

1745

[2-0590] II-311

Comm:^{rs} meeting y^e 8 January 1744/5 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Niecolas Blecker
Rutgart Blecker
Reyer Gerritse
John de peyster
Dirck Ten Broeck
Mynd^t Schuyler
Hendrick ten Eyck
Edw:^d Collins
Peter winne

M:^r Johan:^s Knickerbacker

De Commissinaers Van de wilde affaire versoecke
dat UE mett den Eersten drie goeden trouwe wilden sult
Aff Senden hier nae Albany De Commissinaer wouede
mett haer Spreken Van weegen na hett noorde te gaen
So die Twee wilden die Laest na de Cruyn punt
waeren thuy syn so versoeckade mons:^r dat UE die
Twee sult Senden mett Een andere goede trouwe
wilt of anders drie anderen die UE goedt ordelt so dia[n]
goeden wilden T huys syn so versoeck dat UE voor drie
wilden sendt nae de drage plaets p oste waer sy syn mogen

[2-0591] II-311A

Att a meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y^e 12 Janu:^y 1744/5 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

myndert Schuyler
Niecolas Blecker
Reyer Gerritse
Dirck Ten Broeck
Edward Collins
John Lansing
Peter winne
John de peyster
Hend.^k ten Eyck

Claes Van der Volgen arrived this day from the
Sinnekes Country with a Lett:^r from myndert wemp and
Philip Reylay

Att a meet:^g of y^e Comm:^{rs} y^e 18 Jan.^y 1744/5

Mess:^{rs} myndert wemp and Philip Reyley

we have received your letter p:^r Claes Van der Volgen of the 31 december last wherein your Gave us and acquaint us that John Ceeur the french man is arrived there with Large present for the Indians we are Sorry to hear that the french have so much Interest among the Sinnekes which will double[ss] grow yett Stronger by means of the great presents he brings with him we know very well that the Indians will not take so much notice of you as of the french because you have no such presents to give them all that we Can recommend to you at present Is to do your best among the Indians to Convince them that they do wrong to be Led away by the french man for the sake of his presents from their friendship they owe To us by the old Covenant and in the mean time we will write to the Governour how things Stand with you and will Send down your Letter to him p:^r the first oppertunity & This board Sent three mohowks to Spy for 15 days M:^r Hendrick wemp wy Hebben UE brief van de 30 december ontfangen Ende hebben UE Verstaen hett geen UE Schryft Van Jon Ceur de fransman UE doet well om ons te kennen te geven hett geen UE tee oren Comt Van weegen lants saaken UE te Continueren UE devoir te doen onder de wilden voor het best van hett Lant hier is tegen woordigh geen neus daerom Verblyven

[3-0021] III-20

[Top of page is missing. Continues from vol 2 p. II-311A, possibly with pages missing in between. Likely refers to the false rumors mentioned in Wraxall on p. 238.]

[illeg.]

Te Informeeren van de valse oproce die al hier onder de [illeg.]
Gewestie dat wy gesint soude zyn haer Casteels of te loop[en]
So Een grondeloos malle notice is dat hett Seier niet waert Sou[illeg.]
Aen UE te mentioneeren had halt niet geveest dat de maquasse
Sinneloos waeren als om Sulk Een Valse Sprookie bekent te maken
6 naties de welke ook Sonder Twyfell aen de Sinnekes ie Gee[illeg.]
de onondages hebben Garrardus Lansing aff gesonden om de [illeg.]
Van dit news te hooren Ende nu gaet de voor Seyde Lansing [illeg.]
Van der Volgen Ende een maquasse op mett wien wy Een [illeg.]
Bandt Senden om de Sess naties bekent te maken datt helt[illeg.]
Valse Ende grondeloos Is helt welke VE ook aen de Sinnekes
bekent maken doet haer de grtenis van ons wy syn

UE:D 88:° Dienaer

Minutes of the Conference Between Eight [of]
the Commissioners of Indian Affairs and the
Sachims of the Mohawks At the Mohawks C[astle]
on y:^e fifth day of February 1744/5

[Mentioned in summary on p. 238 of Wraxall.]

Present

Cap.^t Rutherford
Coll.^o Phil. Schuyler
Cornelius Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
John Lansingh
Jacob Glen
Arent Bradt
Peter Winne
Edward Collins

Brethren

You desired your Minister M.^r Henry Bar[clay]
to Write to Us and sent Two of your people to Acquaint us, That [illeg.]
was a great Commotion Amongst you, and That you desired the Com[missioners]
to send At Least Eight of their body to this place, which they im[medi-]
-ately did, and we have been here severall days waiteing imp[atiti]
-ently to hear what you Have to say to us, And Therefore we [desire]
you now to Tell us the Occasion of this Extraordinary message you
sent To Our board That we may be Able To Answer you

[3-0022] **III-21** [top of page is cut off; appears to continue the entry on the previous page.]
[illeg.]

sachims Also Came down upon the same Account And have Enquired
Into the Cause of Our Alarm, and They have found It to be an Evil report
proceeding from the devil, which they resolved should be buried in Obli-
-vion, Least by Makeing A Strict Enquiry into the Matter, we should make
the Affair much Worse than it is.

The Com.^{rs} Answered the Indians viz.^t

Brethren

We just now Told you That we Came here upon the message you sent
to the Com.^{rs} That we Might Hear what you Had To Say. You Are Very
Senceable That it Contrary to Custom for Any of Our body to Come into
your Country to Treat with you About any business whatever, But
Albany Always has been and yet is the place where you Ought To Come
when you have any thing to Say to us. It Surprized us very much
That you Should desire us to Come up here, but Our Surprise is Still
greater At the Answer you have just now made us viz.^t That All you
have to Say to us proceeded from the Devil. you ought not to Have

Any dealings with the devil at All and If you Had you Ought not To Trouble us to Come up here to hear Such A Silly Story, nor Ought you To hae Alarmed the Brethren of the Other Nations by your messagers, And we Received A Letter, Some of you Sent Us, So Rash and unbecomeing as we could not Hav Expected from you.

You Likewise tell us That If you Should Enter into A Strict Enquiry into the matter, you Would make tthe Affair Worse, Wherein you Are certainly wrong and Like An Unskillfull Sugeon who instead of Search.^s into and Cleansing the Wound to the bottom only Heals over the Skin by which means it soone breaks out again and becomes worse that Ever but we, Like A Skillfull Surgeon are for going to the Bottom of the wound That so It may be Healed [In] a durable and Lasting manner If we have been Guilty of Any breach in the Covenant At which you ha[ve] been Alarmed, we desire you to Lett us know wherein, If not, Then Tell

[3-0023] **III-22** [top of page is cut off]

[illeg]

-ed to y:^e frindship Subsisting between us.

A Belt

The Indians Answered Viz.^t

Brethren

You Complain to us That We have sent for you to Come [up] and That we have now Only so silly A Story to Tell you, in which [you] Are Very right, and It proceeds from nothing but Our folishness [and?] Weakness. We know Albany is the place where All publick busin[ess] Ought To be Transacted and That we Ought not To Have desired [you to] come up here. But you May depend That you Shall never hear [any] more such Silly Stories of us and That we will not be so Credulous for the future.

A Belt

[3-0024] **III-23** [top of page is cut off]

[illeg.]

One of their Own number for that purpose. They write us That they have Acquainted your Excellency with Every thing material passing there, whereby the Necessity of A Fort further Appears.

Cap.^t Buttler has sent down a french man who deserted from the fort At niagara; he Informs us That the french of Canada design to Attack Ossweego in the Spring of this year with 2,000 Men which is Very probable, wherefore your Excellency, we hope will Think proper to Continue at Least y:^e Same number of militia at that fort As now are There.

There has Lately been a Very great Commotion among the mohawks occasioned as they Say by A Report Among them that the English designed to murder them, they Sent messengers

to All the five Nations and to their people At Hunting, to Acquaint them with this Story, We Thought proper / which Was Also desired by some of the better sort of the mohawks / to send up Eight of Our members to quiet them and prevent their murdering the Inhabitants which Was with great difficulty Effected.

We sent messengers Immediately to the five nations to Contradict the Acc:^t Sent them by the Mohawks.

We have yesterday had an Acc.^r by our Spies from Crown point, who bring us nothing new from thence. they Say there are but 30 men in That garison which is but a small number for so large A frontier fort. We have now Three Indian Spies out that way and Intend this week to send Four to Montreal, that we may know what is doing there, At their return we will Acquaint your Excellency with what they have Observed.

The people in the Sinnekes Country write us that unless more people Are sent there in the Spring they think themselves in So much danger that they dare not remain there.

[3-0025] **III-24** [Top of page is cut off. This meeting is not mentioned specifically in Wraxall, although he mentions the rumor about New York cutting off the Six Nations on p. 238.]

Dirk Ten Broeck
Nicol.^s Bleecker
Mynd:^t Schuyler
Jer. V. Renselaer
John Lansingh
Reyer Gerritse
Ed: Collins
Rutg.^r Bleecker
Peter Winne
Hend.^k Ten Eyck

Eight Onnondage Sachims haveing yesterday [Appeared]
At this board To make the Accustomed Complim[ents?]
do now again Appear and Say as follows

Brethren

Our forefathers have agreed That this sh[ould] be the place where publick business Should be Transacted, where[fore we] now Come to speak with you, concerning a devilish report among us when we Came down As far As Canajoharie, we heard It was made [illeg.] but being so near we Thought It best to Come down here to Speak W[ith] you Our Brethren, not That We noticed It much, but by Agreement [of?] Our Ancestors we Are Oblidged to Acquaint Each other with Every thing Extraordinary that Shall Happen.

We the Six Nations Are One body and One

flesh, Sometime Ago you Sent for the Two Castles of the Mohawks to [Call] them down here, which is An Unusual thing, It being Customary when One Nation is sent for, That the Others Are so Also, It Seems As If One part of the Chain is thereby Cutt off, We Would therefore desire you to tell us what you Would then Have Said To the Mohawks

A Belt of Wampum

Brethren

Now We Will go on to Tell you What We have further to Say. It is sometime ago Since you Was At the Mohawks Castle and Made Up [The] Idle Story That was Amongst Them, Those That were drunk in their understanding you made sober. It is Our desire and Inclination that the silver Covenant Chain by which we Are Linked Together Should remain bright and Strong for Ever

A Belt of Wampum

Brethren

When you Were in the Mohawks Country you desired That All Uneasiness might be buried ~~in Oblivion~~ And done Away out of our minds, and we do now Lest Any dissatisfaction might remain in your minds Concerning this Affair, desire That It may [be] Also done Away

A Belt of Wampum

[3-0026] **III-25** 14 [top of page is cut off]
[illeg.]

or you, but now upon Acc.^t of those false Stories, we Thought proper to Come down to renew the Covenant with you.

Gave A Belt

Brethren

Formerly goods were sold Cheap At ossweego, but After Your traders had for Some few years Traded there they Advanced the price of their goods so high That we must seek redress from you we have often mentioned this Article To the Governour but have never yet mett with Success, and we desire That you will not putt us off, and the price of powder is At present so very Extra-vagant That We know not how to gett It we desire That you Will order It so That We may have It At A Reasonable rate

Gave A Belt

Brethren

We Think proper to Acquaint you That We design to Go To Canada in the Spring, we The Six Nations have Long since resolved not To Intermiddle in this war between you and the french. If you who are of one Colour Think proper To fight It is Well, We do not Incline to Concern our selves with It, because when we once Engage in A war we Cant Easily make It up, Our blood growing too Hott but you white people Easily make up matters and sometimes

in a year or Too Are At peace Again

The Lake whereon the House of Osweego
Stands belongs to us wherefore we will go to Canada to Talk w:th
That Governour About It. We have a Covenant With the Gov.^r
of Canada Also made At the Conclusion of the Last peace with
them but If He Will not Lett us Alone Then we will have no
more regard to That Covenant; And We Will Acquaint you at
Our Return what has passed between us and Then Consult
what It is to be done

Gave A String of Wampum

[3-0027] III-26 14 [top of page is cut off]

sachims [illeg.]

Brethren

You tell us A Devilish Story came To your [Ears in?]
your Country and That you Came down to Enquire Into it.
when you Came to Canajoherie you heard That It was All [illeg.]
As you was So near you thought proper to Come down here to Speak
with us. You Told Us That you did not regard the report, but
That by Agreem.^t of Our Ancestors we are To Acq.^t Each other with
any thing of moment That Shall Come to Our Ears. You did Very
Well to Come Down here to Speak With Us when you was so near
to Acquaint us with what you had Heard. Altho It Was Made Up
We know very well that you Are A people of more sence than [to]
give any manner of Credit to such foolish Idle Stories.

Sometime Ago We sent to the sachims of the
Two Castles of the Mohawks to send down Three men of Each Castle
which you say is an usual thing, It being Customary when one
nation is sent for That All the Others Are So Likewise, whereby
you say It Seems as if part of the Covenant Chain is Cutt off, and you
desired us to Tell you what we would have Told them. we know
very well that if Any business which Concerns us All is To be
transacted; It ought To Be in A Generall Meeting but What
we sent to the mohawks for was only a private affair between
us and them relating to Outscouts which we wanted and they
had refused us, About which we wanted to Speak with their
Sachims, had It been Any business relating us All we would
have sent for you Also. We Must Tell you That you very often
Omitt Acquainting us with what passes Among you Especially
with the french who often Come Among you, & you do not always
Acquaint us what they Come To do; which ought Always to [illeg.]
immediately As has been Usual

Gave A Belt

Brethren

You Tell Us that Some days ago we mett the Six Nations
At y.^e Castle of the Mohawks and Convinced them of their Error

in giving Any Credit to such Idle Stories Which is True, [and]
That It is your desire that the Silver Covenant Chain whereby
we Are Linked together Shall remain strong and bright for Ever
which

[3-0028] **III-27** [top of page is cut off]

[illeg.] thought prop[er] [illeg.]

uneasiness or dissatisfaction that might remain therein, you
may depend that We Are Entirely easy About that Affair, but
we desire you as you go up to Speak to our Brethren the
Mohawks, That they Should Take Care for the future not To
trouble us with such false Stories which might be the occasion
of much mischief

Gave A Belt

Brethren

The Silver Covenant chain so long since made between our
forefathers you have Also renewed to us wherein you have
done well, we do also now renew the same and are determined
to keep it bright and Strong to the Worlds End and If Any breach
therein Shall Ever happen It Will Not be Our fault

Gave A Belt

Brethren

You have Spoken to us about the price of goods at Osweege
we are certain you have generally been supplied there at
reasonable rates by our People and Always Will be, there Are Sheep
enough in England to make Cloathes for you to the End of the world
but goods are now somewhat dearer than usual which is not occa-
-sioned by any Scarsity of goods in England but by reason of the
freight being so dear, and what the Reason of that is We will
Explain to you. the people who manage the Ships must be brought
up to That business and now so many of them go privateering
upon the french that the merchants Cant gett Sailors to manage
the Vessells without giving them great Wages, And the great
number of Vessells going out privateering Last year Took
so much powder as occasioned a scarsity the Consequence
whereof was That powder was then dear but now it is plenty
and reasonably Cheap, you Can now buy It for furs As Cheap As
formerly. You know how It is With the price of goods sometimes
they rise and then ffall and It is the same with Your [ffurrs]

Gave A Belt

[3-0029] **III-28** [top of page is cut off]

[illeg.][regard the Covenant you] [illeg]

Acquaint us with your design, but we are of opinion [that]
the French design to Attack the house At osweego, which [y^e French?]
Prisoner tells us he will do in the Spring. It will be better [for]

you to Stay At home and be upon your Gaurd and in readiness [to] defend the same which we Expect of you. you are a wise [people?] if you Consider well you may Easily conceive what the Govern^r [of] Canada means by haveing a design upon ossweego. It is to [deprive] you of your Liberty and make you as Slaves and Negros, and therefore you ought to be upon your gaurd against all the [Snares?] he lies for you and to Show him that you are senceable of this we would have you stay at Home, and then he will not dare [to] Attack Ossweego for ffear of your Resentment for Attacking A [place] belonging to your Brethren and Standing along your Lake [illeg.] Summer the Sachims of Cagh nawage and Schawenide sent us [word] they Would Come here to Treat with us, but the Governour of [Canada] has hindered them from Comeing here Telling them that he might perhaps soon Want Them, the same thing our governour At [his?] Last meeting desired of you and you promised him to do where[fore] we now desire you Also To Stay At home
Gave A String of Wampum

This board made Tiohagwende Son of Kahiskarowane A Sachim and ord.^d him a Laced Hatt and A Blankett Strowd and gave the Sachims presents As in the margen

[Margin:]
1 p.^s Strowds
25 [wt] powder
56 [wt] Lead
3 blanketts
pipes & Tobacco
2 keggs of Rum
Some Shott

The Sachims Answered

Brethren

We have heard what you have said and are Very thankfull for your Answer and All Kind things You Have done To us, but As to the Last Article about going to Canada we Cant give a full answer but will make It Known to the Six Nations and They Will Acquaint You with what they determine herein

[3-0030] **III-29** [Top of page is cut off. Not in Wraxall.]

[illeg. G---]

Corn.^s Cuyler

Edward Collins

Mindert Schuyler

Rutgart Blecker

Nicolas Blecker

Reyer Gerritse

Hendrick Ten Eyck

John de peyster

Dirk ten Broeck

[illeg.] Board [illeg.]

Schinectady four men as outscouts to the road over y^e Albany

River above above [sic] the Carrying place Leading to the

Lake of St^t Sacrament and to the Sackondage river to

Stay but at furthest 10 days and this board will

Allow them 3/p.^r day & provisions

Att a meet:^g of y^e Commississioners p.^{mo} march

1744/5 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Philip Schuyler

Nicolas Blecker

Rutgart Blecker

[Corn^s] Cuyler

Jacob Glen

John Lansingh

Reyer Gerritse

Pieter Winne

Cap:^t Rutherford

Dirk Ten Broeck

Appeared att this board Hendrick and Aaron two Sachims
of the Mohawks who Said as follows

Brethren we are sent by the two Casstles of the mohawks
to acquaint you that all the uneasiness we were in is Intirely
Over & we are heartly Glad That you found means to bring
all right again so soon the oneydes formerly desired us to Come
and Live near them and promised us the great flats to live
upon which we did not refuse afterwards they have Sold that
Land and now Lately the Sachims of the oneydes who Came
up from this Place offered us oriskinie to Settle upon
which we Laughed at well knowing they had Also Sold
that land and we are well Satisfied where we are
we thought it however proper to Come and acq.^t you of this

Give a Belt

Brethren

You do well to acq.^t us that the oneydes desired you to Come and Live at oriskenie nothing of moment ought to Come to your Ears but we Should be acquainted therewith we are Glad that your Eyes are at Last opened & that you now are Satisfied that all the Stories are false which you made so much noise ab^t this board gave Hendrick a p:^s Strowds & promis:^d him 20/ a month as a pension

[3-0031] **III-30** 16 [Top of page is cut off. Not in Wraxall.]

[illeg.]

John Lansingh

Hendrick T Eyck

Dirk Ten Broeck

Rutgar Blecker

Nicolaes Blecker

Myndert Schuyler

[illeg.] with the C[illeg.]

Said After the Usuel Compliments

Brethren

we are Sent by the Cayouges to this place to Speak with [you] Concerning the false Report Spread among the 6 nations [we] knew y.^e onondage Sachims were gone here and we we were orde[red] To Enquire of them how affairs Stood if we Should meet [them] and then proceed on our Journey to Speake with you [illeg] according to the antient Covenant made between our forefathers To ask you from whence this false news proceeded which w[e] Now Desire you To tell us Gave A Belt

The Com.^{rs} answered them

Brethren

You told us that you was sent down by the Cayouges [to?] Enquire of us ab:^t the false Reports which were Sprea[d] among the 6 nations ~~Indians~~ your Sachims have done we[ll] to Send you down here according to the old Covenant to En[quire] of us whence this Report proceeds which you desire us to [?] you the first that we have heard of this Story was by two Mohawks who where Sent down here to acquaint us that Such a Report was among them upon which Some of our Body went up to Enquire Into it and the answer the Mo[hawks] made was that It proceeds from the Devil and that was all [the] Answer we Could gett from them and then we made up the Matter with them Gave A Belt

This board ordered atterowane a blew Camblet Coat trimd w[ith]
Lace & a Laced Hatt & a fine Shirt. the other Indians to h[ave]
a Suit Then the Indians proceeded

according to Custom I renew & make bright y^e Coven:^t Chain
Give A Belt

Brethren the Cayouges have desired me to tell you th[at]
they always have been attached to you and that they never
Intermiddle with y^e french nor go to Canada & that the Br[ethren?]
may depend that they will never give Any Countenance to [the]
french but will Ever Remain firmly attached to the Eng[lish]
Interest

[3-0032] **III-31** [top of page is cut off]
[illeg.]

they do now by you make so publi[ck] a Declaration that
they do design to Continue in the Same way of thinking & not to
maddle with y^e french nor to give Countenance to them in anything
give a Belt

the Commissioners asked him how he takes y^e neutrality between
them & the french Indians ~~Should attack~~ to be in Case the french
Indians Should attack osswego wether then the 6 nations do not
think themselves obliged to assist us ag:^t y^e french he answ.^d that
the 6 nations had never yet resolved in a meet:^s of the 6 nations
what measures to take in this war but a Generall meeting
would Shortly be at onondage about it & that they will acqu:^t
this board with ye result of that Meeting

The Indian ffurther Says, That One of their people Came lately
from Canada; by whom the Gov.^r sent Letters for Cadarachqui &
Niagara and the Sinnekes Country That the Governour of Canada
sent Wampum by them to the Six Nations To Acquaint them that
he had no Evill design against the English, That he Would not
Attack the English before he was Attacked by them And That y:^e
Six Nations Need not be uneasy About Any design of his upon
Osswego that he Assured them he would Not Attack That place

[3-0033] III-32 17 [Top of page is cut off. Not in Wraxall.]
 [illeg.] March [1744/5]

Corn. Cuyler
 Dirk Ten Broeck
 Nicol: Bleeker
 Hend.^k Ten Eyck
 Jo. Lansingh
 John de peyster
 Rutg.^r Bleeker

the following Acc:^{ts} were this day Allowed and A Warrant Drawn
 on the Treasurer to pay the same.

To Jacobus Bleeker	£	23:	17: [third col. illeg.]
To Johannis V Veeder		1:	16:
To Dirk Ten Broeck		4:	18:
To Nicolaes Bleeker		14:	19:
To Cornelis Cuyler		75:	13:
To Anna Bleeker		02:	05:
To Abraham Cuyler		13:	17:
To Hendrick Ten Eyck		22:	---
To Johannis W Quackenboss		5:	---
To Arent Bradt nicolaes Schuyler Joh: ^s Bradt and Harme Vedder Jun ^r		11:	---
To Johannis Seger		9:	14:
To Nicolaes Schuyler		3:	01:
To Philip Livingston Jun ^r		46:	08:
To Abraham Wendell		2:	11:
To Johannis Goewy		---	12:
To Nicolaes Schuyler & Andries Bradt		1:	11:
To Johannis Lansing Jun ^r		11:	15:
To Andries Bradt		---	18:
To Lodolph Shoemaker		---	18:
To Nicolaes Schuyler		---	9:
To Marte Van Slyck 1/2 freight in 1742		---	1:
To Johan Jost Petri		3:	1:
To Arent Bradt		---	12:
To Andries Bradt		1:	4
To John De Peyster		11:	16
To Myndert Schuyler		6:	9
To Philip Livingston		6:	14
To John Bowen		3:	---
To Ahasuerus Rosseboom		---	1
To Johan. ^s Lansing		---	14
To Johanis Knickerbacker for an acc: ^t of £3:3--		2:	14
To D: ^o knickerbacker for an acc ^t of 27/		1:	4
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Carried forward	£	29:	[illeg.]

[3-0034] **III-33** [Top of page is cut off.]

To Johannis [Truax?] [illeg.]

To Jillis Truax --- 15: ---

To Dirk Steel --- 18: ---

To myndert Van Geveren 1: 11: ---

To antie Blecker 2: 5: ---

To Hendrick Beekman 1: 13: 9

To Anne Kitchiner y^e remainder of her acc:^t

being £ 18: 4: 4 is allowed in the acc.^t of y:^e outscouts 54: 12: 11

To Jacob Lansingh 1: ---: 8

£ 356 1 7

M:^r Philip Livingston Jun^r Pay unto the Persons in the above List named the sum sett against Each of their names amounting in the whole to three hundred and fifty Six pounds one Shilling and Seven pence half penny out of the money to Come to your hands for account of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian Affairs and for your So doing this is your warrent Given under our hands in Albany the 13:th march 1744/5

[3-0035] **III-34** 18 [Top of page is cut off; right edge is mostly illeg. Not in Wraxall.]

1: 5

2: ---

To David Schuyler 2 :---

To Johannis Lansingh Jun:^r 15: 9

To Dirck Ten Broeck 38: 8

To Anthony Blecker John Abeel and John Hogan 6: 10:

To Hendrick Ten Eyck 30: 11:

To Cornelius Cuyler 16: 12

To myndert Schuyler 6: 14:

To Jan fort and Company 38: 5:

To Arent Stevens and Company for an acc.^t of £17:3:6 16: ---

To anne Kitchiner for Expences to y:^e Indians 18: ---

To Cornelius Cuyler for an account dated y^e 13 march
1748 25: 9

£ 253:18: [illeg.]

M:^r Philip Livingston Jun^r Pay unto the severall pers[ons] above named the sum sett against Each of their name amounting in [the] whole to two hundred fifty three pounds Eighteen Shillings & [illeg.] pence half peny out of the money to come into your hands wh[ich] is allowed for outscouts to us as Commis:^{rs} of Indian affairs [and] you So doing this is your warrent Given under our hands in Albany the 13 march 1744/5

[See Wraxall summary p. 238.]

May It please Your Excellency

We have rec.^d your Excellencies fa[vours]
of y.^e 15 february Since which we rec.^d A Letter ffrom Ou[r]
people in the sinnekes Country who Inform Us That Jon Ceur the
ffrenchman who resides there has been the Occassion of y.^e upr[est?]
Among the Indians of which we Acquainted your Excellency in [our?]
Last, which he Effected by Sending his Emissaries Among the
Lower Nations, & then made the Sinnekes beleive that y.^e Accoun[t of]
our design to Cutt them Att Came from this way, at which he [illeg.]
them to such a degree That they had 80 young men Ready [illeg.]
Expected 50 more in a few days to Come down to destroy some
[Out Settlements], when very [Fimously?] A Messenger we had sen[t]

[3-0036] **III-35** [Top of page is cut off. Not in Wraxall.]

[illeg.]

To Peter Winne	3:	2:	---
To John Lansingh	4:	10:	---
To Philip Livingston	9:	17:	6
To John J Herkemer	---	19:	8
To John dePeyster	1:	19:	6
To Johan Joost Petri	7:	01:	6
To Nicolaes Bleeker	4:	13:	---
To Hendrick Ten Eyck	14:	18:	3
To Abraham wendell	44:	4:	---
To Rutger Bleeker for 1 p. ^c Strouds to pay y ^e Indian	9:	10	

£ 115: 05: 3

M.^r Philip Livingston Jun^r pay unto the above named
persons the severall sums sett against Each of their names
amounting in the whole to one hundred and fifteen pounds five
Shillings and three pence out of the moneys to Came unto your
hands for an acc:^t of the Com:^{rs} of Indian affairs In the said acc:^{ts}
being allowed on the 4:th may Last as p:^r their minutes of that
day appears for the Charges of m:^r Abraham wendell and five
Indians who were by orders of his Excellency sent up to reside at
Ossweego from pm^o nov:^r 1743 to pm:^o may 1744 and for
your So doing this & your warrent Given under our hands in
Albany the 13 march 1744/5

[Continues from bottom of page III-34.]

We had sent To the Sinnekes arrived which frustrated the
Scheme of the french man whose design plainly was to sett our
Own Indians upon our backs. This frenchman Cannot be rooted
Out unless a fort be built in the Sinnekes Country where the Indians
Live which we hope the Assembly will agree to do At this meeting

and If they do not the Sinnekes will be Entirely Lost to Us, which will soon follow with the Loss of All the Six Nations.

Yesterday Arrived from Canada four Indians whom we had sent there As Spies, they tell us That nothing is Stirring there but That they heard from the Indians That the french design to
Attack

[3-0037] **III-36** 19 [Top of page is cut off; right edge is illeg.]

[illeg.] Was [illeg.]

[illeg.] to the [Eastward?] of

[illeg.] Annapolis if [illeg.]

[illeg.] Inform Us That there are 150 men At Crown po[int]

which fort has It Seems been Lately reinforced.

As the Assembly is now Sitting we think It a proper time to Acq.^r your Excellency that y.^e £300:--- Allowed Us for Outscouts is Almost Expended not being £ 50:-- remaining, and altho We have had a very favourable winter yet by occasion of the Slackness of the weather which makes the da[n]ger of the Enemy not so Great yet the money Allowed us will be Spent do[wn] before the year is Expired, where fore we hope the assembly will Allow us £ 100: more for That use for this year and then £400:-- yearly which is not Sufficient to do That service As It ought to be done. Our Allowance As Com.^{rs} [of] Indian Affairs will by no means serve us. the present years Allowance of £ 2.5[illeg.] is Likewise near Expended and the necessity of giving the Indians not only Co[illeg.] but daily Encreases. this board Was formerly in Time of War allowed £ 300: p. we hope your Excell.^{cy} will recommend It to the Assembly to Augment Our A[llow-] -ances to the sums Above mentioned. It Can hardly be Imagined what Trouble [illeg.] have with y.^e Indians who Are Continually craveing and Without giving them [illeg.] All Our Trouble Signifies Little. The french our Enemies not only continually gi[ve] presents to their own Indians but Are Always bribeing Ours, which Makes I[t] necessary that we Should be Enabled to keep Our Indians firm in Our Interest we Cannot forbear once more to mention to your Excellency the necessity of a for[t at] y.^e carrying place Leading to Canada between Hudsons river and the Wood Creek [on?] the bank of the said River, this fort is Necessary for A Rendez Vous for our outs[couts] and will be a great Security to our Settlements which Now Lie Open & Expo[sed] to the Enemy. Ger.^t Lansingh's Acc.^t for Sundrys Supplied to Lieut Buttler [on] his voyage To osweego his Excell.^{cy} was desired to recom.^d To y.^e Assembly.

Att A Meet.^g of y.^e Com:^{rs} of Indian Affairs
14 March 1744/5 [Not in Wraxall.]

Psent
mynd.^t Schuyler
[nicol.?] Bleek.^r
[John] de peyster
Rutger Bleeker
Hend.^k Ten Eyck
Jo. Lansingh
Dirk Ten Broeck

The follow.^g Letter was wrote to Coll.^o Stoddard

Sir We have rec.^d your fav:^{rs} of y.^e 25 ffeb.^y since which we have had an Acc.^t by [illeg.]
Indian of y.^e cayouge Tribe, who Came from Canada. That a party of French [illeg.]
went from Quebeck About Christmas to y.^e Eastw.^d to Attack an English place, the Sa[id]
Acc.^t is Confirmed by four of our Indians whom we had sent to Canada for Intelligen[ce]
& returned from thence 2 days Ago. which makes us give some Credit to the rep[ort]
we fear y.^e french by some of their Emissaries have had A Very Early Acc.^t of y.^e design ag:^t
Cape B[reton?]
& have sent this party to reinforce That place, the Contrary to which we hope may prove
Truth
we would be much oblided to you for An Acc.^t of what Ships of War Are Arrived & yet
Expect.^d
on this Expedition & how many Land forces are going or Already Gone & desire you if It be
[not?]
too Troublesome, to give us y.^e News you from Time to Time receive relat.^g the Success of
this
undertaking.

[3-0038] III-37 [Top of page is cut off. See Wraxall mention p. 239.]

Present
John De Peyster
Rutger Blecker
Nicolaes Blecker
Dirk ten Broeck
John Lansingh
[illeg.]

[But]tler att Osswego [illeg.] appeared at this
Board who whas Sent down by Lieu:^t Buttler, he says to the
Same purport as Lieu:^t Buttlers Letter of y.^e 7 march.
y.^e Indian Says he was desired by the onondage Sachims to tell
the Commis:^{rs} that they design to go to Canada to Speak with
the Gov:^r to tell him not to molest osswego

A String of wampum

NB. The Sachims were down here Last winter & y.^e Comm:^{rs}
Desired them not to Go to Canada they promised them to Send
them word whether they would go or not. y.^e Indian is Called

the flatt nose he Says y^e french have 3 barks in y^e Lake
of about 40 foot keel. y^e Commissioners ordered M:^r Ten Broeck
To Give y^e Indian a Laced hatt. 2 Blanketts Strowds
1 Shirt a p:^r Stocking 1 lap & a Keg of rum 5/ in pence

Att a Meeting of y^e Commis.^{rs} of Indian
affairs y^e 25 march 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cornel:^s Cuyler
John Lansingh
Nicolas Blecker
Mynd.^t Schuyler
Dirk T Broeck
Rutger Blecker
Reyer Gerritse
Ed: Collins
John de peyster

Appeared at this board nine Indians of y^e mohawks Castle
who said as follows by Luykas their Speaker

Brethren this is the place where all publick business
between you & us ought to be Transact:^d where we are now
Come to Speak with you. the Affair which happened this
Last winter has Given so Great uneasiness among Some
of our people that perhaps Some of them will Come soon
To offer to Sell their Lands which we desire you will not
buy if you did it might be of bad Consequence

Give [1/2] A Belt

Brethren

we will now further Speak to you ab:^t that unhappy Affair
what we had in our thoughts that is that we who are here present
never believed a word of it but are in our harts [one] with you
our English Brethren & do now renew & brighten y^e
Covenant Claim [ie Chain] whereby we are Linked together

Give 1/2 Belt

[3-0039] **III-38** 20 [Top of page is cut off; right edge is partly illeg.]

[illeg.] [especially as you C[illeg.]

[illeg.] that affair which [happened]

[illeg.] given a great uneasiness to Some of your people [illeg.]

are not yet Easy in their minds which Can proceed from nothing

Else but a disaffected principle of mind towards us or otherwise

are void of understanding, as we are Sure no man of Sence amon[g]

you Can Ever beleive that we had any design to hurt you who are

Brethren and one with us. you do well To Caution us not to buy any la[nd]

of any of your people and you may depend that we will not buy a[ny]

Land of your people, nor Suffer any body Else to do it, you know [illeg.]
well that we and our fathers before us have taken all the Care we [illeg.]
to have that land kept for you as long as the world Endures
you may Remember that the writing this City had from you [Some?]
years ago which Colby burnt and about which So much noise w[as]
made that we took the trouble to gett that from you only to keep it [illeg.]
you for fear that other people Should gett it who wanted to Buy [illeg.]
for their own use you may be Sure we will do our best Endeav[or]
that that Land never be Sold Give 1/2 Belt

Brethren

you have renewed the Covenant Chain to us wherein you have d[one]
well we do now also Renew Strengthen & brighten it on our pa[rts &]
desire that you will not give your Selves any further uneasin[ess]
about that Affair of Last winter. if there is yet one or two [illeg.]
foolish uneasy people among you Lett them alone & take [illeg.]
notice of them & then they will Soon Leave of their Silly Stor[ies]
Give 1/2 Belt

we hear you design to Go a Hunting we will order you S[ome]
powder & Shott and if you Shall perceive any thing of mo[ment]
we Expect you to give us notice
give 14 [wt] powder & 28 [d] Lead

[3-0040] **III-39** [Top of page is cut off. Not in Wraxall.]

Present

[Mynt.^t Schuyler

Nicolas Blecker

Ed: Collins

John Lansingh

Hendrick T. Eyck

Rutger Blecker

[illeg.]

[illeg. Informs [illeg.]

negro wench of Andries Van petten is suspected to hold
a Criminall Correspondance with y.^e Mohawks Indians
this board desired John de peyster & Philip Livingston
Jun.^r who are To go to Schinectady tomorrow, to Enquire
Into this Affair In Conjunction with the Justices
At Schinectady

Commissioners meeting ye 9:th april 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

John Rutherford Esq:^r

Myndert Schuyler

Nicolaes Blecker
John Lansingh
Rutger Blecker

Brandt a Mohawk Sachim appeared at this board and Inform:^d them that their nation designed to go to onondage to Condole y^e death of two of your Sachims and desired y^e Com.^{rs} to be pleased to give ~~you~~ them A Belt of wampum to make use of in that Ceremony which the Com:^{rs} Granted the Com:^{rs} Gave Brandt y^e Indian 2 blank:^t Strouds

Commissioners Meet:^g y^e 10 april 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
myndert Schuyler
John Lansingh
[Corn.^s] Cuyler
Hendrik T Eyck
Rutger Blecker
Cap.^t Rutherford

Myndert wemp and Philip Reyley being returned from y^e Sinnekes Country appeared at this board and Informed y^e Commissioners that when they left the Sinnekes Country the Indians Seemed to be Easy & Quiet and seemingly well Contented. but that the greater part Are in the french Interest; and that John Cair the french man was there when they Came away.

[3-0041] **III-40** 21 [Top of page is cut off; right edge is illeg. in places]
[illeg.] the Comis:^{rs} of [illeg.]
[illeg.] y^e 17 april [illeg.] [Not in Wraxall.]

[illeg.]
Cornelius Cuyler
Nicolaes Blecker
Dirk ten Broeck
Rutger Blecker
Edward Collins
John de peyster

[illeg.] [Mohawks] sachim Came down here at y^e [desire] of this board with Sehojowane & 3 others of the Same nat[ion]

The Commissioners Spoke to him as follows. we are Surp[rised] To hear that you & Some of your Relations are Very uneasy a[nd] Turbulent, we want to know the Reason and true Cause of Your Actions In this manner & of your throwing up your off[ice?] of Sachim Aaron Answered Brethren

It is true that we are Uneasy and that I have declined [illeg.] refused to act any Longer as Sachim & I will now give you my reason for it. My house has Always been the pla[ce]

where y^e publick Consultations of our nation
have been kept, and that Honour had been Conferred upon [illeg.]
by the universall Consent of my nation to be held dureing [illeg.]
behaviour and it happened last winter that we were Alar[med]
by a Devilish report among us that the English had an Evil
Design against us. whereupon a number of your body Came u[p]
to our Castle when it Seemed as if y^e other Sachims had an
Eye upon me, and Called y^e Councill In another house, at which [illeg.]
Somewhat disgusted and from that time they have slighted me to [illeg.]
degree as not to Call me to their Consultation, which I bore with [illeg.]
Long as I Could, but at Last I thought my Self obliged to give [illeg.]
that office which my Brethren thought me not worthy of, wherefo[re]
I Called a Generall meeting of y^e Sachims and when they mett related [illeg.]
them In what mannor I had been affronted for a Long time [illeg.]
that as I held my office dureing good behavior I thought I [illeg.]
behaved amiss tho In what I knew not but as it Seemed by [illeg.]
their useage to me they thought So, I was willing to resign [illeg.]
Office Entirely and would no more Intermidle in any publ[ic]
Business and then I Gave them the belts of wampum belong[ing]
to that nation thereby resign:^g my office. the Commission[ers]
Then asked him if he or any other of his nation that he kne[w]
of where yet uneasy about y^e Report they had amongst the[m]
Last winter
He answered that he did not know any that were uneasy
about that Affair & that he was not, they haveing been [illeg.]
Easy & Quiet as to that when y^e Comm.^{rs} where at their Castle [illeg.]
winter

[3-0042] **III-41** [Top of page is cut off.]

[illeg.]

[illeg.] have not]

y^e divisions amongst you [from] your own mouth & it is our
Business to make up and hear [so] that friendship may again
take place amongst you which may otherwise be of ill Consequence
we do therefore order & Insist that you resume your office.
and we will Send our Interpreter to y^e Castle to acquaint the
Sachims with our Resolution in this affair

He Answered

That Differences ought not to Subsist Long amongst brethren
& therefore as the Commissioners Insist upon it he would again
Resume his office. he Informed the Commissioners that 7 of their
Young men were gone a fighting to y^e Southward ag.^t the
Cattabaws & had been gone So long that they Could not be got
Back Some of them Went to avenge the deaths of Some of their Relations who were killed
last fall

NB those that went out Last fall we have been told were

Sent by John Lydius

This board ordered 3 blanketts Strouds & 2 Shirts & desire
That M:^r Ten Broeck advance it

[Not in Wraxall.]

Remarks of the Commissioners of Indian affairs upon the
Examination of m:^r Lydius. how true m:^r Lydius his Infor=
=mations may be as the armament at Canada we Cant tell
tho the Circumstances he mentions are of no weight with us
as that they are to be Commanded by Mess:^{rs} Belletre and
Lauon whom we are told by one of our own board who is
Personnally acquainted with Both are young men who were very
Lately only Ensigns and therefore not Likely to Command
So Large a party and the Governour Gen:^l Comeing to
montreal so Soon we think it nothing Extraordinary he
haveing arrived there the winter before sooner than the
Last winter and we are Informed from persons full as well
Acquainted with Canada as m:^r Lydius that the Governor
Generall frequently Comes up in the winter but not with
standing

[3-0043] III-42 [top of page is cut off and part of rt. edge is illeg.]

[Not in Wraxall.]

[illeg.]

[illeg.] of this

[illeg.] board to whom he Applied for a hear[ing]

The nine Mohawks Indians which m:^r Lydius [illeg.]
mentions to have lately been at Albany were at our board and
Told us that all the Mohawks were Easy and well Satisfied [illeg.]
to the Rumor that the English designed to murder them but tha[t]
Aaron and a few of his relations were Troublesom whereup[on]
we Sent for Aaron who Came down this day and upon asking
him the Cause of his acting in the manner he did we find [it]
proceeds from differences among themselves as your Excellency
will See more largely by the Copy of our minutes of the day
wherefore we much doubt wether those Indians told m:^r Lydius
what he Alleadged they did they all being Easy & Quiet as
far as we Can find and as to m:^r Lydius his apprehensions
of dismall Consequences we know not whence they proceed for our
parts We have no Such dismall apprehensions
we have not heard of any mohawks Indians Intending to [remove]
to Canada this Spring Excepting Some Surmisses of Aaron haveing
Such an Intent and we do not think that he will [go?]
some of the Onondage sachims have acquainted us with their design
to go to Canada to tell the Govournour of that place that if he mo[lests]
ossweego they will defend it and perhaps a few Sachims

of Some of the other nations may go with them we have Cautioned them against the Crafts and Intreuges of the french, the Indians [M:r] Lydius mentions Killian Nickus and David with one more were not Sent to Canada by the Sachims of the Mohawks but hired by us To go there as Spies which m:r Lydius Very well know tho he did not mention it for those Indians Informed us that when they went up they Stoped at his house and told him the business they were sent upon whereupon m:r Lydius told them that the Commissioners were a parcell of fools or words to that purpose and that if th[ey] Viz:t the Indians would go to Canada why they did not Go [illeg.] men with their Hetchets to Scalp and then turned them ou[t] of his house this the Indians told us Immediately upon [illeg.] return we heard that M:r Lydius had accused our Indi[ans of] Saying the above at Canada about the English designing [illeg.]

[3-0044] **III-43** [Part of top is illeg.]

[illeg.]

french Indians [illeg.] our [illeg.]

it Absolutely and we did not nor yett do think it [illeg.]

our Indians with y^e french Indians as M:r Lydius has Inform^d us which would be a great affront to our Indians to believe the Enemies Indians before them and besides that we did not believe a word what the french Indians had Said. m:r Lydius Acquainted Some of our board that he had been Informed by the Indians that the man who Instilled the notion into the mohawks that the English Intended to destroy them lived between Schinechtady and fort hunter and he likewise told one of our board before he went to new york that the Indians had told him the mans name was waraghjage which he found upon Enquiry to be the Indian name of m:r william Johnson a gentlemen of a Character far above any Suspicion of that sort. how this agrees with his Affidavit wherein he Says they would not tell him who it was is Very Evident as we did not think any white person had been Instrumen: =tall in Setting up the Indians and they had declared to us they were Very Easy and Quiet we thought it Very wrong to Say Any thing further to them about it Especially as Some white persons was to be accused by the Indians which we think would be wrong and herein we differ from M:r Lydius who has no business with it, and thereupon he was pleased to proceed to new york that our Mohawks have had a design to take away m:r Lydius his Life we Cant Say & if this happened last winter it is Very odd he never mentioned it till now But that Some of them are greatly displeased with him we Believe it truth we have been Informed by the Reverend M:r henry Barclay and m:r Blecker our Interpreter they have been told by the mohawks Indians that m:r Lydius In defiance of this Government perswade Some of the Mohawks young men to go a fighting against the Indians

at the back of Virginia our allies notwithstanding he will know that the governors from time to time have taken much pain to hinder and Stop our Indians from Going against those our friends and we have accordingly to our duty used our Continual Endeavours for that purpose in which Engagements severall of the Mohawks have lost their Lives which the Ralations of the deceased attribute to M:^r Lydius and are angry and displeased with him about it this M:^r Lydious has not thought proper to Insert In his Examination but Instead thereof gives if aa a reason why the Indians
designed

[3-0045] II-44 23 [Top of page is illeg.]

[illeg.]

[illeg.] they wanted [illeg.]

Is a Very [illeg.] one he would have acquainted your

Excellency of this before now but Thought it hard to [Accuse]

any men upon Indians Evidence

Albany y^e 17 april 1745

Signed by orders of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs

[Not in Wraxall.]

The Examination of John Lydius

John Lydius of the County of Albany being examined Saith that he was lately informed by a french Indian who Came from Canada about the Beginning of March That an Army was then sitting out there consisting of between five and six hundred French Men under the Command of Messieurs Belle etre and Lanon both which Commanders understand the Indian Language wherefore he Conjecturas that they may gett Indians to go along with them and it is reported that the design of this armament is against the Chickasiass or Chickesaws but the Said John Lydius Saith that he hath formerly lived upwards of four years at Canada and well knows that if [sic] never was usual for the Governor Generall & Intendant to Come to Montreal in the winter But the Indians informed him they were both there last Winter and therefore concludes some more Extraor =dionary Enterprize is in agitation And that the Report of the attacking the Chickesaias is only an artifice but that the Design is against Ossweego as they must pass by that place In or ordor [sic] to go to the Chieckesaias

That notwithstanding what has been done by the Commissioners for Indian Affairs in order to appease the late Tumults among the Mohawks he Very believes they are [far] from being Satisfied or Content for that on Sunday was Sev[illeg.] last nine Indians Came to Albany among whom were [illeg.] a Mohawks Sachim Moses Killian & Lucas the two [illeg.]

[3-0046] III-45

Sons of Sachim & all there principal Warriours among young Men who informed him that the Mohawks were Very uneasy and said there were but two other Mohawks Indians to wit Abraham of Conajoharie & Brandt of fort Hunter who were Satisfyed that the late Report of the English intending to destroy them were groundless, and the Said John Lydius is very apprehensive that if this Affair is not more narrowly looked Into it may be Attended with dismall Consequence

That Some french Indians informed him that Severall of the Mohawks intended to remove to Canada next Spring & particularly Aaron a Mohawks Sachim and that all the Sachems of the five Nations were to go thither in order to Speake to the Governour of Canada this Spring

That Some French Indians whom he Saw at Albany last Sunday was Seven night informed him that four of the Mohawks among whom were Killian Nickus & David went (after the Commissioners had been up among them) to Canada with a Belt of Wampum from their Sachims to the Governour & Caghawage Indians to acquaint them that if they had not heard in the winter of the Designs of the English and fled for it they would have been destroyed and the said John Lydius veryly Believes had the Indians been really satisfied that the English had no Such Designs and the Report was Groundless they would not have Sent Such A Message

That he informed severall of the Commissioners for Indian Affairs of the foregoing in order that the French Indians might have been Examined & confronted with the Mohawks

That Severall Mohawks & French Indians informed him that the man who Instilled the Notion into the Mohawks that the English intended to destroy them Lived between Schenechtady and fort Hunter But they would not tell him who it was Saying if they did The person would be hanged that he the said John Lydius thereon told Some of the Commissioners if they had power to Indempnify the man & would do it he would leave his Son as an Hostage with the Indians for his Safety if he was discovered that he might tell whence he had the Report that So the Matter might be Cleared up

[3-0047] III-46

That he Spoke to several of the Commi[ssioners and] acquainted them with the foregoing & told them he [illeg.] for his Majestys Service & the Interest of the Colony they should inquire into it if they did not he would proceed to new

york and Acquaint his Excellency the Governour with it

The Said John Lydius further Saith that last winter Some few Days before the Commissioners went up into the Mohawk Country twelve of the Mohawks Indians (Men Women and Children, among whom was one Kinjegoe fled from fort Hunter on the Rumour of the English intending to destroy them and were going towards Canada and were to pass by his House and haveing no provisions left they began to Consider what they Should do to be Supplied an on Consultation as he the said Lydius was near & a Family by himself they concluded to go to him as Friends and Stab him by the fire Side and than possess them =Selves of his Things But the Women Overruled them & would have the men conduct them to Lake St Sacrema & then return to execute their said Design But before they had got to that Lake the Commissioners being at Fort Hunter sent a Message to Call them back which reached them before they got to the lake and prevented the Execution of their purpose of all which he was Informed by a french Indian & the same was afterwards owned by the nine Mohawks before mentioned which he Saw at Albany

That afterwards when the four Indians went with the Belt of wampum to Canada they Called at his house and he haveing heard of their former design he used them more Cooly then he used to do & Some French Indians being then there the four above mentioned told them as the said John Lydius was informed that if it was not for Regard to them they would have destroyed him

John H Lydius

New York April 6:th 1745

Sworn in Councill

[3-0048] III-47

[Not in Wraxall except for mention of Mohawks' fear of being cut off in summary on p. 238.]

Albany the 17:th April 1745

May it please your Excellency

We have receiv:^d your Excellencies Letter of the 6:th Instant with the Examination of m:^r John Lydius upon which we made Some Remarks which are here Inclosed your Excellency is pleased to Say that you are Surprized that we refuse to hear him or meet upon his applications wherein we hope your Excellency will be Convinced that we were right when you see our answer he is really a Very troublesom man and we take him to be a man of Bad principles and for our parts we do not Care to have any thing to do with him

The Mohawks Seem to be Quiet and Easy and we will Continue to do our Endevours to keep them so as much as

Lies in our power which we Can do much Better without the
Intervening of m:^r Lydius than with it for we fear if he is not
forbid by your Excellency to Intermiddle in Indian Affairs
which is properly our province as Long as we are Commissioned
we Shall be again in a Little time Embroiled with our Indians
To which his Actions have a direct Tendency

When he came to this place last Some time before he
went to new York he brought with him a french Indian who
Is the principle warriour of his nation and has Stayed at his
house till his return from new York and is there Still what
he keeps him there for we do not know.
we will order Copies of our minutes to be Sent your Excellency
monthly as you desire

we have no Vouchers of m:^r Lindesay
But do Inclose a Certificate of what he has done by
our orders we are

may it please your Excellency
Your most Humble Servant
R:^t B

[3-0049] **III-48**

Commissioners Meeting the 18 [April] [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

Hendrick T Eyck

Nicolaes Blecker

John Lansingh

Two Schaackkook Indians being sent for app[eard]
At this board to go on y^e outscout Viz:^t Taphapeat [&?]
Wahanaquan the foll:^s Letter was wrote To Johann[es]
Knickerbacker

Wy Versoecke UE om tegen Matquat de
wilt te Sprecken dat hy Syn Consent geeft dat deese Twee
jongen wilden taphapaet de Brenger deses Ende
Waghanaquam uyt Verspieden Gaen nae Masseesquaek
Ende Canada Ende dat Een Andere wilt mett haer gaet die
Van de Cruynt punt weeder om moet Coomen om ons neus
te Brengen Ende Sendt de wilden Toghvoort So draes Als
Moogelyck doet de Groeteniss Van ons aen Matquat Ende
seght hem dat wy hem Een presentie Sall given Als hy in
de Stadt Comt de wilden die Van de Cruynt punt weeder
om Comt die verwaghte wy In 10 dagen Ende die Anderen
die na Canada gaen die Sette wy 30 dagen lyt nae day Sy
Van Schackkook Gaen

Agreed with the 2 Indians for £ 3-- in money and they are ordered Each a [wt] powder & shot a quarter bread amongst them the Indians that Goes to y^e Crown point is to have a suit and 1/2 pound powder & 2 [wt] Shot

Comm:^{rs} meeting y^e 23 april 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

John Lansing

John de peyster

Hend:^k Ten Eyck

Nicolaes Blecker

Cap:^t Rutherford

Cornelus Cuyler

Dirk ten Broeck

Philip Livingston

This board Agreed with Jan fort Abraham fort And.^{re} Van Vranken and Christiaen Christiaense and Jonathen hagedorn To Go upon the outscout for three weeks and to keep between y^e wood Creek the Lake S:^t Sacramento and the Schinechtady road to send us word Every 7 days how they find it and if any thing Extraordinary is discovered by them then to Come Immediately to Give Intilligence

They are to have 4/ a day Each and John Fort as Cap:^t to have 5/6 p:^r day

[3-0050] III-49

Albany the 22 april 1745 [See Wraxall p. 238 for reference to second part

of letter.]

Present

Cap.^t Rutherford

Mynd.^t Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Rutger Blecker

John de peyster

Coll:^o Philip Schuyler

Dirk Ten Broeck

the following Letter was wrote to his Excellency In
Answer to his of the 13:th april Instant

May it please your Excellency

We have received your Excellencies favours of the 13.th
Instant Concerning two persons to be Sent to the sinnekes
Contry for one year of whom your Excellency desired our
opinion Especially as to m:^r Schuyler to whom your
Excellency Informs us objections have been made that he
has lost his Interest and Repute amongst y^e Indians by
reason of Some Imposition in his dealings with them formerly
Seaverall years Since there was a Report that Schuyler had
Imposed upon Some of the far Indians but that he has Ever declined
deeling and Intercourse with them is what we have not heard if
it is true which we do not know that he has Imposed upon
Some far Indians we do not Think it has at all lost his Credit
among the Six nations and we are of opinion that he is a fitt person
for the Service for which he is Recommended and m:^r Jacobus Myndertse
we do Likewise Judge to be A fitt person he understands the
Indian Tongue Very well and has Considerable Interest among
the Indians in the Sinnekes Country we are Sorry to find the
Assembly have not raised money for a fort in the Sinnekes
Country which is So Very necessary and the Sending up a few
persons to Reside there for a year we do not think any way answe:
=rable tho it is the best that Can be done if a fort is not agreed neither
has the Assembly as we are told thought proper to raise money for
a fort at the Carrying place Leading to Canada it really Surprise
us that So many people live Scattered upon our frontiers should
be Laft to the mercy of a Restless and Enterprizing Enemy
who may at any time destroy when they think proper we
have So often wrote upon this head to your Excellency
& that your Excellency has So Strongly recommended it to
the Assembly and all has proved fruitless that we would
be Silent were we not moved with Compassion that So little

Regard is had to the Safety of our farmers who must
Live upon their Lands in Continual danger of being
Barbarously Murdred

[3-0051] **III-50**

Murdred or otherwise be obliged to leave their [illeg.]
to be reduced to Baggery we understand [illeg.]
Excellency letter that you are to have no Interview with the [6]
nations this year proceeding as we Suppose that the Assembly [illeg.]
decline to raise proper Supplies for that purpose it is of grea[t]
necessity that your Excellency Should meet y^e 6 nations Every year
duering y^e war and that to that End the Genera:^{ll} Assembly
Should raise instead of £ 400:-- double that Sum which if they
Decline your Excellency is Certainly right not to Come up

Att a meeting of the Commissioners of Indian
Affairs y^e 27 april 1745

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Nicolaes Blecker

Dirk ten Broeck

Joh:^s Lansingh

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Rutger Blecker

Edward Collins

Mr Jacobus Blecker being returned from the Mohawks
Country Informs this board that according to order he had delivered
his message to y^e Mohawks Sachims that the Comm:^{rs} had reinstated
Aaron in his post as a Sachim and Expected that they would accempt [sic]
him as Such and respect him accordingly which the Interpreter says
they were Very Glad to hear and they received him again as a Sachim
and Seemed Exceeding well Satisfied and they told the Interpreter
that he might assure y^e Comm:^{rs} that they were Reconciled together
and that all y^e former differences which had Subsisted were now
at an End the Interpreter Also Informs this board that Aaron y^e
Mohawks Sachim told him that when he was in town a few days
ago John Lydius asked who was that man that had instilled y^e
notion into the mohawks that the English designed to murder
them and named Severall of y^e principall people of this City &
County to him & asked him if it were any of them

[3-0052] III-51

Commis:^{rs} meeting y^e 1 may 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Myndert Schuyler
Nicolaes Blecker
John de peyster
Dirk Ten Broeck
Phil Livingston
Corn:^s Cuyler
Hend:^k Ten Eyck
Edward Collins
Rutger Blecker

Philip Reyley Appeared at this board and Informed
that he and his Company were now Returne:^g to y^e Sinnekes
Country and desired to know if the Com:^{rs} had any Comm:^{ds} [commands]
to that place the Commissioners ordered him to Go
up as soon as may be and to observe the Instructions
Given them Last fall & that they Stay there a month
Longer then y^e time they were to Stay to make up
y^e time they have been from thence

Att A Meeting of ye Commiss:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y^e 2 may 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Mynd:^t Schuyler
John de peyster
Reyer Gerritse
Nicolas Blecker
John Lansingh

five of the Schaakkook Indians appeared at this board by
Matquat their Speaker said as follows

Fathers

We thank you for what you have said you
Must not take notice of any Stories you may hear of us But
Lett your hearts be Clear of all distrust of us we have long lived
at Schaakkook where we have Enjoyed peace & plenty among y^e
Brethren & we hope that we Shall long live In peace under
the Shade of the tree planted at Schakkook

We thank you that you have made Some new Sachims
amongst us and Confirm the old ones

We will keep a watchfull Eye upon the Enemy and
Give you notice of what may Come to our knowledge
& will keep our people together as much as we Can
You may depend that we will not move from Schaakkook
Gave A Belt

[3-0053] III-52

Commissioners meet: 8 y^e 4 may [1745] [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Blecker

John Lansing

Nicolas Blecker

Edward Collins

John de peyster

the following letter was wrote to M:^r Hendrik Frey

Sir

Hendrick the Canajoharie Sachim Complains to us that you have distrained a horse for a Debt of John Smart which Horse he Lays Claim to as it is dangerous at this time to provoke the Indians we desire you to make the matter Easy with Hendrick and Lett him have the horse back he Says that John Smart has paid y.^e Debt how that is we Cant Say but we Desire you to do your Endeavour that Hendrick is made Easy

Two Caghnawage Sachims being in town were Sent for by this board and the Commissioners told them as follows we thought proper to send for you to desire you to tell the Sachims when you Come in Caghnawage that Every thing is well here between y.^e Brethren of 6 nations & us we thought proper to Acquaint you of this because you perhaps have heard of Some Evil disposed person that there is a diffrence between us & our Brethren y.^e Mohawks which we now tell you is false but that all the misunderstanding that has been between us is made up of which Hendrick here present may assure you of which you Can acquaint your Sachims at your Comeing home. you may Likewise assure your Sachims that we are of the Same resolution that we have Always been to keep firm to y.^e Covenant made between us & you, y.^e road Shall remain open & if any thing Comes to our Ears that may be detrimental to them we will Acquaint them therewith & that we Expect they will also keep their Engagements

Then Hendrick of Canajoharie Sachim told them that their was no differences Subsisting between their nations & their Brethren y.^e English but that all was made up long ago. y.^e french Indians Said they would deliver their Message as was desired

[3-0054] III-53

Commis:^{rs} meet.^g ye 6 may 1745 [See Wraxall p. 238.]

Present

Cap:^t Rutherford

Nicolas Blecker

Rutger Blecker

Jacob Glen

Cornelis Cuyler

John Lansing

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Hend.^k ten Eyck

A Sachim of y^e Cayouges appeared at this board Sayes that he Is Come down at the desire of y^e Commis.^{rs} as he thought it might Be A Matter of Consequence that y^e Comm:^{rs} wanted to Communicate he Came down Imediately & is now ready to hear what they have to say

The Comm:^{rs} Said Viz:^t

We know you to be a man that is firmly attached to y^e Interest of the English and daily hear good report of you wherefore when atrowane was down here Lately we desired him to tell you to Come down here we had no particular Bussiness to Communicate to you but only for the Respect we have for you [on] acc:^t of your fidelity to us we desired to See you as friends Should do & we doubt not but you will Continue in the Same good disposition towards us and not to middle with y^e french

Brethren

You desire me that I Should Continue firm to y^e English Interest and not Meddle with y^e french which I promise^d when I was made a Sachim & y^e Naturall Hatred we have to y^e french allow us to have any respects for ye french the old wounds are Still fresh I went up last winter to the Sinnekes Country to hear what John Cour y^e french man Said to y^e Sinnekes but I did not regard him much wherefore I went to Niagara to hear from that Commandant at that place what they designed in this war he told me that the french would not begin Hostilities but would waite the motion y^e English he told y^e Commandant that the English his Brethren were of y^e Same way of thinkings he says he makes it his Business to go among y^e far Indians to make & renew y^e Treaties between them accordingly To y^e Gov.^{rs} Instructions at y^e Generall Interviews he [thankd] the Comm:^{rs} for their present the Comm.^{rs} with 7 hands of wampum desired this Sachim to desire their Sachims in Case y^e french Should Attack ossweego we Expect that they will defand it he will do so & doubt not but they will take to heart

The Comm.^{rs} gave him 3 blankets Strouds 1 laced hatt
2 Blanketts 4 Shirts 1 keg of rum[3-0055]

[3-0055] **III-54**

Commissioners Meet.^g y^e 7 may 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap:^t Rutherford

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Jacob Glen

John Lansing

Hend:^k ten Eyck

Reyer Gerritse

Nicolas Blecker

Coll:^o Schuyler

John de peyster

Edward Collins

Rutger Blecker

Dirk ten Broeck

Arent Bradt

The Hon:ble Coll^o Stoddard appeared at this board & Informs y^e Commrs that he was sent by the Government of y^e Massachusetts Bay to treat with y^e ~~Indians~~ Sachims of y^e Mohawks about an uneasiness that Governm:^t has been Informed the Mohawks have Conceived upon a Report the English Governments had Some Evil design again[st] them

Att a Meeting of y^e Comm:^{rs} of Indians
affairs the 9 may 1745 [See brief mention p. 237 of Wraxall.]

Present

Rutger Blecker

John Lansingh

Cap:^t Rutherford

Myndert Schuyler

Ed: Collins

Phil Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Nicolas Blecker

Hendrik ten Eyck

John de peyster

The following answer was made to Coll:^o Stoddard

Sir

We have perused the Letter from his Excellency Gov:^r Sherley To our Govournour and that to the Chief of the 8 tribes whereby and by what you told us we preceive that [Govou^r] Sherly has been Informed that those Indians are possessed with more than ordinary uneasiness and Jealousies and upon that acc:^t has desired you to Come up here to Conferr with Some of their Chiefs

we will first Inform you what the Report you have heard has proceeded from and how we have found the Indians disposed since and Leave you to Consider wether you think it necessary that we Should send for Some of their Sachims down here for you to Conferr with them about y^e Letter End of January last Some of y^e Chief of y^e mohawks Sent an Express to Acquaint us that A Report was Spread among them that the English had a design to Cutt of y^e 6 nations which had occasioned Such a panick fear among them that many of them were fled into y^e woods for Shelter wherefore they desired that we would Send a number of our Body to their Castle to Convince y^e foolisher Sort of their people of the fal[se]

[3-0056] III-55

Groundlessness of said rumor upon which message we Sent up 8 of our Body to Inquire into this matter and to Convince y^e Indian[s] of their folly in Giveing any Credit thereto when they Came there they made Inquiry of the sachims from whence they had this report and who whas [sic] the first author of it and Spoke to them of y^e unreasonableness of Some among them to Give any Credit to such stories they Seemed to be Very much Ashamed of themselves for haveing occasioned the Comm:^{rs} Going up about So groundless A Report and told us that the devil who Contrives all mischief was likewise the Author of this & begged us to Excuse their foolishness and weakness and promised us that they would no more behave So for the future the Sachims Likewise in private Conference desired that we would not Insist upon haveing the author of the Report named in publick but pass it over telling us at y^e Same time it was one of their people and those of our Board were of opinion that the Indians they Named as the Author was By Intervalls Somewhat Crack brained as they themselves likewise thought & So this affair Ended

The Onondages and Cayouges Some Short time after they heard the Report Sent down Some of their Sachims to Assure us that they never Gave any Credit to it and Express at the Same time more than ordionary fidelity to his majesty and Since that time we have had divers reports one time that it proceeded from the french man in the Sinnekes Country at another that Some of our own people were the Authors of it but those Reports we take only to be uncertain Conjectures M:^r Joh Lydius has Lately talked as if the Mohawks & the rest of the 6 nations were not Satisfied in their minds with Respect to this Affair and were yet uneasy & has for Some time past acted Very Strangely haveing made it his Bussiness to gett y^e mohawks Indians to his house and their to hold private Conference with

them & as one in Particular Informed our Interpreter asked him whether it was not this or that white man amongst us that had Instilled that notion into their heads naming some of our princi:
=pall people to them in order to have them accused and would have had us send for y^e mohawks Sachims to Examine them which we did not think it proper to do as those Indians were Entirely Quiet and Easy and had told us as we Conceive what they
[knew]

[3-0057] **III-56**

and moreover we did not Think it right to tempt [illeg.] by repeated Examinations to name any white person [as y^e Author of the said report and furthermore we have great [illeg.] to be upon our Gaurd ag:^t M:^r Lydius by reason that he has Frequently Endeavoured to Exasperate y^e mohawks as they Say against their minister the Reverend M:^r Berclay which Can proceed from no principall Consistent with the Interest of his Majestys Collonies in north America & is Continually oppo-sing us in our acting for the Good of the Country Aaron one of y^e Chief of y^e mohawks Sachims Came down here a few days ago at our desire it haveing been told us by Some of that nation that he was uneasy and perhaps would go to Canada to which he has been Inclined some time we Enquired into the Cause of his uneasiness and whether he was possessed with any Jealousy of y^e English haveing an Evil intent ag:^t the 6 nations or them In particular or if any his nation did Still retain any Such Jealousy he declared that he did not nor did he know any of his Nation that did but that he was uneasy at Some Ill useage he had received from the Sachims of his nations which Matter we Settled between them Hendrick a Canajoharie Sachim and one who was y^e most uneasy of any of that Castle was down here las[t] week and declared at this board to Some Caghnawages that all y^e uneasiness and Jealousies which y^e 6 nations had Conceived of their Brethren y^e English were long Since removed and that all was Easy & Quiet with them as to our Indians in generall they Seem at present to be more than ordinary Easy & Quiet but yet the[re] are many among the Sinnekes and Some among y^e other nations who are much Inclined to y^e french Interest which proceeds from y^e presents they often Gett from them our Govo:^r design[s] Shortly to Send two persons to y^e Sinnekes Country with Consider[able] presents to reside there a year In order to keep them firm to [us some y^t] are now y^e most wavering & upon the whole we doubt not but you will Be Convinced that there is no necessity to Confer with y^e mohawks abo[ut] the Bussiness mentioned in Govournour Sherly Letter

[3-0058] III-57

Att A Meeting of y^e Commissioners
y^e 12 may 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap.^t Rutherford
John de peyster
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Blecker
Philip Schuyler
Edward Collins

This Board Received a Letter from Coll:^o Stoddard
and Martin Kellogg and desired them to meet at this Board
And than Gave them this Answer

Gentlemen

We do not Remember that You proposed
To us to send down for the Mohawks for you to Confer with
Them but it is true that we raised Some objections ag:^t Your
Confering with them Either here or at their Castle and were in
hopes to Satisfy You that there was no necessity of any Such
Conference but as we See that has not had the desired affected [sic]
and no orders from Govou^r Clinton Come to hand we are ready to
Send for y^e Chief of the Mohawks & Such orders [sic] of them as you
Desire

Comm:^{rs} meeting the 15 may 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap.^t Rutherford
John Lansingh
Hendrik Ten Eyck
Cornelis Cuyler
Dirk Ten Broeck
Nicolas Blecker
Myndert Schuyler

Jan Fort haveing been upon y^e outscout for 20 days
& returned & Informed this Board that all was well upon
y^e frontiers

four Schaakkook Indians haveing been upon
y^e outscout returned from Crown point

The Commis:^{rs} ordered them Each a Suit
for payment and it is ordered that M:^r Ten
Broeck pay them

[3-0059] III-58

Comm:^{rs} meet:^s y^e 16 may 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Philip Schuyler
Rutger Blecker
Nicolas Blecker
Myndert Schuyler
Cornelis Cuyler
Hendrick T Eyck
John Lansingh
John de peyster
Ed Collins
Reyer Gerritse
Cap.^t Rutherford

Severall of the Mohawks Indians haveing been Sent for [to come]
Down here by the Hon:^{ble} Coll:^o Stoddard the following appeared
at this Board Coll:^o Stoddard Told Them that he had a Letter
from the Govou:^r of Boston To them which whas [sic] Interpreted to
them By M:^r Blecker the Interpreter In the Presence of Martin
Kellogg The Letter is as follows

My Good Friends & Brethren of the eight nations

Being informed that you have entertained a
Jealousy that the English & Dutch of these Governments are
engaged in a Design to destroy you and that thereupon
you are withdrawn from your hunting & planting grounds
and are going to Confer with the Govournour of Canada our
declared Enemy, I Send this Letter to remove from you all
such unjust & Groundless Suspicions

I am Surprized that any such unfriendly & unreasonable
Apprehensions of this Goverment as well as of the Goverment
of new York & Connecticut, who have always treated you
with the strictest Justice & Friendship should arise in
your Breasts, and as to this Goverment in particular it is
evident by all our Records from the earliest times of the
English Settlement in these parts that we have had a
constant Correspondence with your tribes & have shewed
our inviolable Friendship to you in innumerable Instance[s]
And the Chain of Friendship between us has been brightened
from time to time by solemn Treaties & more particularly
by the Treaty our Commissioners had with you in June
last at Albany & by the Treaty which I had afterwards at
Boston with the Delegates you sent hither wherein you
have in the plainest manner declared your Resolution
that all the Tribes of Indians in these parts as well as your

Selves Shall Continue in a State of peace & neutrallity with the french
& English Goverments and that if any of the tribes Shall break [the]
Covenant [of]

[3-0060] **III-59**

Neutrality by acts of Hostility that you would joyn with the
Injur^d Party against them and in all these Treaties you and your
Ancestors have in the most express Terms declared your obedience
& Attachment to the Crown of great Brittain & your Resolution
not to side with any of our Enemies; and I do now appeal to you
whether the English or Dutch especially this Governm:^t have
not punctually & religiously observed their Treaties with you
and whether in one single Instance you Can Charge us with
unfaithful & false Dealings with you and if you Cannot are not
these Suspicions most unfriendly & injurious to us, And I
Cannot suppose that they can Spring from any other Cause but
the Intrigues & Contrivances of the french who are both your
& our Enemies and are the most perfidious & deceitful of any
People you Can have to do with, and I am Surprized that A
People of your wisdom & Good Judgment Can be so imposed
upon by the French & the Indians that are in their Party who
Can have no other Intent but to Divide you and us that they may
the more easily carry on their designs for the Hurt of us Both
If there has been any misunderstanding between the English or
Dutch & you which has occasioned this Strange Conduct of which
we are at present unacquainted we desire you would Communicate
it to us, and you may depend upon it that no Endeavours Shall
Be wanting from this Government to obtain every thing for
You that may recover & Strengthen your obedience to his
Majesty & your kindness & affection to all his good Subject

And I the rather now press you plainly to declare if you
have had any Injury done you by any of his Majestys
Subjects because this Method is not only reasonable in it
Self but we have expressly stipulated in our Treaties that if
any Injury be done to either party the Injured Party Shall not
Break off from the Treaty But apply to the other for Rediess [Redress]
and in Strict Compliance with that article I do now Send
You this Letter hereby assuring you that I know not the
Least Ground you have for any Disaffection to the
English or dutch As Also that I am determined at all
times punctually to observe our Treaties with you & to
do you all acts of kindness in my power and to this Letter
I Shall

[3-0061] III-60

I Shall expect a free & full answer from you

I am

Your Good friend & Brother

[3-0063] III-61

Comm:rs meeting ye 17 may 1745

[Brief reference to some of this in Wraxall p. 238.]

Present

Cap:t Rutherford

Edward Collins

Rutger Blecker

John Lansingh

Dirk T Broeck

Mynd:t Schuyler

John de peyster

Cornelis Cuyler

We Have rec:d your Excellencys Letter of ye 27:th april & 11 of may. your Excellency in the first Letter seems to be of oppinion that our Reasons for not Hearing M:r Lydius we[re] Insufficient and that we ought to Give Ear to all Intilligence [illeg.] time of war. we assure your Excellency that our Endeavours are not wanting to Gain and Examine into all Intilligence of Conseque[nce] to y.e Country but as to m:r Lydius his Affair he had acquainted Some of our Board with what he wanted to say to us wherefore & for the the other Reasons offered before we Conceived there was no necessity of hearing h[im]

Coll:o Stoddard Came to this place some days Since to Exam[ine] Into the Report which was last winter among the Mohawks and desir[ed] our Assistance therein and at the Same time he acquainted us that his Excellency Gov:r Shirly had wrote to your Excellency upon that head wherefore we desired him to Stay for your Excell:y orders which we did not receive in Less then 6 days after he Came here and in the mean time Coll:o Stoddard being Very Inpatient with our Leave he Sent for the Mohaw[ks] to Come down here where a Letter he brought from Gov:r Shirly Chiefly Concerning y.e uneasiness among the Indians was read to them whereto the Indians among whom were those who are Called the most disaffe[cted] of that nation answered him as in the inclosed minutes ~~in they~~

Whereby it appears that the Indians are not uneasy as we have heretofore Informed your Excellency notwithstanding Coll:o Stoddard told us that m:r Lydius had by Letter informed him to y.e Contrary. the Indians have not Hunted as formerly by reason their uneasiness last winter Happened at their usual Time of hunting but we have Certain Information from persons Liveing upon the Spott that they ha[ve] planted as much Corn as Ever heretofore. We observe that Some of [ye] Wappings river Indians have been down to new York and pretend To be Sent by ye mohawks with a message to your Excellency we

have had an oppertunity to Examine the Mohawks upon that
head and they deny haveing Given them any Such orders as your
Excellency will perceive by our minutes Inclosed, we have asked Aa[ron?]
what answer he gave Lydius to the Questions he Asked him [to]
which he tells us he answered he knew not who it was [but]
Thought had Come from white people
we rece:^d the Copy of apotion [a petition] which your Excellency has b[een]
pleased

[3-0064] III-62

to Send us of which we had not heard any thing till Some days
after it was Sent Down It Seems by Some Expressions therein
that it is from People Inhabiting to y.^e northward of this City, if it be not
In Convenient to your Excellency we would be Glad to know their
names. y.^e people upon our frontiers are doubtless Very much
Exposed to y.^e Insults of the Enemy as we have very often
acquainted your Excellency and we Can Safely appeal to y:^r
Excellency whether w have been wanting in our Represent:
=tations upon that head Sett^s forth the necessity of a Fort at y^e
Carrying place and that outscouts Should be kept there for y^e
Security of those people we know not what the petitioners
mean by Saying that they Can find no Relief here it not being
in any persons power here to Give relief in any thing Sett
forth In the petition neither has any person Spoke to our Board
upon that head the Indians we find at present in a good
disposition towards us as we have already Informed your
Excellency y.^e apprehensions of the petitioners very probably
proceed from the noise M:^r Lydius has made ab:^t the uneasi:
=ness among the Indians which we the readier believe because
we find that his name is not forgotten in y.^e petition and it is
a Very Easy Matter to frighten people whose minds are already
filld with fearfull apprehensions of the Enemy and not without
reason it Seems the Late Assembly has not had the Regard to your
Excellencies repeated Representations of the Necessity of fortifying
our frontiers that they Justly and Evidently merited we hope the next assembly
will Consist of Such members as have a Heartly [sic] & Sincere
Desire to Serve their Country; we Continue to send outscouts
as often as we dare take it upon us for fear of being ~~So~~ too much In
Advance. we will by the first oppertunity acq:^t Lieu:^t Visher with
y^e paragraph of your Excellencys Letter Concerning his being
Interpreter

[3-0065] III-63

Commissioners meeting y^e 6 June [1745]

[See reference to need for forts on p. 238 in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap:^t Rutherford

Coll:^o Schuyler

Dirk T Broeck

Hend:^k T Eyck

John de peyster

John Lansingh

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Pieter Winne

Ed: Collins

Rutger Blecker

Reyer Gerritse

Cornelis Cuyler

Robert Dunbar and John Fort haveing been on y.^e ou[tscout] to the Lake of Saint Sacrament & inform this board [illeg.] they have observed nothing Extraordinary

Robert Dunbar was out 16 days at 4/ Is £ 3: 4

Joh:^s Fort --- ---- 15 days at 4/ 3: ---: ---

2 Indians Each four p:^s of 8/8 £ 6: 4

Is ----- 3: 4

£ 9: 8: ---

and a Kegg of Rum

This board agreed with John Fort & Robert Dunbar [illeg.] to go upon the out scout for a month and 2 Schakk[ook] Indians. the Commissioners allowed john Fort 20/ to Buy provisions for y.^e Indians resolved 4 [wt] Powder and Some Sh[illeg.] Be given them by m.^r Ten Broeck

Cap:^t Rutherford Represented to This Board that Repeated Complaints had been made to his Excellency Gov:^r Clinton of the Insufficiency of the fort at Saraghtoga either for Defence or proper Accommodation for A Garrison and Cap:^t Rutherford [likewise] Acquainted us that he found the men Could not Subsist upon their pay without Some assistance and that he had now his Excellencys orders for withdrawing the Detachment there which he Communicated to this Board in order to try if any way Could be fallen upon to repair the fort and better accomodate the men knowing in that Case his Excellency would be Glad to Continue Them

Cap:^t Rutherford proposalls being refered To a
Committie of m:^r Cuyler m:^r Collins & m:^r De peyster they
report as follows

As to the fort wanting Repair we Cannot Certainly
Tell in what Repair it is tho it may doubtless want some
And as to the mens pay we are not proper Judges how far
their pay will go or whether It is Sufficient to maintain
them, But as Cap:^t Rutherford Informed the Comm:^{rs} that [illeg.]
Govo:^r had ordered him to Remove that Garrison & Complained
that the pay would not maintain y^e men we think

[3-0066] **III-64**

Think that Rather than that the Garrison Should be
Removed and at this time & our Inhabitants be thereby
frightened from their Habitations the Commis:^{rs} Should
give them as a psent £ 9:--- which they desired M:^r
Livingston to pay to Cap:^t Rutherfords order

Att a meeting of the Commissioners
of Indian Affairs y^e 13:th June 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Two Indians Sent here by the Asschicantecook & misseequeek
Indians appeared at this Board & said as that they were
Sent by their tribes to Acquaint the Commissioners that the
sachims of their nations Intended to be here about month
hence the Comm:^{rs} told them that they Should Be well
Come

June 17th 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Johan:^s Fort one of the outscouts

Being returned from the Lake of Saint Sacrement to
Give Information Infor: this Board thatt all ~~was~~ is well there

[3-0067] III-65

Commissioners meet.^g y^e 26 [sic] June [See Wraxall p. 239.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Nicolas Blecker

John Lansingh

Peter Winne

Hendrik Ten Eyck

Rutger Blecker

Philip Livingston

John de peyster

The Commissioners being informed that Canaghquasse a Caghnawage Indian had Lately been in y^e mohawks Count[ry] the Interpreter was sent up to Enquire of y^e mohawks what [illeg.] Said Indian had Said to them & to tell the Mohawks that [they] Should acq:^t us with any thing that Came to their Ears & not hold Conferences with french Indians without giveing us not[ice] & Enquire also how many Indians are gone to Canada, what their Business is at Canada

Albany y^e 19 June 1745

[See Wraxall p. 239.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Blecker

Nicolaes Blecker

John Lansingh

Hendrik T: Eyck

The Interpreter being returned from the mohawks Country Says that the Indians told him that Canaghquasse had Lately been in their Castle and had told them that the Gov:^r of Canada was ready to receive them if any of them Incline to Go to Canada the Interpreter Says there are 8 of the mohawks appointed by th[eir] Nation to Go to Canada & that Some others are gone with them. That 2 Ships of war newly Built there are Gone from Quebeck to Cape Breton to gett Intilligence what wa[s] Doing there

May it please your Excellency

Your Excellencys Letter of the 12:th Instant Concerning Some of [our] Indians Going to Canada we rec.^d and In Answer thereto Acq.^t Your Excellency that the Mohawks have sent 7 or 8 of their Sachim[s] to the upper nations to Go in Company with Some of them to Canada by the way of Osweego This Journey has been in Agitation Since Last fall and the onondages acquainted us therewith Last fall winter we hve used our Endeavours To

prevent their Going but have not been able to prevail upon [illeg.]
To Stay they tell us that the sole End of their journey is to [illeg.]
the Gov:^r of Canada that in Case he molested ossweego he must
Expect that the 6 nations will resent it but we are of opini[on]
that the Chief End of their Journey for the Sake of the pres[ents]

[3-0068] III-66

they Expect to Gett from the Govou:^r of Canada our Indians
seem as Easy and Quiet as Can well be Expected in time of war
But the Continual Endeavours of the french to draw them over to
their interest ought by this Govern:^t to be more heartily opposed.
the Misseesqueek and Asschicantecook Indians have Lately sent
us a messenger that they design to Come to this place in about
30 days to renew the neutrallity with us we have now 2
2 white men & 2 Indians upon y^e outscouts, we are in great hopes
the new assembly will Take more Effectual Care for the defence
of our frontiers than the Last house thought proper To do

A french Indian has Lately been in the mohawks
Country & has there told our Indians that the Govo:^r of Canada will
Receive with open Arms Such of them as are willing to Go
To Live there we have sent our Interpreter to Enquire into
this affair who is returned & Informs us that he Cant find out
that he has mett with any InCouragement from the Mohawks who
Say that they will acquaint us with all the messages they
Receive from Canada

The Mohawks also Sent us word that the said french Indian told them
that two new Ships of war one of 40 Guns built at Quebeck are
Gone from thence to Cape Breton to Gett Intilligence

Att a meeting of the Commis:^{rs} y^e 22 June 1745

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Hendrik Ten Eyck

John Lansingh

Rutger Blecker

Nicolas Blecker

Cornelis Cuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Edward Collins

Lieu:^t John Lyndesay being returned from Ossweego laid
Before us Severall Accounts of his Disbursements at Ossweego
and as we are informed that he has been Very Serviceable to the
Country while he has been at Ossweego we have resolved
To write to his Excellency our Govournour a Letter in his
favour as follows

May it please your Excellency

Lieu:^t Lindesay being returned from Ossweego laid before us Several accounts of his disbursements dureing his residence In that Garrison and as we are well Informed by many of our Treaders who have been there that no officer ever did or Could Behave better for the Countrys Service than he did and has had an Extraordinary Influence over the Indians, which we are Very Sencible

[3-0069] III-67

Sensible Could Not be Effected without a Very great Expence we think it but Very Just & Reasonable he Should be Reimmbursed by the Publick we beg your Excellency would Be pleased to Recommend his acc.^t to the Generall Assembly for their allowance

As for news from ossweego we referr you to M[r] Lindesay he being the last from thence We are with Very great Respect

Commissioners meeting ye 2 July 174[5] [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd:^t Schuyler

John de peyster

John Lansingh

Cornelis Cuyler

Dirk T Broeck

Hend:^k T Eyck

Robert Dunbar one of the outscouts app:^d at this baord To [illeg.] Information of the occurrences that they had mett with, Say [illeg.] That nothing material have they observed

A Number of Schaakkook Indians appeared at this Board among whom is Pissix and others who have been 2 years at ottowawe who Say

Father

It is about 2 years ago Since we want [sic] to ottowawe we Acquainted you that we are going & Told you that we would return we are accordingly now Come back & are Glad to See You in health
Schaakkook is the place where we was born where we design to Live & Die we did not Intend to Go away
But want up only To hunt bevers

Gave a few Bevers

Children

We are Glad to See You here in health after your Long Voyage and you do well to Come Back To your Father to this place where our fore fathers have always mett Each face to face to Speak about Good Things Since you went away you have doubtless heard that war is declared between us and the french wherfore we desire that you would All Stay at home at Schakkook or Else Go up to fitch your wives and families and than Come Back to your native Country and Especially pissix who [is] A Sachim and ought to be att home and Such of you as [desire?] To Go back for a while we Expect that you will do you[r] [illeg]

[3-0070] III-68

To Encourage the ottawawe Indians to Come to Trade att Ossweego. the Comm^{rs} ordered them 2 blanketts Strouds

A Letter was wrote to the Assembly for y^e Com^{ts} Commissioners and outscout money

Coenr:^t weyser the pensilvania Interpreter haveing been to onondage Gives y^e following acc:^{ts} of his proceedings he Shewed this Board his Instructions from Govo:^r Thomas to Go to onondage to desire the 6 nations To send 5 deputies to williamsburgh or Philadelphia to Conclude a peace with with a Like number of y^e Cattabaws

they answered
That they were now Going to Canada & about their Return they would have a Meeting of y^e nations & then answer the belts
Given them by s.^d weiser

Commissioners meeting y^e 3 July 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Reyer Gerritse
Rutger Blecker
Cornelis Cuyler
Ed: Collins
Dirk T Broeck
Nicolaes Blecker

Aaron A Mohawks Sachim appeared at this Board with Johannis and another of the Same nation Aaron said that he was Sent by those of his nation to Inform their Brethren that they had received the belt wampum the Com.^{rs} had thought proper to Send up to them with Abraham one of their Chiefs and that Abraham had acquainted them that you desire by the said Belt that we

Should not Suffer any of our ~~young~~ people to Go a fighting to the Southward to which we have agreed both at the uper and Lower Castles the young men have Likewise promised us that they would Stay at home according to your desire

I am Likewise to Inform you what has ~~Lately~~ happened at Cayahage where is a Settlement of a mixture of the Six nations near the place where y.^e Schewenos lately did mischief to Some of the pensilvania traders Some of the Schewenos Indians and a few french men Came there lately and brought with them a Small Silver hatchet which they desired them of Cayehage to take up, but did not Say against who they would have them fight, Sometime after they went with the

[3-0071] **III-69** 36

The Hatchet to Some English Treadors and Told them [illeg.] Story and told the English that if it was desired they would [illeg.] use of the Hatchet against the Schewenos who had lately molest[ed] [illeg.] English treadors the Comm:^{rs} answered that he Should tell the Sachim[s] and wariors of his nation that they had done well to do as they was [illeg.] desired by this board to keep home their people and that is was for [their] own Interest to Stay at home Least by Scattering abroad they [illeg.] would at least be no more a nation

John H Lydius being desired to Come before this Board accor=dingly Came and It was told him That It had been Rumoured Abroad that he had Said That Aaron Had Told him that Cornelis Cuyler Henry Barclay Nicolaes Blecker Jacobus Blecker and Philip Livingston Jun[^r] were the occasion of the uproar among the Indians last winter in the mohawks Country he answered that Aaron had told him So whereupon Aaron was asked whether he had told Lydius what he Alledged which the Said Aaron absolutely denied and [illeg.] that M.^r Lydius said he believed it the more because the Indian denied it, and that he would Go on with it & a great deal of Very wild Discourse

[The following entry is crossed out but legible.]

Commissioners meet:^g y^e 4 July 1745

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Steven Van Renselaer

Reyer Gerritse

Cornelis Cuyler

Nicolas Blecker

John Lansing

Rutger Blecker

Hend:^k T Eyck

Dirk T Broeck

John de peyster

M:^r Barclay is in the Mohawks Country the rest of the
Gentlemen Aspersed by Lydius have made oath of the fals[ity]
of what the s:^d Lydius Says against them which affidavit we
Send here inclosed

[3-0072] **III-70** [Not in Wraxall.]

Albany the 4:th July 1745: Then appeared before

Me John de peyster and Edward Collins Esq:^{rs} Justices of the
peace for the City and County of Albany Corn:^s Cuyler Nicolaes

Bleeker Jacobus Blecker and Philip Livingston Jun:^r Esq:^{rs}

who Each one for himself declared upon the Holy Evangelist
of Almighty God That They had not directly or indirectly Either

By themselves or by any other person or persons for them

Been Concerned in buying any of the Lands at the mohawks

flatts from the Indians nor that they had not by any ways

or means whatsoever to their Knowledge Given any occasion

To the Late disturbances among y^e mohawks Indians

nor have in any way or means whatsoever been privy to it

[3-0073] III-71

Commissioners meet:^s the 4 July 174[5]

[Lydius's role is omitted from Wraxall's discussion about the Six Nations' fears of being cut off; see Abridgment p. 238.]

Present

Steven V Renselaar

Reyer Gerrittse

Cornelus Cuyler

Nicolas Blecker

John Lansing

Rutger Blecker

Hendrik T Eyck

Dirk T Broeck

John De Peyster

May it please your Excellency

We Think it our Duty to accq:^t your Excellency [illeg.]

H. Lydius has for Some time past Spread abroad among the [illeg.]

of this County that the Reverend Henry Barclay Corn:^{es} Cuyler [illeg.]

M:^r Nicolaes blecker M:^r Jacob Blecker our Interpreter [illeg.]

Livingston Jun:^r had been about buying from the Mohawks [illeg.]

Lands at Tiononderoga and were the Authors of the Late uproar among [illeg.]

Mohawks and at the Same time made Vile Use of many [illeg.]

Insinuations to Gain himself Credit [hinted?] as If [all] our [illeg.]

were Concerned in the Said affair for what Evil Ends of his [illeg.]

This man acts So basely we do not Know but we Suppose it [illeg.]

To make himself Considerable among y^e Lower Sort of people [illeg.]

he has not worse Views, we were Informed that the s:^d Lydius [illeg.]

frequently Said that Aaron and Hendrick mohawks sachims [had]

Told him that the afor:^d Gentlemen were Authors of the s:^d Distur[bance]

among them and yesterday it happened That Aaron Came [illeg.]

upon Some Business with us as your Excellency will See [by] [illeg.]

minutes inclosed when we Thought proper to send for Lydi[us]

That he might be Confronted with Aaron and that the Indi[an]

might be Asked --- whether he had told m:^r Lydius what he

alledged, Aaron after being asked, 2 other Indians being [also?]

present, flatly denied that he had told him any Such thing

which Lydius Still persisted in Saying that he beleives

was Truth that the s:^d Gentlemen were concerned in [raising]

the Disturbance among the Indians and that he would [illeg.]

with it, he Likewise told us that the said Disturbance

among the mohawks was not yet made up which the Event [illeg.]

would [illeg.] what he means by those Expressions we know [illeg.]

But are much affeard he will use his Endeav:^{rs} to Excite [illeg.]

disquietudes among the Indians at Least his actions [Tend] [illeg.]

way & his frequent Conferences with Indians of all denom[illeg.]

which he seems to make his only business Gives him [illeg.]

oppertunity to do much mischief to y^e Country which [illeg.]
Impossible to prevent as long as he is Suffered to [illeg.]
that [illeg.]

[3-0074] III-72

As Lydius was married & Lived Some time in Canada our
nearest Enemies where his Eldest Son Is Yet Living we think
that Some more than ordinary tokens of his fidelity to his
Majesty king George the Second ought to appear before he
Should be Suffered Especially in time of war to reside
in any part of the Country where he Can have it in his power
not only to Excite disturbances among our own Indians but
have an oppertunity by the Assistance of y.^e french Indians
to Carry on a Correspondance with the Enemy*
[sidebar] *M.^r Barclay is in the Mohawks Country the
rest of y.^e Gentlemen Aspersed by Lydius have
made Oath of y^e falsity of what s.^d Lydius says ag.st
[them] which aff:^d [illeg.] here inclosed

The following Letter was wrote to Collo Stoaddard
ye 10 July 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Sir We received Your Wellcome Letter about the taking of
Cape Bretton & am obliged to you for Sending this Express
this Good news which whas So long wished for ocationed a great
deal of Joy in our Town & was demonstated with the Discharge of
the Cannon of the forte & Blockhouses Burn fire &:^c In Short our
whole town was in full Life as your Express will Inform you
we did also Immediately dispatch Expresses through the five
nations and to ossweego to advice them ~~with~~ of this Glourious
Action, as the keeping of this place is of the Greatest Consequence
to his Majesty it being a Good begining towards the reduesing
of our most Inviterate Enemy the french in Canada we doubt
not but Gov:^r Shirly will make propper [remonstrances] home
In order to Gett the Same Effected. Yesterday one of our outscouts
Came from y.^e Carry place who Sayes that 40 Arondax Indians were
Gone from Crown point 20 thereof acted as outscout in the lake St:
Sacrem:^t 4 to Go try & take a prisoner at Saraghtoge or Some of
our Settlements and Sixteen to Go towards your parts for the s^d
purpose how true this is Seeing the Information is from the
franch Indians we Cant Say however thought proper
To Advice you thereof we Suppose that the french on
their Return from Cape Breton will make An attack on Some
of your parts here or ossweego wherefore we ought all to be
upon our Guard & keep a watchfull Eye on their motion
we have at this Juncture no more to add, but that
we are

[3-0075] **III-73** [The Orondax attack is mentioned on p. 239 of Wraxall.]
Commissioners meeting y^e 11 July 1745

Present

Corn.^s Cuyler

Peter winne

Nicol.^s Blecker

Joh:^s Lansing

Rutger Blecker

Ed: Collins

Hend:^k T: Eyck

Dirk T: Broeck

A Caghnawage Indian being Come to Town last night the [illeg.]
Sent for him and from him Gett the Intilligence following
that he was at Crown point about 15 days ago & Came from thence [to]
albany where he Stayed a Very Short Time & then went back to [Crown]
point where he was informed that y.^e day after he had Left Crown [point]
being 14 days ago 4 Caghnawages Came there from Canada & told [illeg.]
Command:^r that they were Sent by the Gov:^r of Canada To go [illeg.]
head of otter Creek to See whether the English had built any [forti]
fication there and the Same day there Came Likewise to Crown
point 43 of the orondax Indians in fighting possture who [said]
they Came to Go upon y.^e outscout
to west End of the Lake of St Sacremen:^t & to the fork[s of]
wood Creek by order of the Govor: of Canada That the afor:^d Caghna[wages]
proceeded on their Voyage to y.^e head of the otter Creek & the oron[dax]
Instead of comeing this way Joyned them Immediately & went a [illeg.]
them as far as the frontier Settlements of new England from when[ce]
they were returned to Crown point Except 17 orondax where the [illeg.]
Informant left them 5 days ago he also Says that one of the Cagh[nawages]
told him that he feared the s.d orondax who were left behind would do mis[chief]
and desired him to tell the Commis:^{rs} that if they heard of any mischief
being Done they Should not think that the Caghnawages done it [illeg.]
y.^e orondax The Inform:^t Says that when he Came from [Crown]
point y.^e orondax & Caghnawages who were returned from y.^e
outscout sett out for montreal which was all Except y.^e 17 afore[said]
Robert Dunbar one of the outscout Came Down from the Lake of Sa[int]
Sacramento to Inform this board that one Gingege an Indian who
Lives upon y.^e Carying told him that y.^e Indian who is here pSent told [illeg.]
that there is a number of Indians Gone from Canada to the N: England
Settlements near fort Dummer to take a prisoner & that 9 Came [this]
way to Saraghtoge or thereabout for the Same purpose & that 25 [were]
Come:^g to Go upon the Outscout upon the Carrying place

May it please your Excellency

on monday last we rece:^d the agreeable news of the taking of Ca[pe]
Breton by Letter from Coll:^o Stoaddard, we hope the English [illeg.]

[3-0076] III-74

Attended with Success Especially against y^e french in n: america
 Coll:° Stoddard writes us the 6:th Instant that he had an Express that
 morning to Inform him of y^e probability of a mans being Taken by y^e
 Indians at y^e great meadow which is about 11 miles above fort Dummer
 by the minutes herein in Closed your Excellency will perceive that a
 party of Indian of the orondax nation who Live within 30 English
 miles of montreal were Sent by the Gov:^r of Canada to Go upon the
 outscouts that way and we Conjecture by informations of Robert
 Dunbar one of our outscout that Some of them are also upon our
 frontiers and as those Indians are a Barbarous murdering people
 we are apprehensive they may do Some mischief to y^e Inhabitants
 upon the frontiers who Live Entirely Exposed to y^e Insult of y^e
 Indians, we take Leave to refer y^r Excellency to the inclosed minutes
 for the information we have of this affair

Albany y^e 17 July 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Hend:^k T: Eyck

John De: Peyster

Dirk: T: Broeck

Peter winne

John Lansingh

Robert Dunbar & Johan:^s Fort haveing been upon y^e outscout
 Returned this day their time being Expired

Robert Dunbar 43 days at 4/	£	8: 12: ---
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Johan: ^s Fort 43 D:° at 4/		8: 12: ---
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allowed them for provisions for y ^e Indians		1: ---: ---
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£	18: 4: ---
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To appamit a Schaakkook Indian

39 days at 3/	£ 5: 17: ---
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To paghkanock at 3/	5: 17: --
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To wappewie 8 days 3/	1: 4
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£	12: 18
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To paghkanock	£ 5: 17	£	31: 2
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Robert Dunbar paid him	£ 3: 3
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£ 2:15 Remains

To appamit	£ 5: 17: 0
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To w ^m Kettle	2: 1
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To Rob. ^t Dunbar	5: 6
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2: 6: 6

£ 3: 10: 6

[3-0077] III-75 [See Wraxall summary p. 239.]

May it Please Your Excellency

Since our Last we heard from N: England that a man was murdered by the orondax Indian upon their frontiers but as [illeg.] Had it only by Comon report we did not acq:^t your Excellency Imediately Expecting better Information, this day we again [rec'd] an acc:^t from Sheffield In N: E that another man was murd:rd by french Indians near Connecticut River 15 miles Lower down [illeg.] said river than they murder the former those men were found most Barbarously murdered haveing their Eyes plucked out their [illeg.] heart taken out the Crown of their head taken off and most Inhumanly mangled and butchered. we hear 15 N: E men [are] Gone in pursuit of them y^e people of our County are daily Exposed to and must Expect the Same barbarous Cruelties [to] prevent which the Gener:^{ll} Assembly have not Taken any Step that we know off. a fort at the Carrying place ought to have been agreed upon at their last meeting and provision made for a Garrizon there and for outscouts. the money allowed us for outscouts to September next is already Expended & [illeg.] Exceed:^d & the necessity of Sending out parties is now Great[er] Than it has yet been. our outscouts Consist^s of 2 white men & 2 Indians Returned Last night their time being Expir[ed] But have not discovered any thing of moment we will Send 6 or 8 men & Some Indians out again as soon as we Can gett them. we are

[3-0078] III-76

Att a meeting of the Commiss:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs the 20:th July 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Blecker

John De Peyster

Peter Winne

Corn: Cuyler

Nicolas Blecker

Dirk: T: Broeck

The Commissioners drew a warrant on Philip
Livingston Jun:^r to pay the following Sums out of the
Money allowed for outscouts £ 49: 5: 6 To Jan Fort
Andries Van Vranken Christiaen Christiaense & Har^s
Hagedorn £ 21: 10: ---

Robert Dunbar 16: 3: 6

To Johan:^s Abr: Fort 11: 12: ---

49: 5: 6

To Thomas Buttler as Interpreter

att ossweego £ 26: 13: 4

To David Schuyler & Company

for Going upon the outscout

when the Gov:^r was here Last year £ 28: 6: 6

£104: 5: 4

This Board agreed with Jan fort Robert Dunbar Har. Hagedorn
Abraham J Fort and:^s Van Vranken and Richard Crawley to Go
upon the outscouts. Jan fort to have 5/6 p:^r diem and the rest 4/
p:^r day this board gave them 112 [wt] bread. the follow:^s Instructions
were Given to Jan fort

You are to Go on monday next upon the outscout
with Robert Dunbar H: Hag:ⁿ abrah:^m J Fort and:^{rs} Van Vranken
& Richard Crawley who you are to take under your Command
& they are to obey you and follow your Instructions you are
to keep a Constant Look out to y^e Lake of S:^t Sacrement
the wood Creek and the albany river above the Carrying
place and where you Judge it will be Likelyest to
Discover the Enemies motions and you are to send down
one of your Company Every 10 days to Give us intillgence and
to send us Immediate notice you are to Stay out 30
days before you return home with your party you are
Likewise to take with you two Schahkock Indians to
& assist you on the outscouts dated in albany y^e

20th day of July 1745

[3-0079] III-77

Att a Meeting of ye Comm:rs ye 24 July [illeg.] [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap:^t Rutherford

Cornelus Cuyler

Peter Winne

Joh:^s Lansing

Nicolaes Blecker

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Hendrick T: Eyck

Dirk: T: Broeck

Rutger Blecker

Two new England Indians appeared at this Board [illeg.]
Schaakkook Indians, the new England Indians [Informed]
this board that Coll:^o Stoddard had Sent them to Schakkook
To Enquire whether any of their people might possibly [be]
Concerned or have been the authours of the Barbarous [murders]
lately Committed in N: England of which Some Suspitions
had been Entertained by reason of a Schaachkkook Indian
Haveing On acc:^t of Some ~~mischief~~ misbehaviour [been]
put in Confinement by m:^r Willard Command:^r at fort
Dummer which said Indian had Threatned M:^r willard that in [Case]
he was not Set at Liberty in 4 or 5 days time his Schaakkook
relations would revenge themselves upon Some of the N: Eng[land]
people & this murder happen.^s about that time was the [occasi]
=on of [those] Suspitions but upon Enquiry they find the [said]
Suspitions groundless. this board Sent two Schaakkook
Indians to Enquire at Crown point or if they Cant be
Informed there what Indians have Committed the mur[ders]
In new England than to proceed to masseesqueek

albany ye 26 July 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Reyer Gerritse

Nicolaes Blecker

Hendrik: T: Eyck

John de peyster

Joh:^s Lansingh

A River Indian named magatawe Complains to this
Board that Jan Van Alstyn of Kinderhook had taken a
Gun from him which he had borrowed of major States & s:^d
Staets now demand ye Gun of him in which Case the Said
Indian desires redress from this board this board after Con[sider]
=ation ye affair wrote ye following Letter to Jan Van Alsty[n]

Sir an Indian named Magatawe hath made his Com[plaint] to us that you have taken from him a Gun which he had borrowed of major Staets if so we do hereby ord:^r you to de[liver] the Gun back to y^e said Indian unless you Can make ap[illeg.] that before us that it is your property which if you neglect to do you must Exp[ect] the Consequences for it is our Business to take Care th[at] Justice to be done to the Indians we are

[3-0080] III-78

Att a Meeting of y^e Com:^{rs} of Indian affairs
y^e 28:th July 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Blecker

Nicolaes Blecker

John de peyster

Hend:^k T: Eyck

John Lansing Ju:^r

Dirk T Broeck

Cornelis Cuyler

Adam an Indian who is originally A mohawk and now lives at Cayahage desired this board to meet and accordingly appeared at this board and said Viz:^t

That the Indians of Cayahage went Some time ago to Speak with the french Command:^t at Tughsaghrondie and told him that the french In this Country did not behave as they Should do that as soon as any Indian nation misbehaved they the french Immediately fell upon them in a warlike manner to distroy them which they the Cayahage Indians told them was wrong, that if any of their Indians did any thing wrong it ought in an amicable man [sic] to be reconciled, the french Command:^t being Lately Come there, Thanked them for their good Councill and promised that It Should be as they desired & moreover Told them that if any body molested his Brethren of Cayahage That he would assist in their defence.

He Says that Last ffall a french man with Six of the Chief of y^e ottawawe sachim & a great number of other ottawawes Came to Cayahage and the french man Endeavoured to Exasperate them aga:st the English by Telling them the English had been y.^e occasion of the deaths of many of their people & they were ready to revenge it & french man offered them the Hatchet ag:^t the English and begun to sing & dance the ottawawes Joyning them & they desired the Cayahages to take up the hatchet & Joyn with them in the Dance which they Absolutely Refused to do telling the ottawawes they might dance that had taken up the Hatchet

The Cayahages answ:^d the french man that they thought he must

have Lost his Sences by Strong Liquors otherwise he would never propose
To them to make war upon the English their Brethren that they and the
English were one body
And one flesh And That it was not possible That one Body
Should fight against It Self. they also Told the
ottewawes that they thought they had Gott Drunk with their
father y.^e franchman otherwise they never Could be so senceless as
To take up y.^e hatchet against the English with whom they were
In a treaty of Alliance and besides that they yearly Confirmed y.^e
Treaty with the Sinnekes, who are one with the English that the English
had never done them any harm & if any might formerly have been
killed by Either

[3-0081] III-79

Party it had always Immediately been made up and [upon]
the whole they absolutely refused to take up the Hatch[et]
They advised the frenchman and the ottawawes to Sleep [illeg.]
That They might gett Sober & recover their Sences and
Think better what they were about. the Com:^{rs} told him [illeg.]
They were Glad his people had behaved so well and [answered]
The french So wisely and desired him to use his Endeavours
To Confirm his people in y.^e Eng Interest & that if they [were]
apprehansive of any hurt from the french they Should [be]
heartily well Come to take Shelter and protection among [illeg.]
The Commissioners told him the news of Cape Beton [sic] [and]
Gave him a present

Att a Commissioners meeting
the 29th ~~September~~ July 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Mynd:^t Schuyler
Nicolas Blecker
Johan:^s Lansingh
~~[illeg.] V Renselaer~~
Rutger Blecker
~~John de peyster~~
Edward Collins
Hendrik: T: Eyck

Cornelius Cuyler
Abraham Cuyler

appeared at this board a Principall sinnekes
Sachim named Sejahowa who Said as follows

Brother Corlaer and Queder
I am Glad to See You who are the managers of aff[airs]

Relateing to us the Six nations and That in this place which has So long been the place where all Things relateing to us [are] Transacted. You do Very well To Furnish us with a Smith [and] armourer yearly which is a great Conveniency to us and [illeg.] haveing Goods with them we Can Supply our Selves at [illeg.] Before I Came from home Some of the Sinnekes of my [nation] determined To Go to Canada at y^e Desire of y^e french Gover[nor] But I refused it & Determined to Come down here to see you which my Son who was here last winter inf:^d me that [you] desired to See me here I would Come often but Chuse to [Stay] home to take Care that all things are kept in order

the Indians gave a present to y^e Comm:^{rs}

y^e Commissioners gave him 4 blanketts Strouds a Shirt 10 [wt] powder & 28 [wt] Lead. the Comm.^{rs} asked him the [illeg.] what bussiness y^e Sinnekes sachims were Gone to Canada [upon]

He answered

That they are not Gone upon any particular bussiness but upon the desire of the Gov:^r of Canada & what y^e business will be he Can [illeg.]

[3-0082] **III-80**

Commis:^{rs} meeting y^e 2 aug:^t 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

John Lansing Junr

Hendrick: T: Eyck

Cornelus Cuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Peter Winne

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Dirk T: Broeck

Edward Collins

Philip Reyley being returned from the sinnekes Country tells This board that myndert wemp is not well or Else would have appeared at this board. Philip Reyley Informs this Board that the sinnekes sachims Expected all this Summer to be Called down here to meet the Govour and that they yet Expected to be Called Down for that purpose. that Jon Ceur had left the sinnekes Country about the middle of June that ab:^t [16] of y^e sinnekes were Gone to Canada to Speak with that Gov:^r that Jon Coeur told him he beleived y^e Gov:^r would send him back again as usual. Philip Reyley also Informs us that in discourse with Jon Ceour he proposed to him to become a Subject of his Majesty king George the Second and told him he would live much better among y^e English, and discourse him upon his

Subject hinting To him that perhaps this Goverment would
Do something for him Jon Cour answered him that it was a
Ticklesh point to discourse upon, & at ye Same time [hinted]
that if the Gov:^r of new York would write to him & Engage [~~him~~]
something handsome that he would accept it. Philip
Reyley think £ 80 or £ 100:-- a year would draw
him of from y^e allegiance of y^e french king

Commissioners Meeting y^e 4 aug:^t 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Phil: Schuyler

Dirk: T: Broeck

Hend:^k T: Eyck

John de peyster

Corn: Cuyler

Two Schaackkook Indians who were Sent by this board to y.^e northward
to Enquire of what nation of Indians they were to had Committed
y^e murder in new England returned and informed this board
that they had been as far as y.^e Carrying place where they mett an
Asschicantecook Indian who Came from Crown point of whom they
Enquired who had Committed y.^e murder af:^d and the said Indian told
him that he was at Crown point when a party of orondax Came there
with 2 scalps from n England and that the Command.^t at Crown
point was Very angry with [these] Indians for haveing murd^d
y^e n England people for that they were only sent as outscouts
to observe the motion of the English 2 of the orondax had taken
y^e first English man prisoner but he Endeav:^s to Gett off they
killed him.

[3-0083] **III-81**

and it was another party of y.^e Same Company of orondax
who killed y^e other man

The Indian likewise informed this board that the
Indian af:^d Infor:^d him that the Asschicantecook [Indians]
& the rest of y.^e french Indians were Very much dissatisfied [with]
the orondax for haveing Committed this murder

The follow^s Letter was
wrote To Coll^o Stoddard

When we heard of y.^e Barbarous murder Comm[itted]
upon your frontier we sent two Indians to y^e northward [illeg.]
Enquire who were y^e perpetrators of this horrid peice of
Treachery & Cruelty, who are returned & Informed us that they [illeg.]
an asschicantecook Indian upon the Carrying place [who]
Told them that he was at Crown point when the Scalps of [illeg.]

tow men killed were brought there by a party of [orondax] Indians and that the Command:^t at Crown point was Very angry with the Indians who he Says were only Sent as outscouts, for haveing Committed this murder and that y.^e asschicantecook Indians were Very uneasy about this affair, [that] they Intended to Come to this place to renew and Confirm their Treaties but Stop:^d when they heard of the s:^d [murder] we are of opinion that the Govo:^r of Canada has not Sent [out] this party to murder any English but that their own Cruel Temper has tempted them thereto, an Indian who lives near you being now here we Thought proper to write you [illeg.] Line we think it something Strange that we had [not] a Line from You to acq:^t us with this affair

[3-0084] **III-82**

Att a meeting of the Comm:^{rs} of Indian affairs at Albany on friday y^e 9:th august 1745
[See Wraxall p. 239-240 for summary.]

Present

Cap:^t Rutherford
Steven Van Renselaer
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Blecker
Edward Collins
Philip Schuyler
Hend:^k T: Eyck
Peter Winne
Cornelus Cuyler
Nicolaes Blecker
Johanis Lansing
John de peyster
Dirk Ten Broeck

Ten Mohawks and Tuskaroro Sachims haveing been to Canada among others of y^e 6 nations to treat with the Govourn:^r of that place returned ffrom Thence & bring y^e following acc:^{ts} of what passed with the Govour:^r of Canada they Say that the Onondages without Consulting y.^e other Six nations renewed y^e Covenant they had formerly made with the Govou:^r of Canada & did also frequently Confer with the french Govournour In Private and what then passed they know not, they Say the Gov:^r of Canada Told them that the french had taken an English Vessell and found Letters on board which Gave an account that y.^e English designed To take Canada and that when once they had made themselves Masters of that then they Intended To Destroy the Six nations. they Say that after they had been 4 days in montreal they heard some Indians Cry out as

they usual do when they Come home from fighting which they Expected was some Indians who had been a fighting to the Southward ag:^t y^e Cattabaws, but upon Looking out they were Told that some orondax Indians had 2 Scalps of English men which Surprized them Very much, and Immediately y.^e Gov:^r of Canada sent for them and told them y:^t he had sent out a party 3 Caghnawages 3 Schawenides & 3 orondax to go as far as the head of otter kill to see whether the English building any fortifications there, and that without his knowledge 20 orondax Indians were Gone after them and had killed 2 English men at wich which the Govou:^r of Canada seemed to be Very angry and told them that he had not Given any orders to his Indians to kill any people in N: England, but had told the party he sent out To take a prisoner for Intilligence if they Could Conveniently, that the Govou:^r of Canada turned the orondax away and would not lett them go Come into his house that the Gov:^r of Canada told them that the road Should always be open for them whatsoever Should happen between them and ye new England

[3-0085] **III-83**

People.

That the news of Cape Breton being Taken [illeg.] To montreal while they were there and a few days [after] [illeg.] Express Came from Quebeck who was but one night [illeg.] way & Inform:^d the Gov:^r that 2 or three fisher boats were [Come] [illeg.] the river to Quebeck & brought an acc:^t that they had seen [an] English man of war in the river which they Supposed to [be] part of y.^e fleet Comeing to Take Quebeck & that the Gov:^r of Quebeck went down Immediately from montreal to Quebeck [with] 1000 men & had ordered y:^t half of y.^e militia Should follow him [down]

They Inform:^d likewise that 3 of y.^e misseesqueek Indians as [they] were Inform:^d were Gone to N: England to take a prisoner, they [Said] Likewise y^t Sconondo a Sachim of Caghnawage told them the [illeg] the day that the news of Cape Breton being taken Came to [montreal] that they the Caghnawages were determined to assist their [father] ye Gov:^r of Canada under whose protection they live ag:^t all Attempts which Should be made against him. the Onondage [sachims] told the Gov:^r of Canada that he Expected that he would in no [wise] molest ossweego and if he did they would perhaps turn ag:^t him in their affections that the french Should Think themselves well [off] To have 2 forts along the Same Lake with which they ought [to] be Satisfied

They Say that they asked y.^e Govo:^r of Canada ab:^t y.^e [English] people who were taken at y.^e back of pensilvania & the Gov:^r [of] Canada answ:^d them that he knew nothing of it, that he had [not] heard anything of it, they Say y.^e Caghnawages had also [promised]

ye Gov.^r of Canada to send 100 of their people to y^e assistance of
Quebeck

They Say that the Gov.^r of Canada did not Give them pres[ents]
So large as usual & that he told them the reason of it was
Because the English had blocked up y^e river that their
Vessels Could not Gett in

They Say there is 130 men at Crown point

[3-0086] **III-84**

Att a meeting of y^e Comm.^{rs} of Indian affairs at
Albany munday mourning y^e 12 aug:^t 1745
[See Wraxall p. 240.]

Present

[My]ndert Schuyler

[John] Lansingh

[Re]yer Gerritse

[Ni]colas Blecker

[Hendr]ick T: Broeck

[J]ohn De peyster

[He]nd:^k T: Eyck

[Cor]nelis Cuyler

The Interpreter informed this board that [A] Trusty mohawk
Indian who Came from Canada informed him that when they were
there the Gov.^r Told them Viz.^t you Gave the English Leave at first
To build a Treading house at ossweego but Instead thereof they built
a Strong house and afterwards they have Surrounded it with a Stone
wall and mounted Cannon therein which they have done only to
destroy you, that when they Go to murder you Cant fly to me for
protection but to Stop you there and kill you, you Escaped destruction
Very narrowly last winter when the English designed to murder you, and we
have Lately taken an English Ship on board of which was a Letter importing
that the English designed to take Canada, and as soon as that was taken
then the English designed to murd:^r the Six nations. Children I Expect
the English will Certainly attack me and therefore in order to defend my Self
ag:^t them I have give the Hatchet to all the Indians under my protection
ag:^t the English who have all of them Taken up the Hatchets and promised
to defend me ag:^t the English to y^e uttmost of their power and I have sent for
all the upper nations to Come down here near me that they may assist me
as I have occasion, Children I have Just now told you that the English
designed to destroy all your nations & that you are on the Very Brink of
destruction wherefore out of y^e Tender regard I have for you I desire that
you will Come & live in my Country where I will receive you with Open arms
and I do now desire that you will take up the Hatchet ag:^t the English,
to Assist me ag:^t them and then he laid down a large black wampum
belt with the figure of a Hatchet in it. the Indian Said that
our Indians answered the Gov.^r of Canada that they would take the belt

with them and Consider of it at onondage in a full Council of y.^e Six nations & then Give them their answer

The said Indian also sayes that the Caghnawages took up the Hatchets ag:^t the English at montreal in the presence of y.^e Sachims of ye 6 nations then there, and afterwards at Caghnawage the Sachims of the Caghnawages desired the mohawks to Joyn with them in the war ag:^t y.^e English and Gave them a Belt of wampum to Carry home to their Castle To Consider of it & then to send them their answer he Sayes y.^t the french Gov:^r Gave them Large presents

[3-0087] **III-85** 44 [See Wraxall p. 240-241.]

May It please Your Excellency

We have rec:^d Your Excellencies Letter of y.^e 31 July with [illeg.] paragraph of Gov:^r Shirleys Letter therein Inclosed and have Consid[ered] the Same when we rece:^d Your Excellencies Letter ~~and that it will be [necessa~~
~~=ry that the warriours be Called down here as will ye Sachims~~
[sidebar] We had Already sent Two Indians to the Northward to Enquire Who Were the Authors of this Murder who brought Us An Authentick Acc:^t that it Was Committed by Some of the Orandax Indians we have formerly mentiond to your Excellency & [illeg.]

daily Expect^d the mohawks Indians from Canada & resolved to [wait] till their arrivall before we sent our Interpreter to the Six nation[s] about the murder Committed in N England the mohawks returned Last Friday and we Examined them about what passed between the Indians of [illeg.] 6 nations and the french Gov:^r when they informed us of Sundry particu[lars] ye minutes whereof ye 9 Instant are here inclosed but they were either Afeared or ashamed to tell us the truth. Since which our Interpreter [has] sounded a trusty man of the mohawks in private who Informed him of what has actually passed at Canada the Contents of which is Contained In the minutes of this day Your Excellency will thereby percieve that [the] Canada Indians have all taken up the Hatchets against the English So that there is now an End of the neutrality with y.^e Indians & we [may be] Attacked by them as soon as they Conveniently Can, but what is [Still] worse is the french Gov:^r is about Setting our own Indians against [illeg.] which it Seems he has Heartily Laboured at this meeting, and has actu[ally] offered them the Hatchet against us which they have not refused but [told] him that they would Consider of it at onondage & then give him their answer So that our Indians are It Seems Almost Gained by the french to their Interest and if the most Effectual & Speedy Care be not Taken ----- We must Expect to have them our Enemies as our Indians [Seem] to be in so waveing [sic] a posture we have thought it proper not to Send [our] Interpreter up about the murd:^r in N: England as Judgeing that he would meet with no Success We think it Absolutely necessary that your Excellency Should Come up here as soon as possible to meet the 6 nations & it would Likewise be proper that Comm.^{rs} from y.^e massachusetts bay

be then also present to Endeavour to take Some new measures [with]
ye 6 nations and if it be then thought proper to prevail upon them
To take up the Hatchet ag:^t the french if this be not done ye french
will Leave nothing unessayed to make them our Enemies in [which]
they have already made Considerable progress and the french [illeg.]
So Great a number of Indians in their Interest as makes [illeg.]
Indians fear full to offend them especially As we do not [illeg.]

[3-0088] **III-86**

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defence & Safety as Affairs [Are] at present at this Crisis it will be
absolutely necessary that the Assembly Enable y:^r Excellency
To make presents more than ordinary in order to which they
Should Likewise Consider that ye price of goods is greatly
advanced and that it will be necessary that ye warriours be
Called down here as well as ye sachims we hope that the
assembly will at Last resolve To raise money for a fort
tress at the Carrying place and to keep a proper number
of men there for outscouts to protect our frontiers in Some
measure ag:^t the Enemy. the £ 300:-- allowed us by ye
Assembly for outscouts Is Considerably Exceeded.
as soon as y:^r Excellency resolves to Come up here it will
be necessary that we are Acquainted therewith that we may
Send up the Interpreter to Call the Indians down here at ye
day appointed
If a fort be not built at ye Carrying place for a Rendez Vous
for our outscouts it is Impossible to keep any parties out, so
that our Country must then Lie Exposed to Enemy.
Even to the Gates of this City. We think it necessary that
the provinces of Virgina maryland and Pensilvania Should
Likewise Send Comm:^{rs} with presents to Attend at this
meeting for this Affair Concerns all the provinces in an
Espesial manner

[3-0089] III-87 45

12 Aug.^t 1745 [See Wraxall p. 240-241.]

present

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Dirk T: Broeck

Rutger Blecker

Hend:^k T: Eyck

John De peyster

John Lansing

Steven V: Renselaer

Reyer Gerritse

Nicolaes Blecker

Corn: Cuyler

The following letter was wrote to the members of the [illeg.]
County of Albany manors of Renselaer & Livingston

Gentlemen

Some of You were psent when the Mohawks Came from Canada
Last week when it was Very Easy to See by y.^r behavier at this
Board that they prevaricated in their acc:^t of what passed between
them and the french Gov:^r of Canada of which we have now great
reason to be Convinced one of the mohawks who Came from Canada
a Trusty fellow has Given an acc:^t of what passed and Says that [ye]
Caghnawages & all y^e Indians in Canada have Taken up y^e Hatchets
ag:^t us and that the Govo:^r has offered the Hatchets to our own Indians
to Assist him ag:^t us in the present war which our Indians did not
refuse but have Taken y^e belt of wampum with them & promised
To Consider of it in a full meeting of y^e 6 nations at onondage &
then send their answer the french have So Great a number of Indians
In their Interest & who have taken y^e Hatchet for them and they
Give our Indians Annually So many presents that our 6 nations
both out of Self preservation & Self Interest must naturally lean
to y^e french Side the occasion of which is that this province do not in
any man:^r assure the Indians of protection ag:^t the french in Case they
Engage in a war ag:^t them by building fortifications in their
Country & do not Give them any Considerable psents in Comparison
with the french, you are no doubt fully pswaded of y^e necessity of his
Excellency meeting y^e Six nations of Indians this season and of the
necessity of more than ordinary psents to be given the Indians at
this time Especially Considering that Very probably his Excellency
will Call down not only the sachims but the warrious [sic] of y^e 6 nation[s]
In order to Induce them to take up y^e Hatchet ag:^t our Enemies
the french to which End Large psents are necessary and if you
Consider y^e prise of goods at this time y^e Sum of £ 800:- pounds
usually all:^d for psents must appear to you as it really is not at
all Sufficient If your house does not at this Sitt:^s take proper

Care to raise y^e Supplies necessary to Gain y^e affection of the
6 nations then we must Certainly Expect to Loose them and [probably]
Very Soon His Excellency would do well to bring up with him
a number of Guns & a Quantity of powder & Lead and [Hatchets]
which are proper to be Given to Indians in [time of] [illeg.]

[3-0090] **III-88**

As we are now brought to this point that we must pswade our
our [sic] Indians to fight y^e french or they will pswade them to fight ag:^t
us we hope your house will at Last be Convinced that it is Absolutely
necessary & that they ought in Conscience to raise money for y^e
defence of our frontiers, and take Care that a fort be Erect^d at y^e
Carrying place & a number of men to be Constantly kept there as
outscouts if this be not done it will be Imposible to Gett any people
To Go out after one man is killed in our Country & then the whole Country
about this place must be laid in ashes, how any man Can take it
upon him to Suffer his Brethren to be Exposed to be murdre^d by
merciless Heathen we Cant Say but Sure we are that it is wrong.
we would Likewise desire you to Consider that it is necessary
that a number of men of 100 at Least Should Reside here Constantly
In the pay of the province the Coll:^o ought Likewise to have power
To Command of y^e Militia of Dutches & ulster County to Come up
to this place when he judged it necessary and y^e fine for psons not
appearing upon Command of y^e Colonell be the necessary Ever so urgent
by y^r militia act is but £ 5 which we take to be no punishment
addequate to y^e Cowardice & baseness of those who do willfully [absent]
themselves from y^e defence of their Country

We Conceive it necessary that an act of Assembly be made that
no Strong Liquors be Sold in this County to y^e Indians Except:^g
Ossweego under Such restrictions [penalties] & reservations as to
the branches of Legislature Shall seem meet we think it would
be proper that no one ought to Sell Strong Liquors to y^e
Indians without Leave from y^e mayor or Recorder & Aldermen or
Some Such method

[3-0091] III-89 46

Albany august 15:th 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Reyer Gerritse

Hend:^k T: Eyck

Joh:^s Lansing

Nicol:^s Blecker

John depeyster

Rutger Blecker

Coll:^o Stoddrd

We are favoured with yours of the 11:th Instant as to what [you] write about the Six nations demanding up the murtherers of the two men lately killed please know that when re rece:^d your former letter acquainting us w:^t y:^t murder Several of the sachims of the 6 nations were then gone to Canada who are Since returned and [they] Confirm to us that the Orondax Comitted that murther and [illeg.] the Gov:^r of Canada had prevailed on his Indians to take up the hatchet to defend him ag:^t the English to the utmost of their Power and Sent [for] all the upper nations of Indians to Come down and [assist] them

That on the Govou:^r receiveing the news of Cape Bretons being taken and apprehending an Attack upon Quebeck he went Imediately thither and ordered a number of forces to follow him [illeg.] they Say a thousand Christians and Indians together so That the neutrality is broke. only a few of the sachims of the mohawks returned this way the rest Going home another way those who Spoke with us Seemed not Sincere in what they said but seemed Very Evasive but we expect the Mohawk Sachims down in few days from whom we hope to find out the truth of what was transacted at Canada. it Seemed as if they were ashamed to tell us what they had done Certain it is they were well Entertained by the Gov:^r of [Canada] for the Speace of 20 days and had Each of them a Suit of Cloaths [illeg.] 140 in number and Some of them Cloaths were of great price. as there is to be a great number of forces at Quebeck, we are afraid in Case they be not Attack:^d by our people they will turn their forces ag:^t our or your frontiers. we have acquainted our Gov:^r therewith and desired him Very pressingly to Come up which we doubt not he will do especially as our assembly are now Sitting they will En[courage?] him to Come. the mohawks likewise Confirm that there are thr[ee?] Indians Gone out from missisqueck towards your frontiers [Two lines crossed out & illeg. appear to relate to trade]

We do not think we had any Authority to hinder the french Indians Comeing here While the neutrality [illeg.] [bottom of page may include another line too dark to read.]

[3-0092] III-90

Tho we must Say that but Very few have been here this
Summer who we believe Came only as Spies and not for any
Trade that we know off

We hope our fleet may have the Good fortune
To Take their Ships which if they do the goods they Can
Gett from hence we believe would be of little Service to them

We heartily wish it were in our power to Cause
the Indians murtherers to be delivered up or Satisfaction
made for their Cruelty but at p^sent Can do nothing but
By Entreaty unless all the Gover^{ts} Join with us in it

Att a Meeting of y^e Commissioners of
Indian Affairs at Albany y^e 27:th aug:^t 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Rutg:^r Blecker

John Lansingh

Nicolaes Blecker

Reyer Gerittse

Corn:^{es} Cuyler

Hend:^k T: Eyck

Dirk: T: Broeck

Five Sachims of the mohawks nation appeared
At this board and Say as follows

Brethren

The onnondages are the principall occasion of our
people going to Canada this Summer and we Expected that they
would have Given you Early notice of what was transacted there
but as they have not yet done it we have thought proper to
Come down here to acquaint you with what we know of that affair
Last winter you Sent Some of our People to Canada as Spies who when they
were there were Ill used by the Caghnawages & when our people
were there Last the Caghnawages & Schawenides Called our people
Together and Excused themselves for the Ill useage they gave those
that were sent there Last winter & told them that they were determined
to keep peace & friendship with them and Said also that they had
heard that y^e English had Like to have destroyed them Last winter
But that they were Glad to be [inf:^d ?] Since that it was now all over
and at the Same time they told our people that if any of them were
Inclined To Come & Live among them they Should be Gladly receiv.^d
By them whereupon they Gave this Belt of wampum
The Govou.^r of Canada told our people that the road to this
Country Should always be opened for us & he expected that his
people Should always have the Same Liberty to Go to our Country
whereupon he Gave A Belt of wampum

[3-0093] III-91

Brethren

We ordered our peopl when they went To Canada that in Case the Gov:^r of Canada Should propose any thing to them they Should not Give any answer thereto but referr y^e answer to the Sachims at Home & In pursuance of that ord:^r they had not Given the Gov:^r any answer but referred it to their Sachims at home

Brethren We have you know Very well for a Long time past lived In a Strict friendship with y^e french Indians and have Lately Entered Into a Covenant with them To remain neuter In the war between the English and french which Covenant they have broken by taking up the Hatchet ag:^t the English & going down to Quebeck to resist y^e English we would now propose one thing to you whether it would not be best that we Should yet once Endeavour to bring the french Indians back to their performa[nce] of y^e s.^d Cov:^t & that in order thereto we Should Send Some of our people to Crown point to Speak with Some french Indians ab:^t this affair

Brethren Some time ago one of our people who Lives at Cayahage was dow[n] here to Speak with you & he told us that you had Sent A belt of wampum by him to desire all those of y^e 6 nations who Live there to Come home to their own Country In which you have done Very well we have likewi[se] Sent a Belt by the Same man upon the Same Subject

Brethren When the french Govour:^r Gott the news of taking Cape Breton he se[nt] for those of the Six nations that were there & told them that the English had taken Cape Breton & that he would defend himself ag:^t y^e English to y^e uttmost of his power that as for his own Indians he was Sure of their Assis[tance] and as to the 6 nations he would not ask them for Assistance but if any of them would Go to Assist ~~their~~ him they might but yet it was but right that Children Should Assist their father that as the Caghnawages & Schawenides took up the hatchet & after that ~~decent~~ Decanonde an Onondage Sachim Likewise told the Gov:^r of Canada he would Assist him

The Commissioners answered them Brethren

We have heard what you have said & you have done well to accq.^t us with what has passed at Canada as to the Invitation of y^e french Indians that they would make you well Come if any of you would Come to Live in their Country we Expect that you will take no notice of that but Stay in Your Native Country among y:^r Brethren

The french Indians you Say have Broken the Covenant you [had] made with them So that you must now be Convinced that they are A [false] people and not at all be trusted as to y^r proposall to Speak [illeg.]

[3-0094] III-92

Indians to try to bring them back to y^e performance of y^e Cov:^t we do not think it proper at this time that you Should go to Crown point for this purpose because your going there Can aff not have any Good Effect for those Indians would only referr you to the

sachims in Canada & we Expect a letter daily from our Gov:r to Call down the 6 nations to meet him here and then he will Speake to you about all affairs of Consequence. -The Indians Said That the Gov:r of Canada when he Spoak to them about this affair that he Showed them a Large Balt of wampum with Hatchet figured therein that after this was over the Mohawks took the onondage Sachim to Task for this behaviour when he Seemed to Be much ashamed & told them he would not do what he p[ro]mised they desire that their names may not be mentioned in this Affair but that the onondages Should be told that the french Indians have Inf:d of this

Att a meet:g of y^e Comm:rs y^e 29:th aug:t 174[5]

[See Wraxall p. 241 for reference to sending the interpreter, named as Arent Stevens rather than Jacobus Bleecker.]

Present

Cornelis Cuyler

Nicol: Blecker

Rutg:r Blecker

Reyer Gerritse

Dirk: T: Broeck

Johan:s Lansing

This board rece:d a Letter from his Excellency of y^e 23 agu:st Ins:t desiring y^e Comm:rs to send y^e Interpreter to bring down the 6 nations of Indians to meet his Excellency at Albany y^e 4 of october next to renew their Engagements with him

The Com:rs accordingly gave the Interpreter the following Instructions

M:r Jacobus Blecker

You are to sett out tomorrow to go to the Six nations to Invite them down here to meet his Excellency at this place on the 4:th day of october next and you are to Stay your Self and Come down with the Indians you must likewise according to Custom take Care that provisions be ready at Burnets field when You Come down with the Indians. If you Can find out that any of the 6 nations have taken any belts from y^e Govou:r of Canada you must desire them to bring them down here.

This board Agreed with Anthoney Blecker for £ 8:-- to Go with the Interpreter to bring down the Indians & he is to find his own horse

Att A Meeting of y^e Com^{rs} at Albany ye 30th aug:^t 1745

Present

Corn:^s Cuyler

John Lansing

Dirk T Broeck

Nicolas Blecker

Steven V Renselaer

May it please Your Excellency

We have rec^d your Excellencys letter of y^e 23 Instant and have according to your Excellency ord^r this morning Sent up the Interpreter to bring down the Indians to meet your Excell:^y here on y^e 4 of october next, here inclosed is an acc:^t of Goods disbur=^sed by the people who resided in y^e Sinnekes Country last year over & above y^e allowance made them by us for that purpose amout:^s to £ 23:10 as also a Certificate of their Service there for the term of one year for which they are to have accord:^s to agreem:^t with us by your Excellencys ord:^{rs} y^e Sum of £ 100:-- which Sum we desire your Excellency to recommand to y^e Assem[bly] for payment.

We are Sorry to hear y.^t the Assembly have allowed [but] £ 1000 for psents to y^e Indians it being not Sufficient at this Time & more Especially as y^e price of goods is much advanced. we are in hopes that the Assembly will yet resolve to Vote an additional Sum for that purpose

The following Certificate was Sent to his Excellency We do hereby Certify that mynd:^t wimp & Philip Reyley & C.^o have resided in the Sinneke Country in the Service of y^e Govern:^t from pmo aug:^t 1744 to pmo aug:^t 1745 as usual as wittness our hands y^e 30 aug:^t 1745

[3-0096] III-94 [Not in Wraxall.]

Comm:^{rs} meeting y^e 8 Sep:^r 1745

Present

Rutg:^r Blecker

Hend:^k T: Eyck

John Lansingh

Corn:^s Cuyler

Nicolaes Blecker

Philip Schuyler

Dirk: T Broeck

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Three Mohawks Indians appeared at this board who
Bring two Letters ffrom Johan J. Petri acquainting
The Commissioners that there is a great Mortality
Among y^e Indians of y^e upper Nations &^{ca}

The Follow.^g Letter Was Wrote To the Interpreter
M:^r Blecker

De maquasse Wilden hebben ons Late
Weeten dat daer Gesante Zyn in onndage Van Drie
Bysondere naties om mett de Vyf naties te Spreken
Ende Macken ons ock bekent das de onondages Versoeke
day wy Een Van ons op Sullen Senden om tegenwoordigh
by de propositie te zyn maer ter wyl dat de Govou:^r
de sess naties Sall moeten So denken wy best te [L]yn
dat Gy UE devoir Sall doen dat de Vreeinde willden
mett onse naties aff Coomen Ende dan kunnen sy haer
Besigheden in onse tegenwoordigheyt Vor handelen
Maer also zy niet meett onse wilden aff willen
Coomen dan moet UE Sorgh dragen dat het alles
Voor hett best Sall Verhandelt werden tussen die
wilden Ende onse
Het Goede nues dat Cap:^t Bryant behouden in
New York is aengecoomen Lalt UE Sonder
twy fell Aen Genaem zyn niet meer Als

[3-0097] III-95 49

Att a Meeting of y^e Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y^e 9 September 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap:^t Rutherford
Rutger Blecker
Hendrick: T: Eyck
Peter Winne
John Lansing
Mynd:^t Schuyler
Nicolaes Blecker
Cornelis Cuyler
John: D: Peyster

Two Cachnawages App:^d at this board & Say
that they were Sent by the Gov:^r of Canada to Deliver a [pack?] of
Letters to y^e Chief man of this City which they Deliv:^d to [ye]
Mayor of this City who desired them to keep it & deliver:^d it [illeg.]
this board which they now deliver Sealed up & being broke
open proves to be A Letter from Mons:^r Beauharnois with a
pack:^t of Letters for Govou:^r Shirley which he desires may
be Sent to him with Speed it relat:^s to the Exchange of [21]
prisoners he has of y^e English in his Country ag:^t [the]
Like number of ffrench prisoners taken on board of a Vess[el]
In July Last near Cape Breton Island

Collo Stoddard

Sir

We have rece:^d y^e pack:^t here inclosed
from Mes:^{sr} Beauharnois Gov:^r of Canada to Govou:^r Shirley
which he informs us is in Relation to y^e Exchange of 21 english
Prisoners which are in Canada & is Inclined to Exchange for a
Like number of french prisoners taken the 24 July last N: S: near [Cape]
Breton he desires the pack:^t may be forward:^d with all Speed, the [pack:^t]
was brought us by Rice & Tarbell 2 Eng:^s prisoners among y^e
Caghnawages the Gov:^r of Canada desires if we Think proper that those [people?]
Should Stay here for an ans:^r from Gov:^r Shirley but it will doubtless
be more agreeable to y^r Gov:^r to send an ans:^r by Some English By that
means to have an oppertunity to Spy their Country we have
therefore thought proper to order the Indians back [Imediately]
there is Likewise a Letter to a french prisoner from his
wife

[3-0098] III-96

Att a meeting of y^e Comm:^{rs} of Indian
Affairs y^e 13 September 1745

[See Wraxall p. 241.]

Present

Mynd:^t Schuyler

Philip Schuyler

Peter Winne

Joh:^s Lansing

John de peyster

Hend:^k T: Eyck

Rutger Blecker

Nicolaes Blecker

Cornelis Cuyler

This board Agreed with Arent Stevens for £ 14:-- to Go to
Onondage if he has long Journey then to have £ 15:--

The following Instructions were Given to Arent Stevens

You are to accq:^t the Six nations that our Govou:^r has
ordered us to Inform them that the Govern:^r of Boston
has declared war against y^e Canada Indians on the 23 day of
August Last being obliged thereto by the breach of the treaty
of neutrality which those Indians have made by killing and Scalping
Two men upon the frontiers of new England

You are to tell the Indians that the Govou:^r has Sent you up not
only to Acquaint them herewith & Satisfie them that the new Engl:^d people
had Great reason to proclaim war against those Indians but likewise
that they may have an oppertunity Imediately to take Such Steps as may possibly
prevail with the Indians in the french Interest Engaged with them in the
Treaty of neutrality to make Satisfaction to the Gov:^r of Boston for the
murders Committed upon their people and Confirm the treaty of neutrality
that matters between those Indians and the new England people may be at
peace again that the Govou:^r of Boston Expects this from them and it is
their duty by the treaty of neutrality to use their Endeavours for this
purpose and that they must Consider that it is a Great Affront upon
them that the Canada Indians dare to break the treaty made with
them & not make any Satisfaction for the Same So that it is their
duty to use their Endeavour to prevail upon the Canada Indians
to deliver up y^e murderers to Justice that a Step [Stop] may be put
to further Bloodshod [Bloodshed]

[3-0099] III-97

Att A Meeting of y^e Comm:^{rs} of [Indian]
Affairs y^e 18 September 1745
[Not in Wraxall other than reference to Stevens.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Nicolaes Blecker

Johan:^s Lansingh

Steph: Van Rensselaer

Rutg:^r Blecker

John de peyster

Edward Collins

Hendrick: T: Eyck

The following Letter was wrote to his Excellency

May it please your Excellency

We have rec:^d your Excellencys fav:^{rs} of y^e 4th & 9th of this month and have according to your Excellencies ord:^r Sent up Arent Stevens to onondage to acquaint y^e Six nations that y^e Govou:^r of Boston declared war ag:^t y^e Canada Indians in resent =ment of the murders Committed by those Indians on the [frontiers] of new England Contrary to the Tenor of y^e Treaty of neutrality [and] have given him orders to Inlarge upon y^t affair accord:^g to y^e Tenor of y^r Excellencys Letter upon that Subject

The Govournour of Canada Sent 2 Caghnawage Indians with his pass to this place with a pack:^t for Gov:^r Shirley Relating to y^e Exchange of 21 English prisoners ag:st So Many french we Thought proper that those Indians Should not Stay here for an answer from the Gov:^r of Boston but to Return Imediately thereby to Give an opportunity to y^e [Gov^r] of Boston to send an answer to Canada by some of his own people who may then Spy the Enemies Country

The 2 Caghnawages took it Very much Amis that they were not Allowed to trade here as usual they have [illeg.] Brought a few bevers with them which they said was their own, we told them y^e reason of it was that Some Canada Indians had murdered Some of y^e N: E people Contrary [to] y^e treaty of neutrality & that till Satisfaction is made to y^e New England people for those murders they must not Expect either to trade or Come into our Country they [Ans^d] that they had Invoilably kept y^e treaty of neutrality & that [it] Is not their fault that other Indians had broake it and that [y^e] Govou:^r of Canada was greatly displeas'd with the orondax [Indians] for Committing the s:^d murder but how far they are to be [believed]

Is uncertain but those Indians Seemed to be much Inclined to [have]
that Affair reconciled

When our Interpreter went up to Call down y^e [Indians]
[missing line?]

[3-0100] **III-98**

An Account that 6 delegates of y^e Some of y^e [sic] far nations were
at onondage to treat with y^e 6 nations & and [sic] we ordered our
Interpreter to Invite them down here to be present at y^e Interview

When they may be of use to Carry messages to their respective
Nations from y^r Excellency we have now under Consideration
y.^r Excellencies Letter of y^e 9:th Instant Concerning what proposall[s]
we think requisite for y^r Excellency to make to y^e Indians
at y^e Interview of which we think we Shall be better able to
Judge when y.^r Excellency comes up but in the mean time will
Note down what occurs to us at psent as first to renew & Streng:
then y^e Covenant Chain in y^e usual form to accq:^t the Indians of
the reduction of Cape Breton to his Majesty obedience & to
Inform them that y^e Canada Indians have broken & violated
the Treaty of neutrality in the psent war between the English
and french by murdering some people upon the frontiers of new
England & that the new England people in Resentment thereof
have proclaimed war ag:^t those Indians and the Chief point to
be Considered in our opinion is whether it will be best to Spurr
on our Indians to Endeavour to prevail upon the french Indians to
make Satisfaction for y^e s:^d breach of y^e neutrality or to prevail
upon them if possible to make war with those Indians in Conjunction
with us. how our Indians Stand Affected in this Respect
we will be better able to Judge when our Interpreter & arent
Stevens return from y^e Indian Country the Consequences of a war with
the Canada Indians ought to be well Considered before it be resolved
upon & Such measures taken as will secure the frontiers ag:^r the Enemy
It is to be hoped that Some methods may be fallen upon to obtain
Satisfaction for y^e Infracion of the treaty of neutrality & that y^e Same
may be again renewed & Confirmed
we Likewise think proper that your Excellency Should
Speak to the mohawks Concerning their Behaviour last winter
when they pretended that the English had a design to murder
them and to Enquire of them what were the Grounds of
of [sic] The distrustfull behaviour of their Brethren
which they Showed at that time

[3-0101] III-99

Att a meeting of y^e Comm:^{rs} of [Indian Affairs]
the 20:th of September 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Blecker
Nicolaes Blecker
Hendrick: T: Eyck
John de peyster
Dirk: T: Broeck

Jan fort being Returned from y^e outscout with [those?]
of his Comp.^y Informs this board that y^e 3 Indians he [had]
with him upon y^e outscout refuse to serve serve [sic] longer [illeg.]
outscout

The acc: ^t of y ^e Indians who have upon the outscouts		
Anpamet	60 days at 3/	£ 9: ---: ---
Wanpatinwa	35 days at 3/	5: 5: ---
Capskinkos	95 days at 3/	5: 5:

		£ 19: 10:--

Hendrick the Indian has likewise been with this outscout 31 days	£ 4: 13

£ 24: 3: ---	

The acc:^t of white people upon this
outs:^{kt} to this day Excluded

Jan fort Cap: ^t	60 days 5/6:	£ 16: 10: ---
Robert Dunbar	60 dys: 4/	12: --
Abraham Jo Fort	60 days 4/	12: 00: ---
andr: ^s Van Vranken	60 d ^s at 4/	12: 00: ---
Harm: ^s Hagedorn	30 days at 4/	6: ---: ---
Peter Van Vranken	36 days at 4/	7: 4: ---
Rich: ^d Crawley	13 days at 4/	2: 12:

		£ 68: 6:
		£ 92: 9: ---

M:^r Ten Broeck was desired to pay
one Indian & M:^r C: Cuyler was desired
to pay another & M:^r Nicolas Blecker
was desired to pay the other
this board agreed with Jan fort to go upon y^e outscout

again at 5/6 p^r day & with the following persons for
4/p^r day Viz:^t
Robert Dunbar
Harm:^s Hagedorn
Joh:^s Ab: Fort
Joh:^s Van Vranken
Jacob Heunstraet
Rich:^d Crawley and ordered that Abrah[am]
Jo Fort & And:^{rs} Van Vranken Stay with this out[scout]
& that Jan fort hire one or two Indians to go with them the [Com.^{rs}]
ordered the outscouts one hundred bread for y^e Com[pany]

[3-0102] **III-100**

Att a meeting of y^e Comm:^r y^e 26 Sep:^r 1745
[See Wraxall p. 241.]

Present
Philip Schuyler
Myndert Schuyler
Nicolaes Blecker
John Lansing
Rutger Blecker
Edward Collins
Steven Renselaer
Dirk T: Broeck
Hend:^k T: Eyck

Arent Stevens returned from his Journey to y^e 5 nations
and said he had observed his Instructions all the way up
& had been within 6 miles of onondage when he mett the
Sachims of the onondages and Cayouges
then he told also them his message according to y^e Instruction[s]
Given by the Commissioners they did not give him an
answer in forme:^s Saying they were going down to
Albany where the nations would all be together and
then they would Speak upon that head to y^e Govou:^r but
at the same time the principall men told him that they
took it an honour done to them that the Govou:^r Sent that
message

wrote a Letter to maj:^r Glen & arent Bratt to
provide the Indians with provisions when they
Come down

Albany Octob.^r 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

His Excellency desired this board to draw up the heads of Such
Articles as they think Should be Mentioned to the Six Nations At
this Interview with them. which Was done and is As follows
The Commissioners of Indian Affairs humbly Conceive It proper that

his Excellency Speak to the Six Nations upon the following heads.
(1.) To mention Something to them Concerning the absence of the Sinnekes.

(2) To Renew the old Covenant Chain.

(3) To acquaint them of the Success of his Majesties arms in the Reduction of Cape Bretton and to give them Some account of our army in flanders.

4. To acquaint them that the Cannda Indians have Broken the Neutrality in the Present war Between the English and french by murdering some People upon the frontiers of New England and that the New England people have for that occassion declared war against the Canada Indians, and as our Indians undertook by that Treaty To Joyn with the Injured party we think proper That the Hatchet be given them against the french and all the Indians in Canada to be made use of upon his Excellencies Cammand But in Case
the

[3-0103] **III-101**

the french Indians make Satisfaction to the Mas[sachusetts] Government for the Said Murders we Conceive there [to] be no necessity of makeing use of the Hatchet unless [the] Canada Indians should Committ further Hostilities.

To assure the Indians That they will be Supplied [by this] Government with all necessaries to Carry on the war [illeg.] That this Government will Exert themselves vigourously [illeg.] the Said war against the french and Indians & [illeg.] the Indians That this Government will assist them [If they?] Should be attacked by the french.

(5.) That the Mohawks should be Spoake To Concerning the[ir] behavior Last winter, when they pretended that the Eng[lish] had a design to murder them and To Enquire of them wh[at] were the True grounds of their distrust at that time.

6. To Speak to them about the Behaviour of Decarondo an Onondage Sachim who went from Montreal to the assist[ance] of Quebeck with Some of his Dependants. which is a Declaration of war against us.

6 To ask them what Promises and Engagements they made [the] Governour of Canada or the Caghnawage Indians when they were there last Summer and about what affair It was That Some of them Took a belt from the french Gov^r & brought it home to Onondage

To ask them what they told the Governour of Canada [illeg.] the Scalps of the two English men were brought there by the Orondax.

7) To desire the Indians to Leave two of Each nation here to serve as outshouts this winter for a Reasonable payment & to be always ready for that Service when they Shall [be]

Desired

8) To desire the Indians To Settle in a body in their Castle[s]

9) Some of the Canajoherie Indians have lately Stolen [four] horses from the farmers here for which they ought to [be]

Checked.

[3-0104] **III-102 to III-108** are the text of Governor Clinton's speech to the Six Nations at the conference held with multiple colonies in Albany in October 1745. The speech is printed in DRCHNY 6:296 in nearly identical language and summarized in Wraxall p. 241-242.]

[2-0594] **II-313** [Returns to vol. 2. There are no records for the rest of October or for November 1745.]

Att a meeting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 6th
Day of December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap^t Rutherford

Myndert Schuyler

Coll.^o Philip Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Dirck Tenbroeck Esq.^{rs}

Stephen v Renselaer Com^{rs}

Peter Winne

Hendrick Ten Eyck

The Com.^{rs} ordered the
Resolutions of the Assembly
[respecting] the Repairing
of the Block Houses for

Quartering of the Regular Troops expected
from New York to be read but referred the whole
to Coll^o Philip Schuyler who promised to use
his Endeavour to gett private Houses to lodge
them in

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 8th
Day of December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Rutger Bleecker
Johann.^s Lansingh
John De Peyster
Dirck Ten Broeck
Stephen Renselaer
Hendrick Ten Eyck

Two of the Out Scouts
Wampenous & Wampeway
being returned the Com^{rs}

order M.^r Hendrick Ten Eyck to pay each of
them for ten Days at 3/ p^r Diem

The Com:^{rs} directed the
aforesaid two Indians to go out again and
sent Directions to Harme^s Knickerbacker to
gett two Indians more to go along with them

[2-0595] **II-313A**

Att a meetting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 9.th Day
of December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present
Myndert Schuyler
Johannes Lansingh
Dirck Ten Broeck
Hendrick Ten Eyck
Rutger Bleecker
Reyer Gerritse

The Com.^{rs} ordered a Letter
to be writt to Peter Konyn
to make the Iron Work for
two large Gates for the

Indian Fortification at the Mohawks
if M^r Wemp Lieu.^t Burrowes and the Neigh=
bourhood think them necessary for their
Defence and to desire Peter Konyn to speak
to those Gentlemen to give the Com.^{rs} their
Opinion in a Letter from them

Att a meeting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 11.th
Day of December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Coll.^o Philip Schuyler

Nicholas Bleecker Esq.^{rs}

Dirck Tenbroeck Com.^{rs}

Peter Winne

Rutger Bleecker

John Depeyster

Robert Dunbar being return.^d

with the four Indians who

were sent with him to View

the Frontiers gives the following Account

They went from Saratoge to Batten Kill
from Batten Kill to Cajejoune Eastward
Thence northward to the Road that the
french and Indians came who destroyed
Saratoge, Thence along the Same Road
Westerly some time, Then Northwards

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Toward the Wood Creek, Then Westerly
till they came on the Road that leads to
Fort Nicolls, and so to where John Lydius's
House Stood then returned home but saw no
Enemy The Com.^{rs} agreed with Robert
Dunbar and Joshua Brooks to go out again
with five Indians to spie the Frontiers for
ten Days to go up the East Side of the River
and return by the West Side of the River
Ordered that Coll.^o Myndert Schuyler pay the
four Indians Ampamack, Cohas, Pahquemick
and Pomodit each of them for Eight Days at
three Shillings p^r diem, and also to give them
a Buck Skin to make Shoes

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs}
the 14.th Day of December
1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Dirck Tenbroeck

Stephen Renselaer

Nicolas Bleecker Esq^{rs}

Johannes Lansingh Com^{rs}

John Depeyster

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Reyer Gerritse

Cornelis Cuyler

May it please your Excellency

Sir

We rec^d your Excell.^{ys} favours

of the 9.th Instant yesterday We have desired

Coll.^o Schuyler to send a Sufficient Detachment

of

[2-0597] **II-314A**

Of the Militia to protect the Work Men

who are to build the Fort at Saratoge But

think it is Impossible to spare so many of

the Militia of this County as is Sufficient

to garrison that Fort when built, Not one

Man can be expected either from the Northw^d

or Westward of this place, for if they leave

their Habitations the whole Country lyes

naked and exposed to the Enemy and all

their Settlements and Effects lyable to be

destroyed every Moment And the Militia

in Town and to the Southward of Us have

very hard Duty to keep Watch in Town and

go out in parties to view our Frontiers to

the northw^d Coll.^o Schuyler having no

direct Order to Command any Militia from

the lower County's but Occasionally upon

any Emergency which can be of little Service

to Us in Case we should be suddenly sur=
=prized Therefore we humbly beg your

Excellency would be pleased to order fifty

Men of the King's Troops to Garrison the

Fort at Saratoge when built

The Inhabitants of Schaahkook have built two small Forts there and they being few in Number are not able to defend them

[2-0598] II-315

We beg your Excellency would be pleased to Order twenty five Men of the Regular Troops to garrison them; besides a good Number of Militia and some Indians to lye with them and serve as Out Scouts, That place being now the Northermost Settlement of this County and likewise at present of great Moment to be secured being there is a very Considerable Quantity of Grain there. Hitherto we have not been able to gett any fitt persons to go to the Six Nations to carry your Excellency's Message to them unless we would oblige our Selves to pay to three persons the Sum of Seventy five pounds, and would not go without they went fourteen Strong But as our Interpreter is daily Expected we shall write your Excellency more at large by an Express next Week

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 16.th
Day of December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Dirck Ten broeck

Coll.^o Phil. Schuyler

Reyer Gerritse Esqrs

Hendrick Ten Eyck Com^{rs}

Stephen Renselaer

Jacob Glen

John Depeyster

Johannes Lansingh

The Interpreter being return^d
from Onnondage whither
he was sent the 25 Ultimo
with a Message to the Six
Nations to desire ten Men

[2-0599] **II-315A**

Of each Nation to come down brings the following Account Viz
He went from hence to the Mohaws [sic] Castle and delivered his Message which they received Chearfully and promised to come down with the other Nations, From thence to Canajohare and acquainted them with the Same who seemed also pleased and promised likewise, Then to Oneyde who also were pleased but desired to hear the Opinion of the other Nations, So he proceeded to Onnondage who were very well pleased but desired he would go forward to Cayouge which he accordingly did and acquainted them therewith. They consulted together Two Days and then gave him an Answer that they would first have a meetting with all the Six Nations (Except the Mohawks) at Onnondage and they would acquaint all the Neighbouring Indians w.^t the Message they had received.

The Onnondages gave him Seven hands of Wampum to deliver to the Mohawks and River Indians to desire them to go forthwith and meett the Com.^{rs} because it would be ten or twelve Days before they could be ready to come, The old Speaker promised to come along to hasten and Encourage them. The Interpreter found but few Indians at home as he went through their Several Castles

[2-0600] **II-316**

He delivered his Message both to the Moh.^k and River Indians. The Canajohare Ind^{ns} promised to send ten of their People to speak with the Com.^{rs} in about three Days / after he Spoke with them / in order to go upon the Out=
=Scout. The Mohawks at Fort Hunter promis.^d likewise to send some of their People along with the Canajohare Indians but doubted if they could send ten because they were busy to fortifie their Castle

Before he went from Onnondage to Cayouge he told the Indians that Seeing he would be so near to the Sinnekes Land and as Jean Caur was there with other two french

Men, He and his Company being Six in all would bring Jean Caur and his Company Prisoners for he would be ashamed to return to Albany unless he carried them Prisoners seeing he had six in his Company The Old Speaker answered in the Name of all the Rest that he must not, nor would they allow him to do so By Reason that Niagara was near by and a Strong Garrison there Myndert Wemp and his Company being in the Sinnekes Country they would Certainly be gone But their Chief Reason was that Jean Caur was adopted as one of them, made a Sachim and had Children amongst them.

[2-0601] **II-316A**

He proposed the Same to the Cayouges who gave much the Same Answer. The Six Nations acquainted all the Neighbouring Nations with the Devastation the french & Indians made at Saratoge

Att a meeting of the Com^{ES}
of Indian Affairs the 20.th
December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap^t Marshall

Myndert Schuyler Esq^{rs}

Nicholas Bleecker Com^{ES}

Reyer Gerritse

Dirck Tenbroeck

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Thirteen Schaahkook Indians appeared at this Board They Congratulated Captain Marshall on his Arrival here to Command for which he returned them Thanks, He told them he would do every Thing in his Power to serve them and fight for them He ordered some Beer to be given Them and sent a Span.^{sh} Dollar to buy Tobacco & Pipes for Them. They said they were glad the King had sent a good Officer here and they all bid him heartily welcome. They were glad we had come to a good Understanding and they would do every Thing in their Power to serve the Country

Fathers

You called Us here and told Us that the Cachnawage Indians had promised to keep the path Open but that they had deceived you, they spoke w.^t their Mouths what they did

[2-0602] **II-317**

Not mean in their Hearts

Fathers

You shall now hear your Children Speak what they have to say, Your Schaahkook Children and all the Indians to the Southw.^d and Eastward have been at Canada and we made an Agreement with all the french Indians that we should keep the path open and Clean to pass and repass to one another; We made a Covenant with our Brethren and Friends (those who we took to be our friends) for we are of one flesh and of one Blood, but they have deceived Us and Stopt the Road
Fathers

You told Us we must go to Spie the Crown Point that if we take a Prisoner we are to have twenty pound and for a Scalp ten pound

Fathers

You have put the Ax into our Hands and we have been with our Uncles and they told us we must wait till they come to Albany and then we will Consult together what is to be done

Fathers

We say in General to all the Com.^{rs} but to you Captain in particular that we desire you to make a Fort at the Carrying Place or Saratoge We shall be ready on our part to assist to defend it We are always ready to help you and be a Guard for you

Gave a Belt

[2-0603] **II-317A**

Fathers

Our Uncles told Us that they have sent to the Southermost Nations to acquaint them what has happened and to desire them not to sitt still but come to our

Assistance against our Common Enemy,
They expected the Com.^{rs} would have sent
to them, but the Mohawks have sent.

Our Uncles of Cayouge desired the
Canejohere Mohawks and Mahikanders
to go in the mean time and keep a good
look Out and they would soon follow. But
the Mohawks say they are busy to provide
for the Defence of their Children and build
a Fort and when that is finished they
will come, We will send for all the Indians
that live down the River to come and Assist Us
In the mean time we are Ready to go along
with those that are going to build the Fort
We hope you will assist our Message and
send some Token from you, This String of
Wampum is our Token from the Six Nations
But it was never known that Fathers left
Children to themselves We expect a Token
from you.

The Com.^{rs} ordered M.^r Stevenson to give
them 14 hands of Black Wampum for a
Token

[2-0604] **II-318** 318

Att a meeting of the Com.^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 21.st
Day of December 1745

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap^t Hubert Marshall

Myndert Schuyler

Coll^o Phil. Schuyler Esq^{rs}

Nicholas Bleecker Com^{rs}

Johan.^s Lansingh

Stephen Renselaer

Dirck Tenbroeck

Reyer Gerritse

The Com.^{rs} haveing rec^d
a Letter from Coll.^o Stoddard
of the 18.th Instant order'd
the following answer
to be made Viz

Sir

We are favoured with yours of the
18.th Instant which we rec.^d open as also your
last favours We wish you gave Orders to those

persons who you send to be more Careful for possibly it may be of bad Consequence to have Letters broke open by the Way We thank you for your Care and Diligence in Informing Us from time to time of the Motions of the Enemy We shall do the Same on our part to you. At present we hear of no Enemy, We have Spies out on our Northern Frontiers who we expect in Daily if they make any Discovery we will acquaint you We are to build a New Fort at Saratoge with all Expedition where we Intend to keep a Garrison of one hundred Men besides some Indians for Out Scouts. This Week a fire happened at Schaahkook which destroyed a Barn and two Barracks with

[2-0605] **II-318A**

all the Corn & Cattle belonging to one of the principal Inhabitants there, Another happened on the North Side of the Mohawks River about two Miles from Schonectady which likewise destroyed every Thing belonging to one of the principal Inhabitants there except his Dwelling House and what was in it But we have as yet no Suspicion that it was done by our Common Enemy We beg you will always acknowledge the Receipt of the Letters you receive that we know whether they come safe to hand or miscarry

Robert Dunbar and Joshua Brooks return'd /with the five Indians that went out with them / and gave an Account that they went from Saratoge up Batts Creek to Cajajoene from thence twelve Miles East, then north till almost opposite to the Drowned Land; then South West till they came between Fort Anne and the Landing Then back to the Snook Kill and Crossed the River a Little above Jacob Quackenboss, and from thence came home but saw no Enemy or any Tracks except of one Single Person at Saratoge which might be the Track of one of our own Indians

They were out 10 days

[2-0606] II-319

Att a meeting of the
Com.^{rs} of Indian Affairs
the 23.^d December 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Nicholas Bleecker

Rutger Bleecker Esq^{rs}

Reyer Gerritse Com^{rs}

John Depeyster

Dirck Tenbroeck

The Com.^{rs} ordered the
five Indians that were
out with Robert Dunbar
and Joshua Brooks to
go to M^r Abraham

Cuyler's to gett their Payment each of them
thirty Shillings for the ten Days they have
been out

Att a meeting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the
24th Day of Decem.^r 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Nicholas bleecker

Reyer Gerritse

Stephen Renselaer

Johannes Lansingh

The Com^{rs} this Day
agreed with Robert

Dunbar and Joshua Brooks to go out with
the Indians Ampamack, Cohas, Mamaskina
Pamolet, Wampetinoa, Pughquinack and two
others to be got above to go out in two parties
one on the East Side and the other on the
West Side of Hudsons River

[2-0607] **II-319A**

Att a meeting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the 29.th
Day of December 1745

[Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Myndert Schuyler

Rutger Bleecker

Cornelis Cuyler Esq^{rs}

Nicholas Bleecker Com^{rs}

Johannes Lansingh

Hendrick Ten Eyck

Stephen Renselaer

Harme & Cornelis Van Slyck
returned with the four
Indians that went out

from Schenectady to View the Frontiers to
the lake S^t sacrament they saw no Enemy
but found a Burch Canoe and two paddles in
it They broke the Canoe that it might not
be Serviceable to the Enemy in Case they came
that Way the Lake being yet open, They saw
no Tracts but the Weeds &^{ca} seem'd to be fresh
trode down for they were not risen again which
gave them some Suspicion that Spies might
lately been there

The White Men conceived a
Suspicion that the Indians had a mind to
kill them and Cornelis on his Oath said that
they had a mind to kill his Brother and
keep him for their Servant The Com^{rs} hearing
both parties thought the white Men had
misunderstood the Indians talking amongst
themselves and so desired both parties to
make up the Difference & be reconciled w.^{ch}
Seemingly they did. By Order of the Com.^{rs} Cornelis
Cuyler gave each of the Ind.^{ns} a Blkt Strowds

[2-0608] **II-320**

Att a meeting of the Com^{rs}
of Indian Affairs the
30th Day of Decem.^r 1745 [Not in Wraxall.]

Present

Cap^t Marshall

Coll.^o Schuyler

Cornelis Cuyler

Rutger Bleecker Esq^{rs}

Hendrick Ten Eyck Com^{rs}

Stephen Renselaer

Dirck Tenbroeck

Johannes Lansingh

Nicholas Bleecker

John Depeyster

Coll.^o Schuyler who went
from hence with the
Interpreter the 23^d Ins.^t
returned from the
Canajohere & Mohawks
Castles made the follow=
=ing Report to the Com^{rs}

He found the Indians of the Mohawk Castle
ready and willing to come down but that
they waited for the Canajohare Indians
When he went to Canajohare Castle he called
the Indians together He told them he came
to know the Reason why they had not sent
down ten Men from their Castle according
to their promise to the Interpreter some=
=time ago, Hendrick Spoke and said he could
give the Reason before they Consulted
together Says He / Here sitts my Brother
by my Side The other Indians say that
when the Governour was last at Albany
and delivered the Hatchet we two only took
it up for which we received Skipplles full
of Silver Money Some of the Indians who
sitt

[2-0609] **II-320A**

Sitt here say So, And we press'd their going to
Albany Then the Indians wou'd said See now
they press us so hard to go to Albany because

they gott so much Money Coll.^o Schuyler told them he knew nothing of their getting Money He believed there were Jealousies & Suspicious amongst all People and said we had Divisions amongst our Selves After the above Conversation was Ended The Indians went together, And then called for Coll.^o Schuyler and told him they would not go down to Albany till the other Nations came to go with them, He answered he was come on purpose to take them along and would not return without they went along. Then they went to Consult again, and next Day Coll.^o Schuyler mett them and pressed them to go with him they still told him they would wait for the other Nations Att last with much Intreaty they promised to sett out on the munday following, and if the other Indians would not come at all they would stand by the English and assist them to the uttmost of their Power. While Coll.^o Schuyler was at Canajohare, Douwe an Indian who went to Oswego with Lieu.^t Hogan returned, He said When the News was Carried to the Sinnekes Country that Saratoge was Destroyed, It was Reported that one or two Indians of the Six Nations were killed

[2-0610] **II-321**

Jean Coeur hearing this Report called the Indians together, and told them not to be sur=
=prized at that Report, for there was no design to hurt any of the Six Nations, If Any of their Indians were killed it must been by Accident but they might assure themselves no hurt was designed against any of them He gave them a Present of Goods to wash of the Stain.

Douwe told further That some french had been up lately among the [blank in original] and other Ind^{ns} to offer them the Hatchet a new but they denied to take it up, Saying they belonged to the Six Nations and would act in Concert with them; Dowe said likewise that Othowana with two other Indians were gone to the Same Nations of Indians to desire them to keep to their promise and act in Concert with the Six Nations, He said also that the Six Nations have had a Meetting at Onnondage the Result was they were a [few] People They would call

in all their Men and keep upon their Guard
within their own Castles but would not come down
Each People must defend themselves as well as
they can