

Rev. J. Sergeant
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Friend Samuel Freshland

Northbridge.

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My friend and Dear Sir

Thro: the care of a kind providance
I safely arrived at this place, have been very
wilt till last week. I catched a bad cold in going
or returning from Clinton in a cold snow
storm. I was hardly able to perform the duties
of the Sabbath. my people have been attentive in
administering their herbs, am now much better.
Capt York also has been very sick he is also
much better. Mr Beaman arrived the same
week that I did. he has once visited me &
his Sufferers Friends, I request the old spirit
will revive. tis only in the power of the
Almighty to overrule things favourable for
Indians. on my arrival by Capt Handcock
I was informed the unhappy state of your
poor people. It will be too lengthy to men-
tion particulars. it seems that while the
Messengers were absent at N. York, the old
Smiths life was threatened by D. & J. Skon-
nando. in revenge for a certain murder com-
mitted by young Peter. who was then on his
return from Albany. on his arrival he offered
his life - but a few days after. The Indian
appeared in the warriors dress - went to the

house of Daniel S. (who having had previous notice absconded) tarried them till night - but I have understood that since the matter has been settled.

I have also heard that the French party brought an evil & as is supposed a false report from the Governor - that after you left them they reproached that you had intirely for a considerable time back neglected them - that they were desirous of having a French Priest &c &c. that the Governor blamed you & seemed to approve of the French Priest if they chose such a one. that sectaries in religion harmonised in political matters. &c. I also hear that the Warriors have written to the Governor upon the subject - that they will not suffer a Frenchman to enter their cattle. I heartily wish the Governor knew their situation - it would be in his power to settle the business & quiet their minds.

I also hear that I am to be sent for to spend a Sabbath with them - & marry several couples - so much for Indian news. Mr Goram paper thro: this place about 10 days since, with your had written me a line by him. Long to hear from my family and friends. if you could buy me a ounce of onion seed & bring up with you or send it by Joannu I will pay you on sight. Give my kindest love to your dear family - conclude you are not unneighbourly in your visits to mine. or main

Yours &c Sir your friend & brother
John Sergeant

P.S. my ink is very poor
you will excuse it writing
P.S. I am much loved.