaver that they well return Home to their Country that most the great Guns are transported out of to Quebec and Chambly

That ye Gov.r told him yt y 160 Canoes of Ottawawa Indians were coming to Montreal but heard afterwards that of ye Onnadaga that 300 Men of the said [were] to come being that cannot leave their Country haveing war with y Farr Nations

Propositions made by ten Toondadie living at a place called  
Tacksaxkrandie

In albany ye 24 July 1711

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

It was fully Resolved upon before we went Home to come to trade here therefore do not that think we shall make a Great Proposition we are only young men our old Sachims are dead, who used to treat wisely concerning publick affairs as we were coming hither we met and heard of many [false] reports that we should not be kindly and usd recd here but we gave no credit and Resolved to perform this journey trusting to the Covenant w.h our Fathers made with you as we at Schenechtady though w be civilly treated desired to have waggons to convey us here the people demanded three bevers for each Waggon which we thought too extravagant

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

We desire yt we may have Goods as cheape and reasonable as the Five Nations as we are in one covenant with y & them do also desire that ye do not treat with us concerning public Affairs because the is a belt of Wampum wch from ye whereto we have not yet made answer

Brother Corlaer

We do acts y.o that we design to go to our own two days not knowing but there is [civil] war with us & farr nations

*[Wraxall summary p. 90; S of P adds details. See Colden Papers 9:403 for brief reference.]*

Att of the Comrs of ye Indian affairs In Albany y.e 26 of July 1711

*[Not in Wraxall.]*

Answer to the Tonondadies

Brethren

We have your Proposition two days ago we are sorry that ye have mett with so many evil reports by ye to hinder ye to come you will yt no true what has been told you and we do promise you that ye shall always find it so the Rhoad from hence to your Country is open for y.o & all your Nation We shall not Speak nor treat with concerning Public affairs seeing you are afraid yt we will desire y.t to go war but we have men enough & do not want any more and sitt mutter you may freely come again & trust to ye covenant we made with yr fathers We hope you have found good here as Cheap as could have expected you shall have them as cheap any five nations gave two Rolls of Tobacco Some Powder & Lead.

at a meeting of ye Comrs of y affair in Albany 30th July 1711

*[Wraxall brief summary p. 91; S of P adds details. See Colden Papers 9:403.]*

Present

H Vn Rensalaer

Evert Banker

Myndt Schuyl'r

Pr van brugh

Johs Rowboom

This day Captn Abraham Schuyler returned from ye 5 Nations who have the following Journal

vizt

Pursuant to y.e Instructions directed  
to Cap

a C & D: Schuyler from ye Commrs of the present expedition to Canada to go to ye 5 Nations to invite them to come to Albany as soon as possible with all their your Men & arms to assist us in y said expedition to Canada and came the 30th June 1711 to the 2d Castle of ye 2 Castle of yt Magnase to whom Proposed as followeth viz

Brethren

It is two years ago y.t we were at y.e Wood Creek on order to Reduce Canada but being that Her Majesty was pleased to order y.e Fleet on another expedition we turned face and then desired Col Nicholson to desire her Majesty to reverse yt expedition and since yr agents have done the same to Her Majesty she has be pleased to grant your request who is now with a Great fleet & force for the reduction of yt country arrived at Boston and brought a very considerable Present with [them] from her Majesty w.h y.o are to receive at Albany His Excel.y our Gov has sent us to desire you to k ye the Hatchet in & joyn our forces under the Command of Lieut Gen.l Nicholson in order to go with him on y.e s.d Expedition that you send all y Indians under your Comand to joyn with us Gave a large Belt of Wampum

The Magnase accept ths hatchet & Belt with Great joy & would said they Live & dye with Col Nicolson gave two Bever

July 1st We came in ye 3 castle of ye Magnas where  
we

we communicated ye same to them and they accepted the hatchet with as much joy as a above said

4 July 1711 We came in Oneyde we spoke as before to the Magnase & gave a belt of wampum they that would answer when doe return from the Sinnekes Country

6. Do We arrived at Onnondaga to w.h nation we proposed aforesaid and gave y. a Belt of of Wampum who also told told us that they would answer when we return

8th We came at Cajouge and propos ye Same to them & gave a Belt of Wampum they told us that they would answer us come

July 10th came in ye Sinnekes where we desired Immediately that y Sachims Should meet they answered that first all their Call their Sachims and young together and then would hear us tomorow which they accordingly to who we communicated what we communicated what we had said to ye Magnase & to take up y.e Hatchet agst the Governor of Canada & all those in alliance with him him and desired u y.t we should a Post to go night and day to acq.t his Exc.y & Gen.l Nicholson that they have accepted y that there may be provisions Clothing and ammunitions enough & a great Bales ready the Burk is close and yt it will cold in a short time that they

have

waged with the farr nations who arrows as they have) but now they shall want guns for they have against an Enemy who have good arms gave a belt of Wamp.

15 Do on our return we came at Cajouge where the Sachims were convened who made answer to what we had desired then & told us that y.t accept willingly of ye Hatchet against ye Governor of Canada and shall come down in Comp. with the Sinnekes who where to leave their Country the 21s Currant

17th We came to Onnondaga [illeg] those did also accept the Hatch & promist to come in Comp with y oth Nations

Att a Meeting of Coms of y Indian affairs In Albany ye 1 Augt 1711

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

K Van Rensalaer

hend Hanson

Evert Banker

Myd Schuyler

P. V: Brugh

Johs

This day ye Comrs agreed with five Indians to go and spye motions of the french and their Indians as far as Crown wh lys in the Lake and are to return in 13 Days to give and account what they discover

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Instructions for Lawrence Clace ye Interpreter who is to go with all expedition to ye 5 Nations to meet them and joyn our Forces in the present ye expedition agst Canada to send us intelligence from time how farr and how many of them are comeing and to hinder ye French Intreaguers as much as may Lye in your power

You are to have a Christian to go wth you in company to perform this journey with and if occasion requires you may promise reasonable rewards to some of ye Chiefest of the nations to come down hither with all their fighting men in case y are deluded by th French Interest

Given in Albany ye first of August 1711

Signed

Kill V Rensalaer  
E Banker  
H: Hanson  
Mynd Schuyler  
P. V. Brugh  
Jo.s Rowboom

Albany 13 August 1711

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Gentlemen

You are to go to th ye Indian Council and joyn the 5 Nations where they are and all other forces and the fleet and with the army is saild which all stays for their arrival for which we desire that they march to Albany with all and Stop no wher on the way upon amg you may John Baptiste with you

to Rowboom & John Bleeder  
signed  
R Hunter



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August 17 1711 Propositions of the Schaghticokes to Governor Hunter.

*[Complete text is in DRCHNY starting on p. 5:265. These notes add nothing. Summarized briefly in Wraxall p. 91. See Colden Papers 9:403 et seq.]*

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August 17 1711 meeting with Schaghticokes continued. *[Complete text is in DRCHNY starting on p. 5:265. The S of P adds nothing.]*

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Minutes of the Commissioner Appointed for Manageing the Indians Affairs at Albany Begun the 7th May 1711 Ends the 21st of Augt 1712

[subsequent pages inserted where appropriate.]

*[For letter from the AIC to Robt Hunter dated Oct. 20 1711 describing the Ketelhuyn affair see DRCHNY 5:281 et seq. For copy of Oct. 22 1711 letter from the AIC to Robt Hunter again describing the Ketelhuyn fight but worded differently, see Weise, The Swarthout Ketelhuyn Chronicles p. 551. Weise seems to have written the second version but framed it as a copy of an original letter; it is handwritten.]*

**28525** [0397]

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*[May 7 1711 meeting of the Commisisoners at which Lawrence Clase reports on events at Onondaga.*

*DRCHNY 5:243 et seq. has complete text; Wraxall has summary p. 82. These notes add nothing]*

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*[May 7 1711 meeting of the Commisisoners at which Lawrence Clase reports on events at Onondaga.*

*DRCHNY 5:243 et seq. has complete text; Wraxall has summary p. 82. These notes add nothing]*

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*[May 7 1711 meeting of the Commisisoners at which Lawrence Clase reports on events at Onondaga - continued.*

*DRCHNY 5:243 et seq. has complete text; Wraxall has summary p. 82. These notes add nothing]*

ordered that a letter be write to His Excy Robt Hunter Esq. Captn Genl and Govr in Chief with a copy of the foregoing proposition therein enclosed.

and also that Lawrence Clase be dispatched immediately with a letter to Colo. Schuyler at Onnondaga which according

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[Dec. 1711 or early 1712 *not in Wraxall or LIR. See Colden Papers 9:409 for reference.*]

Indians are at present for fear of an attack of ye enemy are scattered in y woods So we think it will enough if y.t a detachment be there when ye Indians Return

In our last Letter we writt yr Exc.y concerning and order for sending out outskouts where wee have no answer Nevertheless upon a Genl application of ye Inhabitants of this Citty & County & for better Security of ye of these Frontiers it was thought y.t outskouts should be sent as we have done vizt three Christians & 16 Indians who went from hence on ye 5th Inst for 50 days besides a smaller party which is to go from Schinegdaty the s.d outskouts will amount to £125 we desire that y.r Excy Be pleased to care for the panmes thereof as to what relates Mr. Bonoenie ye French prisoner sent here from N. England we have heretofore [intreated] y.e Government of Boston not to send any prisoners to this place without y Excy's Leave to go to Canada and now we have observed by y.r Ex.y yt if Lieut D. Kettle should make his application to as to Grant him a pass to go for Canada in Quest for his wife held Propose with y.t Some other Gent. here and better capabl to go into y.t we therefore are humbly of opinion if your Exc.y should that y.t the said french Prisoner should be sent to Canada be conveyed home by a fitt person from hence by a pass from His Excy and a letter to ye Governour with some with whom sd Kettle might go by which means we might know withr the last murder on Captn Jos Brat & ye family of David Kittl

was committed by order of the Govr of Canada if so yr Excellency should be forced to do hostallity on his subjects or such other reasons as yr Exc.y will be pleased

We are at present in a dismall Condition occasioned by the late Murther Being the Inhabitants of the half Moon & Canistgione are dayly deserting their farms therefore if that cant be prevented by makeing small forts at those places & garrisoned by few Men will be a great discouragement of ye Inhabitants of the out farms to desert & leave the same and a weakness to this County & Encourage to ye Enemy we therefore yt your Excy will be Pleased to order ye Inhabitants of the places to Ryde Stockades this to make a fort at ye [moon] and another at Canstane & yt the [sante erectes - Sanchaik?] next Spring

The Comrs Recd the following letter of His Excellency  
*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*  
 New York 28 Jan.y 1711 [1712]

Gentlemen

I have your Letter of the Letter 4th Instant in Answer to which you must know that theres or but Two hundred Pounds Given by y.e Assembly for the repairing the Fortifications of Albany & Schinnectady So yt I hope fine ye accounts for these Services within y.t compass I approve of the not sending y.e Detachment to the Indian Country till y.e Indians are returned to their Castles The Assembly have made no provision for outskouts So I dont see  
 at present

at

how that expense can be paid but I will do all that lyes in my Power to procure pay of it  
some

I would have you as soon as ye winter breaks send the the French Prisoner to  
Canada I know if yt other end in Permitting Permitting Lieut Kettle to go to Canada than to  
look of his wife as for any nutrality between us & the French I am an utter Stranger to it & I  
hope all her Majesty's Subjects are so as to the Hostility y.e French committed was no more  
than I expected it is not to be doubted that do ye like again upon the first opportunity in a  
condition to attack in the best Manner I could

Gentlemen  
Your humbl servant

Rt Hunter

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Comr. for Indian aff  
Present van Ransaler  
Evert Banker  
Hend Hansen  
John Schuyler  
Myndt Schuyle  
to  
P. Brugh  
Johns Roweboom

By vertue of an order from Robert Hunter esq Her Majesty Captain General & Governour in  
chief of ye Province of New York and Jersey and of all the Tracts of Land thereon depending  
in America & Vice Admiral of the

Wee do permit the Bearer hereof Lieut Daniel Ketelhun and two indians to convey  
Monsieur Bonvenie D Verihere to Canada and also in Quest of his Wife who is lately taken  
prisoner on the Fronteer do thereby all those who this shall or may concern to Let Ketehun  
& and the two Indians freely to pass & repass without any Let or hinder or molestation to  
and from Canada to be adeing & assisting the Sd Bonvenie D: Vershere Ketelhuyn ye two  
Indian on their Journey were they Sahll wantt & Require the  
same

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*[Not in Wraxall; See LIR p. 220 for Feb 10 1712 letter from Peter Schuyler to the Commissioners for Regulating the Palatines with intelligence that the enemy is nearby and asking for 200 Palatines to be sent against them. Not in Colden Papers.]*

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Propositions made by the Comr of ye Indian Affairs to Cayenquiarachqua Sachims of the y Sinnekes of the Magnase ye 24 of Feb.y [1712?]

Brethren

We do acqt you y.t an Indian is come with a letter write by Merrie ye Priest in ye name of Dan.l Ketels wife wh was sent by two Indians of catshnnawagae called Saraskadowane & aquannchtat who turned back about hafway to desire the sd Ketel to come there with all speed with a letter from his Excellency or the Chiefe Commanding officer here but we will not write any letters to ye french being we know they Decitfull to Perform their promises of ye brethren are not Ignorant we shall therefore not trust them we shall acquaint or governr here with & the Brethren what news Dan Ketel Shall bring from Canada desiring of you to give us notice withall Speed of what Intelligence you Sahll have among you hoping yt you upon y.t guard & sitt still when we shall have occasion for your to revenge upon ye French we doubt not y.e Fidelity when [we] shall have accasion for your Fidelity to her Majes Interest & that ye French cannot by any means persuade y.e from that For we are united together & shall live & dy with one another

May it please your Excy

*[Not in Wraxall]*

According to y. Ex.y order we [illeg. -- dispatched?] on ye 22th of Feby Last L.t Ketel Ketel in quest of his with M.r bouverie & 2 Indians to Canada who have our pass three after their departure came here on Onnagange Indian who had not meet them

May it please your Excy

According yr Exc order we dispatched on ye 22 of Feb.y Last L.t Ketch in quest of his wife



wife with M.r Bouverie & 2 Indians to Canada who have our pass three days after their departur came here annngogete Indian who had not meet them being come another way for fear of our outskouts brought here by 2 Cagnawaga Indians who turned but since are come who mett L.t Ketch & near y.e Crown on ye arrivall of ye sachims of the Magnase & other to conculit with them what should be told ym some of them of them Came wid y.m was told the s.d Indians how they are come over ye path were so lately innocent blood was so barbarosly shed they answered they were come to acqt us us that us that these their Castles & Onnondaga Indians have had no hand in the Murther committed here (whether it be so So wee do expect to hear when returns Ketel that they last year before the expedition had begun and a belt of Belt of Wampum to bring the Indians of th.t castle over to Her Majs Interest & had thereby permission to come here at any then when they desired Liberty [yt?] that their wives & Baggage might be brought in town are diligintly Inquired of them what baggage it might they replied some Bevers to buy necessarys wh they left abt at the carrying place this was utterly denied & them & that they should be no means bring them here nor in this country but carry the bever from whence they had brought

albany 13 May 1712

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

May it please

We take leave to acquaint your Excellency

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We take leave to acquaint your Excellency that yesterday afternoon arrived Daniel SsKetehun with his wife negro Thomas Noble & asolditm & three N. England Men accompayed with three french & one french Col. Ingoldsby with a Passport & a letter for your Excellency at ye half Moon in ye fort till t is furthr order he ordered just now th. they should be brought down to y.e farm over agt ye flats wh: judged to be ye convenient place where they speek with no Indian wch no Indians till your Ex pleasure shall be known Relating them we had ordered the victuals & Drink during they stay here their hoping that care will be taken for the pay.t of this small charge

Daniel Ketcheluy n Informs us that are in Corlaers Lake 260 French & Indians in 20 Canoes th.e Indians who is come with these has some Belts of Wampum to speak with we have sent for the Interpreter to hear what he has to propose

[Albany] 16 of April 1712.

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:409.]*

Then Mett ye Comrs o ye Indian affairs  
Col K. V. VnRensater  
Henry Hanson  
Jn.o Schuyler  
Mydnt Schuyler  
Joh:s Rese boom  
M V Brugh

Whereas we have rec.d a Let.r from His Excy vizt yes Instant as also Minutes of Council wt orders therein, of ye 5 yt the Comrs of ye Indian Affairs at Albany send ye Interpreter forthwith to ye [four] nations of the [Farr or French] Indians who are not in actual war wt Her Majesty

Subject

Inhabiting North Carolina going with some Belts of Wampum to the five nations to desire not to joyn w.t Her Majis subjects agst them in this war nor to resent their entry it and to Tell ye five nations th His Excellency expect [th will] interpose their [Interestes] & authority with the Truisorash indians we oblige them to conclude a peace forthwith w.t ye Inhabitants of Carolina without committng any further Hostility & they cant otherwise prevail wch in y.t they therefor to join with her Magestys Subjects will whom ther in akin & conjunction wt y.r to carry on the war without the possible vigor agst the Tuscaror Indians are the agressors & who without any Declarations of [War] begun it a very barbarous manner

since there is no fund to defray ye charges of sending the Intepr w.th s.d N Indian as aforesaid is in think it may be sent out of Her Majesty Stores & Belt of Wampum 125 hands 2 Blanket of Stouds Six Shirts for Low Glace to be supplied to Such Indian as shall deserve in this & ye com.r of y.e Lake Expedition are desired to send so much out of Her Majes Stores

The Com.r aforesaid has also Ing. to pay ye aforesaid Interpreter for his service and y.e Indians that

By the Commrs of y Indian Affairs  
Albany  
16 of Apr

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Instructions for Law Clase Interpreter In pursuance of L. from his Excy as also of Minute of Council of ye 5th

You are to make ye best of your way to ye Five Nations to take such Indians w.t you as y.e shall think proper

You are to [acqt.] each nation tht His Excy  
our

our Govr has been informed that y.e Tuscaroras Indian Tuscaror Indians who are in now in actual war with Her Majes Subjects Inhabiting North Carolin going with some Belts of Wampum to the Five Nations to design to desire them not joyn with her Majesty Subjects agt them interest nor to resent then nit

You are to Lett ye five nations that hie Ex.y expects I their intrest with the Tuscaroro Indian to oblige them to conclude a peace forthwith w the Unhabitans of Carolina without Committing any further Indian to oblidg the hostilities & they cant otherwise prevail within that they threaten to John with her Majesty Subjects at them they are in Allianc & in conjunction with them to carry in ye war with all possible vigor agst ye Tuscaroras Indian who are aggressors in who are y agressors who without any Declaration of war begun it in a very very Barbarous Manner

[Repeated but crossed out]

Att a Meeting of ye Commr of y Indians at Albany the 6 day of May 1712  
*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:409.]*

Present

Evert Banker

Peter Brugh

Johns roseboom

Lawrence Clace y Enterpreter arrived here this day from the Five of Indians & Brings the following (vizt That upon his arrivall in the Country and calling y.e Five Nations together to inform them of his Excellency Propa[sition] yt you not to John with the Coralina Indians against y.e Chrisitans of the Country they said they were very much surprised and concerned to receive such a Message from His Ex.y seemed to reflect upon their fidelity to ye Covenant Chain they sayd that they had heard to and whispering about it before but we were glad not to hear it plainly they informed his Excy yt. they will be faithfull and [Steady] to ye Covenant Chain and with their engagement wt ye Governm and be guilty of any Breach of Faith on those accounts and will do their utmost to make peace between the Christians of Carolina & those Indians according to his Exc.y Instructions w.ch they do not doubt of of accomplishing knowing that those Indians will not be dissobedient to their

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Directions. They desire his Excellency to send  
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[in - crossed out] them immediately a Pass by which they may send in Casadoris from onondaga to those Indians to quiett them or an accomodation of their differences on the receipt of which they will immediately dispatch embassy and desire His Excellency at the same time to send some [illeg.] or persons from Albany who are use and of Interest amongst y.e Five Nations to Carolina as Mediators in the differences who may meet them in Carolina & desire his Excey to let them know when his Excellencys Messengers set forth.

The same day that Lawrence came to onnondaga there came news that three Indians from Carolina were within two days Journey of Onnondaga but could not then proceed on their Journey directly till the waters were fallen.

That those three Indians were dispatch before hand to acquaint the Ambassadors two from each nation are coming from [Tin Renete] of Carolina Indians with Belts of Wampum to speak to ye five nations

The afore mentioned three Indians relate ye occasion of these differences thus as Lawrence informed by those who brough[t] an account of their arrivall

That [Merreeing] Indian going with a Carolina Indian to A Gentlemans house  
for

told them that they so have some by & by and desired them to Look after his house until his return at his return he brought with him a great armed men who seized and Stripped but [illeg] from his y.n they followed him on horse back and shott In ye meantime Carolina Run away to another Gents. who recd. the same [answer?] but staying long out and being did dig out some parsnips to cut and went away to another, so one after the Gentlmen overtook him with armed men and seized him accusing of stealing parsnips upon wh. they shipped & whipped but got from them at last run to a castl

The Christians soon afterwards attacked by said Castle were beaten off wt. ye Loss of a Great Many The same Indians of yt. Castle going sometime after by a french [fort] asked the French if they were their Enemys too they said no but if they wanted more ammuniton they should have it from ym and gave a Barrell of Barrell of Powder

The Gov.r of Canada has had a Meeting with his Indians living about Canada and asked them if they were willing to john with them against us and ye Five whom he designed to fall on us this Month who promised him to stand by him

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

May it please yr. Excy.

The Inclosed is ye acct. Lawrence brings us of the five onondagas from Canada is daily expected with French Men who come

Men who come with Lawrence brings with has Seaven hands of Wampum from the oneida who desire us and ye Mohoks to be upon our Gard, and if any thing hapens extraordin[ary] who desire us and ye. Mohoks to be upon Gard and if any thing hapens Extraordinary they desire to be informed of it being always ready to assist us upon ye first notice and resolve if ye French should make attempts upon us or them to behave themselves so well as to make ym repent their [illeg.]

Thee two Indians are returned from Canada yt. went with Kettlelyne and brought the tow Enclosed Lies These Indians report that some French Indians are gone out against new England They also that ye Ottawas Indians when ye Governor Dismissed them last fall promised the Govern not to be with Early ys spring but comeing according to their word the Governr has f sent for them

we are

May it please yr. Excellen

most dutifull & obedient Servant



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*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:409.]*

Proposition made by Siorachdowane Sachim of Cacknawaga a praying Indian Castle on it on Montreil Island in Canada made th 19th May 1712

Present

P Schuyler

Ever Banker

P V Brugh

Johns Rowboon

three young Sachims

Lawrence Clase Interpreter

Brother Corlaer

[There] has been an open Path of Peace & unity for Sachims to come from Canada to this place wh Path acknowled ye to be stopt up by ye Mischief that was comitted there last Fall by the Skawanokya Shakwowane E. Rondax & Cachnaway Indians from whom I am now sent hither to tak the patches of the hands of those that were killed & to bury same so may be forgotten & for Given & and a large belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

I have done to wipe of the Blood of the sd  
persons

that it may be forgotten & forgiven & I desire that you may be well minded th y ye Sun may shine bright again over us & no dark clouds come in the way [so yt] we may walk and Go without fear our terrour and live with you without fear or terrour and live with you in Sessation as formerly

Brother Corlaer

I hope you Shall not take it amiss th y.t I have spoken with small belts of wampum as y.o see therefore I spake now with two Small Beavers I proimis yt. on our part no stone or tree shall lye in way for you to stu[m]ble over & desire yt. ye path may open & free for us as formerly.

The bones of those persons who were kild yt. they not be separated. I do nott I do now gather together & Bury ye desyring yt it may borgive &c forgive and forgotten forever gave a Belt of Wampum.

Albany 19th May 1712

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:409.]*

May it please your Excy.

In our former of 13th Instant we acquainted yr. Excy yt a Cagnawaga Indian was come with y 3. french Men who had some belts of wampum to speake with wh. he has this day in the presence of the Sachims of Maquas who are deputed by ye rest of yt Castle, this proposition is herein enclosed we have told him yt. we should send the same to yr. Excellency we cannot answer him unless we have yr. Exceys directions wh. we should be glad

to have

have with to ye first opportunity yt. he may not be [detained] we are of opinion with submission to yr. Excy. yt. it would be proper to grant them Liberty to come here as formerly if not then we cant expect nothing Else but an open war with those Indians we cannot see yt. we are in a capacity to wage war considering the poor circomstances these fronteers are in at present yr. Exc can judge best

Proposition made by Severall who have Left their own Country and now live among the Sinnekes in yt Country to y.e Comrs of ye Indn. Affairs in Albany 28 May 1712

Pressent  
Evert Banker  
Hend Hansen  
Mynd Schuyler

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

Wee have left our country & come along ye path weeping till we came here to see ye. now we are comforted and resolved to live under your care & government in ye same covenant as the five nations as with you we expect more of our mation [nation] to Leave our Country to come and Live among the Five nations, as we came down from ye Sinnekes Country we acquainted our Brethren of ye 5 Ntions that we designed to live among who accepted of us and we are glad yt. we were come Gave a few Dear Skins [itmosta]

The Captn is owaenjachsieroene

Brother Corlaer & Quiede

Speaker forth y said Indians says th ye 5 nations desire the yt. these Indians may have powder & lead as cheap as they for what get by hunting is yours & yt this little they have now may not Refused & rejected we are poor men now here after we hope to have more when we come again

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

We have had a father (meaning th ye Govr of Canada who has to take care nor cloathed so we were obliged to ware nothing but Skins in our Country and since we could have no releave we resolved to go to our children the Sinnekes on our arrival in

In their Country we saw that they are well cloathed & they take us in ye. same Covenant with thm wh they have with yo. & shall ye. same bright & ye path cleare of all Evil words they advised us to go this Place were we now are hoping you have you have compassion on us Considering ye. great poverty we are in at present desiring for the release from you gave a belt of wampum

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

We have had a French father but are ashamed of him Since he put on Baron Land and do abandon him & never acknowledge again to be our Father being as go naked we come to Live with yo. in one Covenant & are as one with yo. for Ever we wh. yt. we had spoken with you before the Mesiesaquiroene Indians who made their proposition we En[treat] y.o not to trust them for they are a people of [two?] words & talk fear here wh yo. but are Close for ye French Interes & it yt yo. when they are at home and in littl time & sett you in Blood meaning to destroy us gave a five Dear Skins

Brother Corlaer & Quiede

Since we are in one Covenant with you & ye five nations & one head & heart we desire yt what we Shall come to desire of you now that youl Grant it wh is to let us have a Kettle for 2 Dear Skins 2 yds of Strouds for 2.o Skins and what ye shall desire of us at any time we shall grant & perform give you heard what we heard what we have said & do again desire yo. yt. we may have goods cheap we also want some guns

Pray

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Pray let us have for wh. we shall for them or else it will not be good yo can grant our Request. We do beg you will always be ready to go in all things.

Proposition made by ye. Several far Indians called ye  
Meshiesnquierione ye 28 May 1712

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:409-410.]*

Brother Corlaer & Quied

You have sent a belt of wampum to invite us to come here wh. is gone throw all our Castles whereon we are Come now & hope that we shall be well treated & recd. to ye. End that we may bring goods [nour?] when we come home & more of our nations may be thereby Encouraged to come gave a pipe 1/2 yd Long to smoak out as a testimony yt. we desire to be be in Covenant with you & yt. we shall never come to Comitt any mischief here hoping to live in peace & unity with yo. for ever

Ansr ye 30 [day of May]

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:409-410.]*

We are glad you are are come ye. Invitation of the Belts of wampum sent to ye & doubt not but you have found ye path Cleane & open for yo. it shall be kept so by us ye pipe of Peace & unity given west kepp for a Remembrance & wel smoake out of it with yo. whenever you do come and not hearken to any evil tongs We [Disuade] yo. not to kill people Catle when you go home as some of ye nations have done

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We have heard yr Proposition you sha to ye open path o peace and unity for Sachims to come from Canada to this yt acknowledged to be Stopt

Stopt up by ye mischief comitted last Fall by ye. Indians wh you are heartily sorry & desire yt. it may be forgiven & forgotten, we would have Revenged this but we [know] that [lille] Innocent cant [keep] us there since yo come & act now to be guilty we do not grant yo to come here and forbid yo yt. none of you do commit ye Like Murther here or any of Her Majestys Subject at any time for then we shall be obliged to revenge

You promise yt if we grant yo. an open path for sachims to come here that on yt. [path] no Stone of tree shall lye in the ye way at any time for us to stumble over the path you desire to be open let it be kept clean by yo. that yo. do not comit ye Like murther nor carry prisoners over it that yo. Promise yt. that we shall yet once try again & to give ye liberty to come here but we tell you that we will not any of yo. to come here who do any Murde or Mischief to any of her Majs. Subjects & if yo do then we shall be forced to revenge on yo. how can propose yt. we can live in nutrally with yo. as long as you do keep the negros from hence who are with you taken & gone that is Money therefore we expect yt. use yr. Endeavor to bring them you Shall, be rewarded by us

You have told us th yt Some of the People Lately & desired of a [smith] we had any know thereof we tell yo yt we know nothing thereof



we are glad yt. ye are come out of the ye Country to live among ye Sinnekes who hav accepted & re[cd] you for their own nation in ye. same Covenant that they have made with us Calle them y children but it should become you bettr to call them Brethre since you yo are come to live among them we do accept you as Sinnekes that you may be in one Covenant with us & desire you to [illeg] take advice and consult with ye. five nations in all thing you shall come to do or propose at any time

You have ye same Liber[t]y as our Brethren th ye. 5 nations have to go & buy Goods where y can buy it cheapest Every man is Master of his own Good among y the Christians & do nott doubt but [it] is so among you we can compel nobody to sell their goods as cheap as yo desire therefore yo must buy as cheap as you can agree & hope that yo. be as obedient as our Brother ye 5 Nations & and as ready to do Her Majesty Majesty Service when she should happen to have occasion for yo.

Att a Meeting ye 30th May 1712 Proposition made by some Farr out of three Castles

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:409.]*

Evert Banker  
Mindt Schuyler  
P. V: Brugh

Bro Cor

We are come to see you and are glad to find you all well we are Yor own Brothers a Long time ago when the French came agst. at Montreal

Brother Corlaer

We come all for to trade with yo. and desire of yo. that we may have goods cheape & sell as inmins Liquor yt it may be to the satisfaction of uw those we left at Home Gave a few Bevers

Albany 7th June 1712

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:410.]*

May it Please your Excy

Your Excys Letters of ye 23th of May last we recd & have communicated the contents of the order of Counsel to ye 5 nations & according to your Excy order we disparte Willst Lebert & those with him on ye 31st of Sd Month wh was as soon as we conveniently could. We think it our duty to acqt yr. Excy That ye. 5. nations & oyr. Indians are meeting at onondaga U by wt we can learn they are going a fighting to ye Southward we hear they have received they have recd powder &c from the French at Cadarachqua to go to war yt. most of ym have Engagd not to joyn her Maj the ye. french make it their only Intent to send as many of ye. Indians out a fighting as they possibly can interest if there should be occasion for them are Suspissions yt. the Sd. nations will joyn w. ye Tuskora Indians with whom ye Tuskarora Indians with whom they are all in alliance, if timely care is not taken to prevent it we affraid th yt. by Such means they will at Last fall on us also sd Indians say yt. those of Carolina are the occassion of this war many Ly wh our Indians believ as y. sd. five nations do generally [hearken] threaten when they are Drunk and say we are all dead as mot of the traders have told us and yt it is nothing to destroy is [have - - crossed out]

to destroy us. We think it highly necessary with submission t yt. some Proper Person ought sent to be sent to by onanndaga to hear what the propose of the selling of Strong Liquor to ye Indian be prohibited it would be very dangerous to go among

We are very Sorry yt ye. assembly do not take care to provide outskouts for us to be sent y Lakes & oyr. places to provide outskouts to spye the Motions of ye. Enemy for the security of the Fronteers wh would be very requisite now especially since we are weak & because we dont know what inder hand dealing the French have with our Indians and they with ye. Tuscarora we judge if any Mischief doth come upon us from our Indians ye occasion will be no proper persons are sent among them to prevent ye French intreagues they have already put in ye head of ye Indians that small Trunk was found at y Place ye Ships lye in Canada River were cast away Last year wherein they says an order was found among [oyr] Papers yt. when Canada was reduced ye English were to distroy all ye Indians this they believe and we cant gett it out of their heads.

We Should send this y [Exy] by an Express Cut we are not to Engage to pay any more for ye. publics nor spend any more of our time & Money without we know how & what way we shall be repaid we are allways ready & willing to do her Majesty good & faithfull service but we hope yr Excy. will take it amiss if we tell yr. Excy that we cannot keep the 5 Nations in Reliance nor discharge y trust reposed in us tht. a Publy from ye Government we begg yr Exy. to pardon us for detaining you with with a long Letter as this & remain with great esteem & res.

Albany 8th June 1712

May it please your Excellency

Just now in 5. days 2 Cayouges Indians came here say that Intelligence was brought there by Suckahona yt. 8 day ago there had been a battle of the English near Marylan against ye Indians who live near that Country wherein ye. Last but 4 Indian and killed many of our people at ye time ye Messengers came the Sachims of ye five were convened at onongaga to Say by ye war between Her Majts. Subjects of Carolina & Tuscora Indians but ye said Messengers added yt this Government had joyned with those of Carolina to kill all the whereon ye said sachim would not proceed further on this Matter nor permit any Indians to come hither for if they did go they Should be surely dead one of sd. 2 Indians has been 35 days out of Canada and says yt ye French make it their business with ye five to send the Queen's arms out of their Country whereby they say she claims it & and if they dont do it they shall Loose their Country and if they will find it by ye Powder wh. they shall be obliged pay at an Extravagant rate here they suspicious yt it is true that many of ye Indians do believe what ye. french have told them [concerning] y order found in the Trunk mentioned in our Last

*[Summarized in Wraxall p. 93. The S of P notes have additional details. Also see Colden 9:410. See Munsell Annals 6:270-271 for a letter from the Albany Common Council about their fears of a general uprising by the 5 Nations and Tuscaroras and asking them to restore Peter Schuyler to the Commission for Indian Affairs.]*

Att a Meeting of the Commrs for Managing the Indian Affairs In Albany  
y 14 June

Present  
Evert Banker  
John Cuyler  
Hend Hansen  
Myndt. Schuyler  
Peter Van Brugh  
Johs. Roseboom  
G

Examination of the Canssore Chief of onnondaga who came here this Day and he was he was askt some questions he told the Commissioners Throwing life in your hands the they said what is the matter he replied that as he was on his journey with several Indians to come hither they met a Messenger at a place called oriskone near oneyde sent by the Magnas sevean hands of wampum crying out alarm which Messenger he stopt and askt what the reason was he cryed. Replied Johannes ye Indian was killed and another wounded by ye English and this was now the third Indian they have killed that their were ready making & were full resolved to destroy the Christians and they expected and desired assis of y oyr four Nations

That y said desired in the name of  
th ye

ye Magnase that of ye Magnase of should send for all their fighting men who are hunting and make themselves Ready as they should a belt of wampum in a Short time & y they Expect that they come down to joyn with them the sd. Carasore Resolved not walestanding the bad news to break through to see what ye matter was with Magnas in Comps return to onnondaga.

The Canassore told this in ye or present of several Sachims of Magnase for whom we had who did not deny what he had to said we heard also yt had sent Messengers & Belts to all parts whose Indians Live to joyn with them to destroy us.

We told y sd. Magnase Sachims how the could be so in[humane] & unfaithfull to take such a cruel thing in hand as this was contrary to the ancient covenant wh has kept Inviolable by us & after a very long debate with them they said that ware sorry for wt. they had done and they would & contradict orders they had sent out

New York June 1 1712

*[Wraxall summary p. 93; S of P has additional details. See Colden Papers 9:410.]*

Gentlemen

I have communicated yt. letter Letters of the 7th & 8th Instant to ye Council & assembly the assembly haveing voted

an

hundred pound for this occasion The Council are of opinion that Coll Schuyler be sent there to get together as many as he can of the sachims of the Five Nations to whom he is to speak as in the Instructions herewith sent him & ffifty Pounds off sum is to be laid out in such presents for the Indians as hee & you shall judge proper and the other ffifty to go towards the expense of Col Schuyler and such as he shall take with him He is take Lawrence Clause the Interpreter Monture & her husband and such others as he shall think

The council are of the same opinion with that Col. Schuyler is the properest person to be employed in this affair if by sickness he should be prevented or should refuse to undertake it and in that case you are to appoint some other proper person to goe this journey with ye same instructions as I have sent to Col Schuyler and for which you must acquaint you so appoint yt. he must not deviate in the least deviate for I formerly found the inconveniency of departing from ye wards of my Instructions

I am Gentlemen  
Your very humble Servant

signed R. Hunter

R [H?]

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:410 for reference.]*

Comrs of ye Indian Affairs

If you find any surmises or Jealousie amongst them with what [illeg.] been [illeg.] with you are to answer them in such manne[r] your as your own wisdom shall direct you with

regard to Her Majestys honour & Interest and that the quieting ye Minds of ye. Indians which I am confident you will doe with all requisite --- care.

Signed R.t Hunter

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:410.]*

If you find ye Indians notwithstanding all yo are to say to them on this occasion Should persist in their resolution enter into a war against us or if they give sufficient cause to believe it Then you are not to tell anything about the powder mentioned in yr Instructions.

Signed R.t Hunter

Instructions for Coll. Schuyler or ye other Deputies to ye ffive nations

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:410.]*

They are to acquaint them That His Excellency has been Informed of some late artifices & endeavours of ye ffrench their common Enemy to pessuade the Five Nations that there was against them of the ffort particularly that the Queen of Great Brittain claimed or would claime their Lands and that there was an order of Her Majesty found in ye River Quebeck to fall upon them after ye reduction of Canada Though he can believe that any Base and Groundless Reports of this nature can find credit with they haveing repeated experience of ye Treachery and false of all suggestion to the prejudice of Her Majestys Interest from that Corner yt. he judged necessary at this same time to send Coll. Peter Schuyler as Envoy in his name to assure them of ye falsehood of these Reports and that on ye contrary he has repeated orders from Her Majestys to keep them firm



& inviolable the Covenants soe solemnly entered into with them and so Strictly observed hitherto and to continue to preserve and cultivate a good understanding and last Friendship with them and that by her arms which She sent amongst them She meant nothing but a Mark of her Royal favour & a Link to ye chaine and never entertained any such thought as that of claiming any part of their lands of Which she acknowledges them to be ye Sole and right full Proprietors and that her Reserved lately with Great satisfaction the offer their Interposin amicably [betwixt] the Queens Subjects in Carolina and ye Tuscarora Indians are now att war and [finally] he hopes that they will continue in the same good disposition and ashe or Her Majestys Subjects under his Government have noew manner of war He hopes that se through the desyns of th ffrench in persuading to enter into it which can be no other than to Divide us and Break the Covenant and send farr from Home that their wives and children may be the easier prey to their fury and treachery So that upon the whole here [hee] Expects that they will upon this occassion Renew their Covenants with him and continue in the same Joynt Interest and he doubts not he doubts not but by ye Blessing of God and their

good

assistance he shall convince ye French that he wants no such tricks as they used to keep them in awe and our good faithfull allies in security from all their attempts and in token of the confidence he has in their fidelity he has ordered them a Present of ffive Barrels of Powder which powder is left at Albany for them to receive for them when shall please to sent for it The other Presents to be given to them forwith  
Given under my hand ffort in New York the sixteenth Day of June Anno 1712

signed  
R. O. Hunter

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:410.]*

Albany the 23rd of June 1712

May it please yr Excy

Your letter with ye instructions for Coll Schuyler of ye 16 Instant we receive y 21st D. in pursuance theretore he is going tomorrow to onondaga with those mentioned in ye same Since or Letters we have together severall times & Made it our only Business to find out ye truth of our Indians conspiracy agst subjects they have had as we heard firm resolution to destroy us and had their Messenger & Belt of Wampum to all parts where Indians are to joyn with them wh. they acknowledge now themselves several String & Belts of wampum we Sent among ye. 5 Nations to Settle their and bring them ye. Conspiracy some [are going] to ye Minisinck & other other Indians to contradict their request and resolutions for we are obliged to pay them for it has been much with our when we writ yr. Excy wh. we found ye 14th Instant as will appear [by] ye Inclosed Examination of the Canasore Sachim of onondaga and he has promist us to settl Every thing in order among [ye] 5 Nations as much as lay in his ability & he c be here again in a Short and hope y it may take effect.

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*[possibly corresponds to Wraxall entry for July 4 1712 p. 94; S of P adds details. Related to Colden Papers 9:410.]*

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Att a Meeting of ye Commrs appointed for managing ye Indian Affairs

Present

K Van Ransaler

Andadagrea a sachem of Oneida & other Indians of Cayuga came here this Day

That [Coaharie] a Moquas who lives now in onnondaga came from Hunting & Met in ye Lake of Cararaikque five Praying Indians from Canada who askt him where he was agoing Reply to onnondaga and who askt him where he was going what news they had from Canada they told that they were sent to fitch news & a prisoner & two oyr troops are sent out to do ye Like one to ye Magnase & another to Albany That ye. Governor of Canada had ye. hatchet of War in the ye. hand of ye. Far Indians and designs when the Indian Corn to begins to be ripe to destroy the 5. Nations The Sachims at Albanay desires to be on our guard as they will be Should we have occasion for ym they desire us to Send for ym when we have news to get ye 5 Nations with [illeg] if they hear any gave 5 Bever Caps & a Dear Skin

Att a Meeting of the Commrs appointed for Indian Affairs at Albany of  
July 1712

Present

Kill van Rensalaer

Hend Hansen

This day Col Rensalaer produced the following Comission which he had received wh  
he had recd. from His Excellency viz by his Excellency Robert Hunter Esqu. Captn. General  
& Govr in Chief of y Provinces of New York & New Jersey & Territories depending thereon in  
America & vice admiral of the same the same.

Seal

To Peter Schuyler Kilian van Ransalaer the Commander of the Forces at Albany for  
ye time being Hendrick Hanson [Jos] Schuyler & Peter van Brough Esqr

Whereas it is highly necessary for her Majestys Service that ye five nations of  
Indians and all other Indians comeing to ye City of Albanay be duly managed for ye safety &  
well fare of this Province I have there thought fitt to constitute & now appoint you th Said  
Col P. Schuyler Killian van Rensalaer the Commande of the Forces for the time Hendrick Jos  
Schuyler Meyender Schuyler Peter vanbrough Esqr and and three of you to be Managers of  
the Indian Affairs at Albany to doe and act in the same as heretofore usuall for her Majesty  
service and the Good of this Province hereby commanding  
you

from time to time to transmit your Proceedings therein to me and all persons are hereby required to take notice hereof accordingly under no of any former Commission or other [whatsoever] to meddle with themselves or in of the Matters aforesaid or pretend any authority for ye trying of any Person or Persons for any pretended fault hereto[fore] said to be committed

Given under my hand Seale at Fort Anne in York this fifth day of July in the Elevent[h] Year of Her Majestys Reign anno

*[Wraxall summary p. 94-96; S of P adds details. See Colden Papers 9:410-411.]*

Att a Meeting of the Managers of ye Indian Affairs at Albany ye 19 July  
1712

Present  
Schuyler Rensalear  
Johs Schuyler  
Mydnt Schuyler  
Peter Van Brugh

It is Resolved that one Christian & four Indians be livied to go as far as Crown to discover ye. Motions of the enemy at Crown point Being it is thought to be fit for her Majestys Service & security of these Provinces since we have had not intelligence from Canada in Many days.

It is ordered that a letter be writ to Lawrence Clase ordering him to go to ye Maquas country desiring the sachims of that to come down Schennattdigh ye 25th Instant where the managers are to meet them he telling them it is chiefly concerning ye posting of Men with an Officer in fort yt. have finished in their Country wh they have so earnestly desire from her

Coll Peter Schuyler produced to this Meeting the Journal of his proceeding & negociations with the Sachims of 5 Nation at onnodaga which is as follows viz

Journall of Coll. Peter Schuylers proceedings in onnodaga with ye Sachims of y 5 nations of Indians

on the Receipt of ye Instructions from  
his

from His Excy G: Rob Hunter Esqre & dated ye 16 day of last I prepared for the journey and in order thereto left albany ye 24 then following and arrived in Onnondaga 3rd Instant where the Sachims Immediately convened in their usuall Meeting House and made the following

Brother Corlaer and & Quieder

We are glad to see you here in good health & thank for God his Goodness in preserving where you might have mett with diverse mischance either in your coming over ye waters you travelled by or being held by the French Indians on this way wh. our ancestors used to travel without fear and now you are here we hope it is with a good true heart to speak to us of what's for y publick quiet & and good of us all wh: always been the ye care of our ancestors I give 21 hand of Wampum as a token that we are Rejoiced to see

Brethren [was] answered

I am glad to see your in health and thank for makeing me so wellcome I do in Like Manner desire yt what you come to say may be with an upright heart and that you reveal all which is secret with yo. of anything that tends to ye publick safety safety Do I wish you and posterity peace & quietness thus having Returned them thanks I found ye Sachims of Cayouga and Sinnekes not there therefore I immediately sent an express who mett them in Cayouge



The 4 & 5 Instant nothing of moment happened between us

6th The Sachims of Cayouge & Sinnekes came in towards evening

The 7th d.o they sent word they were mett & ready to hear what I had to propose to them upon wh. I went to them & proposed to them accordingly as in his Excy instructions mentioned

The 7th July in the afternoon abt four aclock the Sachims made a proposition as followeth

Brother Corlaer in the ye first we shall propose to you what relates to our selves wh. will be severe but you must not be angry at it and then Make answer to what [Hunter?] has has proposed

Brother Corlaer

It is knowne when you first came to this country & we first met you the beginning of our Alliance was grounded upon trading in Merchandize then you fired your Gonns with a Match or Coal of fyre and we used our earthen pots & some knives and hatchets but after we bought we bought of you good armes, we conquered our enemys and rooted them out in so much yt. where they then inhabited is now be a wildernes so as we tell you that as we tell you how our first Meeting and entering in covenant with you it was chiefly grounded upon the trade we then bought for beaver skin a Stroud water [coat or?] Blanket or two Duffell blankets but now & ever since that is become dearer and dearer nay powder that is now bought for a Bever is so little that it is scarce worth no

So.

So that we fear either we or our posterity next after us will be forced to make use of Earthen pots Stone and hatchets again as formerly

Brother Corlaer

we have very often prayed to affords as Cheap Goods nay more then that we add dressed the Queen for it but hearing nothing from her Makes us think that our propositions are thrown into ye. water so that they come not to ye Queen who (we assure shews has affection for us

Brother Corlaer we have tryed on many ways the Goods cheaper and have told if it could not be obtained we should be lookt upon by our people like unto dogs [& be of a illeg.] among our young

Brother we tell you now what be ye occasion of breaking ye covenant that is that we must buy the Goods so dear and we are glad you come to Renew it while you think ye Links begin to ware otherwise it had been worn out

thus you hear what may be ye means of breaking ye that Covenant chain but you tell us not what makes the goods so dear it is enough to make us believe in the devil to see goods so dear and think that Cast us of.

Brother Corlaer

We dsyre youl observe what we say and take it into consideration for we say this wears ye Covenant chain wh can only be kept firm by selling us Goods cheaper and we Shall live in peace for ever

We speak this without giveing any present for it has cost us too many bevers are and never has been taken the Price off.

answer Made by ye Sachims in Relation to what Coll P. Schuyler proposed to them them

Brother Corlaer

We have considered what you have layed to us and do promise to observe our desires except yt. article wherein you desire us to [stay] at Home for we cannot promise yt until we have acquainted our fighting therewith who most abroad and shall send y an answer give 20 Beaver Skins

Brother Corlaer

We return Many thanks for th Renewing the Covenant Chain through and promis to keep the same Inviolabl on your parts and as a token give one belt of Wampum

Brother

You have ordered us 500 lb of Powder at Albany for wh. we give You hearty thank and desire you'l please to order lead & flints proportionate to it since we cannot kill the enemy with Powder only Give seven Beaver Skins

Brother Corlaer

It is true we promised to endeavor to quiet the Tuscarora Indians now at warr with ye Brethren but ye means we propose to effect this we acquainted you of / was that fitt persons might be sent

sent from New York thither whether & upon to us Setting out we sent of best Men to Tuscarora Indians and to make of the difference but we have no answer from yo. It seems Strange you take no Notice of offer it looks like an affront when one writes to one another the other makes no answer Nevertheless we have taken ye Hatchet out of their hands and sent some of young Men to them who are to return in January whatever tiding they bring shall be made known to you

In the evening about 10 clock two Indians opening ye. door saw that they had one of the Queens Coat arm and he fit to take for to carry back again whereupon I immediately that night desyred a Meeting of the Sachims who when convened I told them what was done & I desired to know if her Majesty was offered back their or other particular Indians they were amazed [answered] at did affirm that they knew nothing of the matter but further enquiry found out that those Indians it being that wh belonged to the Sinneke Castle and so offered it being brought into ye Meeting one of the Sachims of ye Castle & set it up as in orth [other?] Castles upon which I told them I was glad to see th readiness of the Sachims & his willingness to his country and I took no more notice of the offer made being only by a private Indian otherwise who have obliged to speak more that [illeg.]

Whereupon Canosare [illeg.] & Reply that it was ye only way to [keep?] the covenant Inviolable to take no notice of what said or said by Private Indians

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

At a Meeting of ye Manager of Indians affiars in Albany 27 July 1712

Present

Peter Schuyler

Kill van Rensleur

the Commdr of Her Majest. forces here

Hend hansen

Mynd Schuyler

Peter van Brugh

Proposition may three Sinneke Sachims by ye. rest of ye Sachims of that Castle

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

The 5 Nations belonging to you and you are Master of us all you have ordered to live in peace with the farr nations to draw to come through & trade here when we had War with ye French there is no news

Brother Corlaer & Quider

We have always done our Endeavour to draw the Far Indians to come & trade to this place & spoke to them always with Belts of Wampum so that we have no more left now but shrouds will as well since we have no more which do now expect from you

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

We are ordered by the Sachims of ye 5 Nations to desire you to let us know who it is who has prohibited ye Selling of Strong Liquors to us whether it be Majeses there

there Brother Corlaer & Quider & if it be not severe Prohibited we desire that ye poor Squaes may be have Some to get their living by selling a little drink in our Castle.

That one hundred Sinnekes are gone out last Spring to fight agst ye flatts head Indians & one hundred & thirty where Ready to go out but on the intelligence that Peter Schuyler were coming to onondaga they stopt

That Indians were come out of Cadarachqua in the ye Sinnekes Country as Spyes who said that ye Governour of Canada had writ a letter to ye officier at Cadorachqua that Col. Nicolson was ships in the Mouth of the Canada River to attack him the sd. Indians came to see whether Sinikes knew any of it.

Proposition made by ye. River Roelof Jansenskill & HighLands Indians  
ye 28 July 1712

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present  
Peter Schuyler  
Killaen V Rensalaer  
the Comnd. of the forces  
hend Handsen  
John Schuyler  
P. Van Bruge

Brother Quieder

We are sorry to hear & see that we are tookt upon as if we hand a hand in  
Conspiration against y if we had known anything thereof we assure that we would a  
communicated the same to you for we account you as we are a Mehikander It is true that  
there is come a Message to us from ye Maquas but that was only to tell us to on [illeg.] that  
perhps we should be destroyed in three or for days. gave a belt of wampum

formerly when you came firs we called on another Brothers and took by the hand then you  
was but a few in number & we a great people and now you are grown more in number than  
we are firmly joint with your in one covenant chain and Linked together what Mischief that  
we know may come upon you we shall [illeg.] unto at all times if occasion Requires we must  
defend ourselves against our enemy

Brother

Quieder that there is a tree planted Meaning Col Schuyler which has great Branches  
or Leaves which we come under and shelter when any storm or thunder come upon

yt. he is no English or Dutchman but a Mahikander as we are but we are no brhren of the Maquas for we have had a long bloody war with them You have the Mediator between us or else we should have been routed but therefore persuade yourselves that we shall always revail all secrets unto you which may come to our ears

Give a Belts of wampum we do Drink of one River with you and we do not know where the badness

Brother Quieder

comes from that the Sopus are fled it it for the Muskiets for what is let us know gave a String of wampum

At the Fish Kill near the L High Lands some Indians going over it & one Mr. caling [ealing?] upon them where they answered her that he immediately shot at them we desire to know whether it is done by order of the Governor or not gave a string of wampum



Albany 29th July [18 crossed out] 1712

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

We are Glad to see you here & that you make isecuse that you had no hand in the conspiracy against us that you say that you would have acquainted us if you had known any thing of it we cannot believe that you did not ask ye Messengers [there] reason why you should be on your Guard and perhaps then dead in three or more days for men will always enquire from whence any evil is approaching on him we understand that you was bringing ye message you received from ye Maquas to the high Land Indians we are sorry that th yo. did not communicate the same to us at ye. time you Received it which would have been Brotherly

Brethren

It is true that when our ancestors came here for the first you were greater y they yt yo did then live in amnity with them & now since we are we are more in number that yo are evidences it yt we have allways lived kindly with you do yet remember how we made up the war between and the Maquates & bury.d the hatchet we do now renew the covenant & we do also lett you that we Shall [allways] be ready unto you all yt. may be secret amongs as ye belt you have given to renew ye. Covenant Chain we shall keep as everlasting Testimony

Brethren

You say you plant a tree here was formerly a tree planted which stands yt wh all those Men come & Shelter who are joint Interest we do not know from whence the bad news is come that all Sopus Indians are fled & that Mr Bail fired on ye brethren ye high Land Indians has been without order or knowledge of His the Gov.r we are sorry he has done this but it cannot help us

Gave a barrell of Beer a keg of rum two Stroud blankets Tobacco & pipes

Propositions made by ye Magnase Sachims to the ye Managers of ye  
Indians affairs 30 of July 1712

Present

Kill van Ranslaer

Comandr. of Her Majesty Forces here

Hendk Hansen

Peter van Brugh

Brother Corlaer & Quider

There is a Belt of wampum brought to our Castle out of Onnondaga wh. is sent to you & us and signfies yt. they do sett upon the Kettle of war tha Coll Nicolson hung over when he was here wh. kettle has been oversett / meaning that here have two expeditions against Canada / but they have now hung the same over & put wood under it to boil for making for formerly when a peace was concluded between the two Crowns our Brother Corlaer & Quider the we should be a peace. & do no more Mischief to the Governour of Canada and At those thime he has killed 120 of our Men so that the hatchets Stick in their heads let enter into your Ears what we are going to say

Brother Corlaer

We show you here the which we have Received of ye onnagas as a Letter to acqt. you. and desire us thereby to send forth with all our fight meeting Men thither to joyne with them for they are fully Resolved to revenge on ye. Governor of Canadas children (meaning his Indians and also on him if he be angry they haveing their Canoes &c Ready

Brother Corlaer & Quider

You & we have twice desired

desired the four nations to go to war against our comon Enemy the French and now they desire us to go with pray let we not be ashamed if you do not go your Selves contribute something towards it if be some powd Lead & Paint for our Faces

Brother Corlaer & quider

We should be very glad if some of young were inclined go with for we care not if the Governor of Canada is angry then we will wage War against him and also expect then assistance from our Brother Corlaer & Quieder & also from ye Government of New England for there is great mischief done by him in this war we are to set out now in the or four days & hope you will give us a Drum [Dram?] to make hot when we go out we would would have communiated this sooner unto you but have delayed it since here we here come now & then some french Indians and we are afraid that should be our Design

Brethren you do well to acqt us of our Design since what we have promised one another to Revail our Secrets we cannot give our consent that our young men shall go with you but shall forthwith acqt His Excy our Governor with your proposition & in the meantime we gove you a dram Six Small bags powder 12 lb of Lead also to Paint

Abany 6 Augst 1712

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:411.]*

May it please your Excellency

Inclosed is a Proposition by magnase last night whereby your Excellent by the Maquas

Mquas Sachims last night, whereby your Excellency will perceive that 5 nations are resolved to go to war against the French Indians they they say it is against those who hunt at the the places where they allways used to hunt this news surprised us since we heard nothing of it before they made that proposition but find that this has been Resolved some time ago we are with submission of opinion that cant be hindred being they are ready. we know so much of their nature wage war and think that this will require that we ought [illeg] in Belts posture them we are present we do know how it can be done unless your Excellency will be pleased Some of Her Majesty Forces to be on the [outfarms]

Att a Meeting of the Comrs of the Indians Affairs y 6

August 1712

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:411.]*

Killian Van Rensaler

Mydnt Schuyler

Peter V Brugh

Canashauasje Chief came Sachim of Oneyde confirms the Proposition made by ye. Maquas sachims on y 31st July that the 4 nations were out afigting as soon as he returned that their canoes and provisions was ready that ye. Sinneke have convey the French out their country to Montreal. but the intelligence of their desin

At a Meeting of ye Comrs of ye Indian affairs 12th August 17.  
*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present  
K vn Rensalaer  
John July  
Mydnt Schuyler  
P V. vanbrugh

The Commrs recd this day ye following Letter from His Excellency  
viz New York  
6. augt. 1712

Gentlemen

I have recd your Letter of the 28 of July last which I communicated to ye Council and according to your I shall give Col. D. Peyster an order to pay you the two hundred Pound

I must at the same time tell you It would have been more regular for you to have sent me an account of what you had expended so that account being approved I might the same to have been paid to you which Method I desire youl observe for the future and by the first opportunity to send me the account for the time past

At the same time that I reced your Letter Col. Schuyler gave to me his journal of his negotiations with the Indian affairs and a letter from Col. Ingoldsby and another from Mr. Hendrick Hansen all which I have communicated to the Council in order I Shall tell y all what is their and my opinion opinion and diretions thereon

In the first place I find among other things that the Sachims of Ye Five Nations complain

that

that they received no answer from to their proposal concerning their offer to interpose between the people of Carolina and ye Tuscarora Indians which I was very much surprised at because I had been very carefull in order ordering you to send answer to their Message on that head ordering you to send an answer at the same time that I wrote to youe about the English Prisoners that were brought from Canada directing that the ffrench men should come no further the Half Moone unless they had any prisoners of New England I must now desire you to inform you to inform of what you have done with relation to that [answer] You sent the Interpreter if with it if he he has since delivere it or not if not why he did not Deliver it if he has delivered it what answer he has made you to it and according as you find the Mistake to have been I desire you to send a [soonce] Messenger then him by whom you sent to ye Five Nations to acquaint th with truth of that mistake that they may no longer I slighted their Proposals and they may see what I shew to them and what was first necessary to be learnt from of Carolina I enclose the minute of Council that was entered on that Message of theirs to me

The Indians desire by their Propositions to Colonel Schuyler a proportion of lead Flint with ffive Barells of Powder I have ordered them which I desire you buy them [illeg.] of the Money for the security of ffrontiers this summer and to give to them when send for the powder and likewise out that money

to

transport to Schenectady ye Batt[oes?] ann the Baggage of the Detachment that is to go to the castles in Mohawk Country

I have given Mr. Hansen leave to go & settle among the Mohaks pursuant to his & their request which think to give you notice hoping that he will of use to compose any misunderstanding that may arise between the Garrisons and the Indians

Gentlemen  
Your Humble Servant

R.t Hunter

Albany 12th August 1712

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

May it Please your Excy

We have recd your Excy Letter of ye 6 Instant and that yr Excellency for ordering Col. Peyster to pay into us ye. wh: we shall Desire him to send unto as soon as soon as we canvenient to yr Excellcy acct of what we have

We take Leave to tell yr. Excy that complaints wh ye Sachims of ye five nation make that recd no answer from yr. Excy to their pros to Interpose between the people of Carolina & ye Tuscaror Indians is their mistake for we communicated to the ye Canasore & 2 Sachims of Cajauga & to some Sachims of ye magnase on ye 14th June Last yr. Excy order in Council of y 10th of May we are not surprised that they Such Answer to Col Schuyler for if one doth not comply with what they come to propose to effect it as they would have it They account it for no answer and they will repeat what they have propose till be effected we told them also at the same time that His Excy had write to ye Governor of Carolina that a vessel was gone

and

and when returned they should have an answer how it was with the sd. Indians

The five nations have sent for 5 Barrels of Powder which we Dlivered to them we shall take care to Transport to Schinectady ye Batos and ye Bagage of ye Detachment that is going to Maquas Country.

At a Meeting of ye Comrs of the y Indian affairs this  
24 day of August 1712

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

P. Schuyler

R: Ingoldsby

Alamack one of our Shaatkock Indians who by ye instigation of his [wife] about three years since went to andkas since lived at Canada arrived here and informs us yt. he came out of Canada twenty days Since & that 3 three day before he came a party French and Indians consisting of 124 went outward to Ye Eastward of which 30. Returned back on some news they with by th ye way but what has become y rest he cant, he says that this is encouraged by th

He further says he met four men English with a flag of Truce going to Canada with a off. that 10 day ajo he met a French Indian a large canoe with two prisoner and one [Scalp] say ye french day expect the return of sever other party sent to ye. East



to send ye Steal to ye. Magnase Country to Wm Printhop who is then to ye sd Castle for four Months to work as Smith for ye Indians there Coll Mathews is to write a letter to comand him there forwith and he is then to receive such pay as ye Comr. are agreed to give to ye said hagedorn.

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[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]

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Att a Meeting of ye. Comrs of ye Indians in Albany the 5th March 1713  
/ 14

Present

P. Mathews

Mynd Schuyler

Robert Livingston Jr

Hend hanse

On ye Receipt of a Letter from the Revernd M. Wm Andrews dated at Fort hunter of  
ye 28 feb 1713/14 ordered that ye. following Letter be write in answer viz

Albany y 5th 1714

Sir,

We are favored with yours of ye 28 of Last Month and note ye Contents thereof we  
are much surprised ye Canachquame who Desired us to have a Smith in ye Castle went  
away without giveing us any notice of his departure [th nen.t ] Same of whom he approved  
could perform yt. work went to Schinectady to go in his comp.y but was gone before he  
came there wh. put a stop to his proceeding and after he heard y sd Sachim had desired y  
Printhop might go to perform his agreement we have resolved that y Printhop shall go to  
oneyde with all Speed to work as a Smith for ye nation for four and ye Comrs. will take to  
see him pd £9 for himself & the Man that is to with together with an onsett of one Blankt 3  
Shirts pr of Stockings 1 pr of SnowShoes & 25 Steat 2 Gall Rum sent to Shecdaty with Smint  
Hegodrons that he maye receive them that he is to give Canch [illeg] a Stroud Blanke to tell  
him if he Stayed th day he went away the Smith would have along with Coll send an order  
to Mr Hands We will a Lett Wm Printhop ye [illeg] was forward to Oneyde.

Att a Meeting of ye Comrs of Indians in Albany 26 day  
April 1714

Present

K V Rensaler

P. Mathews

Johs: Schuyler

Proposition by th y [d.y] Sahaakook Indians to ye. Comr of ye Indian affairs  
Interpreted by John Knickerracker

Father Corlaer

There is a tree of welfare planted at Shaackook by our father Corlaeir where we  
Sincee had had our Shilter or habitation and have behaved ourselves very faithfull in both  
wars agst. ye Comon Enemy & then when oyr. Indians and desire that All land not be given  
out att Schackkook to ye Christians but ye ye Land ye north Shoreside of the the  
Schaakkooks may Ly for us & our families notwithstanding some of our Families are  
removed to Ye Maquas country for fear of the Enemy do Earnestly desire yt. our father  
Corlaer will take & that we may be [illeg.] from one another ye. one to Canada or ye other to  
y En. or else where give some & desyre yt. this may be sent to His Excellence

Albany 20 April 1714

[Not in *Wraxall*.]

May it please Exy

enclosed we send yr Excy a proposition made this by y Shaccock Indians some land  
there for themselves and familes where to we take to refer this we have at present no news  
to tell from y five or elsewhere.

May it please  
humbl Servant

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*[Complete text is printed in LIR p. 221-222; S of P adds nothing. Summary in Wraxall p. 96-97. Not in Colden Papers.]*

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Att a Meeting of ye ofy Indian Affairs in Albany ye 13th of May 1714  
ordered that ye following Letter be write to His Excy ye Gov.

May it please your Excy

We cant in duty omitt to acquaint y Exy that Mr. Hansen Hansen ...

**28584** [0457]

[sequence changes; page number on left and right are in order] *[probably part of the June 20 1714 meeting summarized by Wraxall p. 98-99. Possibly referred to in Colden Papers 9:416.]*

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The canore said on behalf of ye five nations we are come on purpose to Inform ourselves of yte complaints may to us by ye Indians yt. live at Marry Land virginia aho are alliance with us y Christians who live have a design to destroy and cut them all off we desire you to inform to tell us if is true or not

The Commrs answered

Brethren

We knw y' there is any ill design of those or any others or by any of Her Maj's subjects We have heard that some of ye Sachims are deputed at the General Meeting held at onnondaga to Canada but we desire that they may go there until His Excy has been been there gave a belt of wampum which they grantd and promised an express tomorrow with a belt wampum to stop the said Sachims

We shall Inform His Excy our Gov of ye request whom you will desire to ye Governor & Virginia as that

Gave them 5 Blankets Stroud 5 pair of Stockings 5 Shirts 4 Laps 2 kegg's of Rum 68 lb powder



*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Att a Meeting of ye Comrs of ye Indian affairs in Albany  
the 1st 1st of August 1714

Present

H L: Rensalaer

P. Mathews

M: Schuyler

R: Livingston Junr

John Schuyler

P. van Brugh

hend Hanse

Proposition made by the River Indians

Father Corlaer

you see us your children here whole in heart true & faithfull we see the sun -- are glad that the same Shines bright over us give two Bevers

Formerly & there has been kindled at Shaack by ye Magnas and since that tree of wallfare planted there by Government and us under Shadow we should live in and friendship together But we are apprehensive that y Christians shud cutt that tree of well fare down & and haveing [sharp] souls but we keep to ye Covenant wh. we made with & ac  
Give two Beavers

There has a Covenant been made between us and the Five nations and do now cleans the chain thereof & that no Roust may be thereon kept Inviolate  
Give a Bever

we give this Belt of Wampum as a token of our fidelity & yt. ye Covenant wh we have made with you we Shall on all occasions John wit you hand in hand we desire that this belt may be kept as a toaken of what now say for Paper may Rott when waters comes to it th but [belt] is not likely to that.

We desire that we may have goods as cheap as oy<sup>4</sup> for we are your children but small in number are afraid to be taken up & desire your protection to defend us  
we your children are much to drink  
Do desire that ye Selling of Strong to us may be prohibited

We have not forgotten that when y came first with vessels to settle here that we did yte them gast to th ye shore that no storm or wind could do them any Damage all the you have had from us & there is a small bratt asskaahkook [a small flatt at Schaghticoke?] we now plant wh the Christians will take take from us do therefore desire that may be for.

2 August Answer to the said Indian[s]  
*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

We are glad to see you here wite a good [c]hear in order ye Covenant Chain which very acceptable a tree of well fare has been planted at Schatakock by you & us under which yo are to rest [quietly and peaceable] but you are jealous that ye Christian desire to destroy it it is constant yt the tree was planted for use of you mention and do asure y.o that our hearts are true to you & that tree of Well fare ye Covenant shall [always be] kept Bright inviolable & [illeg.] y least fear otherwise address to yor Father Corlaer who will endeavour to quiet your mind and to make earn

[likewise?] we are sensible of your to your father as long as y.o so to do assure of all possible against designs to wrong [childn]



*[Summary in Wraxall p. 99; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

By ye Commrs appointed for Managing at affairs at

Instructions for Lawrence,

Whereas we have recd a letter from His Gov. Hunter dated in N: York 6th Augt 1714 desiring us therein to send some able persons to 5 Nations to sumons to meet at Abany 15 Septr next to take ye hattchett of their hands and to renew ye Covenant You are hereby required & comande forthwith on ye receipt here of to tgo to ye Sinnekes Country in company with Carondwanie & Gedion to desire the 5 Nations to come down to Albany agst 15. th Septr next to meet His Excy Robt Hunter Esqre Captn Genl and Gover in Chief and tell y said Sachim that his Exy will be punctual here at the appoint --

to We heard yt some French by consent of English have made a settlement a little above the Sinnekes Country on ye passage of y farr Indians which prove much to the disadvantage of Majestys if it be the case you are to inquire of ye Indians how many French are they by that & they have this settlement that you may be capable to give his Excy a true acct. of your proceedings herein yo. are not to fail to make all possible Dispat & expedition given in Albany under our hands this 14 day of August yt. 13. year Majesty Reign AD 1714

P. Schuyler Schuyler  
Peter Mathews  
Mynd't Schuyler

*[Not in Wraxall. Continues from two pages above.]*

This is must must foll[ow?] on [it] ye. foregoing lettr

Children you mention of a tract of Land at Schaahkook wh. you would might be Reserved for your posterity it is not Intended by us you should S remove from thence but contrary to continue there under the Shadow of the tree of wall fair to which End a piece of Land is reserved and as long as you make use of it we assure you nobody else shall possess Give 6 doz knives 1 Bar Beer some [illeg.] Beer some Bread tobacco 30 bls of Powder & Ball 100 flints & 10 [100?] shirt.

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Att a Meeting of ye Commrs of ye Ind Indian affairs in Albany  
ye 10th Sepr 1714

Present

P. Schuyler

H V Ransalaer

M. Schuyler

P Van Brugh

Robt Livingston Jun

Hend Hans

An Indian of Cachwagh in Canada called Tanpahengera having a girl of one Richard Doll[of] of [Execotan? Creiotan] in New for whc. he had promist to pay unto ye said Indian one [ps.] of stroud 2 shirts being informed at Canada that ye Government had instrusted some Gent. to pay a very incidental charge relating the Release of any Captives of ye hands of such of the Indians and finding that here is no such credit and the said Richard having money to buy ye p.s of strouds & shirts The Comrs at ye Request of ye said Richard Dollop have resolved to buy up stroud to satisfy ye. Indian and shall with Mr. Nicholas Bleecker & Pho Livingston forwh the said Dollof shall draw a Bill of Exchange on Col: Dudley & give his bond for the payment thereof

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Att a Meeting of ye Comrs of Indian affairs in Albany 1714

Present

Present

K V. Rensaler

P. Mathews

M: Schuyler

Some of ye five nations being [come] to town at ye of His the Governour the Comrs make wellcome & said letter smoak a Pipe together

Whereupon Cajenquarachta Sachim of ye Sinnekes sayd at ye Desire of our Brother Corlaer we are come hither to Treat with we are glad to see you and do salut you all ye Sachims have in one Comp till Oneyde in order to come but falling sick are returned.

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*[Summary in Wraxall p. 99; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

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By His Excellency Rob Hunter Esqr Captn. Generall and Governour in  
Chief of the Province of New York New Jersey and all Territories  
thereon Depending in the America and vice of ye same.

A Proclamation

The sachims of ye 5 nations being arrived with many others to treat about affairs relateing to ye Public welfare and experience having shew Prejudice to Her Majestys service and dangerous to ye peace of ye Inhabitants ye giving and selling of Rum and other Strong Liquors to those Indians has at all times been. These are by virtue of powers granted to me by her Majs Letters Patent under the Broad Seal of Great Brittain strictly forbidding or selling to the Indians any such liquor dureing ye time of my residence In this as they will answer it at all their peril and Magistrates Justices of the Peace or other civil officers are hereby required & empowered to give all due assistance and countenance to all such as dilate or inform against any person or persons acting contrary to the tenor and intent of this Proclamation and to ye end that such delinquents may be prosecuted & punisht with the unmost severity of ye Law Given under my hand in Albany ye 20th of Septr in ye [thirteent?] year of Her Majesty Reign

A do 17.14.

signed R.o Hunter

**28593** [0466]

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*[Start of Sept. 20 1714 Conference between Governor Hunter and the Indians - complete version is printed in DRCHNY starting at 5:382. S of P adds nothing. Also summarized in Wraxall p. 99-101 and Colden Papers 9:416-418.]*

**28594** [0467]

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*[Conference between Governor Hunter and the Indians - complete version is printed in DRCHNY starting at 5:382. S of P adds nothing.]*

**28595** [0468]

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*[Conference between Governor Hunter and the Indians - complete version is printed in DRCHNY starting at 5:382. S of P adds nothing.]*

[Gap in numbers because of pages out of order belonging to August 1711 Conference]

**28596** [0469]

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August 10 1711 Conference of the Shackkook, River, & Mahicander Indians with Governor Hunter

*[See DRCHNY 5: 266. Date of second entry is 10 August 1711 in DRCHNY but 18 August in the S of P, which adds nothing.]*

**28597** [0470]

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Message brought by 3 Senecas August 20 1711

*[See DRCHNY 5: 267. The S of P adds nothing.]*

**28598** [0471]

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*[Conference between Governor Hunter and the Indians Sept. 23 1714- this page corresponds to DRCHNY 5: 384; S of P adds nothing.]*

**28599** [0472]

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*[Conference between Governor Hunter and the Indians Sept. 25 1714- this page corresponds to DRCHNY 5: 385-386 but adds nothing.]*

**28600** [0473]

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*[Conference between Governor Hunter and the Indians Sept. 25 1714- this page corresponds to DRCHNY 5: 386 but adds nothing.]*

**28601** [0474]

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*[Conference between Governor Hunter and the Indians Sept. 25 1714- this page corresponds to DRCHNY 5: 386-387 and adds nothing.]*

[END OF THE SCHEDULE OF PROPOSITIONS CHRONOLOGICALLY.]

*Colden Papers 9:418-433 has additional entries through June 1720.*

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*[Wraxall has summary on p. 66; S of P adds details. See Colden Papers p. 9:371 et seq.]*

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Missagua the Farr Nations

Present

Evt. Banker

Hent. Holland

Col K V Renselaer

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in Albany the  
17th May 1709

Yesterday come here one Sachim of a Nation called Missisaque and commonly known by the name of the Farr Nations with four Indians of the said nation who came in company with Montour to our five nations, and are now conducted to this place by Montour's Sister

The said Sachim made the following the following Propositions

Fathers

We are come here to this place upon the word of Montour, to whom the Governor General said that we should allways be welcome to this place and hope that we should come often

Fathers We are come upon the word of Montour who was sent by this Government last year to open the path from our Country to this place and if we are well treated we shall keep the path clean & open allways and forget the old path to Canada which we have hitherto used

Fathers

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Have Pitty on us, we are come into your Place with nothing we hope you will treat civilly with us and give us Merchandize



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at a reasonable rate. you see that our Company is but small, there shall come Such a Great Company of our nation here that you shall wonder upon the word that we have given, We shall wholly forget the Government of Canada we have had a great Loss, having lost the Man who guided us

Yesterday we come here and were taken to the Traders Houses against our own will & Inclination and they have taken our Furs and we are not Masters of our own things we therefore pray that we may have our Furs to goe and trade where we can find the Best market -- Give 6 Beaver Skins.

The said desired to have to have a House for them to Lye in whilst they shall stay in Town

1709 18 May

*[Wraxall has summary p. 66-67; S of P adds details. See Colden Papers 9:371 et seq. which includes a dig at Dutch abuses, without acknowledging the Commissioners' efforts to correct them.]*

Present

K: V: Rensalaer

Evt Banker

H: Holland

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in Albany  
the [18] May 1709

Children

Answer to the said sachim

We are glad to see you and that

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you are come hither, we bid you heartly welcome and Hope that more of of your country Men shall come in a short time and assure you that as often as they shall come in a short time & assure you that as often as they shall come.

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they shall be civily treated

Children,

We are glad to see you come Here to trade and do assure you all imaginable care shall be taken that you may have goods as Cheap as possible tho perhaps Goods are somewhat dearer now than usuall

Children

You may acquaint when you come home that whenever they come here they shall find goods Cheaper than they are now, and hope that you shall Keep the open & smooth to this Place and to Shut up the path to Canada.

The Gentlemen ordered the Indians to Be Brought to Citty Hall to lye there whilst they shall stay in Town of which they accepted and gave thanks to the Commissioners

There also came two days ago three Indians of a nation called Nequequent among whom there is one Sachem called Terris who made the following proposition

Fathers,

We are come Here upon the word

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of Montour to open your door with this meaning Eleven Beavers which they -- we have a great loss having had Sun with us still half way but the sun which guided us was taken away meaning the Montour was killed and then we were all in darkness

But

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but notwithstanding are come to see you

Fathers

We are sent here by our fathers with the Man which we have lost, to see this place and to bring them news from hence and if we are well treated the next year there Shall come a great number of our Nation. Our hearts are so heavy & dull we are almost like Beasts that we cannot utter nor Speak what we have to say

We are come upon the word of Montour to represent our Fathers, who promised to come to this place, but since he is dead we know not what our Fathers shall say when we bring this news here is a Belt of Wampum which Montour brought into our Country whereby he assured us that we should always be wellcome here.

We shall take this Belt of Wampum to hang in our Castles in token of the death of Montour and the path which is opened to us. we shall come as Long as Esabel, Montoures sister shall stay & Live here & we Shall never leave Her.

The Sachims desire to Have their Beavers and Peltry out of the Traders Houses (who refused yesterday to let them goe, and Lye in the City Hall where they can have their Liberty to trade where they Please.

N: B: This transmitted to His honor.

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*[Wraxall p. 67 has summary; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

Present

E Banker

H: Holland

J: Abeel

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing Indian Affairs  
19th May 1709

The Commissioners sent for Montour's wife and askt whether she had any thing to reherse [Wraxall says "return"] to them of her husband and said that she had but a Belt of Wampum which her husband had taken from from hence to present to the Farr Nations, the Gentlemen askt her whether her husband had offered the said Belt to any Nation She replied he had but the Sachims of that Nation were not at Home, therefore he had reserved the Belt for another nation She desired to fitch the Belt & return it Gentlemen which She did accordingly.

1709 May 21st

*[Wraxall gives date as May 31st, has summary p. 67; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

Messisunque & Nequenene Indians

Present

E. Banker

J. Abeel

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing Indian affairs In Albany  
21st May 1709

The Indians that came here on 16th Past of the nations called Missisague & Nequequene acquainted the Commissioners that they were now going away to their own country.

There was given to said Indians in Lieu & stead of the Beavers presented by them to the Commissioners / 11 Kegs of rom & 2 Rolls of Tobacco & Gross & 2 Kegs of Rom to be by them into their own country

&

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and then to be given to their Sachims and Chief Men. In token of the good esteem which the Commissioners has to them and to drink their healths and when[ever] they shall Come here again they shall have a better Present and since the Government is not here the Commissioners are not able to give a Better Present.

The Commissioners gave to the said Indians 1 Belt of Wampum (which was given to Montour last year and two days ago was returned by his Wife and desired them to carry the said Belt into their own Country to be by them Given to all the Sachims of their Nation to Invite them to come to trade to this Place and to assure them to be always well treated whenever they shall Come

1709 May 23

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*[Wraxall summary p. 68 with less details but including some not given here. See Colden Papers p. 372.]*

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian affairs In Albany  
the 23rd of May 1709

This Morning the Commissioners received a Letter from the Honble Colonel Richard Ingoldsby Her Majestys Lieutenant Governor in Chief and Instructions for Captn J. Schuyler & Captain A. C: Schuyler to goe with all convenient speed to the Sachims of the Five Nations of Indians to come down to this place with all their fitting against the 6th day of June next that their whole

may

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be engaged to join with us in the Present Expedition against Canada as by the said instructions may more fully appear

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The Commissioners upon the receipt of the said Letter and Instructions sent forthwith Jas Parker to Stone Arabia for Captain John Schuyler & A. Schuyler and acquainted them of the Contents of the said letter and instructions.

*[not in Wraxall. See possible reference in Colden Papers p. 9:372.]*

Hendrick the Magnase Sachim being come from this day Says that he Saw the English Prisoner that was seen by one of our River Indians (between Sinckhasinck & Hosis) and the said Prisoner being Examined by the Governor of Canada, would say nothing the first day but afterwards he were examined again and told many Stories. Whereupon the Governor of Canada sent out immediately two Parties of five Indians each to goe to N: England to Fetch Prisoners and that [forty] days ago, there went out from Canada one hundred Frenchmen and 3 Indians with a design to cutt of a small Fort upon the North West passage.

The said Hendrick says further that there were several Indians ready to goe to N: England and that all the Indians that should now goe upon the Frontier of New England would cross the Hills of the house of Funmick [Housetonic?] and would not come down the River of Dearfield as they wanted to do: all which the Commissioners have communicated to Colonel Partridge of Hatfield this day.

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*[not in Wraxall; Related to Colden Papers 9:372.]*

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Present

E. Banker

J: Abeel

H: Holland

At a Meeting of the Commissioners For Managing Indian Affairs in Albany the  
24th May 1709

This day came Captain J. Schuyler & Captain A. Schuyler Before the Commissioners and accepted to Perform the Service to the Sachims of the 5 Nations of Indians according to the instructions sent here by the honorable Colonel Richard Ingoldsby, and promised to prepare themselves this day that they may be ready to goe about three oClock in afternoon to Schaennechtady

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The Commissioners ordered Philip Livingston Secretary to Translate the said instructions into Dutch and to deliver the same to Captain A Schuyler which he did accordingly.

1709 May 24

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

Evt Banker

J: Abeel

H: Holland

Att a Second Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs the 24th day of  
May 1709

Hendrick the Magnase Sachim Informs the Commissioners that there are a company of Magnase Indians at Sarachtago who are a hunting & fishing there & desire that a Messenger may be sent to the said Indians for fear they might to Canada with Martins &

1709 May 26

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

E. Banker

John Abeel

Henry Holland

The Commissioners sent this day a Magnase with beaver Hands of wampum to invite the Magnase Indians to come to this place who are ahunting and fishing at Sarachtoge

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[Summary in *Wraxall* p. 68; *S of P* adds details. See *Colden Papers* 9:372 for possible reference.]

Present  
Col. P Schuyler  
Evt Banker  
H Holland

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for the Managing the Indian  
Affairs in Albany the 31st of May 1709

Just now came here Lieut David Schuyler from Onnondaga, who says that he found no Indians of the said Farr Nations there and that all the Indians of the said farr nations are stopt at Tjouchsachronde by the French and are not Permitted to come to this place. and that the French Interpreter Jan Coeur has desired the Sinnekes Indians to kill all or any of the Far Nations of Indians who shall to their Country or to Plunder the said Indians which desire the Sinnekes have refused. says further that he mist Captain Schuyler & Captain A: C: Schuyler the 27 past he being in a Canoe & thinks that they came into Onnondaga the same night after he went from thence in the morning and that the Priest which is departed from Onondaga on the 22d Past asked of sd. D: Schuyler when the fleet should Goe from England to Canada he replied from whence he had the news whence he had -- the Priest said by Express from France was confirmed by a Prisoner taken from New England the said Priest desired that the old [ wonting? hunting? counting?] Custom of the might not be just by Barring the Christians.



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[Wraxall summary of this and the following meetings p. 68; S of P adds details. See Colden Papers 9:372.]

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6 Indians of the Farr Nations

Present

Evt Banker

H: Hanson

Montour's Sister

Interpreter

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing the Indian Affairs in Albany  
9th June 1709

This day arrived Six Indians of the Farr Nations and the following propositions.

Fathers we are come to visit you by the persuasions of Montour we have have [brought ]  
but few Bevers because we come only to see you Pro 0.1

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Fathers we are here it is by the Persuasions of Montour who told us that he had Left Canada  
and thought to Live and die among you nevertheless Desire that we may Civily Treated in  
merchandizing and if there might be any war we desire that we may be shut out of it  
[seeing] we are come out of Friendship & hope that the Path may be open & Clear

Father we have heard that it is Prohibited the selling of Rom. We begg we may have some  
rum seeing we are come a farr of for we shall not drink it here but Carry it to our Country

signed / R: Livingston.

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*[Brief summary in Wraxall p. 68; S of P adds details. See Colden Papers 9:372.]*

1709 10 June

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Present

Col Rensalaer

Evt Banker

H: Holland

H: Hanson

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 10  
June 1709

Children

We are glad to see you here and desire that the Path hitherto may be kept open and clean and hope that when you shall return home to give encouragement to the people to come and trade here who shall always find that they be civilly Treated whenever they shall come if here be any Evil of war war we Can uphold it ourselves & we doe want your help and dsire that you doe not joyn with the French our Enemy for who that shall joyn with the French to fight us or the Five Nations Shall be accounted as enemys. Seeing it is prohibited to sell rum we give you Little for your refreshment on your Journey

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Present

K: V: Rensalaer

Evt Banker

J: Abeel

H. Hanson

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing the Indian Affairs In Albany  
the 11 June 1709

Some of the Principall Indian Traders of this Citty haveing Desired the Commissioners to meet together to make a Proposition and give a belt of Wampum to some Indians of the Farr nations who are now in town being they have heard that the French have Spread a false Report among the Five Nations & some of the Farr Nations, who are now at Cadarachqua, that Montour was killed by Menns of the English & not by the French which Report keeps the said Farr Nations bak to come to this place. Upon which you desire the Commissioners to meet together and gave a belt of Wampum and told them that Montour was sent out from hence by your Government & they S know that Montour was killed by the Governor of Canada seeing that he was afraid that he was afraid that he should Draw all the nations from him to us, you may therefore be Persuaded that the path is clean and open and you shall allways be welcome here.

N. B: Proposition to give the Indians from an expedition

24 bars to forward to the village of the Cayuga Sachims Albany 15 of July 1709

*[See DRCHNY 5:85 for a June 21 1709 report by the Commissioners of their examination of two spies sent to Canada by K Van Renelaer & Robt Livingstone.]*

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*[Not in Wraxall or in LIR account of the Ingoldsby conference. See Colden Papers 9:377 for clearer account.]*

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Magnase  
Oneydes  
Onnondagas &  
Cayugas.

The Sachims and other Indians of the Magnase Oneydes, Onnondagas and Cayugas came and waited up[on] his Honor the Lt Governor early this morning and the following Presents were given them who were directed to divide the same as if the Sinnedes were here and the Sinnekis should be lodged with Captn Abraham Schuyler who goes to their country to know their finall Resolution whether they assist in this Expedition or not.

The presents were 250 Faroes [firearms?] 100 lbs of Powder in 200 1500 Bar lead 3000 Flints 12 pieces of Strouds 4 pairs Blankets 4 pieces 25 Halts [Hats?] 30 dozen knives 50 looking glasses 300 pair of Stockings 100 Shirts 30 Indian Kitles 70 hatchetts

When the Presents were laid before the 4 nations The Lieutenant Governor took a great Belt of wampum and laid it above the arms that were given and said that he did renew the ancient Covenant chain in behalf of all Her Majestys subjects on the North Continent of America & did skour the said Chain clear and bright.

Brethren,

I must recommend one thing to you which I believe will be highly requisite, and that is that you nominate and appoint while you are together that you appoint Two of your Principal Men of each nation to go along with the Honble Coll Nicholson Commander in Chief on this

expedition

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Now Brethren

I would not have you by any means be impatient, but abide the Commander in Chiefs time for you are not now agoing to Skalp a few French Indians according to your custom but to reduce a whole Country

It will be necessary that the whole number of the Men belonging to each nation that goe on this expedition, because they be obliged to march on the 10th of this Instant

I expect that the greatest part of arms now given be distributed among those of the Men that goe on this expedition.

**28616** [0489] 175 July 16

*[similar to LIR speech from July 14 to the 5 Nations, but this is not in LIR or Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:377.]*

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Propositions made the Honble Col Richard Ingoldsby Lieut Governor & Commander in Chief of New York and the Jerseys &c to the River Indians in Albany the 16 of July 1709

Children

Having pleased the Almighty God to take to himself His late Excellency John Lord Lovelace whom the Great Queen of Great Brittain my Misstress had been pleased to constitute Governor of these Colonies, the care and Government are by her Majestys lodged in me, I was therefore willing to take the first opportunity Possible to meet you to renew the Covenant Chain in Behalf of all Her Majestys subjects on the north Continent of America which I think ought to be for ever kept as it hitherto hath on our part.

The accasion why I have sent for to assist in an expedition for the reducing of Canada which you and we have so long offer that neighborhood you know has been for a very long time very troublesome to us all

We will not now enumerate the many perfidious & base actions they have been guilty of. The children knows them too well and the great Queen of Great Brittain having been informed thereof She has taken into her Royall consideration and has been graciously

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Pleased (notwithstanding the vast expence Her [Majesty] is dayly att in carrying on this necessary just war

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against France & England to send over at a Great charge a considerable with our ammunition Provisions and artillery and I must earnestly ask you according to your wanted to be cheerfull and resolute in joining with all the Strength with Her Majestys forces which goe by land on this expedition and you need not doubt but that with Blessing of a happy issue and bringing that country under the obedience of the Great Queen of Great Brittain which of right did belong to her Royall ancestors This will be the only & effectual means and procure quiet and peaceable possession of [not intelligible word - very light] for us & for you and your posterity for ever. there is all possible [word ??? very light] to supply you that goe with ammunition & where there will be no want of Provision this being also a good season for your hunting

Children,

I esteem it a very great happiness to you & us that the Honble Colle. Nicholson has been pleased to accept of the Command of this army that goes against Canada whereof you a Part He is a Gentleman, who has had the honor to be the Governor & Lieutenant of most or all of Her Majesty's Colonys on this Continent and who acts of a Reall affection: and has offered his services to the great Queen my Mistriss on this expedition as a volunteer at his own expense which will be very great. I

must

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earnestly recommend to them to pay all the deference and regard as Commander in Chief, and chearfully to obey all his commands with the utmost diligence which will entitle you to the Great Queen my Mistress further favor

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and that on his death or absence you pay the like obedience to Col P. Schuler who is in that case appointed to the Command of this Land army, such of you as signalize yourselves in this expedition the aforesaid Commander will reward suitable to the merit of the action which I hope will excite Every Man to the

Last I must Enjoyn you to be careful that your people do no harm to the Christians Cattle and do not straggle but keep together and be obedient to the Commander in Chief & prepare yourselves to march to the Wood Creek in 3 days time with Indians of the 4 nations

25 [arrows?]

1 Piece of Strouds

8 Blankets

1 piece of Duffles

3 Doz Knives

8 Kettles

1 Barrel Powder

100 Barrels of Lead

100 Flints



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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

To the Honble Richard Ingoldsby Lieutenant Governor & Commander in Chief & in Council  
Albany 16 July 1709

In answer to an order of Council of this day delivered to us we humbly offer that were none of the 5 Nations here to be sent to Boston to see the fleet, nor an Interpreter at Home which we would have signified had we not dayly expected your honor at Albany. Matter of the Minnisink Indians refer your Honor to Coll: Rensalaer one of the Council who can give the best account of that affair --

There were no Indians to send to the Jersey or Penssylvania -- nor Sachims to give directions about it.

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*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:378 for related summary.]*

The Oneyde Sachims

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Post Weridiion [Meridian]

The Sachems of Oneyde Pursuant to the Propositions made to them this forenoon came to the Honble Colonel Francis Nicholson Commander in Chief of the army bound for Canada, and acquainted that the number of their Men that went with his honor in the expedition were one hundred and five who were fully Resolved to live and dye with him and would not return till the expedition was over, and altho after the Division of the great Presents made to them yesterday they found several of the Men wanted Guns nevertheless they would goe with Bows and arrows and do what was in their Power

Collonel Richardson told them he  
did

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did not doubt but they should return conquerors, loaded with Plunder and that they may assured they shall fare as well as their Leaders & that they should want no ammunition either for war or hunting and hopes to see them in thier country when he returns

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

To the Honble Colonel Richard Ingoldsby Lieut Governor & Commander in Chief  
The Commissioners have received an order from your Honr the Honble Council this day by which we understand that complaints have been made that should interfere with the affairs Intrusted to the Commissioners for the Expedition and they should have been disputes between of which they are wholly ignorant and consider that your Honor should be consulted about such a matter

[As to what [crossed out]] they humbly conceive relates to the Commissioners of Indian affairs their Bussiness is to treat with concert & negotiate all such affairs with the 5 Nations & other Indians as has been usually and necessarily done or may happen or fall out from time to time to be done or Transacted with or concerning the said Indians as by their Commission to which this is refered.

Albany 17 July  
1709.

**28621** [0494] 180 [Pages [28639 [0512] 198] et seq. are a second version of notes for July 16, written in a different hand. Not included with the Governor's speech in LIR. Very brief summary in Wraxall p. 69. See Colden Papers 9:377 et seq.]

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Four Nations [Nations]  
Mohogs Oneydes Onnondagas & Cayugas

Present  
Col Nicholson Gov & Commander in Chief of the Land Army bound to Canada

Col. P. Schuyler  
Col: T: Weaham                      } of the Council  
Col K V: Rensalaer

E. Banker  
Joh: Abeel Recorder  
H Lanse  
Henry Holland                      } Commrs of Indian Affairs  
Joseph Cuyler  
Captain Jas Weems

Geo Clark Esqr Secretary of the Colony  
Major D: Wessels  
M. Schuyler  
R. Livingston Secy for Indian Affairs

Sadaqanahkie Sachim of Onnondaga Speaker

Answer of the four Nations of Indians called the Mohogs Oneydes Onnondagas & Cayugas to the Honble Colonel Ingoldsby Lieutenant Governor & Commander in Chief &c in Albany the 16 of July 1709.

Brother Corlaer and Quider you have made Proposals to us 2 days ago which we heard with a great deal of attention as being an affair of great concern we cannot now answer all the Articles to answer them distinctly because you are so pressing for a speedy answer

In the first place you told us that it had pleased God to take to himself our late Governor which was sent here by the Great Queen of Great Brittain to rule and govern all her subjects of this Colony and that you succeeded him in the care of the Government, taking charge of all the affairs that they may be duly administered one of the first things which you have done is sending for us to renew the covenant chain which is very gratefull to all of the five nations which we also now renew in the behalf of the Sinnekes as we have of the other 4 Nations are here and return you our hearty thanks for the assurance  
of

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keeping the same bright and clear it shall always be done did give 10 Bevers we have been told formerly that if ever there happened a war all the Five Nations and the English of Virginia and Maryland and the rest of the Colonies on the Continent should aid and assist one another & show no unwillingness

Brother Corlaer & Quider

You repeated to us some of the [illeg. - French?] and Farr [Nations] were furnishing them with arms to destroy us Indians pillfering our land and hunting places & word not intelligible our people & then inciting to make war upon us and Treacherous. of the French as particularly in burning our Castles following words not intelligible -- which matter being represented to the Great Queen of Great Brittain she resolved with the help of Govt to reduce that place as it be no more troublesome to us. We return Her Majesty our hearty thanks for he Motherly care she extends to us. to deliver us from that Thraldum and Slavery which the French intended to bring us in whenever they the advantage or opportunity

Our great Queen we are sensible has been at a vast expense to make such an Expedition to find so many Ships men ammuniton Provisson and artillery.

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we that the Benefitt of all her expense and labour by incorporating Canada into the rest of her Dominions on this main of America. We shall live in peace and Tranquillity for  
all

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these glorious Designs we can earnestly thank her We are capable of making any other return but shall willingly and heartily assist with our Men in the expedition.

We doe with great grieff and sorrow of heart bemoan the loss of the late Lord Lovelace our Governor whom we never had the happiness of seeing him we condole his death & do give 12 Beavers & 1 Deer Skin towards his funeral. We do intreat that your Great Queen of Great Brittain may not be overmuch sorrowfull but mitigate her grief for the Death of the Lord Lovelace. do give Her Majesty 10 Beavers to wipe off her Tears.

You have told us that the Lord Lovelace is dead that cannot be our Governor that you succeeded him the Government we are very thankful that Her [Majesty] has been pleased so good a change that you are come so speedily to see us & to renew the Covenant Chain

You have told us to obedient & observant to the commands of Colonel Nicholson who is come who has come from England [to] volunteer on purpose to assist in this expedition who is pleased to arrange satisfactorily and to take upon the command of Christians who are designed by land for Canada at his own charge and that have also recommend us to chose 2 of our principal men of each nation [very faint: "word not intelligible"] during the expedition

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which we will all doe and obey his commands with all diligence and alacrity imaginable

We have had amongst us formerly and Chief Commander of them who condeshended to advise with private or Common men --

After that the Presents to the 4 nations there were Sinnekis Indians in the Company who desired Dokanisson Chief Sachim of the Onnondagas to tell the Lieutenant Governor and the Commander in Chief & rest of the Gentlemen that were willing to goe to their Country with Captain Abraham Schuyler and all their people and that they had been Eye and Ear wittnesses to what had passed near here & were satisfied that what the French had told them was mere Deceit and Lyes and doubted that their country being well informed would be willing to joyn the other 4 nations in the expedition for the reducing of Canada and added further they were the more inclined to offer themselves to go upon this Message because if any Indians of the other nations should goe they would not be so well received and credited and he saw that the share and part of the Sinnekes (after Division) was laid by for them in the charge of Abraham Schuyler

Whereupon the Lt. Governor & Commander in Chief of the Land Army desired you to acquaint the 4 nations herewith who were now all met they told that they had acquainted the 4 nations herewith already nevertheless to do it publickly which DeCannisson did in their behalf to all the 4 nations in a solemn manner very Loud.

**28625** [0498] 184 *[Dates as well as pages are out of order; this page appears to come next. Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:379 for possible reference.]*

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Albany 19th of July 1709. A Sachim of Cayuga called Oyaris being just come to Town informs their Honors, that Lt. Governor Col Nicholson Commander in Chief of the Army bound for Canada & Her Majestys aide Camp & the Commissioners that eleven days ago four Sinnekis Sachems had been at Onnondaga with 3 belts of Wampum and acquainted the 4 nations that it was the opinion of the Sinnekes they had been too rash in taking up the hatchet against the French of Canada and therefore advised them to let the Hatchett lye bye & consider of the matter, and not to make use of it before the Governor of Canada makes war upon them then it was time enough, they said moreover that the 5 Nations was not compleat or a full house when the Resolution was taken to wage war against Canada There was only one of the Sinnekes at the assembly & he was not empowered by his nation to come to yt. Resolution that matter was not to be further debated in the Sinnekes Country before they entered -- The said Sachim says further that being at the Castle of the Sinnekes called Ochsaront he heard 15 young Men say they would join our people at the Carrying place to help them to make canoes and goe with the 4 nations in present expedition to Canada The said said sachim adds that he heard of the Sachims of the Sinnekes when he was there lately that had taken this to stay & hear what was proposed and transacted here by the English and 4 nations / according as they liked the proceeding they would either be concerned or not

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*[Not in Wraxall. See reference in Colden Papers 9:379.]*

By the Lieut Govr. and Commander in Chief

Whereas it is thought requisite for Her Majesty's service that five Mohogs and Oneyde Indians (who are deputed by the Sachims of the 4 Nations of the Indians Westward) whould goe with John Baptiste Van Eyes [Van Epps] to Boston to see the Force that Her Majesty is graciously pleased to send to Canada by sea & on their return to inform their Brethren thereof who are marched up to the Army to assist our Forces by land. They are to request all Her Majestys Subjects in this Colony and Desire those of the Neighbouring Colonies particularly to the Magistrates of Westfield and Spring Field and those Other towns you shall have occasion to go thro, not only so that John Baptiste and the said Five Indians may pass and repass but without any lett hindrance or [illegible] but to be aiding and assisting them in the prosecution of their said journey as the occasion may require

Given under my Hand & Seal in Albany this Twenty Seventh of July in the Eighth of Her Majestys Reign Anno Domini 1709

To all Her Majestys Justices of the Peace Sheriffs Constables and all other officers civil and Military whom this may concern.



1709 26 July  
[Not in *Wraxall*. See *Colden Papers* 9:380.]

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2 Sinnekes Indians  
Interpreted by Lawrence Clase & J. Baptiste van Eyes

Examination of 2 Sinnekes Indians called sonocharis, and Taroindochkha come from their country to Albany the 26 July 1709 Taken by R. Livingston Secretary Indians affairs

They say it is now 9 days ago since they came from their Castle called Canassada, & that their people were in a great consternation, because they had not heard from their Brethren Christians of this Government nor had any message of a long time and now come with their lines in their hands to see what would be done to them they having heard rumours from Canastoge that as soon as the Sinnekes came here to Albany they would be all murdered and cutt off which now made them timorous that they durst not come they were seven Canoes of sinnekes came out from their Castle There were seven Canoes of Sinnekes came out from their Castle 3 days before them in order to trade and the Chiefest Sachim of the Sinnekes called the Blaw Lock was to follow next day after they came from Home with a great Party both by land and water who will be [here] 2 days hence and will give you a full account  
of

of the Resolution of our nation, by a Proposition

Our Young People have had several meetings, and were resolved to come by Troops to assist in the present expedition against Canada but were hindered by their old Sachims

They mett the 2 Sinnekes Indians that had assisted here at the Publick Propositions when the 4 Nations were here near Oneyde 5 days ago who told them all was well here & they doubt not as soon as the said two Indians get home to their Castles all their young men will immediatly come and go out a fighting against Canada

They met sundry Onnondaga Indians with new guns going home to their Country which they much wondered at as knowing that guns were not given them to stay home in their Castles The said Indians say that they are come here to trade and buy necessaries & will make all imaginable haste home and come forthwith [hither to] goe out a fighting against the French of Canada. The thirty Three Sinnekes which went with Jean Coeur the French Interpreter to convey him to Canada are not yet returned. Neither has there been any French in their Country since Jean Coeur went from thence.

N:B: The said 2 Sinnekes did not return to their Country but went to the Cayugas having got 2 guns Powder & Ball &c given them by the Lt. Governor.

1709 30 July  
[Not in *Wraxall*. See *Colden Papers* 9:380.]

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3 Sinnekes Indians

Examination of 3 Sinnekes Indians come out of their Country to Albany this 30th day of July 1709

Their names are Dogurihout  
Sagojuntha  
Onichoghshage.

They say that they have been out of their country 17 days occasioned by the great [gap in text] coming all the town by water and they were directed by two of their Sachims called Cayinquawehson alias Blawlock & Onondarissun to acquaint Captain John Bleecker & Johannes Cuyler who were to tell the Government here that the said 2 Sachims were designed to be here in five days after this day or at furthest 7 days

The said Blawlok told them to tell Cortlaer that he would be certain to be here if he live'd.

There has been no French in their Country since the French Interpreter went from thence to Canada with 30 Sinnekes whereof only 7 Returned who went no further than Carachqua

1709 6 August  
[Not in *Wraxall* or *Colden Papers*.]

3 Magnase Indians  
Present  
E Banker Mayor  
J: Abeel Recorder  
H: Hanse

Albany the 6 August

Hendrick the Magnase desired that 5 Indians which he brought with him before the Commissioners and that the Christians may be ordered to guard their wives

wives and children home to their Castle and abide there for their Security, for they durst not goe to their Castles alone and had no subsistence at Shinectady

The Commissioners told that they might leave the said 5 Indians to go along with their Wives and children to their country and as for the four Christian Indians which they desired, they told him that they could not apprehend that their Wives and children were in any more danger than the Christian Wives and Children that were out in the same expedition as long as the army lay at the Wood Creek, and Skouts were sent to the Lake, it is not probable that the enemy could get by to do any harm Moreover when the General went to the Army he would call a Council wherein would be debated and determined what would be thought necessary for their and our preservation.

*[See LIR p. 213 for Minutes of a joint Meeting of Indian Commissioners, City Officials, and Commissioners for the Expedition held on August 12 1709.]*

**28631** [0504] 190 [Pages are out of order here. Corresponds to the LIR entry for July 14 1709; S of P adds nothing. Wraxall summary p. 68-69. Colden Papers 9:372 et seq.]

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Magnases Oneydes Onnondagas & Cayugas

Present

The Honble Col Francis Nicholson Commander in Chief of the Army that goes by land to Canada

Col. P. Schuyler

Col. J: Wrendiam [Tho. wenham]

Col. K: Van Ransalaer } of her Majs Council

Captn David Provost

George Clark Esqr. Secy of Colony

Captain E Banker Mayor

John Abeel Recorder } Commrs of Indian Affrs

[hend. hanse]

Henry Holland

Joseph Cuyler

Myndt Schuyler

R: Livingston Junr } Aldermen

Johs Rooseboun

Nanning Harmense

Col. W. Whitting

Col P. Mathews

Major Dislenosses [D. Wessels]

Major J. Livingston

Captain John Roberts Commander of Her Majestys ship Sea Castle

Robt Livingston Secretary for Indian Affairs

Propositions made by the Honble Colonel Richard Ingoldsby Lt. Governor and Commander in Chief of Her Majestys Provinces of New York New Jersey and Territories depending thereon to the Magnase, Oneydes, Onnondagas & Cayugas in Albany the 19th [sic] of July 1709

Brethren

It having pleased Almighty God to take to himself his late Excellency whom the Great Queen of Great Brittain my Mistress had been pleased to constitute Governor of the Colonies, the care and Government and by Her Majesty lodged in me I was therefore Willing to take the first opportunity possible to meet to renew the Covenant chain on the behalf of all Her Majestys on the North Continent of America, which I think to be for ever kept bright as it hitherto hath on our Part

Brethren

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*[Corresponds to the LIR entry for July 14 1709 and Colden Papers 9:373 et seq.; S of P adds nothing. Wraxall summary p. 68-69.]*

Brethren,

I have sent for you upon an extraordinary occasion to assist in an expedition for the reducing Canada which you have so much longed for. That neighborhood you know hath been of a long time very troublesome to you, and many of her Majesty's good subjects in these parts.

We will not now enumerate the many perfidious and base actions they have been guilty of we have whole volumes full of Complaints which you have made to us of the Treacherous dealings.

The French of Canada have killed imprisoned and transported your People burnt your Castles, and used all means which lay in their power to Impoverish & bring you to a low and miserable

They have not only seduced your People and enticed them away from your country but encouraged even your own Brethren to make war of you on purpose to weaken you

They have sent the Farr Nations upon and furnished them with arms and ammunition in order to destroy you the pains they have taken to accomplish your ruin hath been indefatigable.

They encroached upon your rights and liberties by building Forts upon your Lands  
against

against your Wills, Possessing the principal Risses and Hunting Places whereby all your hunting (you only supposed) was not only rendered precarious but dangerous. Their treacherously murdering of Mentor one of your Brethren before your faces in your own country this summer is an evidence of their Insolence and how they intended to use you.

Most of these and other things having been truly represented to the Great Queen of Great Britain (who is victorious over the French King in Europe) She hath taken them into her Royall consideration and has been graciously pleased (notwithstanding the vast expense Her Majesty is dayly put to in carrying Collony in this just war against France in Europe) to send over at a great charge a Considerable fleet with Ammunition Provision and artillery and other things necessary for the effectual reducing of Canada to redeem you from that bondage and Slavery the French designed to bring you under, I must therefore earnestly exert you to be cheerful and resolute in joining with all your Strength with Her Majestys Forces which goe by land on this expedition and you need not doubt with the Blessing of God & of a happy issue of gringing that country under the obedience of the Great Queen of Great Britain which of right did belong to Her Royal Predecessors.

This will be the only & effectant

This will be the only and effectual means to procure a firm and durable peace and quiet possession of our settlements for us and for you and your posterity for ever. There shall be all possible care taken to supply those who have no ammunition and hope there shall be no want of Provision, this being also a good season of the year for hunting.

Brethren --

I must tell I am concerned to see none of the Sachims of the Sinnekes in this Grand Meeting (I fear the French Priests they have so long harboured) notwithstanding all the precaution to the contrary have so far bewitched them that they have forgot how the French used to treat you formerly, has that about ago in peaceable times to destroy had they not by meer Providence a Magnase Prisoner escaped and warned of their approaching danger, However we will not wholly despair of their coming to themselves again and therefore shall keep their share of this Present which Her Majesty of her Royall Bounty has been pleased to send you, not doubting but that they will be undeceived & find that the story of the Farr Indians coming upon them now is a mere sham, which they need not fear, but all the farr Indians ass soon as the French are subdued will be and continue in amity with them. the Brethren will be assisted by her Majesty I love to see all the Brethren unanimous according to the ancient Covenant Chain which has ever been kept inviolable by us, having never had the least jarring or dispute, but lived in peace and concord together since the first Settlement of Christians in this Country

Brethren

I esteem it a very great happiness  
both



both to you and us, that the Honble Colonel Francis Nicholson has been pleased to accept the Command of this army that goes against Canada whereof you are a part, he is a Gentleman who has the honor to be Governor and Lieut Governor of most or all of her Majesty's Colonys on this continent & who out of a Real to you and us has offered his service to the Great Queen my Mistress on this Expedition as a volunteer at his own Expense which will be very great.

I must earnestly Recommend to you to pay all the Deference and regard to him as your Commander in Chief and cheerfully to obey his Commands with the utmost diligence, which will entitle you your Great Queen my Mistresses further favor, and that on his death or absence you pay the like obedience to Coll: P. Schuyler who is in that case appointed to the command of this Land Army. Such of you as signalize yourselves in this Expedition your aforesaid Commander in Chief will reward suitably to the meritt of the action which I hope will Excite every man to the performance of great and Glorious enterprises

When the Indians heard had tendered his service to Her Majesty to go as a volunteer and had accepted the Command of the Army which goes by land to reduce Canada. They all gave a shout as is the Custom when any this is proposed that is extreamly well Pleasing and gratefull and expressing the great joy they they had of so good and experienced a soldier to be their Great Leader and Captain.

The Brethren will receive to morrow four fatt Oxen as a Present made to you by your Commander in Chief in order to hang over the Great Kitle of Warr that you may eat together according to your custom and will order you then four barrels  
of

strong Beer to drink Her Majestys Health and the day following four Barrels.

Lastly I shall conclude with this E[x]ortation that you take especial care to destroy the Christians Cattle but that they keep together and be obedient to such commands such commands as they shall receive from the Commander in Chief

Orders being given to bring out the Presents Sadeganaktie Chief Sachem of the Onnondagas rose up and desired that the Giving of the Presents might be deferred until tomorrow Morning because it was late and they would not have time to divide that night so were ordered to come early in the Morning

As soon as the propositions were ended one of the Chiefs Captain of the Mohogs rose up and sang a song of Warr took the Honble Colonel Nicholson, and walked with several times before all the Indians singing and rejoicing that so good and great a Man had accepted of the Command to be their General in this expedition which was approved of by all the 4 Nations, by severall Shouts and acclamations and to pay all the deference & Reguard to him they were capable of to obey all his commands with their utmost diligence

Then a Captain of Oneyde rose and sang a warlike song in the behalf of Col Schuyler, approving and rejoicing that he had taken upon him the Command under Honble Colonel Nicholson and he was to succeed him in case of his death & absence

The Captain of the Onnondagas rose up and sang a song and took Col Whiting by the Hand lead to and again before all the Indians and rejoiced that he had brought such brave men under his Command from Her Majestys Colony of Connecticut  
and

and that here was so great unity and concord amongst all Majestys Christian Subjects that they joynd as one man to subdue.

Then another Captain took Colonel Matthews by the Hand and led him to and again singing and expressing their satisfaction and joy that so many brave were employed in this expedition to Canada.

A true copy examined by me  
signed R Livingston  
Secy Indian Affairs

Enter now the Message dated 19 [or 17] July Sachim of Cayuga called Aqaria see Fol 16 then the sachims and othr Indians of the Maquases Oneydes Onnondagas Cayugas came and waited upon his honor see Folio 91.

*[This note is not in LIR or Wraxall, but the message might be the Examination of Atheroghkoes in LIR p. 210-211. Perhaps never bound in with Book II?]*

**28638** [0511] 197 *[This page is a separate copy of the page above, written in a different hand. It assigns the number 122 instead of 182]*

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not doubt but that they should return Conquerours Loaded with Plunder and that may be assured they shall fare as well as leders & should want for no ammunion either for warr or hunting & hopes to see them in their own country when returns.

To the Honble Coll Richd Ingoldsby Lieut Governor Commander &c in Council.  
The Commissioners have received an order from the Honble the Council this day understand that complaints have been made that they should interfere with the affairs intrusted to the Commissioners for the expedition, and that there should have disputes between them of which they are wholly ignorant, and are concerned that your honor should be troubled about such a matter.

As to what relates to the Commissioners of Indian Affairs they humbly conceive that their Commissioner is is to treat with concert and negotiate at all such affairs with 5 nations or other Indians as has been usually and necessarily dont or transacted with the said Indians, as by their Commission to which this is referred

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**28639** [0512] 198 [*Second more complete copy of the above but in a different hand and labeled p. 123 instead of 183. See Colden Papers p. 377 et seq.*]

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Four Nations of Indians Mohogs Oneydes Onnondagas & Cayugas

Present

Col J. Richardson [Nicholson] Commander in Chief of the Land bound to Canada

Col. P. Schuyler

Col Tho Wenham } of the Council

Col K Van Rensaler

Evt Banker Mayor

John Abeel Recorder } Commrs of Indians

Hend Lanse

Henry Holland

Johs. Cuyler

L H Jas Weemens

Geo Clark Es Secy of the Colony

Major

Mynd Schuyler

R Livingston Secy for Indian affairs

Sadoqanaka Sachem of Onnondaga Speaker

Answer of the Four Nations of Indians called the Mohags Oneydes & Cayugas  
to the Honble Coll Richard Ingoldsby Lt Governor & Commander in Albany  
the 16 July 1709

Brother Corlaer & Quider

You have made proposals to us 2 days agoe which we heard with a good deal of attention as being an affair of great concern: but -- we cannot now rehearse all the articles to answer you distinctly because they are so pressing for a speedy answer.

In the first place you told us that it had pleased God to take to himself our late Governor the Lord Lovelace who was sent here by the great Queen of Great Brittain to rule & govern all all her subjects of this Colony and that you succeeded him in the care of the Government, and taking charge of all affairs that they may be duly administered: one of the first things you have done is sending for us to renew the covenant chain which is very grateful to all the Five Nations which we also now renew in the behalf of the Sinnekes as us of the other 4 Nations which are here and

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return you thanks for the assurance of keeping the same bright & clear which shall always be done as we are bid

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all the 5 Nations & the English of Virginia Maryland & the rest of the Colonies should aid & assist one another & show no unwillingness

Brother Corlaer and Quider

You have repeated to us some of the Posts [Points?] for Indians were furnishing arms to destroy us [blank space] our land & hunting places will [blank space] our people and exciting to make war upon us and the treacherous actions of the French as particularly [blank space] our Castles which matter be represented to the Great Brittain Resolved with help of you to reduce that place that it be no more troublesome to us. we return Her Majesty our most sincere and hearty thanks for her Motherly care that she extends towards us and her compassion to deliver us from that thraldom that the French intended to keep us in when they had the advantage or opportunity

Our Great Queen we are sensible has been at a vast expense to make such an expedition & to find so many ships ammunition provisions and artillery and we hope after all she will benefit of all expense by [blank space] Canada to to the rest of her Dominions on this Main of America Then we shall live in peace and tranquillity for all these glorious in Canada. We are no capable of making another Renew but shall willingly & heartily assist with our Men in the expedition.

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we do with Great grief and sorrow of heart bemoan the loss the late Lord Lovelace our Governor whom we never had the happiness to see him We condole his death & doe give 13 Beavers towards his funeral.

We do intreat that the Great Queen of Great Brittain may not over much sorrowful but mitigate her grief for the Death of the Late Lord Lovelace do give Her Majesty ten Beavers to wipe off her tears.

You have told us that the Late Lord Lovelace is dead and you succeeded him in the Government we are very thankful that her Majesty has been pleased to make so good a change and for the care that you have come so speedily here to renew the Covenant chain

You have Required us to be obedient and observant to the Commander Colonel Nicholson who is come from England a volunteer to assist in this expedition & upon his own charge, who is pleased to arrange Satisfactorily the command of the army of the Christians & Indians now designed by land for Canada and that he have also recommended us to chose 2 of our Principal Men of each Nations to be a [Standing] Committee for him during the expedition all which we will do and obey his commands with all the diligence & alacrity imaginable

We have had amongst us formerly a Chief Commander who sometimes condescended to advise with the private or Common men.

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We desire that during this expedition our General Commander in Chief will be pleased to hearken to our advice and make a [Tryall] of our Council for sometimes we may know matters in that Country better than a stranger

We have told you already that we could not repeat all the propositions but we declare there was nothing in them but what was very agreeable and satisfactory to us all the [blank space] you have recommended to us & shall endeavor to perform whatever is required of us to the utmost and do give several small Pels [Pelts?] of Beaver.

Brother Corlaer & Quider

You have also told us that upon the Death or the absence of Colonel Nicholson our Head and General In that case Colonel Schuyler is to have the command of the army for which we are thankfull that you have made so good a change he being a person born & brought up among us and as one of dear [our] nation do give several Beavers and which we did present amounted to 106 Beavers & 33\_\_

This proposition is made in the name and behalf of the soldiers.

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A sachim of Cayuga said we were directed to give an account of the number of each Nation that would to [upon] this Expedition and we Cayugas are a hundred [yt] goe



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altho we had not all firearms yet we goe with Bows and arrows and such as had Iron Pikes for our arms, having only Brass Pikes

The Maquase [blank space] that the number Pailed of their nation who went on this expedition were 150 men but some want arms nevertheless we will endeavour to supply the defect with Bows and arrows

The Onnondagas the number of their Men that went on the expedition were eighty eight

105 Oneyde  
100 Cayouga  
150 Maquase  
88 Onnondagas

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993  
60 River Indians

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1503 [*Math is based on misreading "4" as "9"?; Wraxall summary p. 69 and Colden Papers 9:378 have figures that add up correctly.*]

Sadodnksis you have now [blank space] of the number of our forces that goe on this Expedition, but you do not tell us how many the people are that goe along with us nor how many goe by sea nor where the fleet is nor how many ships is in the fleet upon which they were told that there went 1500 Christians by land about 100 saile of ships great & small & 8000 men by sea. Sadknaksis said you say you will live and dye with us. But pray consider our besides Fathers.

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River Indians

Answer of the River Indians to the Honble Col Ingoldsby Lt Govr &  
Commander in Chief Albany 16 July 1709

You see the number of your children is but small and there are 30 of our Men already at Wood Creek Aworking making canoes and the rest shall all be ready to March on this expedition against Canada at the time appointed and we believe we can make 60 good men in all We are resolved to live and dye with the General who is pleased to accept the Chief command of this expedition and shall be obedient to his commands. We do renew the Covenant the Covenant chain which has been kept by our Father and his children from the beginning always inviolable Do Give 7 Bever Skins

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our wives and children at Home in our exposed to the danger of the French on the one hand and the Dawaganhies are old enemies on the other Hand and it is not that the army will return before winter therefore desire that some men may be sent to guard their wives and children *[See entry for August 6 1709, which this might be part of.]*

**28645** [0518] 204 *[Not in Wraxall except brief mention p. 69 summarizing events from July 16 1709 to May 4 1710; LIR has text p. 210; See reference in Colden Papers 9:378.]*

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Albany  
the 17th of July 1709

Examination of Atheroghkori an Onnondaga Indian sent from his Castle by the Sachims that were there, but without 7 hands of wampum as is customary

Relates as follows,

that Messenger came to Onnondaga from Cayouge five days ago with news that a Sinnke Indian had been sent from Sinnekes country with the following account a Sinneke Indian who lived at Tjuchsaghrondie who is married there is come to his own country and gives the following relation, That he was come down with a party of Dawngahaes as far as Ochtwego & when he came there found it was a place of Rendezvous & many Indians 3 Sinnekes Squaws & 2 Sinnekis Indians & 4 Onnondagas who had [gone] out a hunting & heard that it was concluded by the party to destroy a Castesouch [castle south?] of the Sinnekis & Cayouge & Onnondaga it was talked that the enemy was near the Sinnekes country.

One of Dawnganhaes of that company said that he would fall upon 7 or 8 Indian horses belonging to the 5 nations by Cadarachqui

says further that an Onnandaga lately come from Cadarachqui says he heard of some of French that were coming from Tjuchsachkrondie that

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the Dawaganhaes were coming to destroy the 5 Nations and therefore warned them to be upon their guard.

He heard also that 2 nations of Indians living Maryland called Shawanas were dead of a Postcontiall [pestilential?] disease only 3 of one & 2 of another Castle left alive --

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The Lt. Governor told them that he knows not how to give credit to this story since it comes from the Sinnekes who declined to be concerned in this expedition & they being of the French Interest are apt to believe any story that the French put into their Heads.

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Present

all the Commissioner[s]

Col. P. Schuyler

C K V: Rensalaer

Evt Banker

John Abeel

John Cuyler

H: Hanson

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing the Indian affairs in Albany this 17th day of July 1709

The Honble the Lt Governor Colonel Ingoldsby & Colonel Nicolson having proposed to the Commissioners the necessity of sending a party of Christians and Indians to the Sinnekes country to convince the Sinnekes of the Lyes & Storys which are spread among by the French of Canada, have desired the opinion of the Commissioners in the matter --

The Commissioners are of opinion that it would be convenient to send Captn Abraham Schuyler with Five Christian Indians to the Sinnekes country to lye there during this present expedition to Canada and if occasion requires to send two men at least express to bring letters from thence with an account of what happens there

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4 Sachims of the Onnondagas

Four Sachims of the Onnondagas called Carackkontie Tiejotddombow Awenagogure & Onaawaroge communicated to Evt. Banker Esqre Mayor of Albany that they had sent two Indians called Carajudgegoo of Oneyde & Ajighwaghsha of Onnondaga to Canada 30 days ago with 2 Belts of Wampum to tell the Indians that live near Mount Royal that the English had formed an expedition by land and by water for the reducing of Canada, and desired that they should return to the land of their ancestors where had born and bred vizt to the 5 Nations & warned them by no means to joyn with the French or any ways engage themselves with them nor to quit their habitations but to stay in their Castles & when the army comes into Canada to joyn Her Majestys Forces if they would not be persuaded to doe this they must expect no money [mercy] but to be treated like open enemies the said two Indian Messengers were directed after they had delivered this Message to meet the army at Fort La Mott at a Creek where they would make some marks, and if the army was not gott so, they would come the Lake with a Canoe with a Flag which would be the sign and give an account of their negotiation This message was sent in the name of this Government & of the Five Nations for Lawrence the Interpreter was there at Onnondaga & consented to sending the said two Indians.

This

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4 Sachims of the Onondagas

This message was to be delivered to Tatachquisoso Sachim of Cachannage near Mont Royal who is to the English -- for the Indians are divided there as not as among the 5 Nations the one half for the English and the other half is for the French & lest the Govr. of Canada might suspect any thing the 2 Messengers had 2 other Belts which was to be delivered Publicly with this proposition 1st that it was not probable the Government of New York would consider themselves in such an expedition for they never meddled all this while with the warr that New England was so deeply engaged, altho they were now their own country now that mustered dayly

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2 With 2.d Belt they seem to say if it so happened that the English did join their Forces and fall upon Canada the Governor of Canada could blame nobody but himself for he had made it his business to stir up the Indians to goe day & kill and destroy the people of New England after this to be entered the papers of Canachhenise the Oneyde Sachim & 3 more about the orders 2 sides forward

N:B: first enter the Meeting of the Commissioners relating to Abraham Schuyler and the other Indians forward *[This note is not in the LIR text]*

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*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:379.]*

By Lieutenant Governor & Commander in Chief

Instructions for Captain Abraham Schuyler  
Whereas

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Whereas Her Majesty is Pleased to give orders for the reducing of Canada, which neighborhood hath been very troublesome to Her Majesty's subjects in these parts as well to Indians as Christians and the Five Nations who are in the Covenant chain with this Government having been required to assist in this Expedition which hath been communicated to them in their general Meeting at Onnondaga by persons sent from hence for that purpose four of the said nations have showed their readyness to joyn Her Majestys Forces to goe by land to subdue that country being convinced that it is the only means to obtain a durable Peace and quiet possession of our Settlement and since the Sinnekes and one of the said Five Nations are to be wavering, being seduced by the French as appears by the propositions which they have made to the other 4 nations a copy whereof they have herewith given you alledging it not advisable to take up the Hatchet before the French and since the French Indians have killed two children lately in the woods yard above Shinockrady before any such action had been done against them, by which it appears that they first attacked us you are therefore with all expedition to take the 5 Christians with you to the Sinekes country and goe to the Sachims together with the propositions that are made to the 4 Nations and there is a road for them here if they will take up the hatchet against the French of Canada and joyn our army that  
goes

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goes by way of Corlaers Lake

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If you cannot prevail with the whole nation to joyn in this expedition against Canada you must endeavour to persuade a part of it even but 50 to come down this way to join our forces and if you find that the Sinneles are rather inclined to assist you must strive to keep them neutral and to Lett [sett?] free and watch that no harm come to the 5 nations in the absence of their soldiers that goe now upon the expedition

If you cannot persuade the Sinnekes to assist us in this expedition & to come along with them then you and the Five Men are to remain in the Sinnekes Country during the space of 19 days. And whereas many unforeseen accidents may happen which may require you to stay in the Sinnekes Country longer than for the time directed as aforesaid therefore in case they conceive the same may conduce to the Service of Her Majesty either by frustrating the designs of the French or the gaining to Her Majesty the assistance in this present Expedition or otherwise to remain among the said Indians for such further time as you shall judge necessary and convenient for promoting the said ends of which you are to give notice from time to time to me or to the Commissioners of Indian affairs by such ways and as you shall judge most proper and convenient

Albany 22 July 1709

given under my hand & seal  
in Albany this 22d July 1709 in the 9th year of Her Majestys

*[Not in Wraxall. See brief summary Colden Papers 9:379.]*

The 5 Indians that are ready to go to Boston to join the fleet that is [expected] for England for reducing Canada are

Brant  
Johannes                    } Maquase  
Anent [Arent?]

Sadogajeendo            } Oneydes.  
Shodrondeggha



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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Present

Johs. Abeel

H: Holland

H: Hanse

Evt Banker Mayor who agreed to this tho was not present

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs the 22d of July 1709.

The Commissioners are convinced upon an information they have received that Captain Abr Schuyler refused to go to the Sinnekes Country as he had agreed, having received money for that purpose.

Captain Abraham says

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1st that he was to have 10 Men that is 5 Christians and 5 Indians are not ready.

2nd that he must know first what he is to have for his journey and who is to be his Paymaster.

3. That he is no ways inclined to stay in the Sinnekis only to goe and deliver his message that he arrived the 12th

Upon the above conditions he is ready to goe & not otherwise the directions of the Colonel who had paid it him.

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present as before

Albany 23 July 1709.

Upon Captain Schuylers refusal to goe to the Sinnekis country the Commissioners of the Indian affairs have sent for Two other persons viz Captain John Blanker & his Brother Nicholas they thought fitt for that service, the first alledging that Captain Abraham Schuyler had already promised to goe and they thought a fitt person the other had no mind to stay so long in the Indian country which would be a hindrance to his other affairs and is therefore

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Present as before

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therefore humbly of opinion that if his honor the Lieutenant Governor will satisfy the said Abraham Cuyler [Schuyler?] and answer his objections he will be the fittest person to goe and from the instructions drawn up for that purpose and as for the person that is to accompany the 5 Indians to Boston they can think of none better than John Baptiste Van Eyes who understands their lingo perfectly well & was proposed to the Indians in their publick propositions given under our hands in Albany the 22d July 1709

signed /      Evert  
"                John Abeel  
"                Henry Holland  
"                John Cuyler  
"                Hend.y Cuyler

then go back to the Instructions.

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Albany  
24 July 1709

This evening Caniachkonie and 3 More Sachims of Oneyde accompanied with Lawrence the Interpreter came to his honor the Lieutenant Governor in his Lodging and proposed by 8 [3?] Strings of wampum in regard there would be a considerable number of 4 nations of Indians in the army and that they were informed there would only be Lawrence the Interpreter which would not be sufficient especially in time of action & therefore desired (if His Honor so thought fitt []) that 6 or 7 of the traders that best might be ordered to go in this expedition against Canada naming those who could speak

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Indian best vizt Captn Bleeker Ernest Nandoe Stephens Grosbak Abraham Cuyler Johshua Rosebom & Jt Rosebom, not doubting but it would be found of great service especially since the Forces will take up a great deal of ground to encamp in and our Interpreter will not be found sufficient The Lt Governor told them that he would consider the matter and give them an answer tomorrow

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[Not in *Wraxall*. See *Colden Papers* 9:379 et seq.]

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Oneyde Indian

Captain C A: Schuyler Interpreter

Examination of Ochquarincks Oneyde Indian come from the army to Albany  
24 July

He says that he was one of a party of Christians and Indians who were [blank space with very light "word illegible"] from the Army by Major Johs. Schuyler to go as far as the Crown [Point] for discarry [discovery?] being the hithermost part or entry of Corlaers Lake and 4 days ago 3 Canoes of our People went out to spy in the night time [blank space] 2 on the East & 1 on the West side of Crown point & see a Canoe paddling by whom they hailed on the other side who answered they were Cachnawagas that is a Castle near Mount Royal our People answered & fired upon and killed all the 5 that were in the canoe which immediately oversett but being near the shore they dived and gott 1 Indian & 3 Guns and three of the Indians they could not get up the water being too deep one of the 5 Indians was wounded thro the body and swam ashore where he immediately. So they got but 2 Skalps and 3 guns of two Canoes one of our Canoes went back for the rest of our people that lay at Crown Point being about a Mile & a half distant from the place where they killed the five and then concluded what to doe for it was day. In the meantime they see a party of 7 or 8 French Canoes coming about a Point but as soon as they saw our people they retreated back towards Canada our People resolved to pursue them & sent 3 Canoes for the  
advance

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advance Guard and the rest of people paddled slowly on as soon as 3 canoes came up the french were got ashore & from shore fired on Canoes & wounded Lieut Gointyngat & killed 2 of the River Indians seeing the French Fire from the Shore and not knowing their number our people west side of the Lake which about 4 English Miles the French seeing that pursued them close our people took the shore and left their Canoes the Examinant being ashore made the best of his way to the Canoes & knows not what happened except that he see [Hend crossed out and "eand" substituted] the Indian with a wounded Indian and another wounded River Indian which were not come ashore hope that none of our people in the woods that had Just their Canoes

Says further that And Nak was deserted with 20 Men to goe and discover the Traks and way lay those Indians that had done Mischieff at Shinkehsad & was not with this Company.

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[*Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:379.*]

By Lieutenant Governor & Commander in Chief Instructions for Jan Baptist van Eps.

Whereas it will much contribute to the encouragement of the Indians that are to the army to assist in the joint expedition if they would have an account of the [blank space] of the fleet and the army expected from Canada and which affair I did acquaint the Indians of the 4 Nations with all in the Publick Propositions of which they approved of very well and have accordingly nominated Five Indians to goe Brant Johannis & Awent Mohogs and Sagajeindo and Shonandigha Oneydes to go to Boston accordingly which Indians or the Major part of them are to return with all speed as soon as they have seen the Fleet and Forces aforesaid to acquaint their Brethren therewith. You are therefore to take the said five Indians under your care and make the best of your way to Boston and upon your arrival yourselves to Colonel [blank space] or in his absence to the Governor of the Colony for what countenance or favour they may want who will undoubtedly [blank space]

You are recommended by a passe to the Government of Massachusetts Bay and particularly to the Magistrates of Westfield and Springfield who will take care that they may have such Provisions and necessaries to enable them to perform which is thought necessary on acct

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of the present expedition against Canada.

Given under my Hand & Seal at Albany  
the 27th day of July 1709 the eight year of Her Majestys Reign  
Anno Domini 1709

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*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:380 for reference.]*

Sachims of the four Nations

Present

Col K: Van Rensaler

Hend: Hanson

Major D: [Wessels]

Joh.s Roseboom

An answering of the Commissioners for managing of the Indian Affairs, and the Commissioners for the Expedition & the Aldermen of ye City of Albany this 9th day of October 1709.

Proposition made by the Sachims

four Nations of Indians to the Commissioners

Brother Corlaer & Quieder by Canasore the Speaker.

When the General Colonel was here last he told us that there should be out of each Nation 15 Men to goe to the Camp but being there so many sick people as well among you as among us therefore were in no capacity to goe there having not many your Indians at home to waite upon the sick can hardly get Home with them The Government of Canada hath now great advantage on us We see that it hath not pleased God that we should forward which is a great judgment upon us

Father Corlaer Quieder it is as if it were an empty House the General is gone.

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say that this is now the second time that the Governor of Canada hath done mischief to us this summer but we know what the occasion there is of it, is not the Indians fault but the Government doth he gives them Money and Cloaths them from Head to toe  
he



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he knows that we are going in order to reduce his country therefore he doth what we can, we have been out with the armys a fighting and had people killed but did not stop for it.

Brother you have desired out of each nation 15 Men to goe to Camp, but we must first bring our Sick people home and then shall send 10 of each nation and add 8 to them who are now in the Camp and consider further

Brethren

We further shall send the 10 Men of each Nations when we have brought our sick people home and then consider

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further we shall send them, but you must clothe them from top to toe with Blankets Shirts French Coats Stockings & what else is necessary for winter we cannot goe with a Blanket and blow in our hands of cold which would renders Incaple of doing any service, the colder the weather is the better it will for the Governor of Canada for he can come to fight and then you will not expect him but it is the only time that he will come.

Brethren

We acquaint you that we are going home tomorrow with our sick men Desire to have Waggon to ryde therein to Shennachtady for the sooner we goe home we shall send the 10 Men of each nation

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Present  
Wm. J: Abeel  
Henry Hanson

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany the  
19th Novr. 1709

Came here this day Jallis Van Vort who was sent by Captain Sanders to acquaint the Commrs that Cor Van Slyk was come out of the Maquase Country and who had told him that there were no Indians to be had in that country to Lye here this winter [Puinaman] on account of General assembly of the Collony.

Whereupon the Commissioners Resolvd to write the following Letter to Captain Sanders to the End that they may examine the aforesaid Cornelis which is as follows (vist[])  
Albany 19th Novr 1709

Captain Sanders

Whereas you have acquainted us by Jules Vanvort Cor Van Syk who was come out of the Maquase who told that there were no Indians to be had to lye here this winter therefore to desire them to send aforesaid Slyk to be here with the Intour that we may examine shall not enlarge

& Remain  
Sir

Your very humble Servant  
By order of the Commrs  
signed / C: Livingston --

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indians Affairs the 21st day of  
Nov.r 1709

Pursuant to the Commissioners desire on 19 Novr. to Captn Sanders to send cor Van Slyk here to the interest that he might be examined who appeared before the Commissioners and after taking of his oath he declared what he knew of the matter Sayd that as he was in the Maquase Country a Sachim of called told that there were no Indians to be had and that he was going to Canada and also that here had been French in Onnondaga lately with two Large Canoes and on Small D.o who who had given great Presents to the Indians there

It is resolved by the Commissioners to send for John Baptiste Van Eyes of Schaennectady to the end that he may procure some trusty Indians to be sent as spyes to Canada.

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[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:380-381.]

Present

Coll K Van Renslaer

John Abeel

John Cuyler

Henry Holland

Henry Hanson

Evt Banker

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing of the Indian Affairs  
Albany 25th November 1709

The Commissioners this day received a Letter of his Honor the Lieutenant Governor Colonel Richard Ingoldsby dated in New York the 15th Instant wherein he mentions that Collonel John Schuyler has made his application for an exchange of Lieut Bart. Stands who was taken this last summer and the French Priest who was brought from Onnondaga and that he found that the Council & Assembly were very desirous of an Exchange of Prisoners

Therefore desired the \_\_\_ Commissioners to confer with Indians of that nations and if they thought proper with the other nations and that this Priest has likewise a Man who the Commissioners should also mention to the Indians for his exchange and when the Gentlemen have their result to let his honor the Lieutenant Governor know

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Resolved by the Commissioners to Send Lawrence Clace with all expedition to the Onnondaga Country in order to consult with the Sachims there if they are willing that there shall be an

exchange

this [summer - crossed out] for Lieut B: Staats Andrew Nak & Earl Barlow [Rovlow?] who were taken this last and the French Priest who was brought from thence Last Summer and also the man of of the said Priest

It is further Resolved that Jan Baptist van Eyes be sent for Henry & Arise two of our Maquasse to come here before the Commissioners in order that they go with Lawrence Clace to Onnondaga for which service the said John Baptiste is to have six shillings per Diem.

This day the Commissioners agreed with James Parker for his attendance and service, and [wams] the Commissioners also for fire wood and Candles from this day to the first day of May next ensuing for the sum of three pounds current money.

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Present  
Coll K Van Ransalaer  
Henry Holland  
Evt Banker  
John Cuyler  
Henry Hanson

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing Indian Affairs this  
28th of Nov. 1709

Whereas the Commissioners agreed with William Printhrop the Smith to goe to Onondaga to work as black smith and since he was commanded from thence last June to go on the late expedition against Canada The Gentlemen have made this day another agreement to go to work in the Sinnekes Country as Blacksmith for the time and share of Eleven months or until the first day of November 1710 for which service he is to have when performed the sum of fifteen Pounds. vizt the sum of Seven Pounds ten [shillings crossed out] the 8th day of May next an seven pounds teen on or before the Friday of November 1710

William Printhrop is also to have the following goods vis

1 Gun  
1 Blanket  
1 pr of Strouds Stockings  
2 Shirts  
3 pr of Indian shoes  
1 Keg of Rum

The same was ordered to be given unto Prurlet Burn. [Charles Burn?]

Wim Printhrop desires to have a Christian with him to lye in the Sinnekes Country during his Stay there which is granted him and have therefore agreed with Charles Bron for Six Pounds.

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Coll K V Rensaler  
John Abeel  
Evt Banker  
Henry Holland

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of managing Indian Affairs in  
Albany the 3th [30th] Novr 1709

Collon L. Matthews makes hi[s] supplication to the Commissioners & desired them take Some Care to repara Her Majestys fort here which is at present very much out of Repair Severall of the Stockades being already fallen down and the Gate quite Routen. The Commissioners considering the matter and they not having a penny in hands to defray that charge, and yet would not leave Her Majestys interest to lay at Stake at this junctiore made their application to the Commissioners of the expedition & desired them to dispose or sell some of Her Majesty's stores now in their hands to repair the above said Fort. But not exceeding ten pounds.

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

Mr. John Abeel

Henry Holland

Hend Hansen

At a Meeting of the of the Commissioners for Managing Indian Affairs  
this 1st Day of Dec.r 1709

Wm Printhop & Charles Burn who were agreed with the Commissioners on the 28th Nov. last to go to the Sinnekes Country for the space of Eleven do desire the Commissioners that they may have credit to take upon account of their wages where they please some necessarys what they shall have occasion, which request was granted them but for not exceeding seven pounds teen Paid to this Wm Printhop & six pounds to Burns.



*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers except for reference on 9:380 to Interpreter going to Onondaga and prisoner exchange.]*

Present

Mr. John Abeel

Henry Holland

hend Hansen

John Cuyler

Col. L Mathews Commander in Chief of Her Majestys Fort

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in  
Albany 2 December 1709

Hendrick the Indian with some of other Indians to be employed to do some Public Business he acquainted the Gentlemen that his Brother in Law Jacob the Indian was dead, and that he could not meddle with any publick affairs before his death were condoled which is an ancient Custom among the five nations to condole the death of any Sachim which dyes.

The Commissioners considered the matter and told the Indians that they were [heartily] sorry for the Great Loss they had met with by the death of the said Jacob, and being it is the way of all Mortals the Gentlemen desired the said Hendrick that he should not take it too much at heart but that should take upon him the management of Publick affairs as he had done heretofore and gove to him the following goods as a small present to condole the death of the said Jacob

1 Blanket

1 Shirt

1 pr of Stocking out of the Stores.

Whereupon

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Whereupon the Indians answered that they were thankful that the death of the said Jacob was condoled by the Commissioners and the said Hendrick should now take upon himself to do such publick affairs as shall or may lay his power

The Indians were acquainted that the Friends of our Prisoners taken this last summer to Canada had made application to the Lieutenant Governor that they may be exchanged for a French Priest and his man who were brought from Onnondaga as also that Wm Printhop was now going up to the Sinnekes country for the space of Eleven Months and Lawrence Clace Interpreter was going to lye in Onnondaga till May next that they should hear by an undoubted report that the French of Canada were upon any design to attack this place or Schaennectady that he should come here with all Speed, in order to consult together for the good of our Country

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The Lawrence Clace the interpreter makes application to have 2 Christians with him to the Indian Country to send on accasion with what news of moment there shall be

The Commissioners have considered the matter and think that for Majestys interest that there go some Christians with have there agreed with David [Davidse] and Janwenys [Jan Wemp?] Junr. to go with the said Lawrence among the Five Nations tell the first Maquase that they or either of them may be sent to us on occasion with what

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news of moment there shall be are to have for the aforesaid Time they shall be among the

the Five Nations Each of them 6 Pounds and the following viz no goods mentioned

Whereas there is an Act of General Assembly of this Province, whereby the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs are empowered to send out Scoutts and Spyes to Canada to observe the motions of the French It is therefore resolved to appoint the following Commissioners Mr. Henry Hanson and Mr. John J. Cuyler to procure four or five of Five Nations or River Indians in order to be sent to Canada.

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Instructions for Lawrence Clace the Interpreter who to go forthwith to Onnondaga to stay there or among the Nations as shall as that shall seem most until the first of May and on his arrival there to acquaint the sachims that nation & other sachims of the 5 Nations that shall be there present that the Friends of our Prisoners who are taken to to Canada have made their application to the Govt of this Province that they may be exchanged for the French Priest and in his Man who were brought from there Country which the Government hath referred to the Commissioners / do send the said Lawrence as soon as he hath from you the result to give us notice of it with all expedition and then to go with all speed to the Sinnekes Country there to post Wm Printhrop the and Charles Burn but in case any French be there to hinder or Interrupt them then to insist on the Sachims of that nations to permit them to lye in their Country according to their request made by them to the Commissioners and if should so happen that the said sachims will not permit them to lye there, then you are to post them in Cayuga to stay there till the first of November next and on accasion to send Charles Burn from the place that they shall be posted at to us with an account of what news there shall be

You are to endeavor to procure at Oneyde or Cayuga two trusty Indians which you are to send directly to Canada to observe the motions and what designs are now on foot there against these Her Majestys Frontiers and also to inform themselves how the French and Indians are inclined for the[ Exchanging] of the Prisoners  
and

to persuade the said Indians to return to from Canada this with all speed, and promise them a good reward for their on their arrival here.

You are also to have continually to Cadarachqua to observe what the French are doing there and to the end that you may have Intelligence to send us from time to time of such news of moment as you shall hear or observe while your stay among the said five Nations by Daniel Daniethe or Janaways who are hired till the 1st May next are going with you as you shall think fitt and necessary

Given under our hands and seals in Albany  
the 3d of December in the 8th year of Her Majesty Reign  
anno Domini 1709.

Lawrence Clace the Interpreter makes his application to have the aforesaid Instructions into Dutch which was ordered to be done accordingly

1709 14 Decr.

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*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:380 for reference.]*

Sachim of the Magnase

Present

Coll K V Rensalaer

Jos. Abeel

Evert Banker

Henry Holland

Hendk Hanson

John Cuyler

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs In  
Albany the 14th December 1709

Taquajonont Sachaim of the Magnase after having a Long discourse with the Commissioners about the present state of Her Majestys frontiers was desired by them to goe to the Magnase Country with twice seven hands of wampum to procure eight Trusty Indians to be sent as Spys from hence to Canada to observe the Motions of the French there as also to desire Four or Five Sachims to come here to consult with the Commissioners about sending out spyes & outskouts Towards Canada.

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*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:380 for reference.]*

Present

Col K V Rensalaer

John Abeel

Evt Banker

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing Indian Affairs in  
Albany this 21st day of Decr 1709

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Commissioners on the 14th Instant to send  
Taquajenont Sachim of the Magnase to yt Country in order to procure 8 Trusty Indians to  
sent as spyes to Canada and also to desire four or five sachims to come here Returned this  
day and bring the following the following Report viz

That he hath been to the Magnase County & hath procured 8 good trusty Indians and  
desired four Sachims to come to this place who shall be here on the 23rd Instant.

1709 26 Decr

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing the Affairs in Albany  
26th Decr. 1709

It is ordered by the Commissioners that Jan Baptiste van Eyes shall the following oath as Interpreter viz --

That you do swear by the ever living God that you shall be true to our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne that you will well and truly [Interpret] all such matters and things as shall be done and transacted with the Indians of the Five Nations and other Indians when thereto required according to your best of skill and to keep secret all such things as shall be done at any meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs and on other as occasion shall require so help you God

Whereas the Commissioners are Credibly informed that here has been some underhand dealing by some of the Inhabitants of this City with several Sachims and other Indians of the Five Nations which is contrary to the Commission of Indian Affairs, and Jan Baptiste van Eyes being sworn declares on the  
Holy



as follows that on the 15 of this Instant at the departure of Colonel Schuyler from thence to England he was sent by the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs to fetch Indians to come before them and came into the House of Lieutenant Colonel Schuyler where he found Captain Abraham Schuyler and some Sachims and other Indians of the Five Nations and the said Colonel P. Schuyler being sent for to come their which he did and then the sd. John [Schuyler] sent for the 7 hands wampum which the said Colonel Peter Schuyler gave to said Sachims and other Indians to the end to appoint the the said John Schuyler his Brother to act in all matters with the Five Nations and other Indians in his word not intelligible and recommended the said Indians to bring all publick news to the said John Schuyler during his absence and in case he should dye Jas [John] Schuyler to remain in the station for Livetime and was told to the aforesaid Indians to acquaint word unintelligible of the Indiasn to which end it was ordered that 5 Strings of Wampum should be sent among the Five Nations

The Contents what is above written was interpreted and then repeated by the said Deponent went unto the house of Wm Hogan where the said Commissioners were convened with some Indians where the Col Schuyler came in a little after the said John Schuyler being told the Deponent that Coll P. Schuyler had not done according to his promise to acquaint the Commissioners of Indians and therefore writ of what was Transacted at the House of the said Schuyler and further Deponent saieth not.

1709 [27 Decr]  
*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Present  
Coll K V Ransalaer  
Evt Banker  
Henry Holland  
Hend Hanson  
sachims of Magnase & River

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs  
Albany 27 of Dec.r 1709

The Commissioners having sent for several sachims of the Magnase and some of their young men and River Indians who are now come and assembled in the City Hall of this City.

The Gentlemen make them welcome and told them they know as well as the Commissioners what reason they had sent for them at this time being we had to do with a vigilant the French of Canada and it would inproper to pass this winter sleeping without a good Guard or outskout on these Frontiers do therefore do desire of their [britest] young men to go out as outskouts & ten River Indians

Brethren

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It is know to all those here were last two French Praying Indians belonging to Cachnawaga who were sent by the Governor of hither as Messengers it seemed they behaved themselves as Brethren and promised that they should be here again in 50 days time which is now long therefore think that

the

[0551] is a lighter copy of [0550]

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French have some ill designs against Her Majestys have desired desired 6 Trusty Indians to goe as a Spyes to Canada to observe the Motions of the French

The Commissioners have this day condoled the death death of Cajonyaerigo Late one of the Sachims of the Magnase who dyed some time since at Schennectady and gave 1 Blanket &

1709 28 Decr.  
*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Present  
Coll Rensalaer  
Evt Banker  
John Cuyler  
Henry Holland  
Wary hanson

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing the Indian Affairs in  
Albany the 28th December 1709

This day agreed with Seven Christian Indians to goe as outskouts on these  
frontiers with several Indians four shillings 6 per diem together with Provisions and  
ammunition one 50 days Beginning the first of January the names of which Christians are  
as followeth / viz Jan Fort Jan Clute P.r Onderkerk, Aldrick van Vranken P.r McBee,  
Geralous Camfort & Isaac Christianse.

1709 29 Decr.  
*[Not in Wraxall.]*

Present  
Collonel K Van Rensalaer  
John Cuyler  
Hend Hanson  
Evt Banker  
Sachims and other Indians of the Magnases

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in  
Albany the 29th December 1709.

The Sachims & other Indians of Magnase being convened in the City Hall of  
this City the Commissioners of Indian Affairs have endeavored to agree with some Trusty  
Indians of that Nations to go as outskouts on these Her Majesty after long discourse they  
went out from the aforesaid place and would not go without they had Every one great  
wages alledging that there shall be great danger.

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Present  
Col: V. Rensalaer  
Hendk Hansen  
Evt Banker  
Jno Cuyler  
15 Magnase Indians

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in  
Albany the 30th of Decr. 1709

This day the Commissioners agreed with 15 Magnase Indians to goe out as  
outskouts on her Majestys Frontiers to the Lake of Leeds towards Canada to observe the  
motions of the French which Indians are to lye 50 days as outskouts for 115 Royals  
together with provision and ammuniton and were ordered to goe from hence on Mamday  
[Monday] in Company with those Christians who are hired the names of which Indians are  
as followeth (vizt.) the relation of Turtell jonediage Dchotquarieseie Sadernjochsko,  
Sockrahowana Addownochqua, Occhnawara these are the relation of the wolf, Sanackkara  
Kanaquagora and these of the Bear Lakequekodie akohenoque Wareochele, Tehachere  
wede sawedode & Godeweride

The Commissioners also agreed with 10 River Indians to go as outskouts with  
the aforesaid Magnase Indians are to have the same wages of 115 Royals for the space of 50  
days together with provision and ammuniton the names of the said Indians are as follows  
viz Matanas Pecketaquase Rissesses Bichard wissenameek Agoist, Mahesoenank  
Agquasankane & Ninnihakes

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Present  
K: [Van Rensselaer]  
Evt. Banker  
Jno. Cuyler  
Hend Hanson

At a meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in Albany the 2nd Jany 1709/10

The Commissioners endeavored to procure three good and Trusty Indians to send them directly into Canada to observe the motions of the French which Indians were to return here in 45 days, but could not persuade any of the Magnase to go there It was therefore Resolved to Meet again tomorrow and in the meantime an enquiry should be made in the matter

1710 3 Jany  
*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present  
Coll K Renlaer  
Evt. Banker  
Jno. Cuyler  
Hendrik Hanson

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in Canada the 3d. Jany 1709/10

After long persuasions and great Trouble and Pains the Commissioners agreed with three good Trusty Indians of the Magnase who are to go directly into Canada to observe the motions of the French of the French there, and are to return in 45 days to this place. The the names of the Indians are vzt Jacob the Indian who is to have 140,

1710 3 Jany

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140 Royals 1 Blanket 1 fine shirt 16 strouds and of D.o for his wife & J Cahnedie je ( who shall also have 100 Royalls 1 blanket 2 Fine shirts & 16 Stroud stockings, and Adnachte Shall have 110 Royals 1 Blanket 1 fine Stroud & 10 stockings also D.o for his wife

1710 5 Jany

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:380 for general discussion of spies.]*

Present

K V: Rensalaer

Evt Banker

Henry Holland

John Cuyler

Hend Hanson

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing the Indian affairs in Albany this 5 day of Jan.y 1709/10

Whereas there is an act of General assembly of the Collony of New York for the Lyeing of 50 Indians in this City of Albany for the security of these Frontiers Pursuant to which act the Commissioners for managing Indian Affairs to Lye here and at Schenectady this winter for the security of the aforesaid frontiers and told them that they should have subsistence during such time they stayed this winter

Whereupon the aforesaid Indians said that they would come fourteen days hence to fullfill the above request of the Commissioners and desired that they might some ammunition given them and also two three Gallons of rum to drink the healths of Printhrop of Christians and Indians who have gone out as outskouts to the Lake that leads to Canada was granted unto them

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*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:380 for reference.]*

Present

Coll: K Van Rensalaer

Mr. E. Banker

Mr. J: Cuyler

Mr. Henry Holland

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of the of the Indian Affairs in  
Albany 8th Jan.y 1710/9

This day received a letter from Lawrence Clace the Interpreter from Ononage by the hands Daniell Daniellson dated the 4th of this Instant Jan.y containing that he was arrived in Oneyde and had pursuant his instructions endeavoured to send three Indians to Canada which he could bring to no effect being [atthend] and hee was since arrived in Onnondaga where has consulted the Indians relating the exchange of the French Priest & his man whom will give their opinion thereof by Return Post and that there have been french in Onnondaga in order to make a sure pense with them and that all the Kaokes & Senikees have resolved to go to warr against Platt Kop [Flat Head] naked Indians which he will together with the Indians endeavour to hinder Received also by two Indians of Onondge a letter from Lawrence Clace of the 7th Instant which informs that there are come two Indians in Onondaga from Canada now about 46 days past --



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and say that the French are making ready to out with a army against Resolved that copy of this letter should be sent to express with which 2 Indians did lay before us a Belt of Wampum signifying further the above news contained in the said letter and that they desire us to bee upon our Guard that we may assist one another by occasion for they do not know where the French will make their attack

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The Indians of Onnonde who brought the letter were made welcome and thanks for the news they bought, and we are glad they have sent for their who are a hunting as soon as we hear any Motions of the French we shall acquaint with it and desire them to accomts us with any news they may receive from them which they have this day seen we are on our guard and have a considerable Strength now in town and expect / more force dayly, there was Stroud Blanket given them instead of a Belt of Wampum.

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Instructions for Captain Van Slyck who is to goe on receipt hereof to the Company of Christians who lye outskouts on these Frontiers to observe the motions of the French and on your arrival there to observe

the

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Motions of the French and on your arrival there to take the Sd Company in your care and keep a sufficient Guard and outskouts and also to send a party towards the New England passage & so from time to time to spy the road towards the Lake and other passages.

And we do hereby require the said Christians and Indians to obey such orders and directions as they shall receive from time to time and to send us every Saturday a Post so that the first may be on the 28th of this Instant

Given under our Hand in Albany the 17 of January 1709/10

Present

K. V Rensalaer

Evert Banker

John Abeel

Henry Halland

Hend Hanson

John

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing Indians In the City  
of Albany the 24 day of Jany. 1709/10

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

This day came Richard the Indian who was sent by Capt. Harmer of Skye [Harmen Van Slyke?] from the Grand Watch who acquaints the Gentlemen that Saturday last being the 21st Instant the out Guard of the Grand Watch came upon the track of two Men upon Wood Creek near the fort supposed to be the enemies spies Whereup a letter immediately sent back to Captain V: Slyke to be upon his Guard and that we likewise immediately sent to Schoneghate & elsewhere for the Indians to come in with all speed

1709/10 31 Jany

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[Not in *Wraxall. Reference in Colden Papers 9:380.*]

Present

K: V: Rensalaer

E. Banker

John Abeel

Henry Holland

H: Hansen

John Cuyler

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indians Affairs  
in the City of Albany the 31st January 1710

Whereas the general assembly of the Coloney of New York having provided for fifty Indians and Spyes for Her Majestys Service to be in pay on the Frontiers for the security thereof and in order thereto have employed said Indians and other daily service for Messengers and Spyes as is Required constantly from the 2d. of December 1709 and Whereas severall having left their habitations for fear of the enemy in so Much they are not able to subsist themselves and familys Expect some releave from this Government.

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We therefore the undersubscribed Commissioners Managing the Indian Affairs for releave of the said Indians and Families Desire the Commissioners for the expedition against Canada to deliver Provisions out of the Stores for their sustenance and what Provisions that shall be distributed to the said Indians and Families at the end of the time we engage to give a sufficient Certificate for the same

No names of Commissioners entered hereunder ---

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[Not in Wraxall. Reference in Colden Papers 9:380.]

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Present

Col K V: Rensaler

Evert Banker

Henry Holland

John Cuyler

H. Hanson

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs in Albany 13 Feby  
1709/10

Having Heard that there are French Agents coming from Canada with Lt. Bart. & three other Prisoners It is therefore resolved by the Commissioners to appoint Evert Banker with Jean Rosie to be Interpreter to meet the said Messenger in order to conduct to this City

[See DRCHNY 9:842 for de Vaudreuil's account of the events leading to the prisoner exchange]

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[Not in Wraxall. Reference in Colden 9:380.]

Present

Coll Rensalaer

Evt Banker

Jno. Cuyler

6 Onnondagas

1 Oneyde &

Cachnawags

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in  
Albany -- 18 Feby 1709/10

Two days ago came here six of our Onnondagas & one Oneyde Indian from Canada (in company with the French who are sent hither from the Governor of that place for the exchanging of Prisoners) for whom the Commissioners sent & made them welcome by a token of 7 Hands of Wampum and where desired to give a relation of what news they have heard and seen during their

abode

abode at Canada.

The said Indians gave the following relation

Brother Corlaer

We were sent by Half Face by Five Nations to the Government of Canada and are now Returned in good health as you may see Gave seven hands

We shall now acquaint you with what news is come to our Ears (in the presence of those Indians of Cachnawaga who are come in company with us) on our arrival at Montroyal one of the Chief Commanders who came to us with an Interpreter and us heartily welcome. Whereon we answered that we come there upon the request of the Governor of Canada.

Brethren,

Then we came before the Governor we sayed it seems we have some difference Last summer and

have been drunk but we are come to Rise the tree of unity. upon which the Governor us wellcome by a Belt of Wampum.

We said to the Governor, you & Quieder meaning this Government & have been drunk last Summer, what is the reason you have taken Prisonners & keep them here make them Losse & gave a Belt of Wampum we do now here by Call them losse and if you do not losse them it will not goe well you, and desired to have a good and open path from to this to this as also to sessessions of arms and to live in peace and amity

Said further to the Governor of Canada that to the Indians of Canuchwaga and all other Indians that their might be no mischief done one neither side and all passages and hunting places may be

free

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free Eschew and did bury the hatchet of Warr and said that a great rock may be layen thereon and that if it should, and if shall happen that any mischief should be done on either side they would come to acquaint one another with it

They said also that the Waganhaes Indians had the hatchett and desired By a belt of wampum to take the same out of their hands or else it could bring mischief being

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the hatchet of War as yet in their hands to defend themselves and that he should hope that the Waganhaes from Cadarachqua to prevent to hunt there being it is their Land and he was but Suffered by them to build there for which they gave a Belt of Wampum

Lastly they said to the Governor of Canada we have now done, but do desire by a Belt of Wampum to have a house to Lye in he made answer that the Interpreter was gone out to procure a house for them and would bring an answer.

Answer from the Governor of Canada to the said Indians

Children you desired to have the Prissoners losse I do now see that you have compassion with your I shall therefore Lett theme Losse being you do pretend to be their Eldest Brother (meaning that they were higher than this Government) Bring the Priest and his man here your own selfs for you have given them to Corlaer and given a Great Belt of Wampum

You have desired that I should keep my Indians at Home to do no mischief on hunting places which I shall do and you must do the Like and if any accident happen on either side the same might be heald.

gave a Belt of Wampum

Children

Children

You have desired me that I should take the Hatchet out of the hands of the Waganhaes. It is true that I have given the same into their hands being their was a warr and did Expect the first Blow from you but I shall now take it out of their Hands at your request gave one Black belt of Wampum

Children

You desired that my Indians should not not goe Hunting towards Candanchqua but let them hunt there with you one with another gave a Belt of Wampum.

Longuil one of the Chief Officers at Canada desired to have free possession of a house in Onnondaga and to be well entertaind when he came there.

Propositions made by 4 Cachnawaga Indians to our Indians

You have draw us here to say that you have a fire burning at Cachnawage which has been quenched but now is kindled among them  
gave belt of wampum

The following speech they made to the Commissioners when arosa & Carachkiene were last summer they desired to have the Prisoners which were at Canad then we answered them that he should wrote to the Governor of Canada for this matter the Prisoners are now here and gave a belt of Wampum.

The Commissioners acquainted our Indians with the contents of the Letter Recd from the Governor of Canada and that Lt. Bart Staats has pledged his word of honor to return to Canada if the Priest is not exchanged for him and we are desired to acquaint the Five Nations of it.

*[Not in Wraxall. Reference in Colden Papers 9:380-381.]*

Pursuant an order of the Lt Governor  
It is resolved by the Commissioners to desire Mr. John Abeel to furnish the following necessaries on the acct. of the Province for the French Officers the Priests and their men being in all 10 Men for their journey to Canada. and since there is no money in Cash. It is thought requisite the sum be layed before the General Assembly in order that a fund for payment thereof may be raised

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

We take leave to acquaint your honors that Her Majesty Fort here is wholly out of repair and will fall down and therefore desire may lay the same before the House so that timely care may be taken for the reparation thereof Doubt not but Colonel Mathews has acquainted the Honors with the Particulars of.

Present  
Colonel K V: Rensalaer  
John Abeel  
Jno Cuy  
Henry Hanson  
Evt Banker  
Henry

At a Meeting [sic]



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[*Not in Wraxall. Reference in Colden Papers 9:380-381.*]

Present

Col V: Rensalaer

Jno Abeel

Jno. Cuyler

Hend Hanson

Evt Banker

Henry Holland

At a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs in Albany March  
1710

It is resolved by the Commissioners to desire John Abeel to furnish the following necessaries for the French officers together with the Priest and his man for their journey to Canada and the same is to be paid out --

To each man 25 lbs of bisket

to each -- 10 lbs of bacon

to each 2 bottles of brandy

Some loaves Cheese

to each [illeg] Tobacco

a few Prace some salt & half

a bushel 4 needles for making word not intelligible that there is covering being word not intelligible two Kettles be restored to them which they Lost when they came to Albany

8 lbs of powder 24 lbs of shot some hooks and lines for fishing

a double portion to the Priest

Canoe for 10 Men a small two words not intelligible for the Revd Father.

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Whereas the General Assembly has raised Money for the sending severall persons among the five Nations this winter up which fard the Commissioners of Indian have hired five Christian as spyes to observe the motions of the French to lye among the said nations and having no bread for the said Persons have the Commissioners to Emburse one hundreds for the sd person

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a Sachim of the Five Nations

Col K V: Rensalaer

John Abeel

Evt Banker

Henry Holland

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for the managing the Indian Affairs  
in Albany the 2nd of April 1710

This day come before the Commissioners Torquajenot one of the Sachims of the by the Five Nations with the consent of Maquase who was sent by the Commissioners last January to two Nations of Indians called Sejuchquareasa and Sawachroene Living to the South West about 6 days journey from hence to desire those Indians to assist us against the French of Canada when we should have occasion for them, who says he has been with the said Indians and spoke to them with two Belts of Wampum & gave them his Gun & 1 Blanket [&c]

The said Indians answered that they were always ready to assist us with 1000 Men and if we should have occasion for them and would come when desired.

This day received two Letters from Lawrence Clace dated in Onnondage the 16th & 17th March Last which are ordered to be copied and sent to the Lieut Governor

N: B: It is resolved by the Commissioners that seven pounds teen shillings being the last half years sallary due to William Printhop when he has Performed his agreement shall be Phillip Livingston on order

1710 4 May

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*[See Wraxall p. 69 for a summary of this report that omits the decisions of the smith and interpreter to leave early. Reference in Colden Papers p. 381 to Onondaga meeting.]*

Present

K: V: Rensalaer

Hend. Hansen

John Cuyler

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in  
Albany 4th May 1710

This day came here La Clace the Interpreter Jan Wemp Junior Robert Danidene with  
Wm Printhop the Smith and Charles Burn his assistant from Onnondage & Sinnekes  
Country report as follows

Lawrence aforesaid being asked if had received the Letter of the Commissioners  
wherein they ordered that every one of his Men should stay on their post for one or two  
Months more after the 1st of this Instant Month May or till further order but the aforesaid  
John Wemp had liberty to come and would not stay, desires that every one may answer for  
himself

Daniel Danielde says he did not stay being thought the Commissioners would not  
allow what he could abserve here. Wm Printhop says that his time to stay till 9th Month  
November next ensuing but considering a quantity of Rum was brought into the Indian  
Country could no stay without to be in great danger of his life Charles Burn says the same  
Therefore

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Therefore Lawrence Clace the Interpreter says he thought if he stayed alone could do little service - is nevertheless willing on Command of the Commissioners when they shall send him up to forward Her Majestys & to serve the Province as much as in his power with Pay and the Onnondages do instantly desire for a Smith to lye in their Castle which they shall now make being their axes which they break dayly and their word unintelligible on which they have sent with the said Lawrence 3 Strings of Wampum. They do expect immediately answer if not then they are obliged to procure another Smith who will serve them for nothing Meaning out of Canada Lawrence says further that this summer there will be held at Onnondage a general Land Meeting the 5 Nations desire that Colonel Rensalaer in the room of Colonel Schuyler

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may be there Present with such a company of Men and other necessaries as the Government can afford Desire further that the Queen of Great Brittain may now take possession of their land Onnondage by such officers and Men as are willing to stay & build a fort there and manure their land to the end that the French may be kept out of it because they encroach on them from time and they cannot keep their langer[longer?] without assistance

Lastly says that the French come now there privately in the Country and send our Indians out a fighting against the far and strange Indians, nor only on regard that the Enemy thinks that possibly there may come another expedition but Chiefly that may become Masters of the Indians and bring always great Presents with them.

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*[Wraxall has summary p. 70; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

Present

K: V: Rensalaer

Evt Banker

Hend. Henson

Jno. Cuyler

S: Van Ornan

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing the Indian Affairs In  
Albany 10th May 1710

It is agreed with Lawrence Clace the Interpreter to go up again to Onnondage and  
Sinnekes Country till 6 Mo August now next coming for the sum of teen Pounds 1 Shirt 1 pr  
Stroud Stockings 1 rumlet of rum with some tobacco to stay in the Sinnekes Country 6 mo  
Novr. 1710.

Further there shall be bought for Lawrence to take with him beads and other Tryfles  
to give to the Indians their Wives and children for the sum

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or little more as also 2 Strouds Blankets & 1 Blanket to buy belts of Wampum for

N: B: Sent him 80 Indian Jewels to present to the Farr Indians.

Instructions for Lawrence Clace the Interpreter to Onnondage & Sinnekes Country

You shall forthwith goe from hence to Schennectady with William Printhop and  
Charles Burn and on next Wednesday the 17th of this Instant to go from thence to the  
Sinnekes Country to post Printhop there for 2 Month

or

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or 6 weeks that he may set up his Smiths there for the service of the Indians and Burns to assist him and after the expiration of that time they shall goe down together to Onnondage & there to dispatch the same smiths work that their a Ballows be made that shall you say in answer to ye Onnondages and lay down 7 Hands of Wampum which we doe now give you.

You shall say to the Sachims of the 5 Nations in behalf of this Government, that they are desired to keep all their Young Indians at home that none may go out a fighting. till the arrival of our Governor who we do expect daily and as soon as he comes we shall the Brethren a post with what news and directions he shall bring from the Great Queen of Great Brittain for the French do work for nothing but to make ye 5 Nations there Land care of Men by this to lay down seven hands of wampum to each nation

You shall do your endeavor that the Farr Indians as much as possible may have a thorrow passage hither to the end the the Brethren of the 5 Nations are desired to be assistant and if shall want thereto two or three Belts of Wampum then you may procure them of the best you can

That the Brethren of the 5 Nations hinder as much as possible the French

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Priests or any other French may no more take possession of their Land and recomand them that keep a watching eye for the French always do deceive them, as the Bretheren know shall acquaint as such news as happens from time

Lastly the time to stay here is till 6 Mo August & Printhop & Burns to Mo. now next Ensuing or until further orders

Given our hands in Albany.

*[See Wraxall p. 70 for May 15 entry not included in the S of P.]*

1710 28 May [or 27?] p. 301, 302  
*[not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:382.]*

Present

John Cuyler

John Schuyler

P. Van Brough

P. Van Brough [sic]

Jos: Roseboom

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing the Indian Affairs in  
Albany 27 [28?] May 1710

Children we are glad to see you here in the House of Treaty and make a Covenant with you and joyn you in one Covenant with the 5 Nations our Brethren last year we sent a Belt of Wampum with some of your Indians to convince you that the Mentour was not killed by our Means nor persuasions but by the instigation and persuasions of the Governor of Canada who was afraid that he should make a free and throw passage from you to this place and that you should not hearken to him when he should or persuade you to do mischief, but to answer that you have made and entered into a Covenant with us and also to encourage persuade & invite you and all the Farr Nations to make a free and throw passage from your country to this place and shall always be kindly treated and received here whenever you come you are now come but few in number we hope next year you shall come more in number and doubt not that you will be civilly treated & received as Brethren of the Five Nations we have sent but two of our Sachims to Meet the sachims of your nations to treat with them and the sachims of the 5 Nations at Onnondaga Thes Indians were given as a present 2 [or 5?] Kegs of Rum 3 Rolls of Tobacco 6 doz pipes to Drink & smoke with their Sachims in their Countr[y]



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*[Wraxall has summary p. 70; S of P adds details. See Colden Papers 9:381-387 for detailed account.]*

Present

Johs Cuyler

John Roseboom

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing Indian Affairs in  
Albany the 14th of June 1710

Captain Everett Banker & Mr. David Schuyler returned this day from Onnondaga and offered to deliver a journal of their proceedings among the 5 Nations and the said Farr Nations which was referred till next Meeting

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*[The S of P notetakers mix up dates from journal with dates of mtgs. Wraxall gives June 15 as date that journal was delivered and summarizes the content beginning on p. 70. His version is clearer at times than this one, but this one has additional details. Colden Papers cover this beginning on 9:382.]*

The following Journall was given to the Commissioners for managing the Indian Affairs in Albany the 20 June 1710 by Captain Evert Banker in dutch ordered the Deputy Secretary to translate the same which is as follows

Albany 1710 May 24 Wednesday

So are we Banker & Schuyler Departed to Onnondage on the desire of the Gentlemen Commissioners to sitt there in the meeting of the whole house to speak with the Waganhaes, coming at Schennectada meet 3 Onondagas who say when they went out Onnondaga they had news that the Waganhaes were in the Sinnekes Country.

May the 25. Coming in the Magnase Country we found no Indians at Home but three So have thought fit to send a Post where the Indians where are on the Pigeon hunting to acquaint them that we marching up to Onnondaga and if they did not go with us. Immediately came here to Indians one Sinnekes & one Oneyde who say that 6 Canoes with Waganhaes were at Canninda whereupon we thought fitt to write the Commissioners for written news.

May the 26th

In the morning part as 9 canoes with Waganhaes who were going to Albany in the afternoon

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We received news from the Magnase who were on the Pigeon hunting that they would follow us So we resolved in the morning to march to fulfill our Journey.

May 27th

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27th May. Being on the Journey between the First and 2d Castle meet [wt] several Onnondages who said that the Waganhaes had been already 3 days in Onnondage, but heard the same day that they were in the Sinnekes Country

May 27th

May 28th So meet us severall Troops Onnondagas who said that the Waganhaes were yet in the Sinnekes Country

May 29. Coming in Oneyde and the Sachims being [blank space] meet So wee askt who of them marchd op to Onnondage answered that they had appointed nobody yet but should do it soon, askt for their advice if it should not be good to send a post to Onnondage with seven hands of wampum to acquaint them that we were in Oneyde & that the Onnondagas should send so for to acquaint the Wagathas that we stayed for them which the Sachims thought and we resolved to stay for the Magnase together Ondydes Magnase River Indians and we to Onnondage where is the appointed place to speak for this time.

May 30. The desire of the Sachims of Oneyde of us for a Smith they should now necessarily want -- we are of meaning to remove we knew not reason

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why we should have one, or it must be we are so trusty for the Government the Sinnekes who are not good are allowed one on their desire -- If we are now allowed none, we want him so necessarily we will go where we can gett one

May 31st at noone comes here apartout of Onandage who says that the Cayugas were in Onnondage and the sachims of their Castles were gone to  
meet

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to meet the Sinnekes and the Waganhaes to fetch them and desire that we should hasten us and if the Magnase were not with us we should sent a post to meet them whereupon we with the Oneydes Resolved to stay one day for the Mohages

June the 1st So came the Speaker of Oneydes and desires us if we to Stay yet one day for me [them] being they were not ready which we granted.

2d June In morning as we came out where all the Leefs of the Trees and Indian.

3 June. Journey to Onnondage as we were yet about three Miles from thence it begun to rain fast so we Resolved to Sleep there in the Evening proposed the Sachims of Oneyde to us how that we should apply ou[r]selves when we came in Onondaga if we should consult together for the best of our Country or every one on his self whereupon we answered that we always would consult the Brethren for which gave us thanks.

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June the 9th [4th] Early in the morning we sent Wm Printhop before us to the Castle to acquaint the Sachims that we were hard by their Castle with our three Nations, together where we should Lodge whereupon they came to meet us and made us welcome and as soon as we came in the Castle we were sent for in the Councill where wee saw the three Waghhakes singing for joy and had long stone pipes in their hands and having beaders [feathers?] about as bigg as Eagles wings so as they left off singing so we filled the aforesaid Pipes and Let us smoke which was a token of Friendship that we spoke to them that we are

glad

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to see them at the place appointed by your Honors and that had heard, the place appointed that of the hous we had heard that they had been by our Brethren the Sinnekes but allways returned by brethren but allways returned whereupon you answered that they but particularly called of the Sinnekes but being now invited Corlaer & Quieder and all the Five Nations to come at Onnondage, and now we are here Brethren to speak of peace that spoke one of the 5 Nations sayed Brethren we are come together to speak of peace so is my desire that we may not be against one another but be meak as Brethren ought to be.

5 June In the morning we were sent for of the Cayougas Onnondages Oneydes who had a Belt which was sent last winter to Lawrence to desire that they should not goe out a fighting but should at Home and expect what order should come from our great Queen.

Then we asked them if they had the Message what the Belt said so they reported how it was told them

Brethren we desire you not to goe out a fighting

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but to stay at Home and keep your wives and children guard the Country and stay for orders which will come from our Great Queen, and to give no ear to the French of Canada wee [know] that the Governor of Canada does not purpose to send you all out for to make you bare so that he may have the better opportunity to destroy your wives and children The Brethren are not ignorant of the care and feel yet dayly the grief of their deceit & Treachery when he seems and shows himself to be your greatest Friend that hath the Hatchet behind his back to murder you & I desire Brethren with the Belt which is a true toaken therefore consult

well

well by yourselves what you doe and I desire an answer

Answer of the Sinnekes Brethren Corlaer & Quieder

you have hindered me last fall not to goe out fighting and charged me to keep you Guard for the French we have word unintelligible all winter, and as we know [now] think on those Gallant warriors who are now slain by the Flat Heads how can I govern myself and Brethren you desire with this Belt I shall stay yet longer at Home but I reject it wholly will not see your Belt for the hate I have against the Flatt Heads is unforgettfull therefore Brethren I give you belt again and desire you not to take it ill of me and wee take the Belt again.

The Sinnekes do to rehearsing to the whole house how and what the said to the Waganhaes when they came into their country to invite, Brethren we are

sent to tell a Message to go with us to the Brother Corlaer and Quieder the path is hansom and there is no ill in our Country The Waganhaes speak to the whole house. here I am now and you have called and taken me by my hand and told me that the Door stood open the beds made and the Potts built and said that the Path was hansom from the Sinnekes country to the Brother Corlaer.  
Let it be so. give one belt.

June 6th We received news that the Mohogs were in Oneyde whereup we stayed to speak till their arrival

In the evening the disaff[ected?] went to drink to hinder all good affairs and whereupon we desired the Sachims to [forbid] the drawing -- whereupon they answered that it was our fault were they had

desired

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so many times that no rum should be sold to them the Bevers which we have given for it, if they lay one heap should almost reached the clouds but no ear so we cannot think no otherwise than it is a design and the Waganhaes cannot have word not intelligible only for the Liquor, if our Young Indians are drink then they think what friends they have lost heretofore of the Waganhaes. then they to reverence it and there have compassion with us and let the tap be put in for ever Liquier is the accasion of all Mischief then more that I can utter therefore let the tap be knokt in if any body in Particular comes to desire rum give no hearing

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Last winter have the Traders given Bevers to Particular Indians whereby they desired to have the Tap opened If it should happen again do not hearken to them

June 7th

So we have spoken to the Waganhaes in the name of the whole House Brethren I desire a fast & Everlasting Peace which is inviolable for us and our children an if you keep it so shall our children grow up in joy & if you do to the contrary So shall you or I repent  
Give a Belt

2nd Brethren with this second do we make your minds clean and pure of past evill thought  
one Belt

3rd We desire also and we reconcile also our young soldiers and if any other Nations stand up we shall destroy and bring to nought with one another against us or you and if any of our people might call in your Country who are naked and hungry help them with victuals and Clothing

4 Brethren We desire if any difference may come  
between

between you and any of our House Let no Revenge be taken before you know that it is done with orders there come here first and inquire in the matter where it shall be for ever free for you to come and we shall do the same. one Belt

5th Brethren  
we desire that we may walk and trade with one another without hatred or Malice

6th  
Brethren

It is Corlaer Quieder who speak against you and all the 5 Nations and the River Indians who make a house we beat the path from the place you live without any molest shall happen to you word not intelligible if any one came on the Path who knows not of these things help them forward and we give you a free throw passage for to walk and trade to my Brother Corlaer & walk where you please without any Molestation of anybody

7th We have heard that a Great Sachim is dead who was always inclined to goe to my Brother Corlaer & Quider therefore we desire that you may put another good man in his room then we cloathed the young sachim we gave 2 Stroud Blankets 1 Shirt 2 pr Stockings wee had got seven articles for the condoling of the Dead whereupon we severall Strouds Blankets Stockings beeds and Jewells and Beeds

8 June  
Answer of the Waganhaes  
Brother Corlaer & Quieder  
You have accepted me for the child Host

last



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summer such one of the word unintelligible I am now come seek them both and desire dear Father to have compassion on us a father has compassion over his children

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Father the Hatchet out of your hands because you have war in the country we are afraid that one or the other shall do us harm give to you the whole House 4 Bevers

2ndly Father you have taken me in your Covenant chain which shall be kept Inviolable that no axe cut to pieces and no tree can fall asunder I promise on my side to keep the Covenant for Ever give a Bever Coat to you both

Father Corlaer & Quider

3rd I am resolved to go to the house to see how the trade is there if we are treated well we shall come all again in the Spring give two Bevers

4th Now Father & Brethren as much as is proffered us and thank the whole house and promise one side to keep it for ever whereupon they two stone pipes where they shall smook out of among one another as a token of peace when they are at the appointed place together which is Onnondaga.

June 9th

The Sinnekes spoke to the whole House  
Brethren I have the word unintelligible If I am inclined to the French but would You have that I should do If I do not keep myself word unintelligible the the Governor of Canada uses Instruments if he word not intelligible -- himself to destroy me and assistance as I know I cannot get what would you have that I should do if there is any thing to do for the best of our Country do I not better draw Strange nations dout of do my to stand for our country & speak to the Waganhaes for the Best of our Country

The Onnadages

answer

This Meeting was not so much called to speak with the Waganhaes but for the best of our whole House to wegh all matters but what shall we do our soldiers who are our strength leefe us and goe a fighting so that all our pains is needless

Dwagahhnes [the Waganhaes] speaks

We are not regarded in our own Country where we live we are continually threatened and beaten by the Governor of Canada but not with the sword but with practice and Poison [inder] liquors therefore is our heart and mind it - to live among The Brethren whereupon we give our heart over to the Brethren & we likewise desire that all we have spoken may be kept private from the Governor of Canada who seek his work unintelligible thereupon they give a shilling

10th June.

Early in the Morning the Hause spoke to the Waganhaes Brethren you give me your heart and we promise to keep it good esteem and lay it bye your [our]Heart what you have told me shall be kept secret my promise on our Part faithfulness that all shall be kept secret from the Governor of Canada thereupon we gave Strouds and Blankets.

2ndly

Brethren

You desire that we shall kept those things privit from the Governor General of Canada or any of his affectioned we desire the same from you Brethren, and we desire that you leave your Country where you are now living and to live nearer for the heart and body must be from one another and then we shall be able to withstand the Governor  
of

Canada our Enemy which comes to sett you against us

Brethren we desire that you will depart with all speed to your own Country when you have been with my Brother Corlaer Quider that I may speedily have an answer from you thereupon gave a great belt.

The House breaks up the Oneyde Sachims Resolved to go with us

June the 11th So we departed from Oneyde about nine a Clock  
it began to rain we travelled thorrow the rain

June 12. Early in the morning we went on the Journey and came in the Evening in Kanahoghre were we slept

June 13: Early in the morning we went again our Journey & came at Schaennectaday were we slept

June 14th In the Morning we went again on our Journey to Albany where we came about 11 a clock on the day.

was signed  
Everet Banker

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*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:387.]*

Sachims of the Sinneke

Present

E. Banker

H. Hanson

Joh Cuyler

Jo Schuyler

P. Van Brugh

Joh Roseboom

At a meeting of the Commissioners for Managing of the Indian Affairs  
in Allbany the 18th day June 1710

Rajenquarachta Sachim of the make the following proposition in behalf of the Five  
Nations

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

We are come for the welfare of

our

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Chiefly to acquaint the Brethren that three Sachims and other Indians of the Farr Nations are coming down hither now being on their journey who are empowered by the 7 Nations of the said farr Indians they have already Begun to make a good trade here we desire that they may be well used and treated in merchandizing and that they may have Goods as cheap as possible for they are now joined in one covenant with us and are falling off from the Governor of Canadas interest and if you gain those nations to us we gett all

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

I desire now that those Sachims when they come may be given good Presents to gain them to our Interest and to tye the Covenant Chain about their arms Some of them have already left the Castles and are advanced as near to as jagere.

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing the Indian Affairs in Albany 20th June /.

The Commissioners sent a Post to Lawrence Clace the Interpreter at Onnondaga with the following letter viz

Albany 20 June 1710

Lawrence

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Present  
Evert Banker  
Hend Hanson  
John Cuyler  
Myndt. Schuyler  
Joh. Schuyler  
P. Vanbrugh  
Joh Roseboon

Lawrence Clace -

This day we recd Intelligence from New York that our Governor is arrived there now 5 Days ago with a fleet of 13 Ships and that three expected who have been in company with him the Governor has taken in his way a French with 20 guns and 70 Men loaden with 300 hogsheads of sugar & other goods.

We send thererfore with odissanount the Brother in Law of Cannachquanje 7 hands of Wampum to acquaint the Five Nations as we desire you to do and also that you do your endeavour that the Indians Stay at Home and go not a fighting till the Governor Shall Speak with them and as soon as we here further news from the Governor we shall acquaint the Brethren therewith.

You can say to Wm Printhop that he has our Liberty to come down for 10 Days to help in his wheate

No more at present

yr Friends  
The Commrs

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Present

E. Banker

Hend Hansen

John Cuyler

M: Schuyler

J: Schuyler

P. Van Brugh

John Roseboom

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs  
Albany 21st [June] 1710

This day the Commissioners write a letter to His Excellency Colonel Robert Hunter  
Governor General and Commander in Chief of the Province of New York &[c]

May it Please Your Excellency,

We cannot express the joy we have to hear of Your Excellencys safe arrival over the  
Great Ocean and tedious voyage to New York we do therefore congratulate your Excellency  
to your Government and doubt not of your Excellency's wise and prudent Governing over  
us and of enjoying our Rights and Privileges which hope and [pray] [Heartens?] to bless  
and continue long on Your Excellency.

Enclosed send your Excellency a Journal of Captain Evert Banker and Mr. David  
Schuyler's Journey to and from Onnondaga who went thither on our request to treat with  
the Waganhaes and our Five Nations to which we refer So wishing Your Excellency Long  
Live and prosperity and so remain

May it please your Excellency

Yr. Excys most Humble & Obedient Servants

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*[Wraxall summarizes this sequence of meetings p. 74-75. The S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers]*

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Kajenquarachta Cachim of Sinnekes makes the following Proposition

Brother Corlaer

Whereas we were Desired by Colonel Nicholson last year to have a fire burning among the Sinnekes which has been burning I do on behalf of our nation the Sinnekes kindle the Fire anew for Corlaer (meaning this Government gave 2 Bever.

I desire the Covenant chain may be kept clean & Inviolable, and the same may be laid in a box to keep from rusting and it shall continue for us and our children forever after us  
gave 3 Beavers.

1710 June 22

Present

E. Banker

Hen Hanson

S [P] Van Brough

John Roseboom

Sachim of the Sinnekes

Indians Waganhaes & Farr Nations

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in  
Albany 22 June 1710

Answer made by the Commissioners to a Sachim of the Sinnekes

Brethren

We have heard and considered Your Proposition and are glad that you have such a good understanding

with

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the Waganhaes and entered into our Covenant with them and they are fallen off from the Government of Canada, we shall take care of the

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Who are now come shall have Merchandize as Cheap as possible to draw them to us from the French.

Brethren,

We do now join the Waganhaes with us and you in one Covenant which shall be kept on our side inviolable and hope you may do the same. It is very acceptable to us that they are removing and drawing near to you.

We shall give them such Presents as we are able at this time.

Brethren --

We are glad to hear that you have kindled the fire anew for Corlaer our Governour in the Country and do promise to Lay the Covenant in a boxe to keep the same clean to preventing from rusting gave him one Stroud blanket and one pare of Stockings

The Commissioners made the following proposition to the 3 sachims of the Farr Nations

Children

We are glad that you are come here to see us in the house of treaty & made them welcome by seven hands of wampum we have heard that you have entered in one Covenant with us by the two gentlemen which we sent to Onnondaga and that the Five Nations we do therefore accept the same and promise to keep it for Ever inviolable & and to write

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down in this Book as an everlasting toaken and Memorial for us & our Children after us.

Children



Children

We do therefore renew the said Covenant Chain with you for us & our children which we exhort you to keep fast & firm and fas for ever and desire that you come to Live nearer to the Five Nations we have heard that you have given yr. hearts over to the brethren (it is not good the hearts and body should Live farr from one another) to the end that you may come here with the Brethren of the Five Nations

When the Governor shall invite

Children

We do promise to Let you have Merchandize as Cheap as possible -- the three Sachims were given a gunn that they may no longer be children but that they should therewith defend themselves Like young Men when they be molested and that Should always be welcome there given as a present 4. blankets Strouds 4 shirts 4 pare of Stockings 7 Keggs of Rum 4 Rolls of Tobacco 6 Doz Pipes & 2 Dozen knives

N:B: To the head Chief 1 gun to Cjouquaracta's Brother D.o to the Interpreter 1 shirt 1 pare of stockings.

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Present  
Col K Renslaer  
Evt Banker  
Hend Hanson  
Joh Cuyler  
P. Van Brugh  
John Roseboom  
Arie [xxx] Onnond Mohogg Indians

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for the Managing the Indian Affairs  
in Albany 24th June 1710

The Commissioners received this day 2 letters from his Excellency the Governor and Commander of New York and New Jersay's dated in New York the 21st past acquainting them of his safe arrival to New York and thought to be here in August to view in person the defence of the Frontiers are in and to renew the covenant chain with the Sachims of the Five Nations, and desired the Commissioners to send them word to be here precisely on the 10th August and that Her Majesty has been pleased to send a very handsome Present for them

1710 25 June  
*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing Indian Affairs in  
Albany the 25 June 1710

This day came here Arie & Onnonda Mohogg Indians who was sent out to Canada by the Commissioners to spye the Motions of the French there say that they have not performed their Journey as

was

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was their Duty being they mett about 24 English Miles from Chambly one River Indian & a Squa who have lived 2 years among the [Meruch - pr. French?] at Canada, Returned out of fear by what the heard of the said Indian who told them that two parties of Indians of each nine were gone out a fighting against New England who had been out a Long while and thought they should have meet them with Prisoners and one party of a great number was also gone but knows not how Long that Party had been out and that two Troops of Indians were ready to go at Chambly among which is Schnondo and that both the Governors were at Chambly where a stone fort is most made

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that the French have been making Batoes ever since last Spring there are arrived at Quebec four ships with Merchandize & two with men a party of French and Indians had layn at the Otter Creek as Spyes who are returned and 60 French and 20 Indians were going to Crown Point to keep a Safe guard there the Governor of Quebec's Lady who went from thence to France last fall was taken by the English the Indian who told the aforesaid news is come in company with them to the half Moon about twelve Miles from the City -- It was therefore resolved to send for which was done accordingly

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*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:387.]*

Present

K: Van Renslaer

Evt Banker

Hen Hanson

Myndt Schuyler

P. Van Brugh

John Roseboom

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing Indian Affairs in  
Albany 26th June 1710

The River Indian who came yesterday with our Indians appeared before the Commissioners and was examined who confirmed all that was said by them and said that he had heard at Cachnawage of the Indians thereat when the fort was made at Chambly the French designed to go out with a great party but not knowing where and the first part of the Indians had been out 18 Days to New England

1710 28 June

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing Indian Affairs In  
Albany 28th June 1710

This day The Commissioners sent out Caradowana the Oneyde and three other Indians as spyes for 20 twenty days to Corlaers for the security of these Her Majestys Frontiers

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers. Text in LIR p. 214; S of P adds nothing.]*

Present

E Banker

Hend Hanson

John Cuyler

Myndt Schuyler

C: Van Brugh

Josh Rowboom [Roseboom]

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners appointed for Managing the  
Indian Affairs in Albany the 28th June 1710

The Commissioners considering His Excellencys Letter to ym dated the 21 Instant concerning the Sachims of the Mohogs they have therefore resolved to write a letter to Jan Baptist Van Eyes Interpreter, and order him forthwith to go to the Magnase Country to desire the principal Sachims of that Nation to come down to Schanectady and that they will meet them there as soon as they hear of them coming thither

1710 2 July

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*[Text in LIR p. 215; Wraxall summary p. 75. Not in Colden Papers. LIR is best source; S of P adds nothing.]*

Present

K. V. Rensalaer

Everet Banker

Jon Cuyler &

J. Rowboom &

Sachims of Mohogs

Schaenechtady 2 July 1710

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in  
Albany 2 July 1710

Propositions made by the Commissioners to the Sachims of the Mohawks being about 20 in  
number consisting of

three

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three Tribes called the Bear Wolf & Turtle

Brethren

We are glad to see you here and have sent for you here by order of his Excellency our Governor to acquaint you that Her Majesty hath been pleased to send a great many families who are arrived at New York from Great Brittain to go and settle on your Land at Skohere which is already purchased from you the surveyor General being come to survey the same. but if you have any pretence thereon we do assure you that no settlement shall be made there before it be duly purchased and you satisfied We do desire you to pitch on 3 or 4 of your young Men to go with the Surveyor General on the aforesaid Lands to give their best information and to where a good rhoad should be made from thence on this River for a Wagon or Cart who

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shall be well rewarded for their Trouble by His Excellency on his arrival at Albany

The Sachims said they would give an answer to morrow Morning and desire that the meantime they may have some meat and drink their men having Brought nothing with them.

It was ordered by the Commissioners that they should have Provision during their Stay

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*[Not in Colden Papers. Colden completely leaves out the issues around the Mohawk grants. See Wraxall summary p. 75; LIR text p. 215 is best source; S of P adds nothing though confirms LIR.]*

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Sachims Mohogs

Present

K: Vansalaer

E Banker

John Cuyler

John Rowboom

At Schennaectady the 3rd July 1710

Answer of the Mohogs to the Commissioners

Brethren,

We have heard and considered on your proposall made to us yesterday that the Queen has been pleased to send a great many families in company with the Governor who has ordered you to speak with us Concerning the Land at Skohere which we had sold. But my Lord Bellemont Late Governor of this

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Province hath broken the Deed of Sale of the said Land and therefore devises on us again.

You told us that The Surveyor was come to the survey the and Lay out a Rhoad which we will not yet Suffer. Do you think to deal with us like Children Ther Queen has been pleased to break that Deed and we shall not be against her request

We will not suffer our Land to be surveyed before the return of Hendrik our Sachim and the other Indians who are gone to Great Brittain,

We

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We had thought that Colonel Nicholson should come with a great number of Men to take Canada who are come are sent to take our Land from us.

We are willing that Her Majesty shall have the at Skohere for the poor people & not one foot more Provided it be duly purchased

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The Commissioners answered the said Indians that His Excellency the Governor has sent the Surveyor General who is now a great long from Home as soon as His Excellency come at Albany he shall satisfy for the Land before any Settlement shall be made thereon not in the least to invade your Property --

Whereupon they answered that they would not suffer the Lands to be surveyed before the arrivall of those Indians who are gone to Great Brittain They rouse all up and went away very much dissatisfied

The Commissioners used all possible means to persuade the said Indians to give liberty to the Surveyor to survey the land and to give their answer who replied that they were going to their country to consult with of their sachims and young & men and would bring an answer in four days time.



1710 8th July  
*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Present  
K V: Rensalaer  
Evt Banker  
Mynd Schuyler  
P. Van Brough  
Mohogs Sachims

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in Albany the 8th July 1710.

The Commissioners received a letter of Jean Baptiste Van Eyes adviceing that the Sachims of the Mohogs had sent a messenger to Shchaenectady that they would not suffer that the land should be Surveyed Before the return of Colonel P. Schuyler and Hendrik and the [rest] head Indians who are gone to Great Brittain

The Commissioners thereupon resolved forthwith to write a letter to His Excellency Robert Hunter Esqre Governor and Commander in Chief of Her Majestys Provinces of New York & New Jersay & ordered the said letter of the said Jan Baptiste Van Eyes which was accordingly done

1710 11 July  
*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present  
K: V: Rensalaer  
E Banker  
H: Handson  
Mynd Schuyler  
P. Van Brugh  
Joh.s Schuyler  
J.on Rowhoom  
Mohogs Sachims

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in Albany

The Commissioners received a Letter dated this day of John Baptiste Van Eyes from Schaenecctetady and acquainted them thereby that the Sachims of the Mohogs had had general Land Meeting and consented that the Land at Skohere should  
be

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surveyed and had therefore sent four of their Indians to go with the surveyor

Whereupon the Commissioners have resolved to write a Letter to the said John Baptist Van Eyk to order him forthwith to come here with the said indians, to the end that may Inform themselves better of the matter

1710 12 July

*[Wraxall has summary p. 75; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

Present

2 Mohog Indians

K. Van Rensaler

E. Banker

H: Hanson

Myndt. Schuyler

P. Van Brugh

John Schuyler

Johns Rowboom

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs in  
Albany 12th July 1710

Pursuant to the Commissioners order yesterday Jan Van Eyes he came here this day with two Mohogs who are sent by their Sachims to acquaint the Gentlemen that they have General Meeting of all their Sachims and Men who have resolved that the Land at Skohere should be surveyed they having sent the two said 2 Indians to go with the Surveyor General Lay out Rhoad from thence to Schennectady or where it may be most convenient and to be aiding and assisting in Surveying the said Land the Commissioners did therefore agreed with them to perform which they sent on whereupon  
the

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the Commissioners sent for Colonel Graham Surveyor General and communicated to him the above Message and desired that he should make himself ready to go from hence tomorrow next day Instant to Schaenectaedy to perform the contents of His Excellencys Instructions to him directed and he should acquaint them with what necessary Provisions he shall want on his journey which they would procure for. The Surveyor General appeared and accordingly sayd he was ready to go as soon as provisions would be made

1710 16 July

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

The Oneyde & 3 other Indians

E Banker

H. Hanson

J: Schuyler

P. Van Burg

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing the Indian Affairs at Albany the 16th July 1710

About 5 oclock in the afternoon Returned here Caradowane the Oneyde and three other Indians who sent by the Commissioners on the 28th June last for the security of these Her Majestys fronteers to Corlaer Lake to observe the Motions of the French and give the following relation

vist

That they discovered

Nothing

nothing before they came to the Crown Point were they heard three Guns fire a considerable way before them and stayed expecting it be some Indians coming this way after they had stayed awhile and saw not what it was they resolved to go and see what it might be they resolved there going forward towards Canada they discovered teen french Indians whom they followed to see what news they had & from whence they where come, and did overtake them who told they had been to New England and fifteen Indians more were 3 Miles further who had been there also but had done no mischief there and that the People of New England pursued having lost all their Baggage -- had no provisions our Indians said they gave them some and asked the said Indians who had fired they replied that it was Catenalet the Indian with nine others and that Large Canoes with Indians had just them who are all going a fighting to fighting at New England, and would not go the upper way Being there on their guard but designed to go the Back way which is supposed to be Westfield to the end that they may surprise those who go as post from thence to this place

Say further that the French Keep a Strong party of men in the Lake on an Island called fort La Mott and are yet making Batoes and Canoes at Chambly.

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Present  
K: V: Rensalaer  
H: Hanson  
M: Schuyler  
P. Vanbrugh  
J: Rowboom  
River Indians

At a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing the Indian Affairs in  
Albany the 19th of July 1710

Whereas the Commissioners do think absolutely necessary for the security of these  
Her Majestys Frontiers to send spyes into the Hart of Canada to observe what the  
[Preparations] of the French of Canad are making they have therefore agreed with Apamet  
Pametos and three River Indians to go from hence this day and are to return here in 30  
days time and also to invite CatoInalet one of

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the Indians who deserted from hence and doth dayly great mischief to our Brethren of  
New England and is thought by his coming here to live in his native Country to prevent the  
Like for the future and also to Invite Nannunik Onnagoriso and Schonondo ( to come here  
the two last being made Children of this Government by the Commissioners and had  
promised to be here 30 days ago.

In case the French at Canada should have an ill design against this place or any of  
her Majestys Frontiers and keep them Prisoners that then the said assament  
and

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and the other Indians should procure any trusty Indian privately to bring us the Intelligence and to promise him four Blankets of Strouds and that they shall have two Blankets d.o above their wages for so doing

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*[CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNOR ROBERT HUNTER HELD AUGUST 7- 1710 STARTS  
HERE. Wraxall has summary p. 75-78. The text is printed in DRCHNY 5:217 et seq.; the S of P  
notes add nothing. Colden Papers 9:388-395 cover this conference.]*

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Conference with Hunter continued - notes conform to DRCHNY 5: 217 et seq.

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*[Conference with Hunter continued - notes conform to DRCHNY 5: 217-229*

*DRCHNY includes a memorandum dated August 21 1710 of goods given to the Five Nations and the River Indians.*

*See next page for continuation of conference not included in DRCHNY although summarized in Wraxall on p. 78.]*



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*[Not in Colden Papers. See DRCHNY 4:555-556 for the May 19 1699 document to which Hendrick referred. See Wraxall p. 79 for a summary that includes additional details about the Mohawks not signing a deed despite Messengers being sent after them to get one, and not accepting gifts left for them by the governor. Wraxall omits the reference to Hanson & Schermerhoorn's 1699 instructions. His summary includes a reference to another conference held June 11 1711 about this land. Wraxall comments "I suppose according to our System of Politics they were cheated."]*

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Propositions made by the Maquase Indians owner of Land called Skohere and Divers Sachims of Sd. nation to His Excy R. Hunter Captain General & Governor in Chief &c in Fort Albany 22d. August 1710

Hendrik the Indian Speaker by Lawrence Clace Interpreter

We were told that the Great Queen of Great Britain had sent a considerable number of people to settle on the land called Skohere which was a great surprise and we were dissatisfied at the news In regard the land belonged to us His Excellency has seen yesterday by the instructions which give by Late Govr. John John Nanfan to Hendrick Hanson & Ryer Schermerhoorn dated the 19th May 1699 they were ordered to acquaint us that the Land called was surrendered back again to us and that we remained there just and true own thereof All which the sd. two persons were obliged communicate to all the 5 nations nevertheless since your Excellency has been pleased to desire the sd Land for Christian Settlements we are will and do now Surrender deliver up & convey to the Queens Most Excellent Majesty her heirs & Successors all that tract of land called Skohere River & so down beginning at the uppermost piece of Land

that

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Propositions made by the Magnase Indians owner of the Land called Skohere and Divers other Sachims of the said Nations to His Excellency Rt Hunter Captain General and Governor in Chief at Fort Albany 22 Augt 1710

Hendrik the Indian Speaker  
interpreted by Lawrence Clace

Brother

Wee were told yesterday that the Great Queen of Great Brittain had sent a considerable number of people with your Excellency to settle upon the Land called Skahere which a great surprise to us and we were much dissatisfied at the news in regard the Land the land belonged to us

Your Excellency has seen yesterda[y] by the Instructions which were given to the late Governor John Manfan to Hendrick and Ryer Schermerhorn dated 19th May 1699 they were ordered acquaint us that the Land called Skohere was surrendered back again to us and that

we

we remained the just and true owners thereof all which the said 2 persons were obliged to communicate to all the five nations. Nevertheless His Excellency has been pleased to desire the said Land for the Christian Settlements we are willing and do now surrender deliver up and convey [to] the Queens Most Excellent Majesty Her Heirs and successors for ever all that tract of land called Skohere beginning at the uppermost piece of Land that lyes on Skohere River to down both sides of the River till you come where the paths goes out to the Magnase Castle at Tironondoraga the path is called by the natives Caniswaagenade which is about 5 English Miles above the Falls out of the Tract of Land the Syett said Maguase Indians Reserve which they own themselves only one flat or plain now plant near the hills called Onittachragarewe & wood Land sufficient for the Indians --

You sent the Surveyor General to survey the land at Skohere before you had a title to it

nevertheless we desire your Majesty to cause to be measured [inacted] that it may be seen how many christians Families can we go along the Surveyor far as our graining land the [said] we refer to His Excellency to give us what he shall think convenient we are better satisfied now that we [was] before for we apprehended that taken our land from us against our wills but youe thought we had not so a right to it as you had.

We pray that Henceforth may bought in a clandestine in private from so many Indians which perhaps pretend to be great Men but let it be done in pulick as this by all the races of the Magnase the Bearer [Bear] the Tirtle and Wolf being present we desire that the Instrument may be signed by us to be sent to the Great Queen

His Excellency's

Had I known of your Brethrens Just claim to the Lands of Skokere I had made no pretentions and as soon I did found their title and left it entirely to themselves they made a generous of their Land with the Reservation of a certain piece

here I accept in her name with all gratitude

I shall forthwith order a complement and acknowledge to be left for the same or leave is here that they may call for it whenever they please acquaint her Majesty the good service they have done for her that they may have her thanks.

And future no Lands will be purchased from any Drunken Idle Indians in a Clandestine manner I shall send the Surveyor General to survey and ascertain the Land & give you my hearty thanks and hope we shall always live in Good word unintelligible

New England any more and do unanimously assure that we agree to your proposal to lay down against New England and if the Government of Canada should at any time desire us to go out against New England that we jointly agreed not to go.

This proposition made to us privately under the Ground by the two Castles of the Mohogs who at the same time desired us to inform that it was their request you not take it ill of them that they did come themselves with the message Since the Government forbid Nevertheless they are fined from the bottom of their of their hearts and send absolute resolutions relative to any Incursions by against New upon which they have sent a Belt of Wampum

These desire that may carry this last Belt of Wampum to the Five Nations and to assure them of what is done and will return the same as they have satisfied of their.

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*[Wraxall describes meetings of Sept 29, Oct. 14, and Oct. 15 1710 on p. 79-80]*

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

John Abeel

Evert Banker

Hend Handsen

Mynd Schuyler

At a Meeting of the Commissions of Indian the 6th [16] Day of Octr  
1710.

This day we sent an order to M E. Phillip Livingston to deliv[er] the above said  
Indians returned from Canada ten yards of Shrouds and six Shirts for their faithful service

Resolved that a letter be sent this day to His Excellency with a copy of the above  
Minutes enclosed

May it please Your Excellency

The Indians sent out by your Directions to Cognewaga returned yesterday and  
enclosed we send you the Minutes [you] see the siness [swiftness?] of their journey we  
have rewarded them for their services with all the good husbandry imaginable and we  
hope their account will be satisfactory to your

Excellency We are  
most [illeg.] and obedient Humble Serts

Albany the 16 Octr 1710

*[LIR has Oct. 21 1710 meeting with Governor Hunter & the Showenoos not in these notes]*

*[Not in Wraxall. See Colden Papers 9:398-399.]*

Present

John Abeel

Evert Banker

Hen Hanson } [Esqr?]

Mind Schuyler

John Rose B

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs the 16 Day of Oct  
[1710]

Just now arrived two Oneidas from that country and informed us that the French Interpreter & four other were in the Indian Country about [4 Eight] since and desired the Oneidas Caugas & Onondagas to convene to get att Ononondaga which being granted all their Meeting he told them that they came to condole with the of two Indians who were killed in May last by the farr [Indians] near Cadaroque and gave a Blankett and a Blanket and a third to each family that they belong and to tell them we would endeavor to find out the Murderers in order to have them Executed and had sent out the farr nations to enquire about it and if the could not find them out afterwards he escorted an Oneida and and and an onondaga to his Quarters and told them if you hear of any designs against you must let

us



You must let us know and if you hear of any designs against you you shall certainly have advice of it

The Onondagas made answer [to the] Governor of Canada tell us allway what an extradionary concern you have for our Welfare, and that we are sorely for our Misfortunes and that you would prevent them but we cannot think that you have any concern for our Good since you still delay preventing such mischiefs which still happen every year notwithstanding your Promises to prevent them and speak plainly we look upon yourself to be the cause of our misfortunes but winter is coming on doe neither fear the Wagonas or you

You Governor of Canada are allways striving to make divisions amongst us and to devide us We being resolved to be true to own and the Queen of Great Brittain interest and affiance to you if ever the Wagonna

Wagonnas make any insults upon as we will revenge both on them and you we have [silently] acquiesced to your pretended proposals of friendship be we now [disvow] the falsehood and hereafter we allways lett you plainly and freely our minds and we tell you How that we suspect that you have [Caused] the Wagonnas to murder our people and upon further insults we shall eate up you as we have done several other nation to the southward

ordered that a letter be written to His Excellen[cy] with these Minutes which follows

May it Please your Excellency

This Afternoon arrived here two Oneidas from that country bring us the enclosed accounts of the French and proposals to the three nations and their answer to him which may of good consequence and we are inclined to believe if have good success at Port Royall what expedition we are inclined to believe will will make a great noyse amongst Indian and will still speak to the French and their Indians

Most faithful and obedt Humble Servn

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*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs the 18 Day of  
Octo 1710

Present

John Abeel

Hend Handsen

Mind Schuyler

The Sachims of the River Indians came to us this day and inform us that about a fortnight since the Mohawks came to Catts kill to see them which they had never done before Questioning whether they were or alive therefore came themselves and renew their antient League and and friendship

Upon their arrival. The Mohawks planted a tree thick with leaves which made close Shade Under Which for the More Secrecy, they were to consult att all times hereafter about matters of Moment

They say the Mohoghs acquainted that the Senecas had sent to see them Indians to desire them to come and live among them in their country but say that the Senecas are not to be trusted and you must advise those Southern Indians not to go the Senecas but to come this way through Abbany [Albany?] and to live with us in the  
Mohoghs

Country

They further say lett us be true to one another againts the common enemy the French and be ready upon the least occasion on any motions of the Enemy to repulse them.

Brethren speaking to this Government, If the Senecas are not so just to the their Covenant; as they [or] should some others of the nations prove false Lett us still / that been always good friends and true to each other and remain the same and from time to Information of any thing that may be serviceable to either on which they each down a Belt of Wampum

Att a Meeting of the Comr appointed for Managing the Indian Affairs  
the 24th [or 29th] Octr. 1710

Present

Evert Banker

Myndt Schuyt

Hans Hanson

P Vn Brugh

Hendrik Roelosse [Rodosse?] formerly and inhabitant of this this country who for the sake to whom he was promised and his parents are not willing to give their consent that he should marry her / deserted from hence to Canada in company with his Brother Joseph La fleur and soon after his arrival there was inclined to return here, and his Parents having made application to my to my Lord Cornbury late Governor of this Province for a Pardon for him which they procured whereupon the sd. hendrik Roelosse is come with here with his wife and 2 Children

He being askt if there was any news in Canada he said he had only heard that 150 Soldiers were gone from Montreal to Fort Royall. on news they had heard that the English were designed to take that place but by what he could learn

that

several were returned, and Monsieur Veudry & Mr. De Ramsay Governor of Canada were gone to Quebec and that the French have had this summer outskouts in the Lake but had been returned to Mont Royall 14 day before he departed from.

The Commissioners writt the following

May it please Yr. Excellency

Inclosed we send your Excy the examination of Hendt Roeloffe who deserted from hence 3 year ago is returned here with his wife and two children on a pardon which his parents had of my Lord Cornbury when Governor of this Province and he having spent and given to the Indians all he had in the world to convey him his wife and his children safe from Montroyall we therefore desire that your Excy may be pleased to grant him and Wife their pardon So wishing your Excellency all Imaginable Prosperity and happiness is all at present from

Albany 24 [or 29] Octr 17

May it please Excy  
Your Excellencys humble obed Servant

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*[Wraxall summary for 11 Dec.r 1710 p. 80; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

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Att a meeting of the Commrs for Managing Indian Affairs in Albany

Present

Evert Banker

John Cuyler

Hend Hanse

John Schuyler

Mynd Schuyler

G. V Brugh

Joshn Rowboom

It is resolved by the Comrs that Lawrence Clase the Interpreter shall be sent to The Five Nations and stay among them till ment last day to observe the Motions of the French and their Indians and also that Wm Printhop & [Charles] Burns shall go with him to Oneyde to work for that nation till the first of March nexte

The Following Instruction[s] were given to the  
Lawrence Clace

Instruction

Instructions for La Clace the Interpreter who to goe and lye in Onnondaga Cayuga or Sinnekes Country where you are to represent this Government

You are to take with you Wm Printhrop the Smith & Charles Burn who you are to post in Oneyde to work as Blacksmiths for that nation til 1st of March next And to procure for the sd. Wm Printhrop a vise which is Onnondaga that the may perform work

You are to give us notice of Intelligence of all news of moment from time to time during your stay among the 5 Nations and are diligently to Inquire and [write?] on the motions of the French and their Indians wherever they shall be. and if you it proper you may return here on last or end of February next ensuing or else to stay longer and send one or more Indians if you think it necessary. You shall acquaint the 5. Nations through their castles it having pleased God to bless with [success?] Her Majesty the Queens her Royal



and just arms he success in reducing to her obedience Port Royall and the adjacent Country

Given in Albany the 11th of December in the Ninth year of Her  
Majesty's Reign anno Do 1710

Signed E. Banker  
Hendrick Hanson  
John Cuyler  
John Schuyler  
P. Van Brugh  
Johns Rowboon [Roseboom]

Att a Meeting of the Comr appointed for managing the affairs in  
Albany 3d January 1710 [1711]

Present

Evt Banker

John Cuyler

Johs Schuyler

P Van Brugh

[Johs Roseboom]

This day came here two Oneyde Indians with a letter from Lawrence Clace dated at Oneyde 29 Decr last he inform us that the with one belt 4 arms of Wampum and acquainted him therewith the Waganhaes designed the Sinnekis country this winter which a great alarm in Oneyde All the Indians that are hunting were sent to come home this news is confirmed by three several ways in the Sinnekes country Shall be held a General Land Meeting of three shall be held but concerning he doth know

Att the Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indian Affairs in Albany  
11 Jany 1710 [1711]

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

K. V. Renselaer

Hend Hands

G. Cuyler

John Schuyler

Myndt Schuyler

P. W. King

Jos Rowboon

The Commissioners day writt

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writt a Letter Law Clace in answer to that dated Onnondaga 29th Decr last

Att a Meeting of the Comrs appointed for Managing Indian Affairs in  
Albany 22 Jany 1710 [1711]

Present

Evt Banker

Hend Hanse

John Cuyler

Mynd Schuyler

P. V. Van Brough

Johs. Rowboon

The Comrs recieved a Letter from Lawrence Clase dated in Onnondaga where he advises them that 4 of our Nations have privately concluded to send Indians to Cachnawaga an Indian Castle to come and live in their own country and they have have to that end appointed Oneydes for Messengers the said 4 Nations have also concluded to war against The French Waganhaes who have slain them twelve several times which they can bear no longer and are gone already against said Nation 100 Cayougas 100 Sinnekes [illeg.] Oneydes have resolved to fortify their castles their wives and children may [illeg.] danger the Onnondagas desire to have a Smith in their a French Smith is in the Sinnekes with His Wif

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*[Summary in Wraxall p. 80; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

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Att a Meeting of the Comrs appointed for managing Indian Affairs in  
Albany 24th Jany 171[1]

Present

K Vn Rensaler

Evert Banker

Hend Hanse

John Cuyler

Myndt Schuyler

P. Van Brugh

Josp Rowboom

Proposition may be severall Sachims of the 5 Nations

D. Canassore Speaker

Brother Corlaer Quiede

You have endeavored & sent many belts of wampum to draw the French Indians from thence into the native [Nation?] but it seems that [you] could never prevail on them wee do therefore acquaint that we shall send Messengers there for that purpose that the Brethren may not be ignorant what we do and we have to that end appoint 2 trusty Oneyde Indians called Odatchta & Shenodont to perform this message privately to  
the

*[PAGES ARE OUT OF ORDER. Part of the Oct 14 1710 mtg summarized in Wraxall p. 79-80. S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

which a great vice two pair of Tongues 2 Barr of Steel three fyles and an Hammer and a plate with Tapps in it

May it please your Excellency

According to Your Excellency we have sent William Printop with [illeg] in a waggon to Schenectady Printop have taken what tools he had with him but says he wants the in the enclosed in Minutes mentioned also to you as also the iron and Steel We must inform your Excellency that has to stay longer in the country [thall?] the expiration of the last agreement we have writt to forward him and caquance with a canoe into the [Mohawks] country this fellow being from Maryland and Schenectady is very unwilling to go into the country if a Smith can be hired att York we submit to your Excellency but are humbly of opinion that it be much more for the Service

We are with due regard of Your Excellency

Most dutiful and obedient

Albany [Octr?] 14th [1710]

*[Wraxall has summary p. 80; S of P adds details. See Colden Papers 9:396 et seq. for account that clarifies the names and other details.]*

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Att a Meeting of the Commisioners of Indian Affairs the 15th of  
October 1710

Present

John Abeel

Evert Banker

Hen Handsen

Mind Schuyl

and Johns Roseboon

The Oneidas and Cayugas appointed by the Sachims of those Nations by His Excellencys directions to go to Canada to speak to the Sachems of Caughnawaga in their own names returned this day and asked a Cognewaga Indian being sent with them / if they might tell the news before him The Commissioners told they might freely Speak before him not doubting but that he already had knowledge of the news they braught

They say they carried letter from home to the Governor of Canada from his Lady in England and the Five Nations what those Letters contained

They also desired an immediate from the Government of Montreal what news there was in those letters being resolved to return from thence next day he said he had sent those to the Governor at desired them to Stay a day or two upon which went

p. [illeg.]

Conewaga with a belt of Wampum [whict] up the Middl with one end of it desiring the Indians of that place to come hither And with the end of the Belt desiring those Indians to lay down their against our Brethren of New England.

The Governor of Mount Royal says you have desired his children to come to Albany without his consent but he entirely forbids them to intermedle in any Matter of importance without his knowledge and advice and says that he himself will allways be sent and have a true knowledge of all those matters and that they shall not go to Albany without his consent and the the Governor and Queder are much mistaken to make proposals to his of coming to Albany without his Leave.

That Governor also says that he is surprized that the Weakness of our Government and Queder that they should make such unaccountable proposals to his children who are his own flesh and blood and lay down the Hatchet against New England when at the same time they are [preparing?]

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an expedition for an actual invasion the upon the territorys of his in these Northern parts of America, there he continues the in their hands against New England and will by no means take it out

He asked them Came so poorly sett out both in clothes and necessaries When I send my People an any Message I give Cloathes and other necessaries for their journey, but since your Govt sent you so I shall let you return in the same condition and thereon them a Belt of wampum

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These also inform us that that the Sachims and soldiers of Cognewaga and Pehawagnehatade / the {two?} Mohogh say / you have asked us to lay down the against New England and the Governor tells us you are an invasion of the subjects of his Prince in these parts but we know nothing of it and rather believe that this story out of his own breast -- and we are resolved not to take up the Hatchet  
against

to the Governor of Canada may not know of it

Brother Corlaer & Quieder

When the last Peace was concluded you did forbid us to go out to war but that should expect the first stroak and the hatchet would be given us the Waganhaes at that time did kill severall of our people (they are the Govrs of Canada children and went several times since the time aforesaid and have a design to attack the Upper most Castle of the Sinnekes

We do therefore desire that the Hatchet may be given us in hand to war against the said nation pray do not send this desire to the Great Queen or the Governor give us your answer we are now in war with them and your consent.

Brethren

The Christian is not to be compared with the Waganhaes for are like the  
Devil

and kill all our people and are gone knowing where we are with you one body one blood one hart on head & when a man is wounded his whole Body is full of pain and Love ought to be from a Mother

Last year it was told by the Govt that Christians should lye in our castles and that they were to go with us then but did not we are now come to fetch them especially a Smith to lye in Onnondaga for we design to fortify our castles with stockades we have nonnes [guns?] that he make and men for us we also desire to have ammuniton

The French have a Smith in Sinnekes country married with a French woman there the Sinnekes neverthe[less] trusty and believe what the Governor says. It was ordered a Letter should be writt to Lawrence the Interpreter who is now in Onnondaga with a copy of the foregoing proposition be sent to him which was done accordingly

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[Wraxall summary p. 80-81; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]

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Att a Meeting of the Comrs appointed for Managing the Indian Affairs  
in Albany 26 January 1710 [1711]

Present

K. V. Rensalaer

Ev.t Banker

Hend. Hanson

John Cuyler

Mynd Schuyler

P. VanBrugh

Joh.s Rowboom

Answer to the Sd. Sachims

Brethren

Wee are glad that see so many of you here in good health and that you concluded to send Messenger to Canada to draw the french Indians from Canada to come and live in their native country. We desire that the Sd. Messenger may return this way and hope they will perform their message [privately?]

Brethren

It seems to imagine the design & have sent severall of your Indians to fight against the Waganhaes (who war agt. you as you say by the Gov.r of Canada's order) we do think needless that the war that the war with said Indians at this seeing the Great Queen of Great Britain has reduced to her obedience Fort Royal the [Kelte] is yet boday [today?]

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a fleet is expected next Spring from Great Britain and His Excellency our Governor think it Strange that your young men should not be here then to joyn with him in the recovery of Canada You are not in war with Your right enemies for when the Canadas reduced the Waganhaes are not to be compared to you for you are Master over them we therefore desire by this Belt of Wampum to go a hunting for your wives and children till Strawberys are ripe we cannot this time gett a Smith to go but Shall acquaint his Excellency our Governor therewith who is master of of that in the meantime gett your axes as used to do in the Castle

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

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Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for Managing Indian Affairs 25  
Feby 1711

Present  
K van VA Renslaler  
John Cuyler  
Myndt Schuyler  
Robt Rowboom

Hendrick the Indian one of the Sachims of the Magnase inform the Commissioner that the five nations are making to go a fighting against the Waganhaes of far Nations Indians and that a general meeting shall be held in the Magnase country concerning that Whereupon the Commissioners acquainted him with what was told the [winsere] on the 26th of January that the Indians of the Five Nations should stay at Home and go a hunting for their wives and children till the Metronberries [Strawberries?] are ripe and have to end, given him 4 Strings of of wampum to send the same thro all the nations that [illeg.] desire them not to go a fighting against the said Indians

At a Meeting of the Comr appointed for Managing Indian Affairs  
Albany the 1st day of Feby 1710 [1711 - out of order in original?]

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present  
K. V: Rensalaer  
E. Banker  
H. Hanson  
J Cuyler  
M. Schuyler  
R V Van Bourgh This to be write  
Joseph Rowboo

The Commissioners think it is [absolutely] necessary for these

and other Her Majesty fronteers here that outskouts be sent to Corlaers Lake that leeds to Canada and shall the Motions of the French and their Indians They have agreed with John Yars and Five of our Trusty Magnase to go & spy the motions of the French of the French and their at the place as above said and to return [illeg] May next ensuing.

28786[0661] 345

*[Text in LIR p. 218 is best source; Summary in Wraxall p. 81; these notes however are worded differently enough that they might have significance. Not in Colden Papers. LIR has additional text about the meeting at Tiononderoge ("Sinnondoroge" in LIR)]*

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Att a Meeting of the Commrs appointed for Managing the Indian Affairs the First day of May 17. 1711 [March 1711]

Present

K. R Rensaler

Evert Banker

John Cuyler } Comrs

Hend Hansen

Myndt. Schuyler

Peter Van Brugh

This day came here three Messengers sent by the Sachims of the Magnase out of their country who say that all their Sachims of the nation are met, and desire the Comrs that Mr. Hanson may be sent to be Present at their P.d meeting, and also that John Baptist the Interpr Shall come with alleading that an affair of great importance under hand and gave seven hands of Wampum

Whereupon the Commissioners told Mr. if he would Go Present at the Meeting he might go.

William Printhop & Charles came [here] this day from Oneyde who were sent there on there on the 11th of December last to perform the work of Blacksmith among nation wh. they have They being askt if there was any newes among the Five Nations & where Lawrence Clace ye Interpreter the say that there no news only that a great number of Oneidas Onondagas Cajoges and Sinnekes are gone out a fighting against the Waganhaes or Far Nations and that they 24 [or 29] days ago that the said Clace was in Onnondaga and designed to the Sinnekes Country

Jan Fort & the 5 Indians who were on the outskouts of 1st of Feb.y Last are returned this day and say that have only Seen some French that were hunting near Corlaers Lake



Att a Meeting of the Commissioners for managing the Indian affairs in  
Albany ths 14th [or 19th] of March 1711

Present

K V Rensalaer

Evt Banker

Hend Hanson } Comrs

Mynd Schuyler

P. V. Brough

The Comrs. told an Onnondaga Sachim who was come here on the 15th Instant called Orendanrogue that they had kept him here till now seing Lawrence Clace was sent down to the manor of Livingston to His Excellency the Robert Hunter Esq Capt Gen & Gov.r in Chief but was gone to New York before he came there and had no news that yesterday arrived the French Envoys from Boston and are going home to Canada that has nothing to do with them they being onnly come to treat with the Government of Boston Relating Exchanging of Prisoners The Gent[lemen] Communicated to the Sachim that they told the Canassore on the 26 of January Last and that they Should not hearken to the French Agents which are expected among the Five Nations this Spring who are inclined to send them out a fighting against the far nations to destroy them and have them out of the when they any design against us or them we shall assist one anothe[er].

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*[Summary in Wraxall p. 81; S of P adds details. Not in Colden Papers.]*

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Att a Meeting of the Comrs appointed for Managing ye Indian Affairs  
in Albany 4th of April 1711

Present

K. V. Ranslaer

Hend Hanse

Evert Bank

Lawrence Clase appears before the Comrs and Informs that one Samuel Sugedon Smith is Inclined to go the the Five Nations to work as a Blacksmith if he can gett a Reasannble Allowance from this Government for the same and has occasion for a Blanket or 2 yd of Strouds 2 Shirts one of Stockings of which offer the Commrs accepted and gave an order to R Pluckets Livingston to deliver the said Cragedorn of the stores left in hand by His Excellence

Ordered that Lawrence be sent forwith to Oneida Country to host ye sd Hegedon there & that the following Instruction shall be give

Instructions for Lawrence the Interpreter who is to go from hence with Sam Hgedorn to post in Oneyde to work for the Five Nations pursuant to His Excellency order for the time & space of two or till further order from the Service shall requ

You are to th represent the Governme

during your stay among the 5 Nation and to endeavor as much as possible to hinde the French Messengers who are expected there from Canada that do not sent out any of the Five Nation to the Waganhaes but to hinder and persuade to stay at Home and further as you shall think for the best of Majesty Interest cannot now forsee & to return here in May now next ensuing or till further order from His Excy

Given in albany the 4th April in the tenth year of her Majesty Reign anno Do 1711

Att a meeting of the Comrs of the Indian Affairs in Albany 1711

*[Not in Wraxall or Colden Papers.]*

Present

Evert Banker

Hendrik Hanse

Hendrick Sanders & Dumont Danions praying Mohog Indians acqt. ye Comrs. that they have [been] sent by by the Mohag Ind.n acqt. the [Govnt] that have been sent by the sachims of their nation to the River Indians [at] Katskill to warn them to be ready on any occasion for her Majs Service being the late Expedition to Came unawares on them that perhaps a new expedition is expected and that they shall be to this Government on occasion whatsoever & gave 7 hand of Wampum.

Att a Meeting of the Commissioners of the Indians Albany 21st April  
1811 [or 1611 -- i.e. 1711]

*[Wraxall summary p. 81. Colden Papers p. 399.]*

Present

K. V. Renslaer

John Schuyler

Josh Row

Just now came here three Indians  
Express

express from the Magnase Country who say that a post was come out of Onnondaga in Oneyde and informs the three French officers one Interpreter & 30 Men were Arrived at Onnondaga and the Five Nations desire by seven hands of wampum that Col. P. Schuyler may be forthwith dispatched from hence to Onnondaga to be Present when the French make any proposition to them Thereupon the Comrs resolved to send for Coll. Schuyler and to communicate to him the desire of the five nations

Coll. Schuyler answered that Seven hands of Wampum come from the five nations to desire him to go to Onnondaga by the first opportunity to His Robt. Hunter Esq Captn General [&c] with a Letter that he cannot resolve to go before he receives Instructions from His for that purpose

The Commr. told the said three Messengers that the 7 hands of Wampum they had with the Message should be sent to Exy to thank them for their services there was given to each of them a shirt for the message & 7 hands of wampum to carry to the five nations

ordered that a letter be written to His Excy relating to the above message and the shall be therein enclosed

28791 [0666] 350

[LIR has text p. 219; Wraxall summary p. 81; the S of P adds nothing. See reference in Colden Papers 9:399.]

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Att a Meeting of the Comrs for managing the Indian affairs the 30 of  
Ap 1711

Present

K Van Rensaler

Hend hanson

Johs. Schuyler

Mynd Schuyler

C. V. Brugh

Johs Rowbosem

Col Peter Schuyler Preused [produced?] a Letter to the Commrs which had received from His Ex.cy Robert Hunter Esqre Captain Genl & Governor in Chief of ye Provence of N. York &c wh. they read & is as follows viz

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Esqre

Haveing this day recd a letter form the Comr of the Comr of ye Indian Affairs at Albany acquainting me that they had recd a message from Onnondaga by express telling that three French officers one Interpreter one and 30 Men are arrived there from Canada and there upon the Five Nations had sent 7 hands of wampum to desire them to come to them, I have communicated the said to the council who have come to a conclusion that this necessary you thither for 5th taking ye Interpreters and such other with you as you shall think Convenient

You are therefore on your arrival there to thank the Indians for this notice they have given the Government of the arrival of the French in their castles

Your to are to acquaint them [yt.] I expect from them their allegiance to Her Majesty and their former promises that they will not permit any armed men Priest or Emisary from the French to come among them.

You are also to acquaint ye. Indians yt I expect they should have no private consults with any of those french who are now among them -- that they be sent at all their Meeting, & Debates that so soon as the French have their Propositions and they have answered them, if you think to make any answer thereto, they oblige the French to leave their assuring the Indians if any attempt be made against from Canada will have the assistance the Government Whilst they are Onnonnage you are to some Trusty Indians to the fronteers of Canada to discover the motions of the enemy and if any operatiuons are making by them either for their defence or for any enterprize agt. Her Majestys subjects

This being you are to send me by the first uppertunity an account of your proceedings and the Proceedings of the French Indians

I wish you a good journey & success in what you go about  
I am [Sirly] Your very humble servt  
Rob Hunter

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*[Summary by Wraxall p. 81 and text in DRCHNY 5:243; S of P adds nothing. See reference in Colden Papers 9:399.]*

Att a Meeting of the Commission of the Indian Affairs in Albany the 4  
May 1711

Present

P. Van Bruge

Mynd Schuyler

John Shuyler

[Interpreted by Son a Johanes]

The Commissioners recd a lettr from Col col P. Schuyler dated the 2nd Instant at the praying Castle of the Magnase by an Onondaga Ind called Tanhaaro whom by [illeg] inform y Gent that A Monsieur Longase & the french in company with him arrived at Onondaga 10 days ago and they are busy a building a hous of Plank & refer you to the Indian for further information who being examined that Monsieur Longue & Johanse our and another souldiers came to Onondaga 17 days ago they were designed to stay there about 2 Month or longer and that had sent some of their people to Cadarque and that they not yet made any proposals but they are busy sawing of Boards that the Indians give them a Lot in the middle of their castle Monsieur Longuelie called by the Indians [G Sinunufs] was to be the owner there and to live there [at any ] That there are 2 Sachims of Magnase Canada Praying called Satach & arighjordialich with the sd. French Gent. at Onondag

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[Full text at DRCHNY 5:242; Wraxall summary p. 82 - S of P adds nothing. See Colden Papers 9:399.]

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May it please yr. Excellency

By the enclosed Extract out of our Minute what the french delegates do at Onnondaga they have resolved to take possession if not prevented

We hope that Colonel Schuyler will have that influence over the Indians to dissuade them from allowing such dangerous practices as soon as your Instruction arrives he was [dispatched] away with Mr Borman Blacker the Interpreter if for we had some things in Store which brought over it would a hard task [putted] them out [Soburner se] of either Money or credit [or] our enemy who are vigilant and share Cost nor to troubl and we are almost unable to do any thing for the public Good If there be not effectual means be taken to to defeat the French Designs it will not prove extraordinary dangerous no not only to us as to all the British Plantations we have been you to aid us as the Stores left us by your excell.y are most [exhausted]

[we remain]

So with humble duty wt Profound Respect

Yr Excellly most & obedient Servt



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p. 381 [281? - appears to come earlier]

August

August 1710

22 to Cachaquage pr 1 Blanket

23 to Janonde by order of 3 Blankets & 1 shirt

to Wadonna per 1 Blanket

to Canachquanja & Cornpe 5 faddom strouds

5. Shirts 1 Bagg of Powder & 3 barrs of Lead

28. to Edrus 1 Gunn

of Richard June the Indian 1 faddom Dupfs

to Weemsumack 1 shirt 1 pair Stocking