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[0133] p. 67

[the sachims a Shirt and for ye old Sachim nanratamelam
a Blanket & one d.o for Waleghlanret]

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of
the Indian Affairs in Albany the
7th day of January 1723/4

[not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Peter v Brugh
Philip Livingston
John Collins
Joh.s Bleeker
Evert Wendell

Com.rs

Lourence Claese the Interpreter being
returned from the Indian Country where he
went by Order of this board pursuant to his
Instructions dated the 18 of November
where he arrived the third of December and
sent Imediatly for some of the principal
Sachims / who were on hunting / to whom
when come there he Communicated to
them his Message / as he also did to ye Sachims
of the other Nations in his going thither / who
Consulted several days before they gave an
Answer and then said they returned the [sd]
Com.rs thanks for the Message he brought
to be sent to the far Ind.ns that they have
for some time had bad suspicion that the french
would Use all artefices to prevent those
Indians Coming to trade with the Inhabitants of this province
and Could give no Credit that the french
[illeg - crossed out] would to have them come to Canada in
the Spring to assist the Eastern Ind.ns
against N England since they are alone

able to keep them in alarm; but think
that

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That the Gov.r of Canada designs to sett the far Indians on the five Nations and for that reason have kept all the Sinnekes at home

That on the 23.d Decem.r three of the principal Sachims of the Sinnekes accepted to go to the far Nations & added six belts of Wampum to the belt delivered them alleadging one was not Enough there being several Nations to speak with to bring the Message delivered them by Lowrence [~~Claese - crossed out~~] to the far Indians and to come down w.t a great Number of them Early next Spring to Albany and would meet Cap.t Jacob Verplank at the Lake who was directed by our Gov.r to be there to treat with them

That on the 2.d October last Jean Coeur departed from the Sinnekes Country to Montreal & promis'd to come there again early the next Spring to build a house at Therondequat by Consent of the Indians & a small fort

Albany the 7th Jan.ry 1723/4
[not in Wraxall]

May it please your Excel.y

We have not much to add to our last of the 19.th October which we hope your Excel.y has received, only that we thought fitt for his Maj.es service to send Lowrence Claese with a Message to the Sinnekes Country & your Excel.y will perceive by the Enclosed Instruction he returned to day & delivered his Messages as appears by the minutes here with

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Account of his Journey & expences we'll send
your Excellency in the Spring
We gott this day w.t some trouble & expences
a Negroe boy from a ffrench Ind.n taken from
Virginia belonging to one Cap.t [H]icks who was
here w.t Coll. Spottswood & has suffered by them
formerly the Charges am.ts to £ 5:16.--
which we hope will be p.d on his delivery and
that your Excellency will be pleas'd to acquaint
the Gov.r of Virgin.a w.t it that the owner
may have him again. We wish your Excel.y a
happy new year & many of them w.t Respect
we remain

May it please your Excel.y
Your Excel.y's most humble and
most obedient Servants

Pieter van Brugh
Joh.s bleecker
Ph: Livingston
Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Evert Bancker
John Collins
Evert Wendell

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of Ind.n Affairs
the 14th Day of ffebruary 1723/4
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Banker
John Collins
John Bleeker
Evert Wendell

Esq.rs

This day came before us [Sckonondoe] one of the

Sachims of Cogneu'agah with three other Ind.ns who
being asked what news he had, told us he had no
news except that an Onondagah called the Great
World with five others of the same Nation came
last fall by the Lieu.t Gov.r of Canada with a
melancholy acco.tt as they term'd it That they had
news that the Ottowawas had a design to fall upon
the five Nations who answered them that he was
Entirely

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Entirely Ignorant of any such design, but advised them to go to Mons.r Vandeuil at Quebeck to Inform themselves further, but when they arriv'd there he declared also he had heard of no such thing Nevertheless the great world told M.sre Vandreiul that he suspected the Wagonhas, [and - crossed out] design'd to stop their path thro' the five Nations to Albany Upon which the Gov.r of Canada told him he heartily thank'd him & hop'd he would keep his word, which performed he should Em=
=brace him with open Arms

The Gov.r of Canada told him at the same time you must not give the first blow but if they do, Come to me and I will be a mediator between you which accordingly they promis'd to observe The Com.rs having this Opportunity by Schonondos Return, Now send to the Cognewaghas Schawenedis Erimdax & Schosowanaho three belts of Wampum desiring them to lay down the hatchett against N England and that they should never more take it up against them, and that we from this time Stop the path thro' which they used to go to New=
=England

That they could not but know that the people of N England were our Brethren & under the same Crown, that if the hatchett was not now layd down against N England, it might happen that the path betwixt this & Canada might Entirely be Stopped & then they themselves would be the Authors of it, We not knowing / in such Case / w.t Orders may be sent from King George to that purpose. That we wonder how they can be assist=
=ing to the Eastward Ind.ns who have been always treacherous & base to them & their forefathers who when sent Embassadors to them murdered them in their sleep being men not to be depended on in any thing

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That soon after they lay'd down the hatchet at
this place before the Com.rs and the five Nations
last Sumer, they went to N England & Comitted [fresh]
Insults & murders on the subjects of that Country
We desired them to Consider the Strict allyance
and friendship w.ch is between the two Crowns of
England & ffrance who are in a profound peace and
cannot approve of either of their subjects being
murthered in such a barbarous manner
then Schonondoe told us he was rightly possessed
of our meaning & would use his utmost Endeavour
to bring it to good Effect & would bring us our
answer in the Spring
He told us at the same time that he desired he should
not be named as giving an acc.tt of the great World's
designs being a matter of moment, and what he has
discovered is out of a particular friendship for
this Government

Before he went from hence he desired a Gen.t of
this Board to Inform us that he was assured the
Sachims of Cognewoga & the other three Nations
before mentioned would be here early in ye Spring
which we Suppose will be to answer a Belt
sent in Behalf of N England last fall therefor
desires the path hither may be clear that they
may come free from any Danger of the N England
partys & that your Excel.y would acq.t the Gov.r of
Boston of it that they may not be destroyed
on their Journey design'd to a good End.

Albany the 24th ffeb.ry 1723/4
[not in Wraxall]

May it please your Excellency

We are honour'd with your Excel.y's Letter
of the 27.th Ultimo it is acceptable to us that your
Exc.y is pleased we sent Lowrence Claese to the
Sinnekes to dispatch Messengers to Invite the far
Ind.ns We are Concerned to see your Ex.y supposes we
should

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Should have given private Instructions to psuade the Indians not to let their young men go to the Assistance of Boston Governr. We can clear our Selves from Such practices and think can have no better evidence then Lawrence to Shew our Innocence in this affair, if the Ind.ns do not go out a fighting we may have the blame whatever else the reason of their Staying at home may be Its certain the Ind.ns are much Influenced by the ffrench, the method your Ex.cy proposed to break the ffrench making a ffort at Theorondequat we are humbly of Opinion will not take Effect We wish your Ex.cy will be pleas'd to pass more favourable Constructions on our Actions and behaviour in the publick Affairs, which we endea: =vour as much as we are able for the publick welfare and the Safety of his Maj.es Subjects, the Intelligence we Sent your Ex.cy the 10 October last may yet prove true. Since the Eastren Ind.ns make it their Interest daily to draw off our Schaahkook Ind.ns over to them, we Should be glad that the pannick frights of the farmers of this County could be removed by having sufficient fortifications on these fronteers for the Safety of themSelves & families in case of a Rupture wt the Ind.ns what the traders are guilty of in the Course of their trade we cannot be answerable for

The Negroe boy is still here we leave it to your Ex.cy which way he is to be sent home & begg the money advanced for him may be paid us

Inclosed we sent your Ex.cy copy of our minutes, this day we received a Letter from Cap.t Verplank -- wherein he tells us that six far Ind.ns are wt. him in the Sinnekes Country who acquainted him that many of that nation are to come down in the Spring to trade hither, but we have an Acc.tt that 50 ffrench are to lye in the Cadarachqui Lake

Lake or near the Onnondage River to oppose
their coming to this place. With our best
respects to your Excel.y we Remain

May it please your Excel.cy
Your Excellencies most humbel & most obedient Servants

Ph. Livingston	Henry Holland
John Bleecker	Joh.s Cuyler
Evert Wendell	Peter van Brugh
	Evert Banker

[P:] S
Mr Hend Hansen depart in
this life on ye 17.th Instant & Coll.
Peter Schuyler on ye 18 D.o

Att a meeting of the Commissioners of
the Indian Affairs in Albany this 25th
day of february 1723/4
[Wraxall p. 150]

Present
Henry Holland
Johans Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker } Esq.rs Commrs.
Ph. Livingston
John Bleecker
Evert Wendell

This Board being Credibly Informed that Some persons
either from the Government of the Massatuchsetts Bay or
Connecticut are at present in Kinderhook in the County
of Albany who have Sent for and mett with Severall
Indians in order to purchase Land contrary to the
Severall Proclamations from his Exc.y William Burnet
Esq. Capt. Gen.l & Govern.r in Chiefe of the province of new
york etc. in Councill that no person or persons within the
said City & County presume to treat or negotiate with any
native owner of any Lands within the said Province without
Lycence from his S.d Ex.ly in Councill.

Resolved that awarrant be Issued by Some Justices
of ye peace within this City & County to Cause the Persons

acting Contrary to the above proclamation to answer
what on this behalf shall be objected against them.

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[Wraxall p. 150 gives the date as May 4, 1724. Like this mss., he has a gap between Feb. 25 and May 4]

Att a meeting of ye Comrs of ye
Indian affairs in albany 11 day
of may 1724

Present

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

John Collins

Ph: Livingston } Comrs.

Joh.s Bleecker

Evt. Wendell

Canakadrichha and Sagonadayane two principall Sachims of the Sinnekes
appeard before this meeting give ye following account

That last fall the Sachims of onnondago Sent Some deputies
to the governour of Canada that ye far Indians have for
Some time had their passage thro' the five Nations, and
were apprehensive that they are in danger by them,
[and - crossed out] that they will kill some of their people either on their
hunting or fishing places, in Case Such open acts of ---
hostillities Should be Comitted by them they would ---
Certainly Revenge it.

The Governour answerd them and said Indeed I am
afraid that what you are apprehensive of will come to pass
for the far Indians are a Senceless & mischievous people. but I
can give you very good advice in this matter and which
I am sure will prove for your & my Interest & advantage
that is if you and ye Rest of ye 5 Nations admitt my
building two forts one at Jagara and another at ye
Mouth of ye. onnondage River at Entrance of Cadaraghqua
Lake. then you will be at Ease and free from all assaults
you apprehend from ye far Indians. and then y.t y'e come
hither as usuall. and gave ye s.d messenger a belt
of wampum to [y.r - crossed out] Carry to their country to desire ye Consent
of ye five nations for building ye sd. forts.

That on a Sumonce of a publick meeting to be had at onnondage on
the 5th. Instant to Consider on ye purport of ye sd belt ye sd. two
Sachims of ye Sinnekes those of onnondage & Tuskarora
and with the Consent of those of Cayouge (the onneydes &
maquas being absent) took in Consideration & reminded
how deceitfull the french of Canada have been to them

when they were yet in their Infancy and ever since. what advan=
 tages & opportunites they have taken and y.t they are not
 to be trusted now, It was Resolved by ye s.d Sachims that ye.
 belt of wampum Should be Returnd to ye Gov.r of canada
 and that he Should not be admitted to build or make any
 Settlement on any [of their -- crossed out] Land belonging to ye five Nations. [and --
 crossed out] yt
 he be told, not to use any means to prevent or hinder
 any of the upper nations in their passage thor ye 5 nations
 to Albany. and if he had any thing to propose [illeg]
 Concerning makeing of forts or Settlements he should
 apply to their Governour & Brother Corlaer [illeg.]
 who could Give him a proper answer on this Subject

That is [it] was Concluded at s.d meeting in onnondaga
 that messengers Should be dispatchd to Canada in behalf of ye 5 nations
 with the s.d belt of wampum (and are to meet one another
 at ye Entrance of ye onnondage River into ye lake) to Return
 the same to the Governour of Canada that he Should not be
 admitted to build or make any Settlement on their land

17 agr 4

this Resolution has been Communicated to ye. oneydes &
 [onnondages - crossed out] Maquase, who approve of what the other
 nations have done in this affair and Returnd y.r thanks. ---

The s.d two Sachims ad yt _ [illeg. crossed out] Some french men
 in a Canoe went up early this Spring who were seen by
 some of their people at Jagara. they Confirmed the news
 Received from hence that JeanCoeur was to go up with
 50 men to build a fort there --

That as ye s.d two Sachims came from their Castle
 they heard news of ye messengers who were Sent last winter
 by order of the Com.rs from the Sinnekes Country to Invite
 the far Indians to Come to trade with the Inhabitants
 of this Province, that Some Indians who have been
 fighting in their Return home overtook ym. as they were
 making a Canoe. So yt. they would be at home in a few
 days

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days, that they had Spoken to Severall nations of ye. far Indians with ye. belts of wampum & goods Sent ym. and those they had added. but could not hear what number of far Indians were to come. that they were all orderd by mess.r Fontie commander of Ledetroit to come to him as they came from hunting. but not to go from thence to albany and they were obeying his orders

That ye sd. messengers are Returning home but not as they were directed (to Conduct agreat number of ye. sd. far nations) the sd. Sachims Desire to [Some] of our number may go to their Country to hear this message and Enquire what Jeancour is going to do with ye 50 men

The Com.rs Returnd ye s.d two Sachims thanks for their fidelity in giveing ye foregoing acct -- wh. they think will be pleaseing to his Ex.cy our Gov.r & their Brother Corlaer. and told them that they had acted prudently and for the Interest of their Country to Return ye belt of wampum to ye gov.r of Canada. and yt they denyd him to build on their Land. wh. he Intents for no other purpose yn to debow [debauch?] them of their hunting & keep ye far Indians from them. by yt mean's to keep [you - crossed out] them poor and at last when he Sees a fitt oppertunity to drive you into ye sea they were given Each a Blanket Strowds a Shirt & a [hatt] & a Small keg with Rum.

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of the
Ind.n Affairs in Albany the 29th day
of May 1724
[Not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland
Peter v Brugh
Ev.t Bancker
John Collins
Ph: Livingston } Comrs.
Johs Wendell
Johs. Bleecker
Evert Wendell

Two Ind.ns one from Cachnawage and the
other from S kawiennadie Say by Seven hands of
Wampum wch. they Show as a Token to be sent
as Messengers from the Sd Ind.ns to make the
following Speech

That the Governmt. of [~~Boston - crossed out~~] N England
have desired to Speak wt. us here being ye place
appointed to treat about publick affairs. and
our Sachims are to sett out from their Castles
three days hence, and sent us to desire you to
despatch Messengers to the Sachims of the five Nations to
come here and be psent to hear what propositions
shall be made We desire your Speedy Answer
when they shall be here for we design to
Return to Morrow in Order to meet our Sachims
to bring them an Acct. when the Sachims
of the five Nations are to be here gave a
Belt of Wampum

Brethren

[~~this - crossed out~~] Last Winter we sent [blank space] Sachims
three belts of Wampum to acquaint them that
the Path is open hither and by them to take
the Hatchett out of your hand against our
Brethren

73a [0146]

Brethren of N England, It is very agreeable to us that the Gentlemen of N England have desired to meet yo.r sachims here to treat of some publick Affiars, We are glad that Some Gentlemen from N England are now in Town and as we Suppose are Sent on purpose to make some Propositions to yo.r Sachims As our Gov.re knows not of this meeting We Can't Comply with what you desire but We think it would be very proper that you do acquaint them wt your Message, they may send for the Sachims of the five Nations We are very willing to assist in what lyes in our Power to bring this Intended Treaty to a Good & happy Conclusion --

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Albany 12th June 1724

[not in Wraxall]

May it please your Excel.y

We presume your Excl.y has been Informed that some time since three Gentlemen arriv'd here from N England wt. Directions from that Governmt. as we Suppose to treat wt. the Cachnawage Ind.ns to whom Coll. John Schuyler sent a Belt of Wampum last fall to be here this Spring wt. an Intent to engage them to Stay at home & not to Join wt. the Eastren Indians ag.t our Neighbors [blank space] at the arrival of sd Gentlemen were here three Ind.ns from Canada wt a Message that the Cachnawage Sachims were to be here in a few days and desired that the Sachims of ye five Nations might be present at ye meeting on which a Messenger has been dispatched by them to Invite them hither Inclosed we send your Excel.y Copy of a Letter we recd. from Gov.r Dummer on what has been write him by his Com.rs now here the main drift of it as we suppose is to draw us in to defray part of the Charge w.ch we Can.t resolve to Unless we be Enabled, We shall not be backward to do what service lyes in our Power

This morning we rece.d an Acco.tt tha a party of Seven Cachnawage Ind.ns were 13 days since at the Otter Creek in the Lake w.t an Intent to go Skulking to N England & yt sev.ll parties of ye Eastren Ind.ns are out we could wish this dangerous War could be brought to a happy Conclusion

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Att a meeting of the Com.rs of ye Ind.n
Affairs in Albany the [18th] day of
June 1724
[Wraxall p. 151]

Present

Henry Holland
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
John Collins Esqrs
Philip Livingston Com.rs
Joh. Bleecker
Evert Wendell

Interpreted by Lawrence Claese

The Deputed Sachims from four several Nations living in Canada called Cachnawages Sha=
=wiennadies Adrerondax & Skightquan appeared before this meeting and by their Speaker named Cachnarodie made the following Proposition

Brother Corlaer

The last winter you Sent us three belts of wampum to signifie unto us that we had taken up the hatchett of War against your Brethren of New England that if we had any Compassion on our wives & Children to lay it down and bury it, but if we persisted in that War you would Stop up the path from our several [illeg. crossed out] habitations to this place we Confess that we have taken up the hatchett of War ag.t the People of N England and at your Instance we come to lay down that hatchett of War and bury it for Ever And tell you that We are Informed that you wt. the five Nations and the Governmt. of N England have taken the Hatchett of war in hand against us and the Eastren Ind.ns which We desire you in like manner to bury wt. us

You informed us by the sd Belts that it was very disagreeable whilst the two Crowns of great Britain & france are in a firm alliance & good agreement [illeg. crossed out] w.t each other that the people

under their Subjection should wage War aga.st
each other, We are of the same Opinion & come
now

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Now & promise solemnly for our four Nations to
to Stop up the path to N England and desire yt
both hatchets may be buried in everlasting obli=
=vion and that it may be thrown in a swift Curr.t
of Water to Carry it away Gave a belt of
Wampum on this and the foregoing Articles

Brother Corlaer

We return thanks to God who knows
our hearts that he has Endued you w.t such great
Wisdom as to become Mediators between us and
the Governmt. of Boston to take the hatchett
of Warr out of our hands w.ch the Eastren Ind.ns
had given us ag.t the People of that Governm.t
We do now solemnly promise in the Name of
our four Nations to lay down & bury y.t hatchett
for Ever gave a Belt of Wampum

Brother Corlaer

You also desired ye Ind.ns Inhabiting at St. Francois
as you did us to lay down the hatchett of War
w.ch was Communicated unto them by [the - crossed out] your Belts
to w.ch they Replied that our four Nations
might act in this Affair as they should con=
=ceive would tend for the Welfare of them all
but as soon as those of Boston should send
back the Ind.n prisoners now there they would
come and treat of a Peace w.t the People of
that Governm.t

That at our Departure from Montreal Gov.r
Veaudruil bid us to tell you that as soon as ye Ind.n
prisoners at Boston are at Liberty he will on
his Word of honour Comand the Eastren Ind.ns to lay
down the hatchet & make peace w.t the People of
N England

75a [0152]

Brother Corlaer

The Contents of your belts we have repeated & answered in the best manner we are able, but Brethren if you had Included ye Eastren Ind.ns in those belts some of their Sachims would have been here w.t us to treat of a Peace [crossed out: then said they had done speaking & gave a Belt on this & the two foregoing Articles] gave a belt of Wampum

[crossed out: The Com.rs told them That they are glad to see them here and that they have given a very Satisfactory answer to the Belts sent them] That as we were on our Departure from Mon=
=treal we recd. Intelligence that some Ind.ns living near Quebeck were preparing themselves to go out to war ag.t the English at the Eastward on w.ch it was Concluded to send the prin.tt Sachim of Skawinnadie to those Ind.ns who was dispat=
=ched to order them to stay at home till we should return

The Com.rs told them that they are glad to see them here & yt they have given a very Satisfactory answer to the Belts sent them and that they would give them a timely answer

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
 Indian affairs in Albany y.e 20th day of
 June 1724
[not in Wraxall]

Resolved that a Letter be writ to his Excellency
 w.h is as follows

Albany the 20 June 1724

May it Please your Excelley

our Last to your Ex.ly was on y.e 12.th Instant Since wh--
 the Sachims of four Several nations Setled at Canada
 arrived here who on the 18.th Instant made a proposition
 minutes whereof are here inclosed by which appears yt. the
 belts we sent Last winter to those nations had a good
 Effect. it Seems they are inclined to make peace or be
 neuter, w.h we Suppose is as much as the Boston Comrs
 appointed here can be able to bring them to. we wish
 that this war could be brought to a happy Conclusion of
 which we have some hopes. Govr Dummer has been
 pleased to Insert in his Instructions to Coll John Schuyler
 & Coll. Stoddard to Cultivate a good understanding with
 this Board. we have given ye last firm assurance that we
 Shall not be wanting in any thing for Effecting a good &
 Solid peace with the eastren Indians, to w.h the Govern.t
 of Boston are now more Inclind then ever, for they begin
 to be Sinceable that they can gett nothing by this Indian
 war, if they had been of your opinion last year, it might
 have been Effected ere now.

We meet with Some difficulty in Relation to y.e
 Indian Complaints made against the traders who defrayd
 them in their trade we wish [sic], we could be Impowerd
 to Compell any Christians against whom any Complaint
 is made to purge themselves on oath whether Such
 Complaint be true that y.ee Indians may have Justice
 done. for they Suppose we are Impowerd in all Cases
 to see them Righted. there is a Clause in an act of last
 year. Relating to ye far Indians. but makes no ---

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mention of ye Indians of the five Nation & others. we
Remain with Respect

P.S.

We beg leave to tell y.r Ex.ly
that we Conceive it would be
of great Service that we were
Enabled to take Cognisance of all
Reports Spread among ye Indians
detrimental to the [hon.r] & Interests
of ye governm.t and yt ye Delinquents
may be oblidgd to purge themselves as above

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of ye
Indian affairs in albany y.e 23th day
of June 1724
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

Peter v Brugh

Evert Bancker

} Esq.rs

John Collins

Com.rs

Ph: Livingston

Ev.t Wendell

The Sachims of Cachnawage having desired to
meet this Board when Conveen'd they made the
following Speech

Brethren You have hitherto w.t unwearied pains desired that
the Ind.n Prisoner who was taken at Virgin.a by some
of our People in 1722 should be released and sent home
to his Native Country the Squa who has accepted of
him as her adopted Son in Stead of her dead son is
come w.t him in order to Deliver him unto you that
he may go home We conceive you are Sensible what
great Affliction it must be for a mother to part with
her Child but to Show our Regard for you we
have prevail'd on her to deliver him over unto you
and hope you may have Compassion on her In=
=tending that she may have a present.

The Com.rs Answer

Brethren We return you thanks for what you have Effectuated
at our Instance but Especially the Squa who had

Accepted of him as her Son, We know it must be a great Affliction for her to deliver him over to be sent home We shall give her a present to Wype of her Tears

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of Ind. Affairs in Albany the 26th day of June 1724

[not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

Peter v Brugh

Evert Bancker

John Collins } Esqrs

Philip Livingston } Com.rs

Evert Wendell

Hend.k Renselaer

David van Dyck

The Com.rs answer to the Cachnawage Shawiennadies Adirondax & Skightquan Sachims

Brethren

We return you thanks that at our Instance you have laid down the Hatchett of War against our Brethren of N England w.ch the Eastren Ind.ns had given you, It is Certainly for your Interest to main=
=tain Inviolable the good Agreem.t & friendship that is between this Governm.t & your several Tribes w.ch has hitherto been faithfully kept on our side, We expect you will order your young Men not to make any breach in your Engagement by going to fight for the future or molest any of our Brethren and fellow Subjects in N England, and as long as you keep these promises you shall always be kindly accept[ed] and received by us

You seem to accuse us that we have taken up the hatchet against you. We do assure you that we have not done any such thing if any private person has done it, it must be of his own Accord, As for our taking the hatchet from our Brethren of N England & the [froze] Nations is what can't be done at this time, Since fresh Inhu=
=mane Murders have been lately Comitted there

But

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But we promise to use our best Endeavour to be Mediators to End this War. We expect that you are sincere in your Engagement. in laying down the Hatchet against our Brethren of N England and that the same may be buried in Everlasting Oblivion

The Indians Inhabiting at St. Francois we Esteem'd as part of the Eastern Indians We are Concern'd that they have not delegated some of their Sachems to Conclude a Settled & Lasting Peace. And as they have Impower'd you to Act as you Judge for the best of you all We expect you will Encourage those Indians to Come to terms of Peace to end this War The Hostages now at Boston we Can't perceive how our Brethren of N England should sett them at Liberty till the peace be actually Concluded And its surprising to us that Gov.r Vaudrill should Encourage the Indians in that Demand & sending an Errand by you & giving his Word of honour that if the Said Hostages were delivered he would command the Eastern Indians to be at Peace & lay down the Hatchett

It Concerns us that while you came on purpose to lay down the hatchet yt that treacherous felon Skononda wt. six other Indians went out from Cachnawaga to fight toward N England and has since as we are Informed Comitted fresh hostilities We Expect you'll show your utmost Resentment of this base Act, and that at your Return home you'll take the prisoners out of their hands w.ch we shall Account as a sincerity of the performance of part of the Engagement you lately made

We

We return you thanks that before your
Departure from Montreal you dispatched a
Sachim of Skawinnadie to prevent the Quebeck
Ind.ns from going a fighting against our Bre=
thren of N England

We think it necessary to acq.t you that
several Negro slaves have of late Run from
hence to Canada, and that others have lately
been enticed by some of your men now here
to run thither, and we desire you to discourage
you People from such pernicious practices,
for Inticeing them from us is the same as
robbing us of our Goods and may be a motive
to make a Breach in the Good Agreement
& Correspondence hitherto maintain'd between Us

The Sachims answer'd that we shall discoun
=tenance our young Men [in their Conference? - crossed out]
from debauching or Enticing Negro Slaves
to Run to Canada that Schononda with his
party went a fighting ag.t their Order and
Resolution of all the Sachims

Then the Comrs said

It's pleasing to Us that this Conference
ends so Amicably & hope it may have the
same Effect w.t the Boston Com.rs the
Sachims of the five Nations & yo.r several
tribes now here Then they gave four [Shouts]
in Confirmation of what has been transacted
at this Meeting

78a [0158]

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of the
Ind.n Affairs in Albany the 28th day
of June 1724 --
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

Evert Banker

John Collins

Ph: Livingston } Com.rs

Joh.s Wendell

Joh.s Bleecker

Ev.t Wendell

David van Dyck

The Delegated Sachims of the Sinnekes being arriv'd, it was Judg'd necessary to acquaint them and the Sachims of the other five Nations with the Message Sent from hence last Winter by three belts of Wampum to the Cachnawage, Schawinnadies, Adierondax, and Skaghquan Indians in Relation to lay down the hatchett they had taken up against our Brethren of N England which was Repeated to them as also their Answer and the Com.rs Reply thereto, w.ch being done it was told them that they have now heard how this Board has Acted to make a Solid and firm Peace

The Sachims of the Six Nations by their Speaker named Thannoghsaront Said Brethren We return you our thanks for your unwearied Endeavours in promoting a good Understanding between our Brethren of N England and the sd. four Nations to bring the Eastren Indians to terms of Peace and put an End to that War

Att a Meeting

Att a Meeting of ye Com.rs of ye Ind.
Affairs in Albany [pr.mo?] July 1724
[probably Wraxall 151]

Present

Henry Holland

E.t Bancker

Ph: Livingston

Joh.s Bleecker } Com.rs

Joh.s Wendell

Hend.k Renselaer

David v. Dyck

The Com.rs having propos'd to the Com.r
now here appointed by the Govern.t of the Massa=
=chusetts Bay to have a private Conference with
the Sachims of the Six Nations to Endeavour to
prevail with them to Send one Sachim of Each of their
Nations [~~Sachims~~] to the Eastren Ind.ns to bring them to
terms of Peace w.t our Brethren of N England
w.ch being approv'd by the s.d Com.rs [~~on wh.ch~~] this Board
made the following Speech to them

Brethren

We heard your Proposition to the Cachnawage
and other Sachims living at Canada & their Answer
but Can't understand that any thing has been yet
transacted to bring an End to the War the Eastren
Ind.ns have so unjustly Engaged & taken in hand
against our Brethren of N England, As we have
taken on Us to be Mediators to put an End to this War
in the best Manner We are able for the Honour
of the British Interest in Gen.tt [Gen.ll?] it is for that pur=
=pose we do propose unto you whether it will not be
adviseable Since you have Engaged in taking
up the Hatchett against those Ind.ns for you to
offer unto the Com.rs appointed for the Governmt
of the Massachusetts Bay that you send one
Sachim of Each of your several Nations to those
Eastren Ind.ns w.t positive Orders that they forth=
=with come to Terms of Peace & Submission
w.t

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with that Governm.t & dispatch Expresses to their
several Schulking parties on the ffrontiers at
N England to return home without Comitting
any further Acts of hostility, and that they
appoint Sachims to go w.t you to Boston to Con=
clude this Peace in the best manner it can
be done that you be Witnesses thereto & Engage
to be Guarantees for them and in Case they
do refuse to Comply w.t this your Reasonable
Request to Compose this Matter, that you do
plainly tell them that you will Compel them
to come to terms of Peace w.t Sword in hand
The Answer of the Sachims of the Six Nations to
the Com.rs [which - crossed out] being delitory & not Satisfactory
[to which - crossed out] a Reply was made and after they had
a Consultation they Return'd & Said

Brother Corlaer

We have heard & Deliberately Considered of
your Proposal made to us this morning that
afterwards According to our [Manner - crossed out] Custom we have made
Propositions to the Sachims of Cachnawage
and others now here from Canada and thought
every thing would be brought to a happy Con=
clusion to End this War, Since those Ind.ns have
laid down the Hatchet. But it seems you do
not Judge it sufficient to put an End to this War
We have therefore resolved to come into your
method, Since you Judge it more Effectual to put
an End to the War that has been thus long vigo=
rously Carried on by the Eastren Ind.ns against [our]
Brethren of N England and for that purpose have
appointed three of our most able Men to perform
that

That Message named Tarighjoris Jacob, alias Adatsondie, & Assredowax, desiring they may have belts for that purpose a Canoe for their Journey & be paid for their trouble & fatigue but we desire that one of your People may go with our Messengers

Att a Meeting of the Com.rs of the
Ind.n Affairs in Albany the 2.d
day of July 1724
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Peter v. Brugh

Evert Bancker

Ph: Livingston

Joh.s Bleecker } Com.rs

Joh.s Wendell

Ev.t Wendell

Hend.k Renselaer

David v Dyck

The Messengers who Lawrence Claese sent from the Sinnekes Country by the Order of this board last Winter to the far Nations to Invite them to come to trade at this place appear'd before the Com.rs give the following Account.

That they have undertaken to perform the Message delivered unto them by Lawrence Claese w.t much fatigue in their Journey arrived at a Settlement of the far Ind.ns called by them [blank in original] to whom they delivered their Message by the belt given them, that they desired them not to hearken to ye french but to carry on their Trade to Albany where Goods are very Cheap the Path Open and Clear for them and all the upper Nations; from [whatever - crossed out] that Settlement they proceeded to five other Nations, but having but one belt they added five others & Spoke to them to the same Effect [& - crossed out] who promis'd to come to
this

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to this place, That several Canoes of those
Ind.ns having been on their Journey hither
and two Canoes with Indns who never had been
here before came in Company with them
who were Stopt by five Canoes with young Men
[who - crossed out] that mett them Just about the Palatines
Land at the ffalls, who with bribes Presents
and Perswasions prevail'd to trade with
them Contrary their Intentions & the Sachims
of our Nations who are very much displeas'd
that the far Ind.ns are Stopt & do not come to
this place ---

Albany 6 July 1724
[not in Wraxall]

Sir

We come to acknowledge Receipt of your honours favours of the 9th and 27.th past, w.ch we should answered ere now, had we not been prevented partly by our not knowing when your Com.rs dispatched Expresses to you and the uncertain Circumstances of the Critical Affair, that has been transacted w.t the Six Nations who prov'd very wavering in their Resolution and Intention, We hope the Gentlemen whom you entrusted with the affair of your Province will do us the Justice to Inform you that we have Acted in what your honour has been pleased to recommend to our Care, and the Order of his Excel.y Gov.r Burnet in Council with much freedom and readiness to put an End to the Dangerous War the Eastren Ind.ns have Commenced against his Majesties Subjects under your Governm.t The Sachims of Cachnawage & others having Confirm'd their Engagement made to us, to your Com.rs in burying the hatchet of War, on which the Sachims of the Six Nations Insisted / tho' very absurd / that on the Delivery of the Hostages the Peace was Actually Concluded w.t the Eastren Indians of which w.t many Arguments we Convinced them of that unreasonable Demand & Insinuation, and in a Conference w.t your Gentlemen Consulted what was most proper to be done at this Juncture At which We offer'd to make a proposal to the Six Nations that they Should Offer to send Messen= gers to the Eastren Ind.ns with positive Orders that they forthwith come to terms of Peace & Submission
with

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with your Governm.t & dispatch Expresses to their several sculking parties on your ffronteers to return home without Comitting further Acts of hostilities that they appoint Sachims to go w.t them to Boston to conclude this Peace in the best manner they Can that they be Witnesses thereto and Engage to be Guarrantees for them, & in Case they do refuse to comply w.t this their Reasonable Demands to compose this matter that they do plainly tell them that they will Compel them to come to terms of Peace w.t sword in hand, w.ch being agreed on was the day following propos'd to them, who after some difficulty Consented to it and made that offer to your Gentlemen, which we hope may be Effectual to bring the Eastren Ind.ns into terms of Submission and Peace with your Governm.t and in failure thereof / w.ch God forbid / We shall observe such Orders as we shall from time to time receive from his Exc.y our Gov.r w.t respect we remain

Sir

Your most humble and
most obedient Servants

was Sign'd

Pieter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
Evert Wendell
Hend.r van Renselaer
Dav.d V: Dyck

Albany ye 6th July 1724
[not in Wraxall]

May it please your Excel.y

We have been honoured with your Excel.y's favours of the 20.th past and the Copy of the Instructions from Gov.r Dummer to his Comrs for your Information we had also two letters from him in Relation to the same Effect but they nor we could with all the perswasions Influence or Interest bring the Sachims of the Six Nations to no other Conclusion but to send Deputies to the Eastren Ind.ns to Comand them to be at Peace and to send Sachims with them to Boston to Conclude it as may appear by our Minutes and Letter to Gov.r Dummer here [in - crossed out] Enclosed

Cap.t Holland went from hence a few days agoe with whom we sent the Negro Boy belonging to Cap.t Hicks of Virgin.a M.r Ph: Livingston tender'd the £ 6:- for his Charges but it being augmented since the Acco.tt sent down w.ch we desir'd Cap.t Holland to receive from your Excel.y as also the Charges laid out on the Ind.n Prisoner from Virgin.a we redeem'd

Here have been no far Ind.ns since last April those that Intend to come are Stop'd in their way hither by our People that go up to trade whether any will come to this place is much doubted, having nothing to add at present but that we remain w.t great Respect

Evert Wendell
Hend.r van Renselaer
Dav.d V. Dyck

May it please y.r Excel.y
Your Excel.y's most humble
and most obedient Serv.ts
Pieter v Brugh
Evert Bancker
Phil: Livingston

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Ind.n Affairs in Albany the 14th
day of July 1724 ---
[Wraxall p. 152]

Present

Peter v:Brugh

Ph: Livingston

Joh.s Bleecker } Esq.rs

Ev.t Wendell } Com.rs

Hen.k Renselaer

David v Dyck

Several far Ind.ns being arriv'd at this
City appear'd before this board & Said

Brethren

That they are Come a vast way to see the Brethren
of this place and desire that they may have goods
Cheap and large. Keggs of Rhum that the
Beav.r and other Skins they brought may be in
good Esteem, that the ffrench have us'd their
Endeavours to prevent them Coming here but they
would not hearken to them therefore desire
they may be pity'd & have Goods Cheap

The ffrench told them to go to Canada and
not to this place for they would Certainly be
poison'd here but we have taken no notice
of what they Say, but they have prevail'd
on thirty Canoes w.t Ind.ns to go to Canada partly
by fair perswasions & partly by threatning
who Intended to come hither

That as it is an ancient Custom among them
to bury the Sachims that die of their neighbouring
nations, and they do now in like manner bury
Coll.o Schuyler for w.ch they lay down a few drest
Deer Skins & a Bev.r Coat and desire they may
have the like kind Reception as if he was alive

They desire by a Calumet pipe that ye path
may always be Clean open and free for them
to come to this place to trade that the Sun
may Shine Clear over them and that when we
Smoke out of it we may have good thoughts
about them to give them goods Cheap

That they [have - crossed out] are Come a great Journey and
have undergone a great fatigue & are poor
and

and Lean therefore desire a Supply of Provisions. --

The Com.rs told them they should provide for them and give them an Answer tomorrow. ----

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the Ind.n Affairs in Albany the 15.th day of July 1724 ---
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Evert Banker

Ph: Livingston

Joh.s Bleecker } Esq.rs

Ev.t Wendell } Com.rs

Hend.k Renselaer

David v Dyck

The Com.rs answer to the far Indians ---

Brethren

It pleases us that you are come hither to trade and have not given Credit to the french who have endeavour'd to hinder you which they do w.t no other view but to send you to Canada to let you pay an Extravagant price for goods for they are well assur'd that goods are Cheap here, and what you can buy for two Beavers here you must pay Eight for at Canada and you can buy large Keggs & Rhum Cheaper then ever you bought them

The Caution the ffrench have given you that we should poison you they do not think that any such thing should happen unto you, but they are very sensible when you come here to trade you will be poison'd with the Cheapness of your goods that you will never go again to Canada but carry on your trade hither which we hope will not only Induce you but Encou=
=rage all the upper Nations who are Enter'd in the Covenant w.t this Governm.t to come to trade with the Inhabitants of this Province you may be assur'd that the path from your several habitations shall be open and free for you to pass

and repass as you shall have Occasion It con=
=cerns us that the thirty Canoes w.t far Ind.ns

who were in your Company have given so much Credit to the french at Jagara to go to Canada, We are sure that when you meet one another you will have Reason to Rejoyce w.t the plenty of goods you will be able to show them, and they sad for the skarcity they have bought at Canada

It is acceptable to us that you have accord=
=ing to your ancient Custom bury'd Coll.o Schuyler
We assure you that the path shall be Clean and open for you & Shall think of your welfare when we Smoke out of the Calumet pipe you have given us & you will ever -- have the same reception here as if he was alive gave them a fat Cow 3 L Bread 10 Blankets Strowds 21 gall Rhum pipes and tobacco

They return'd the Com.rs thanks for the Present.---

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Att a meeting of ye Commissioners
of the Ind: affairs in Albany
ye 4th day of august 1724
[not in Wraxall]

p.snt
Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Peter van Brugh }
Ph Livingston
Evert Wendell
Dav.d v Dyck

By the Com.rs of the Ind.n Affairs
at Albany

Instructions for Lawrence Claese ye Interpreter
Whereas his Excellency William Burnet Esq.r Cap.t Gen.ll
and Gov.r in Chief of the Provinces of N York &.as has signified
unto us by a Letter dated the 25th day of July Last that
he has fix'd on the tenth day of September to meet the
Sachims of the Six nations at this place, and has order'd
us to dispatch you to them, Wherefore we do by his
Excellency's directions Require and Comand you
forthwith to go through all the Six Nations to
acquaint them that his Excellency will meet their
Sachims here, on the sd tenth day of September
and the most remote of them to come time enough
to join the nearest so that they come altogether
and that they exceed not Seventy persons in all
You are to come down in the Company of ye last
and use your utmost endeavour to be here w.t the
s.d Sachims at the day prefixed and hereof you are
in no wise to omitt at your peril Given under
our hands his fourth day of August in the
Eleventh year of his Maj.es Reign A.o D.o 1724--

was Sign'd Henry Holland
Joh:s Cuyler
Pieter van Brugh
Philip Livingston
Evert Wendell
Dav.d vandyck

Att a meeting of the [Indian]
Commissioners of the Indian
affairs in albany ye. 07th day of
aug.th 1724
[Wraxall p. 152]

Present
Henry Holland
Joh.s Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
[Ph: Livingston - crossed out]
Johns. Bleecker } Esq.rs Com.rs
John Collin
Evert Wendell
Dav.d van Dyck

This day came here seven of the Kenondadies Say
they have no news. but come on account of trade
that by the way they heard of Coll.o Peter Schuylers
Death. and of mr Hendrick Hansons. and Cant do
less. then to take Notice of it. therefore lay down
twelve hands of wampum to wash off the tears of
the Relations, and further Say that they now lay
down nine dearskins two Cubs two beaver & alap
and five Raceowns to burry them

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Indian affairs in Albany the 15th
day of august 1724

Present
Henry Holland
Johans Cuyler
Ph: Livingston
John Collins
Evert [Bancker - crossed out] Wendell
Dav.d v. Dyck

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Att a meeting of the Comrs of the
Indian affairs in Albany ye. 16th day
of aug.st 1724
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

Ph: Livingston

} Esq.rs Comrs.

John Collins

Evert Wendell

Hend: van Renselaer

Dav.d van Dyck

Jacob the Indian and other messengers
Sent by the Sachims of the Sic Nations to the
Eastren Indians being returnd. Give the following ---
Relation

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Att a meeting of the Comrs. of the
Indian affairs in albany the 17.th day
of august 1724
[Wraxall p. 152]

Present

Henry Holland

John Cuyler

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

Philip Livingston } Esq.rs Comrs --

John Collins

Evert wendell

Johs. wendell

Hendrick van Renselaer

Dav.d van Dyck

Whereas it is thought very necessary
for the publick Safety and welfare of his Maj.es
Subjects that the Indians Lately deserted from Schaahkook
and places adjacent to a place on the north end of Corlaers
Lake Called Missiesqueck who have of Late by the
Insinuations of some base Indians Liveing there made
Severall Insults on his Majesties Subjects in N England
to Invite those Indians to Return to their old habitations
at Schaahkook to the end they may become our frinds
and be out of the way to be Inticd of doing mischief
to our neighbours. and Strenthen our fronteers.

It is therefore Resolved that some trusty Indians be sent with a Belt of wampum
to those deserted Indians to perform this Message and
that Johannis Knickerbacker be Employed to dispatch ye.
messengers who at their Return Shall be pd. for their
trouble.

Johannis Cuyler Philip Livingston Evert Wendell
Abraham Cuyler Nicolas Bleecker Gerrit Roseboom
& Robt. Roseboom were tenderd ye. oath mentiond in
an act of Gen.l assembly of the Province of new york --
Entituled an act for the further & more Effectuall prohibiteing
the Selling Indian goods to the french who Severally took
the Same

It is also tenderd unto John Schuyler but he
Refureing [refusing?] whereon an Execution was Issued directed to ye
Sherrif of the City & County of albany for Levyng the
forfeiture of one hundred pounds pursuant to the directions
by the sd. act --

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Att a private Conference by his Excel.
with the Sachims of the Six Nations
In Albany the 14th day of Sept.r 1724

[Sept. 14 1724 Private conference of Governor Burnet with the Indians at Albany
DRCHNY 5:713-715 corresponds to Images 0177-0179, pages 87-88 of the minutes,
with minor differences in wording that are probably not significant.] [*Wraxall covers this
treaty on p. 152 et seq.*]

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Propositions made by his
Esq. W.m Burnet Esqr. Capt
Genl. and Govern. in Ghiefe of
the Provinces of new york new
Jersey &c to the Sachims of
the Six Nations Called Maquase
Oneides Onnondages, Cayou=
=ges sinnekes & Tusquaroras
the 15th of Sept.r 1724-

[Sept. 15th 1724 propositions are printed in DRCHNY 5:715-716, corresponding to
Images [0180] to first part of image [0183], pp. 88a-90.]

First part of page is last part of previous propositions by the governor.

Second part of image [0183] to first part of [0187], pages 90-92 corresponds to the response of the Six Nations given Sept. 17, 1724, printed in DRCHNY 5:717-718 with minor differences in wording.

Second part of image [0187] to image [191], page 92-94 corresponds to Governor Burnet's proposition on September 19, 1724, printed in DRCHNY 5:718 to 720.

94a [0192]

Propositions made by his Excellency
Wm. Burnet Esq. r. Capt. Gen. ll & Gov. r
in Chief of the Provinces of
New York [&] New jersey & ct. to the
Sachems of the Schaahkook
Indians in Albany this 19 day
of September 1724

[0192] to [0196], p. 94a to 96a, corresponds to Burnet's Propositions to the Schaahkook
Indians (Indians who live twenty miles above Albany directly North upon Hudsons
River) printed in DRCHNY 5:721-723.

[Second part of [0196] to first part of [p198], p. 96a to 97a, records a meeting of the governor with the Commissioners of Indian Affairs that is not printed in DRCHNY]

96a [0196]

Att a meeting of ye Com.rs of the
Ind.n affairs In Albany ye 19th
day of September 1724
[not in Wraxall]

Present

His Excel.cy Wm. Burnet Esq.r Capt
Genll. & Gov.r in Chief of ye Province
of New York
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Philip Livingston } Esq.rs
John Collins Com.rs
Joh.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell
David v Dyck

His Escellency was pleas'd to appoint
and Restore Mr. Rob.t Livingston Jun.r to be one
of the Com.rs of Ind.n Affairs in his former Station
& Mr. Joh.s Wendell to be left out of ye Comission
His Excel. [~~acquainted - crossed out~~] was pleased to lay before this board [~~with - crossed
out~~] two affida=
=vits of Maj.r Goose van Schaick & David van der
=heyden whereby appears that the Oneyde
Carrying place is sufficiently clear'd up & mended
and that the Wood Creek is Clear'd up & ye trees
Cutt & Carried away out of the Same, So that it's
Navigable for about Six miles as the Sd van --
Schaick & Vanderheyden have pass'd

Whereupon his Excel.y has promis'd ye Under=
takers Jan Wemp & Jacob Glen to Endeavour
to procure a Warranty to pass in Council for the
half of the Money agreed for Compleating the
whole Work being £75:-- & for the remainder
when it shall appear the whole work is done

His Excel. likewise mentioned to have
promis'd the Sd Undertakers £25-- more on
Condition that they make a Sufficient Cart
way

Way from the End of the Road already made [from - crossed out] to ye Wood Creek from thence to the place where the Canada Creek falls unto the said Wood Creek which is Navigable all Summer, and that they should likewise make a sufficient Bridge over the Sd Joint Creek near the place where the Oneydes usually pass the Creek when they are going a fishing w.ch is said to be about four English Miles lower then where the Sd two Creeks Join, And that likewise the Sd Undertakers do remove those few Trees that lye a Cross the Channel of ye Mohawks river So that there may be a sufficient Channel to come to the Carrying places And that the bridge be made of a sufficient height that Canoes may pass under it when the Water is at the highest & of Strength that the freshes may not carry it away

This Minute being read to Capt. Glen one of the Undertakers who agreed & Approved of it & desired a Copy of the Same w.ch his Excellency order'd to be delivered him.

His Excel.y was pleas'd to acquaint this Board that he has Appointed Harme Vedder to be Capt. of that party to lye in the Sinneckes Country for a twelve Month for the allowance of fifty pounds, Ten pound in presents three Men each at £15:-- one of them to be a Smith and to have £10: -- additional and that this Company shall have the Use of the Canoes Capt. Jacob [Esplank] & Company had last year purchas'd w.t the Countries Money who are hereby ordered to deliver the same up unto
the

the Sd Vedder in such Condition as they now are
or if they have dispos'd of any to pay the Value
of them to the Order of the Com.rs

His Excel.y likewise acquainted this Board
that he had promist a Smith to the Onnondages
next Spring for six Months beginning in March
at the allowance of fifteen pounds and his
Attendant ten pound And that first Myndert
Wemp & then Juriaen Hogan have ye preference
to be ye Smith, or Else that the most sufficient
Smith that can be found be Employ'd if he
will accept of it and that five pound be
allow'd for Tools to be left w.t the Onnondages
for the Use of ye publick All which his Excel.y
is pleas'd to Endeavour to get Confirm'd by his
Maj.es Council at New York

His Excel.y acquainted this Board that he
could not for ye future allow any Money for ye
Journey to the Interpreter unless it be his
Excel.y's own Ordering. --

[Second part of [0198] through [200] p.98a is the September 20 1724 Answer of the
Sachims of the Six Nations to Burnet's propositions, which is printed in DRCHNY 5:720-
721.]

[DRCHNY 5:723-725 contains minutes from a conference between the Massachusetts
Bay Commissioners and the Six Nations at Albany, including propositions made by the
Mass. Bay dated Sept. 16 1724 and the Six Nations' answer of Sept. 18, 1724, which are
not included in the Record Book.]

[This page is a second copy, in a different hand (Robert Livingston Jr.?) of the first part of the notes from the meeting between Governor Burnet and the Commissioners of Indian Affairs dated September 19, 1724 about the work done on Wood Creek by Jan Wemp and Jacob Glen, covered by p. 96a-97a. It omits the first paragraph about Robert Livingston, Jr. being restored to the Commission, and ends with "This minute being read to Capt. Glen one of the undertakers and agreed to & approved of it is desired a Copy of the same w. ch his Excellency orderd to be delivered him.]

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101 [0205] [see Wraxall p. lxxv et seq. for McIlwaine's extensive analysis of the Canada trade controversy, in which he draws on what he calls *Original Indian Records, ii* as well as other documents such as Burnet's correspondence and the NY Council Records.]

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Ind.n Affairs in Albany the 2.d of
October 1724 --
[Wraxall p. 155 et seq.]

present
Henry Holland
John Cuyler
Rob.t Livingston
Peter v Brugh
Evt Bancker
Philip Livingston } Esqrs
John Collins } Com.rs
Joh.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell
David v Dyck

Cap.t Holland delivered at this Board a Letter from Lieut. Edmund Blood dated at Mount Burnet the 1.st Instnt. wherein he Signifies that he being out a hunting that day mett about 5 or 6 Miles from his Garrison in the woods a parcel of Strowds being 58 [p.s] and between 20 or 30 or so Ind.ns as also Nicholas Schuyler & Jacob Wendell that he seiz'd the Strowds in the Kings Name and Clap'd the broad arrow upon them, but assoon as they heard & saw that they spoke to the Ind.ns who Immediately packt up and Carried the Strowds away --

Resolved that a Warrant be directed to ye Sherrif pursuant to an Act of gen.ll Assembly of the Province of N York Entituled an Act for the further & more Effectual prohibiting of ye Selling Ind.n Goods to the french for bringing Cap.t Philip Schuyler & Har. Wendell before this Board or any of them to purge themselves on Oath as prescribed by the Sd Act The Sherrif brought Cap.t Philip Schuyler to whom was tendred the Sd Oath w.ch he took. Harmanus Wendell was also brought before this Board to whom the Sd Oath was tendered w.ch he Sd he could take except as to what was already discovered, that he knew something of Nicolas Schuyler & his Son to whom he had lately sold a parcel of Strowds & thought phaps they were going to Canada or

Tuchsachrondie w.t them, then the Oath was read to
him

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Him and desired to read it himself, And after some Consideration on it, Mr. Evert Wendell told him you can safely take the Oath for its already discovered & Encouraged him to take the Oath & that no question ought to be ask'd him, nor he needed not to Enter into any Arguments, on w.ch he replied he could [not?] take the Oath; The Rest of the Com.rs us'd all their Endeavour to Explain the Act of Oath to him, and acquainting him w.t ye Nature of it; and after said Harmanus Wendell was ordered to withdraw for about a half hour. He was call'd in again & then Mr. Evert Wendell urg'd him to take ye Oath that he could safely do it on w.ch he took the Oath Now whether Mr Harm. Wendell took ye Letter from Lieut. Blood or his telling to have sold the Strowds to [P] Schuyler & his Son & phaps knowing where they were going to be the Discovery is unknown to us & seems very Mysterious

The Rest of ye Com.rs notwithstanding ye many Arguments Mr. Evert Wendell us'd to pswade said Har: Wendell to take the Oath, told him what had yet appear'd to this Board relating this affair is no discovery by ye Intent of ye Act in that Case made & provided but only an Information --

Att a meeting of ye Com.rs of the Indian
Affairs in Albany ye 3.d Day of October
1724--

psent
Henry Holland
Robt. Livingston Jun.r
John Cuyler
Ph: Livingston } Esq.rs
John Collins } Com.rs
Joh.s Bleecker
Hend.k Renselaer
Davd v Dyck

Resolved by this Board to write a Letter to hi[s]
Excel.cy Gov.r Burnet Esq.r &.cet acquainting him of ye Seizure

made by Lieut. Blook & Serg.t Buckley of 50 [p]s of Strowds on
the first Instant & to Enclose ye minutes of 2d. Instant
as also Affidavit of sd. Buckley w.ch Letter is in the
Words following ---

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May it please your Excel.cy Albany the 3.d of October 1724

We hope your Excel.cy arriv'd safe at ffort George We take
leave to acquaint your Excel.cy that the Sachims of the
Six Nations have Declin'd to take up the Hatchet in
favour of ye Governm.t of Boston, but told the Com.rs
that they would Still be their friends & adhere to
them desiring & Recommending them to make a peace
w.t the Eastern Ind.ns by Restoring them their Land
and sending them their hostages. --

Inclosed we send your Excel.cy a Letter from Lieut.
Blood dated the first Instant as also an Affidavit of
Serg.t Charles Buckley Relating a Seizure of 50 [p]s
Strowds near Mount Burnet in Custody of Nicholas
Schuyler & Jacob Wendell w.t Copy of our proceedings
touching that Affair and the Tender & Taking the
Oath by Har: Wendell prescribed by the Act of
Assembly w.t our Observations on y.t Subject. It is
reported that this parcel of Strowds is Carried Via
Schinectady mostly by Ind.ns of ye Mohoggs Country

Capt. Schuyler came to Town on purpose to [take -- crossed out]
offer the Oath to take away all Clamour or Suspicion
w.ch might be laid to his Charge who took ye same
frankly

was Sign'd Henry Holland
 Rob.t Livingston Junr
 John Cuyler
 Peter van Brugh
 Evert Bancker
 Philip Livingston
 John Collins
 Joh.s Bleecker
 Hend.k van Renselaer
 David van Dyck

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Indian Affairs in Albany ye. 10th.
day of october 1724:

Present

Hend: Hansen

Rob.t Livingston Jun.r

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

Ph. Livingston

John Collins

Evert Wendell

Hend. Renselaer

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Albany ye 10th day of october 1724 Then appeared
before Peter van Brugh Esq.r Mayor of the City of
Albany Lieut Edmund Blood who declared on the
holy Evangelists of Almighty God that on Thursday
the first Instant went out a hunting about five
or six Miles from Mount Burnet on the West side
of Hudsons River, discovered a party of Ind.ns & going
up to them, found Nich.o Schuyler & Jacob Wendell
coming out of their Tent, who were surpriz'd to see
the Deponant who ask'd them where they were
going. they answer'd down the River, on which the
Deponant inquir'd of them whether they had a
permitt, they said not, and found lying near the sd
tent a parcel of Strowds. then the Deponant and
Serg.t Buckley counted how many pieces of Strowds
there lay, and found to Consist of fifty Eight pieces,
and

and seized them in the Kings Name, By putting the Broad Arrow on several pieces w.t Chalk, and ask'd the Serg.t for Advice what to do, who said stay you here, and I'll go and fetch a Stronger Guard w.ch when done heard sd Nich.o Schuyler & Jacob Wendell speak to the Ind.ns in the Ind.n Language, whereon the Ind.ns went about to ty up the Strowds, then the Deponant seized the sd Strowds over again and sd have a Care what you do, I have seized them in the Kings Name, not being able to carry them off the sd Deponant went w.t the sd Buckley to the Block house, when come there sent [an] Corp.ll w.t a Detachment of Six Men to the afores.d place, who went to the sd place & found the sd party was gone w.t the Strowds and further saith no

was Sign'd Edmd Blood

Jurat Coram me

was Sign'd Pieter van Brugh

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the Indian
Affairs in Albany the 12.th October
1724 --

Present

Henry Holland

Rob.t Livingston

Joh.s Cuyler

Evert Bancker

Philip Livingston } Esq.rs

John Collins } Com.rs

Joh.s Bleecker

Evert Wendell

Hend.k v Renselaer

Resolved by this Board to write
the following Letter to his Excellency

[Sir]

Our last was the 3.d Instant whereto we take leave to refer, We begg your Excel.ys pardon in omitting to acquaint your Excel.cy of the arrival of three french Men from Montreal who went

to

To New York [by] Mr. Coenraet Ten Eyck last Week

Inclos'd is Lieut. Blood's affidavit in Relation to the Seizure lately made of 58 p.s Strowds

Mr. Hansen & Cornelis Cuyler are return'd from Canada & since their Arrival are brought to this place 117 packs Bev.rs besides dr: Deer, several Canoes yet expected, w.ch we Suppose can't be for Christian Goods only, the Sherrif has a Warrant to apprehend the sd Hansen & Cuyler to bring them before this Board, in order to tender the sd Oath provided by Act of gen.l Assembly for pventing Illegal Trade w.t the Subjects of ye ffrench King the first has been brought before us who has taken the sd Oath. the last keeps Close & not yet to be Taken, until / as we suppose / he sends another parcel of Strowds by this party of Indians now in Town, and how people can take the said Oath is surprizing, who receive large quantities of Bev.r for it's plain the french covet nothing more then Strowds, and by what we can learn will sufficiently be supplied for the next Season w.ch will wholly evade your Excellys good purposes to promote a Trade w.t the far Ind.ns how to prevent this pernicious Trade is a great Mystery to Us, but find its not in our Power since a few Men break thro the Severest Laws that can be Invented for the Good & Prosperity of this Province in gen.l tho' we shall Resolve to tender the sd Oath to whole families among whom any may be Suspected, and if it cannot be found out & pvented by that Method, We with

Submission shall then be at a Loss how to act further for its plain that Strowds is transported to Canada Mr. Hansen Informs us that he saw several p.s of Strowds in his passage to Canada, but knew not from who the Ind.ns had them. Adds also yt he saw at Canada one Ind.n from hence deliver'd to a french Man 6 or 7 blankets of Strowds at one time, Since your Excel.ys Departure from hence we have enquir'd of the Sherrif abt the Recognisance of Mr Ph: Schuyler taken by Coll. Morris Jun.r for his £100:-- fine of last year & Transmitted to the Treasurer and since Reflections are made by those [that - crossed out] who have paid their fine yt others do not pay if the Recognizance were return'd & refus'd then the Sherrif may proceed to execute his Warrant

was Sign'd

Henry Holland
Robert Livingston
Johs Cuyler
Evert Bancker
Philip Livingston
John Collins
Joh.s Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Hend.k v Renselaer

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Indian affairs in albany y.e 28th day
of october 1724.

Present

Hend. Holland

Robert Livingston Junr

Jns Cuyler

Peter van Brugh

Evert Bancker

Ph: Livingston } Esq.s Com.rs

John Collins

Johs Bleecker

Hend. v. Renselaer

Davd van Dyck

This day the Sherrif brought Mr. Cornelis Cuyler
before this Board by vertue of a warrant directed unto him --
to whom was tendred the oath to be taken by persons
Suspected to have traded or traffiqued with any Subject of ye
French Kings or with any other person for them [illeg. -- crossed out]
Contrary to Severall acts of Gen.ll assembly of y.e Colony of
new york made & provided and prescribed to be taken by an act of Gen.ll
assembly Entituled an act for the further and More Effectual
Prohibiteing of the selling of Indian goods to the french
which oath the said Cornelis Cuyler Refused. so y.t he is
Convicted of being a trader for Indian goods with the french
and forfeited the Sum of one hundred pounds to his maj:ty for
which he has given a Recognizance for the payment of ye. Same

Two Letters from his Ex.cy Govern.r Burnet Esq.r &c dated ye 12th
& 17th Instant as also a minute of Councill of ye [5] d.o being read
as had been done before at this Board on w.h is Resolved
to write a letter to his Ex.cy which is in the words following

Albany ye 28th 8.bre [October] 1724

May it please your Ex.cy

We are honourd with your Ex.cys Letters of ye 12 & 17th Instant
with ye minutes of Councill. this day Mr Cornelis Cuyler
was brought before us who refusd to take ye oath prescribed by
the act of assembly, and is to give Recognizance for ye paymt.
of ye £100.-- in may next with bond to he [illeg.] for £200.--
in Case

Case your Ex.cy doth disapprove of his proceedings herein
we dont doubt but your Ex.cy will be pleased to think this
Safe money.

We have Issued a warrant ag.st Nicolas Schuyler
and Jacob Wendell to take the above oath when they
Return what discovery theyl make time will
Learn, with our best Respects to your Ex.cy we Remain --

Att a meeting of the Commissioners
of the Indian affairs in albany this
29th day of october 1724.
[not in Wraxall]

Present
Henry Holland
Rob.t Livingston Jun.r
Joh. Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Bancker
Ph: Livingston
John Collins
John Bleecker
Evert Wendell
Hend. van Renselaer
David van Dyck

This day a Letter from his Ex.ey dated
the 22.th day of this Instant was Read.
wherein was Inclosed a Petition of Severall
Merchants of London to his Majesty against
an act of Gen.l assembly passed in n: york
the 19 day of Nov.r 1720 and an order of his
Majesty in Councill upon y.t Petition Referring
the Same to the Lords of trade and there Report thereon
with ye Chief allegations made by the s.d Merchants before
the said Lords desireing Us to Contradict as many of sd--
allegations mentiond in the sd Petition or [~~allegations - crossed out~~] hearing
before ye Lords as we know to be false [&c].
all which was taken in Consideration by this Board and
Resolved to be Referd till to morrow

Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Indian affairs in Albany y.e 30.th day
of october 1724.
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland
Rob.t Livingston Jun.r
Johs Cuyler
Peter van Brugh
Evert Banker
Ph: Livingston
John Collins
Johs Bleeker
Evert Wendell
Dav.d van Dyck

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Resolved to write a Letter to his Ex.cy

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Resolved that Rob.t Livingston Jun.r John Cuyler
John Collins Ph. Livingston & Evert wendell
Esq.rs or any of three of ym be appointed
a Committe to make observations on the Petition of ye merchants of London
to his Majesty and their allegations before the Lords of
trade & plantations & make their Report with all speed to
this Board.

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Att a meeting of the Com.rs of the
Indian Affairs in Albany the 12th
November 1724
[not in Wraxall]

Present

Henry Holland

Robt. Livingston Jun.r

Joh.s Cuyler

Pieter van Brugh

Evert Banker

Phil: Livingston

} Esq.rs

John Collins

Com.rs

Evt Wendell

Hend.k Renselaer

David van Dyck

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[First part of p. 109, see previous page.]

Albany 12th November 1724
[not in Wraxall]

May it please your Excel.cy

Since our Last to your Excel.cy of the 30.th
October we have had several meetings & Considerd
of the papers Sent us & been endeavouring to gett
ready, and finish what your Exce.cy expects we should
send you, and have only been able to Compleat
the Inclosed Observations on the Merch.ts Petition
& Allegation w.ch we hope may meet w.t your Exce.y's
Approbation, we offer'd to the Merch.ts here trading
directly to Europe to Sign a Certificate as your
Exc.y required who refuse to Sign any Instrument
whatsoever their Names are here Enclosed

Capt. Joh.s Bleecker has Declin'd of being a Com.r
any

Any Longer. We have been labouring to gett the Accounts of what Beaver have come have come [sic] yearly for four Years before the Act, & four years since from Canada & from the Ind.n Country but can only gett an Acco.tt what has come to Schenectady & brought hither by Waggoners, and what is come from Canada since Mr. Helling [Holland?] went to Mnt Burnet, the traders here refuse to give an Acc.tt what they have rec.d in these years. These Acc.tts from Schenectady, Lieut.s Helling & Blood, of the Numbers of Beavers &c are here Enclosed

The only pson in Town who has been last Summer at Montreal is Mr. Corn. Cuyler who declin'd to give such an Acc.tt on Oath as your Exc.y requires, the other psons that have been there are gone to N York We take leave to Subscribe our selves that we are w.t great Respects

May it please your Excel.cy
Your Exc.cy's most humble & ob.t Serv.ts
Signed

Evert Bancker

Ph: Livingston

John Collins

Evert Wendell

Hend.k van Renselaer

David van Dyck

Henry Holland

Robt Livingston Jun.r

Pieter van Brugh