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Yesterday I received a letter from the Honorable Robert Morris Esqr dated Philadelphia Sept: 19. 1791 enclosing a copy of a letter he had written to his Excellency Governor Clinton dated Philad: 31 August 1791; also a copy of Governor Clinton's answer dated Greenwich 6 Sept: 1791. The substance of Mr: Morris's letter to Governor Clinton is That he had caused to be made an Astronomical instrument for the purpose of fixing the Eastern boundary line of Messrs: Gorham & Phelps's purchase of land in the State of New York with accuracy, That he had Employed Major Armstrong & myself in the business on his part; That we should be at New Town and there be joined by Mr: Saxton on the part of Messrs: Gorham & Phelps in a fortnight from the date of his letter: And Expressing a wish for Messrs: Gorham & Phelps as well as for himself That a person should be appointed to meet us on the part of the State of New York; Submitting to his Excellency the propriety of engaging a Skillful Surveyor for that purpose as by this means future disputes would be avoided &c

Governor Clinton's answer is That the business of this line having been committed by the Legislature to the Surveyor General, He had Transmitted to him Mr: Morris's letter with directions to pursue such measures ~~right~~ for the purpose as should be most consistent with the trust reposed in him &c

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Concluding That you are the person appointed in conformity to the wishes of Messrs: Gorham and Phelps & of Mr: Morris and to the instructions given by Governor Clinton to the Surveyor General I take the liberty to Inform you that Major Armstrong Mr: Saxton & myself are now at Major McCormick's on the Tyoga River about two miles above where the present presumption line crosses the River, That

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The Astronomical Instrument mentioned in Mr. Morris's
Letter to Governor Clinton is arrived, That provision
is made and our arrangements for going to the woods
are in such forwardness that we shall as soon as the
weather permits proceed to the Eighty Two mile Stone
on the boundary line between the States of New York
and Pennsylvania and There commence our Ob-
servations in order to place the Instrument in the
Meridian of the said Eighty Two mile Stone; which
~~being done~~ we will thence run a Meridian
Line To Lake Ontario. — As the season is
far advanced and accident may prevent your in-
structions from the Surveyor General getting duly
to hand whereby should you wait then valuable time
may be lost which is now critical & important
Major Armstrong with whom you are acquainted
Mr Saxton & myself request that (should your
Instructions not be arrived) you will not suffer
that circumstance to deprive us of the pleasure
of seeing you as speedily as possible for we
take it for granted that they must arrive before
we could proceed far perhaps before we leave
the place of beginning. In the hope of seeing
you as soon as convenient

I remain
Sir

Yours Obedt

Moore

Major McCormick, on the Tyoga River about
two miles above the present presumption line

25 September 1791

Josiah De Witt Esq^r

1174 ONONDAGA RESERVATION
To the Legislature of the State of New York

The Petitioner of course I will respectfully present

that your Petitioner ~~together with~~ ^{as well as} many other Free
holders in the County of Oneida is a resident in the
neighbourhood of the tract of land called the Oneida

Reservation - That very great inconveniences are felt from the situation in which that tract ^{is and is likely to} ~~as yet~~ remains on account of its not being permitted to be disposed of and improved ~~and thereby~~ Inconveniences which are of vast importance to new settlers whose prosperity greatly depends on the mutual services which neighbour hoods can ^{render} ~~furnish~~ to each other and without which the difficulties of ~~remote~~ ^{attending} settlements remote from the old inhabited parts are almost unmanageable Your Petitioner therefore knowing it to be the ardent wish of his Neighbours and confident that it would contribute to the increasing ^{wealth, prosperity and} importance of the State that the Onondago Reservation (perhaps in preference to any other uncultivated parts of the State) should be so disposed of as that it may be speedily settled prays that a grant may be made to him ~~gratifying~~ ^{gratifying} the said Reservation of which the Indian title is ~~the same~~ ^{extinguished} on the following conditions - to wit

Your Petitioner will engage to pay the said Tax at the rate of six shillings per acre, The one fourth part at the end of the within seven years another fourth part within eight years another fourth part within nine years and the remainder within ^{from the date of the grant} ten years, with ~~the~~ Interest at the rate of six per cent per annum ~~from the date of the grant~~ ^{to be annually paid} on the several payments ~~to be made~~ till they shall be respectively discharged and that Your Petitioner will give such ample and reasonable security for the performance of these conditions as the Legislature may judge necessary and further

he at least 250 families actually settled on the aforesaid tract within
 the said period of ten years which will be
 nearly one family to every 250, contained
 within the same. * Your Petitioner conceives
 considers this offer as favorable to the State as
 an individual ~~can make without~~ ^{together a}
~~as you begin to expect~~ ^{expected} ~~regarding his property~~ too imprudently - His princ-
 pal view is a duty to discharge enabled to discharge
 the duty which he owes, as a citizen to his Neigh-
~~bourhood~~ ^{bourhood} ~~to his country & especially to~~ his Neigh-
~~bourhood~~ ^{bourhood} ~~to his country & especially to~~ his Neigh-
 bourhood when at the same time so far from inju-
 ring any branch of the community it will eve-
 nly tend to the good of State by ministering to
 its ~~power and~~ wealth and importance.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that
 these proposals may have that attention paid to
 them which the magnitude of their object requires
 and that ~~should~~ his prayer be deemed reasonable
~~it may be granted~~ may be accordingly granted -

20th March 1794

Moses DeWitt

* And also that two convenient Lots of 250 acres each
 shall be set apart and remain for the main support
 of a Church & School ~~for them~~

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Copy

Moses DeWitt handed
 into the house of the
 Assembly the 20th March
 1794. -

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1794
 20th March

1791 Sep 16

My Dear Moses,

This Evening the Governor is good
enough to offer me, to forward this letter to
you, by one of the Indian Chiefs.

Your letter dated in the woods, twenty
by miles south of Oswego - (as I have it not
in, I cannot ascertain the date) I recd. last
Monday at Marlborough. - You will recollect
you offered last month to give up to me, your
location of Sixteen Hundred Acres in the
I should now be very happy to accept of it,
if you have not already parted with it.
More especially as the Land you applied
for to the Land office is totally lost us. The
Commissioners have acceded to proposals
made by a Company in this City, of 3 1/2 per
Cent. - You see I am candid, the price
of the unsurveyed Lands are high -

Should -

Since this has been written, to have the

with the information to you - when I

know that persons will be sent to you

to purchase your location. - If you

should not be willing to let me

own it now I can only say, I ought to

own it, whether it when you offend it

— I am sincerely ignorant of the

value of the unappropriated land

both of the North and South, and the

in that not only a second time -

in however however I have reason to

believe in my friend. As I know there

not land of a good quality was vacant

- I have no time to give you any other

very - but that the situation in which the

is chiefly an error, I believe - the situation

position residence of the State now is

to suggest the attention of the wise

write me by the first opportunity. I

believe me very truly & affectionately

Wm. Adams

Feb 16 1891

Dear Sir,

Sept. 5th 1791

I received yours directed to the care of Mr. Momey
the account you give me is pleasing in respect to Charles
conduct and performance. You know nothing by
experience the satisfaction it affords to a fond parent to hear
of their children doing well it is as living our day over
again in our posterity, may Providence prosper his Ende-
avours and guide him in the ways of Virtue I have sold my
Brown lot at Chemung for £40 to Michel Hey of
Smithfield I have no inclination of selling any more
at present in that Quarter especially those which are
thought valuable I have had it in contemplation
to meet you and Charles this fall at Chemung but
must now decline it in consequence of an appoint-
ment I have of dividing the patented tract of Hues
I have procured blazright for 2075 acres of land more
than you have surveyed for me, I would be glad if
you and Charles could accomplish the survey before
you return from that Country, you will remem-
ber that I had in my original location ^{area} 1800 on
the road that leads from Owego to Cayuga lake, you
probably may add 275 acres to it at that place to
make it contain 2075 acres I must however leave
this business to your discretion to manage as you
think proper I have had frequent information
that you are on a fair way of getting married to the
widow at Ellsworth - as it is natural for friends to
have anxiety for one another's welfare pardon me then
my friend if I drop a word that should not agree with you
wishes, I hope you will be cautious in the attempt
I have been informed that it is not certain that she
is a widow, God forbid that I should harbour a secret
wish to injure her reputation, you cannot doubt that

this caution proceeds from an anxious desire I have for
your wellfare, least you might ruin your self at one stroke.
You may probably suspect that some evil minded person
had given me this information with an intent to lose her
in your Estimation, but I can assure you that I have had
it before you I had the least information of you paying
your Address to her, as early as last Winter they appeared
to me to come from no malicious source.

Excuse haste

I am with great respect
your sincere friend

P.S. Give my compliments
to Charles inform him that
his mamma is well and all the
family that I wish him to stay
with you until you come down that
I will write to him the first opportunity.

John Conting

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Albany Sept. 13th 1791

Sir

After you I left you I was unfortunate enough to be ^{taken down} ~~landed~~ with a remitting fever which I took at Whitestown on the 21st Aug.th and of which I am now just recovering and scarcely able to write. I have requested the Surveyor Gen^l to write to you on the Subject of the Field Books which he informs me he has done by Mr Gen. T. Rensselaer - but from what he informs me he has not given you a positive form he says he must have the Books either on a Map or in the Field Books I think it will be easiest to give it to him on the maps and write the Field Books as you propose.

In taking up the different Articles from the Surveyor and passing the Certificates be careful that you keep our private property from being responsible and always be careful to mention that it is to be paid out of the Emoluments or expenses allowed by Law for defraying the expenses of subdividing the Military Townships which expression will keep it definite how it is to be paid and when with respect to those Articles which have two Sums in viz^t 160 or 190 I think it will be best to agree with them on a favorable Equation perhaps they will accede to 175 \$ if so it will be in our favor to accept. if not you will use your best Judgment on the Subject. If you do agree in that way be very careful how you write the Certificate

New York 25 May 1795

Sir

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant proposing to make in behalf of the State the annual payments to the Oneida Oneondaga and Cayuga Indians.

The Governor accepts your proffered services with pleasure and in consequence I have deposited with Mr. James Ship fifteen hundred dollars. They are to be distributed among the following tribes in the following proportions to wit.

	Dollars
The Oneidas	Six hundred
— Oneondagas	Five hundred &
and — Cayugas	five hundred

The treaty requires the payments to be made in silver and at Fort Schuyler. Mr. Ship will therefore change the bank notes I have given him into dollars at the Bank of Albany.

You are no doubt sufficiently acquainted with the nature of such transactions and will therefore obtain the usual & proper evidences of payment. If any difficulties however should occur you will please to consult Col. Colbreath who is versed in this business.

I will thank you for an answer and am

most respectfully
Your Most Obedt Servant

[Edw^d Clinton]
Treasurer of the State
N. Y. March 24 1795

Delors Clinton

Order for \$1500

New York Oct. 5th 1791

Dear Sir,

I was fully resolved to pay you a visit this fall until Saturday, when, being disappointed in a horse & not feeling very well, I was persuaded to drop the idea of going this fall - altho I confess it was much against my wish, as I had anticipated a great deal of pleasure to myself in visiting the Military tract. I even informed many of my friends of my intentions of going, in consequence of which I was requested to take charge of the two letters enclosed, which shall endeavour to forward to you immediately as they may contain matter of Importance to you -

I will thank you to inform Friend Parker of my not coming up this fall - I will also thank you to try the Friends, how many Acres of the land ~~of the State~~ they will give for one, for the ~~State~~ land out whether they have given up ~~agreed~~ or not - I have not heard from them ~~agreed~~ - Parker was to have answered my proposals, but it is not done, nor have I heard a single word of the matter - he left this - let me know whether the Pre-emption line is run or is going to be run over again this fall & by who & under what Authority - The Lease of the Cayuga Reservation was treated by the Governor (as it deserved) with the utmost contempt and disapprobation, I am told the Sheriff of Herkimer has his orders how to act in the business - Pickering has not gained any honour in the affair - Hardenburgh is still at Albany, he has been very ill - let me know what you will take in Cash for your locations in Chemung & mention the situation of them, the Quantity of Acres and what time you will give me to answer you in - I shall be glad of a full answer to all the above requests - and any thing that I can do for you here, please to Command me - I am

Dear Sir your sincere friend &c

Wm. J. Hardenburgh