

Revolutionary War Manuscripts in the NYSL # 1069
Accession # AF7003, Box 1:97

Extracts of a Treaty held at Easton between Commissioners in behalf of the United States, and a number of Indian Chiefs in behalf of the Six Nations and their confederates.

Brothers,

We used to keep the fire light at Philadelphia, but of late it has been kindled at Easton. We wish to keep it there. It is now, Brothers, but a little Smoke; but we want to make it a great Blaze, that when we look from the Long House of the Six Nations, we may always see it burning; and we wish, Brothers, to have a strong Man raised like a great tree, that we can depend upon to keep up the Fire (here they pointed to Col. Bull and desired his services to them on all occasions). A Belt of 7 Rows, two single figures, one Double one, thus IIV.

Brothers,

We have listened to what you have told us about keeping the Council Fire always burning at Easton. We will acquaint the great Congress with what you say. The great Congress will always be glad to see their good Brothers at any place that shall be most convenient to their Brothers of the Six Nations, and all those other friendly Indians that are in alliance with them, but as we are all Brothers, we think it would be best to keep but one fire for us all, because one great fire can be seen farther and will warm us better than two little ones.

And Colonel Bull, whom you say you wish may be appointed to keep the fire alive, we will mention to the great Congress, and dare say that they will appoint him to keep the peace ground clean, and do you all the good offices he can.

The Indians having mentioned the want of a Blacksmith, Colonel Bull (whom they seemed to look at as particularly charged with the execution of their private affairs) informed them that as almost all our young men were gone or going to the war, that it would be difficult at present to procure them one, but if they themselves knew of any one that was willing to go, that he should be furnished with proper materials.

Treaty began Jan^y 30 1777
and continued Feb. 6, 1777

A true Copy from the Minutes of Assembly
John Morris J^r, Clerk

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Letter from Gov. George Clinton to Matthew Visscher in Albany

New York 28th Sep^r 1784

Dear Sir

You promised to obtain and transmit or bring me my first instructions to Mr. Peter Ryckman (M^r Henry Glenn has them) which I begg you will not omit as they are essentially necessary to complete the Minutes of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs. You was to have obtained the Names of the Deputies of the four Nations who attended the Treaty. I hope you have not neglected to do it. If you have I must begg you will yet take Measures to obtain them as they are also essentially necessary. I received those of the Onoidau and Tuscaroras from Jacob Reed but I fear those are imperfect and he has not distinguished those of one Nation from the other. In great haste

Yours most sincerely

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Letter from Lt. Col. Henry D. Livingston to Maj. Gen. Schuyler (portion)

Fort George June 16, 1776

The Oneida Indians are returned from Canada, and brought the inclosed which Colo. Gansevoort, after opening agreeable to your Order, delivered me to forward to you....

I had almost forgot the promise I made the Indians, which was to acquaint you with the neglect with which they say they have been treated in Canada. They plainly hinted that their rewards were not equal to the services they had done us, nor to what you had given them reason to expect.

Extract of a letter from Col. Frederick Bellinger at the German Flatts to
Col. Frederick Fisher

June 7, 1776

Gentlemen.

This minute an Express came from one of our best Indians with the News that
a great number of the far Indians arrived at Onida and being on their March down,
so we sent an Express yesterday to the commanding officer at Johnstown with the
news which we got yesterday from Fort Stanwix but could get no assistance, so
therefore the necessity required that you will come up with your Regiment imme-
diately to meet them without delay or we shall all be slaughtered, and send the
orders to the next Regiment with speed.

Gentlemen I am your humbl^l Serv^t

Letter from Philip Schuyler "To the Chairman of the General Committee of the
County of Tryon"

Caghawaga March 11th 1778

Sir

Complaint hath been made to us that some of the inhabitants of Tryon County have instigated some of the Indians in Alliance with the United States to commit depredations on the property of some of the inhabitants under pretence of their being Tory's. You and the gentlemen of the Committee will easily perceive that such conduct tends to create Anarchy and Confusion, and is dangerous to the property even of the warmest friends of the Country, as badmen may from private pique be led to encourage Indians to attack the most worthy of the community. The board of Commissioners therefore Intreat the Committee to take the matter into their Secure Consideration to Enquire for and take measures to apprehend Every person that has instigated the Indians to Commit the depredations alluded to, that they may be dealt with according to law.

We have also had Information that Several persons in this County have taken away sundry Effects from the Mohawks of the upper Castle. Whereas such a conduct has a tendency to alienate the affections of the Indians and is in itself unjust, we beg you will also take measures to prevent the like in future and to oblige the people who have taken any of the Indians effects to restore them or pay the value. Inclose you a List of persons named whom the Indians inform us have been Concerned.

I am Sir Your Humb. Serv^t
Ph. Schuyler
President of the board of Commissioners
for Indian affairs

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The Com^x of Indian Affairs and Associates having inspected the Accounts of Money
expended as Gratuities for Services performed by different Indians at the late
Treaty at Fort Herkimer, I do hereby Certify that the same Amounts to one hundred
and sixty-eight Pounds eight shillings and eight pence.—

Given under my hand this 1st July 1785

George Clinton

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Governor Clinton Voucher

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