

Philadelphia - 1791

100

Dec. 21st 1791 Set out for the

to [F] toward & westward with

instructions from _____

22 arrived at New York in y^e Even

my passage in the 4 doll _____

1 doll

contingent charges

from Elizabeth Town by water

by the way _____ 1 doll $\frac{1}{2}$

1 $\frac{1}{2}$

23 a conference with the Governor

Clinton - - - & proposed another

conference tomorrow

at 10 o'clock

214 Rec of Mr. Pennfield

Expenses in New York

with washing & barber &c

1 $\frac{3}{4}$

25 L. [ord's] D. [ey] 3 o'clock in the

morn^g - Set sail for the Marinack

opposite to White Plains -

passage

3/3 doll

25 L. [ord's] D. [ey] arrived at White Plains

hire of a horse from East River

to White Plains

1 doll

at 1 _____

3/3 doll

paid for keeping my horse

During my stay in Philadelphia

one guinea - - -

10 3/4

Memoroneck

- shewing horse 1/2 doz
- 26 lodging &c at Tripe 3/4
- 27 (near Sharon)
- NB rode y^e whole night 8/6
- at Sheffield tired my horse
- hired a slay to carry me
- to Stockbridgesend G_____ after y^e horse 12 doll^R
- tuesd^{ay} Even^g 11 o'clock end of Jourⁿe^y 2/3 doll^k
- arrived at Stockbridge -
- 28 settled some of my domestic affairs &
- wrote to S^{ec} of W^{ar} giving y^e recent
- inform^y I had obtained of Capt Ingersoll
- who had lately returned from Niagara
- paid the Onelda Chiefs for their expenses
- down to this city by Gen^l Schuyler's
- direction
- 24th Vld^e rec^t - Peter
- 30m at Albany lodging horse
- keep^g _____ &c 18/6
- with something to the ind when setting off
- 8 mile house _____ 2/
- 12 mile house _____ 2/
- at Shenectady* 12/ meeting
- wth several Indians Onelda
- the old Chief Bechtree & others held a
- conference at 11 o'clock in y^e Even^g
- set out
- NB. Sent Peter of _____
- 1 doll^R
- *Schenectady

Lodged at _____

rode till 4 o'clock in the morn^g - then
put up for two hours - spent 6/
for refreshment

31 met with Capt. Hendrick
& his party a little after
sunrise - delivered him Col^l
Pickering's Letter - after an hours
conference he concluded to return
& use his influence to accelerate
y^e delegation from y^e Buffalo &
go to Congress by way of Wyoming
Entertained at this place twelve
Indian - amt _____ 15/6

Kanajoherry 31st Dec^r

paid John Flegg three dollars
& an half for slaying the
Onondaga Chiefs from Schenectady to
this place _____ Vld. his rec^t

at Kanajoherry _____ $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 - 8 - 0
12 - 0

F[or] Peter's coat & shirt &c

see amt & Capt. John

28/6

rode till eleven o'clock

222/6

& then put up Alridges

near Fort Herkimer -

dismissed one day -

lodging supper &c -

0 - 14 - 6

In y^e morn^g

0 - 4 - 6

1 Jan ____ L. [ord's] D. ay

pounded in a violent snowstorm
to Fort Schuyler - & breakfasted
here provid^g I met wth Cap^t John
one of the Oneida Chiefs, appointed for
one of y^e runners & several other
entertainment for the Indians

& Cap^t Johns Company -

0 - 14 - 0

paid 5/

- 5 -

Carry him & family half
way to Oneida that he
might make himself ready
tomorrow _____

Delivered three doll^R to)
good Peter, to procure)
some articles of clothing)
for his journey)

1 - 4 - 0

Jan^y 2^d -

To John Ruff Jun^R for
two slays 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ doll^R
old. rec^t from Kaunjoherry
to Oneida

3 - 8 -

3 - Counsel at Oneida

3 - Delivered to Peter Otsequette
& Cap^t John

12 doll^{Rs} & two guineas at
37/10 cash to defray their
expenses to Buffalo Creek
as runners with Col^l Pickering
invitation Speech

vid^e rec^t _____

8 - 11 - 8

contingent charges at Oneida -

previous to the Counsel -

& provisⁿ for four Indians 16/8

delivered to Cap^t John's wife

for her family use by)

her husband's request) 10/

to Peter Oksequette's wife 8/

attended y^e council the remain^g

part of the day

5 - Went to Whitesborough

to exchange my bank bills

for specie 54 doll^R advanced -

returned in y^e Even^g & sat till

midnight with a number of

principal Indians upon y^e subject

y^e present state of Indians _____ &

y^e dispositⁿ [ion] [of] Congress

towards _____

dismissed my stay - found y^e road

impass [able] to Genesee - charge 6-5

7 - purchased a horse for my journey

at 60 doll^{ll} or to hire at $\frac{1}{2}$ a doll^{ll} per day

lodged at Tuscarora -

8 - I [ord's] D [ay] at Kanonwawhave

discoursed from Matthew

then shall y^e return & discern

y^e R[ighteou]s & y^e wkd &c

In y^e Even^g attended a council

till near midnight - several speeches -

respect[ing] y^e additio - two
Tuscaroras - toward the close - they
requested one day more to complete y^e
necessary preparations for y^e long journey
& have an opportunity to consult farther
with calls on _____ unsulted to the same

9 Monday - spent most [of] y^e day in conference
with several of the Chiefs - remember the speech
of Lowrance near midnight - at one
o'clock dismissed -

10 morn[ing] set out from Oneida w[ith] h
good Peter - Skenondoe - Antony - Capt.
Jacob Reed - Capt. Hendrick & his
brother with two young Tuscaroras
NB my own expences for six days past
Includ[ed] ^g my ride to Whitesboro etc.

32/6 - - - 0 - 12 - 6

provisions for setting out
tobacco

- 12 - 0

3 - -

the Oneida Chiefs were
accompanied by a number
of y^e young warriors as far
as Kanaghswege

there expended _____

7/6

lodged at two houses

between Kanaghswege

& Onondago _____ expended for

the Indians _____

6/-

my horse and self

2/6-

11 Wednesd^y - between our lodgings

& Onondago _____

2/-

towards even⁵ arrived opposite to
the Onondaga Village
which lies 3 miles south of our
route - Sent a messenger, to request
Kakiklotu to meet us at our quarters
& be ready to proceed tomorrow -
In y⁶ even⁵ Kakiklotu with all
y⁶ chiefs & a number [of] young
warriors arrived - after the usual
ceremonies of meeting they requested
a private conference with the Oneidas -

12 at Onondago 56/4 vid^a rec^t
slept at Burks — expenses 10/6

13 at Bay loge 5 miles of Cayoga
ferry 9 breakfasts 13/6
at Harris' — 8/

at Richardsons see am^t —
lodged provis [icne]^d &c 42/60
to turn

15 near Skayer falls
4 breakfasts 4/
horse eating & my own
breakfast } 2/4

at Kanadaseaga 14/1
d^o horsekeep^s 8/

To Capt Chapman 8/ for
carrying a letter to Albany

at Col ¹ Reads 3 - 2 - 10
vid^a rec^t

Paid Gen¹ Chapin's Bill

18 at Smiths & Fisher for the Senekas

& On --- ago

2 - 8 - 1

y^e journey & Indians

3 - 1 - 8

Vide receipts

To Skenondoe

2/

for a handkerchief

Jan^y 18th at Mr. Sanburns 36/3

Vide rec^t - 1/7 more to be added

furnished for the Senekas by Clark

2 qts. Rum ---

8/

19th 1 qt. & 1 pt 6/

To Cayuga party

20th Expenses at Gen¹ Chapins during

the Council held there part of three days

with the Indians

Vid^e acc^t & rec^t 4 - 13 - 10

in the acc^t my 2 p. wanting -

purchased of Smith & Fish for Genesee

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ gal ¹/₂ Rum

4 lb tobaccoe

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb ?

sent Solomon 7/

Bread to the Farmers Brother

& family when set/tin^g out for

Genesee 8 at 5/

3/4

No 10 to Range

lodged

$3\frac{1}{2}$ to pork	0 - 3 - 4
horsekeeping 2/0	0 - 2 - 6
2 to candles ———	0 - 2 - 0
2 suppers — — — —	0 - 2 - 0
	0 - 9 : 10
lodging	2
Reckoning	0 - 10 - 0
NB cheap Reckoning	
2/ to y ^o servant	2/ —
	0 - 12 : 0

Genesee 26 Jan^y 1792

delivered to D^r Allen two guineas as
towards his expences in going to Niagara
as an express with a letter to Cap^t
Brant ——— agreed to give him twenty
shillings or two doll^rs & an half p^r
day for eight days for delivering
a letter to Cap^t Brant & bringing
me a return -

Jan^y 30 Bought a fat hog for the
Indians - upon good Peters speech ---
2 blankets --- a small deer skin to
mend their shoes --- Vid^e rec^t &
speech

31 - bo't two quarts of salt at 1/p^r quart

1 Feb^{ry} bo't 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. cheese
at 1/ --- for my own use &
occasional company

3 qts. salt for the Indians 3/

2 paid Mr. Bottle 2/
for acc^t of Rum to a small
number of Indians

for a deer skin for their
shoes 16/

1/6 paid for $\frac{3}{4}$ salt & ---[?] tea

3^d Thursday

attended a council with y^o Senekas &
Oneida delegation, opposite to Little
Beards town

Gen^l Chapin present

the subject [of] y^o council was to
take measures to prevent the
spread [of] y^o small pox & remove
the jealousies of the Indians
on y^t acc^t ---

Expended at this Council 13/6

a cheap Council

But the whole of us missed our dinners - -

1/ to an Indian

6th Feb ^{RY} to Cap^t Hendrick

for his journey to Buffalo

Creek as an express

8 do ¹¹ & 6/

To Peter Otsequet 8/

a knife — 1/6

vid: acc^t of Barry

for provision &c &c

To Capt. Hendrick —

bo't of — 1 do ¹¹ cash

8th Feb ^R see Barrys acc^t settled to
this day -

7 anxiety which might lead me to any
hasty measures w^h w^{oul}d _____?
_____ than forward my hap^piness

^{RY}
Feb 9 Friday

this even^g had a conference wth Peter
upon y^e state [of affairs] at y^e Buffalo.
I spoke to him freely on y^e anxiety [of] my
mind in regard to y^e present state [of] y^e
Indians & y^e issue [of] my mission, & how
m^{uch} depended upon it - - - notwithstanding
agreeable to his own advice, I had been very
care^{ful} not to discover to y^e Indians
any uncommon degree [of] concern or anxiety.
I told him proposed sending a third express
to discover y^e reasons [of] y^e delay — if he
thought another express would be agreeable to Indian

solicitude on my part: agreed that
 y^e Congress might have an opportunity to
 convince them [of] good & [Christianity]
 & upright intention toward all peacefully
 disposed Indians - - - he appreciated
 y^e measure & after a long confidential
 conference, I requested him to form y^e
 speech & loan me a string of wampum
 & I would fix out French Peter &
 accompany him as far as Konawageas
 tomorrow morn^g

- 5) Saturd^y - this morning Peter formed his
 speech for y^e Express repeated it over several
 times to French Peter, who was to have it in
 charge. ___ we then set out for Konawageas
 About 2 o'clock P.M. on my arrival rec^d [ceived]
 a letter from Gen^l Knox in which among
 [other matters] he conjures me to spare no
 time nor expense to find out y^e result of
 y^e Indian Council at y^e Buffalo - -
 I find I can't have but little dependence upon
French Peter, from his natural instability
 [of] mind, & his late correspondence with
 Capt^l Brant - I applied to Cap^l Hendrick
 to accompany - he requested one hour
 for consid^{er} [eration] - after the expir^{ation} [ation]
 [of] ye hour, applied for his answer & with
 all y^e formality of an Indian, he must make
 a long speech of near an hour - at length
 consented to undertake y^e business & to

effect it to purpose if I would comply with his
terms to furnish him with some necessary
articles of cloath^[in] & provisions
sufficient - some money - y^t* he might
appear with some degree of respect on
condition he should be obliged to go as far as
Niagara or Grand River & Part^[icular]ly
y^t I engage in in behalf of Col^l Pickering
or Gen^l Knox that he should be allowed
12/ per day - - I complied with the
whole - see Berrys Acc^t
this conference nearly closed the day - I then
applied myself to make y^e necessary
preparation, with his particular instructions
y^t* might set out by daylight y^e next
morn^g - -

L [ord's] D [ay] morn^g rose by 4 o'clock - wrote to
Genl. Knox a short letter then waked y^e
express, procured yⁿ** breakfast, & set yⁿ**
off a little before sunrise
after this had a short conference with Gen^l
Chapin - Cap^t Pond and M^r Stedman - - then a
conference with several Senekas on y^e ground
who were anxious to know y^e reasons for my
sending the express &c &c
sent a messenger to the Oneida Chiefs
requesting them to send word to Big Tree &
Little Beard inform^[in] & them of the

* that

** them

arrival of the four Chiefs from Onondago &
wishing they might be provided with lodgings
being Confederate Brothers of the Senecas -
also to acquaint them with y^e arrival of the
Cayugas who were 5 in number instead of
one or two which I had proposed - That this
matter should be adjusted upon my return
near Big Tree Town about three o'clock y^e
afternoon I returned from Kanawageas
upon my return was met by several
Senecas with an earnest request for a
gallⁿ o^f Rum to complete y^e funeral
condolence of a departed relative
agreeably to a custom [of the] I[ndians] that
this was dictated by the great spirit above
in a vision in y^e darkness [of] night when
deep deep falls on man - the young
Chief added, that y^e consideration [of] my
being a minister [of] y^e great sp [iri]^t
above - I could not reject any intimations
[of] h[is] will & that I were acquainted
with y^e ways in w^h he communicated
his mind to my children of the six nations."
After a short pause I replied to y^e fore-
going in y^e most respectful & affectionate
manner I was capable & finally informed
the young Chief, that I would not disapprove
of any intim[ati]ons [of] y^e mind &
will of y^e g[reat] Sp [iri]^t but my present
situation did not enable me to comply with

this instance [of] his will never strong my
inclination might be to adhere to his
commands agreeably to my professing

* - I had but a little spirits - these
called y^e comforting & hourly medicine. -

It was wholly appropriated to the Chief's in
public councils in y^e affairs [of] y^{ir}**
nation & y^e peace [of] y^e*** Island (?)

- - - however as it was but a gallⁿ w^hi^{ch}
was requested & the request accompanied
with a promise y^t*** there should be no

tumult that a select number only were
invited to the feast solely for y^e purpose [of]
administering comfort & peace to y^e departed
spirit I should see him supplied. -

After y^e**** heard y^e statement [of] y^e
slaymen for bringing y^e Indians - see note.

In the even^g I had a long conference with
Peter acquainting me with the arrival of the
Onondaga & Cayuga delegation just after
my leavⁱⁿg y^e village yesterday -

the reasons of their being bro't with
slays from Kanadaseaga to this place -
a formal speech prepared by [them]
to deliver to Col^l. Pickersⁿ [in]g on y^e subject
on condit^{ion} I should refuse to pay the
slaymen. -

I then informed [them of] my proposals to the
slaymen - Recd _____ might _____

*Christianity
** Their

***That
****This

I had already advanced good Peter then
requested me to invite in to y^e Council
house house y^e Onondaga deli[ation] tend
y^e welcome in behalf y^e Col^d Pickett[in]⁸
who was considered in the _____ speech, as
y^e Representative of y^e President & Congress
y^e y^e U - S - & proposed that I should
defer y^e usual ceremony wth y^e Cayugas
(altho' y^{ir}*** Bro[ther] [I]rbe) till the next
day - for vari[ou]s reasons he thought
best to have y^e invited separately _____.

good Peter harranged me near two hours
wth ingenuity & adress upon y^e condition
& character y^{se}**** two different
nations * Viz: Onondagers & Cayugas -
at y^e close, intrated me not to express
my disapprobation y^{ir}*** additional
numbers to y^e named delegation, with any
degree of warmth * : The expence w[oul]d
be but small - - & in y^e present critical
situ ation y^e y^e Indians, he was
sure y^t***** I should be justified in the
view y^e Congress * * anything
suggested by me that y^{ir}*** expence w[oul]d
be too great - & y^t***** Congress w[oul]d
not approve y^e it, or defray y^e charges
w[oul]d do y^e ten times y^e damage - He
himself w[oul]d talk with them the subject

*them **of ***their ****these ** **that

w[oul]d not become me at y^e same

time do no injury - - -

I thanked him for his advice & y^e unserved

freedom wth w[hi]ch he had spoke to

me upon y^e subject - - -

I accordingly sent for y^e Onondaga

Chiefs & bad[e] s^t a cordial welcome - - -

5 Monday morn[in]g * 6 * o'clock our

conference with y^e Onondaga [g] a delegation -

Onondaga Chiefs &c present - continued

till midnight. I have had so little rest y^t **

I cannot recollect y^{ir} **** var[ious] y^{ir}

speeches - It has been one (* y^e most

agree[able] & friendly conferences I have

had since my arrival here; the Onondagas

have an intire confidence in y^e Oneidas - &

y^{ir} **** attach[men]t to y^e U. S. is next to

y^t ** (* y^e Oneidas - They spoke

in y^e highest degree (* confidence in y^e

Presid en t - * y^e U. S. as a represent-

ative * y^e great Sp[irit] in this

Island of America: They several times

drank y^e health (* y^e President wth

a little weak grog in a language wh[ic]h

was at once expressive both (* y^{ir} ****

friendship & ingenuity - - -

I now call'd in the Steel - Trap & his party -

*of

**that

***them

****their

who were five in number instead of one
whom I invited - -
with those I had a long conference & went thro'
y^e whole of Col^l Pickering's message
y^e sever[al] Councils at both Onondaga & Oneida.
In y^e even^g while engaged with J^{**} a runner
from Kanawaga came in with a letter from
Capt. John one of my first messengers at
y^e Buffalo - it was writ in Indian & very
short acquaint[ing] me y^t*** he was still
waiting with impatience for an answer from
J^{**} y^e Chiefs - viz Fish-Carrier -
Clear-sky & Capt. Brant: - who were all in
Council at Niagara instead of Buffalo
Creek -

So soon as he sh[ould] rec^d y^{ir}*** answer
he [shoul]d return wth y^e utmost speed - -
The Cayugas continued sitting wth various y^e
speeches & complaints respect[ing] y^{ir}***
reserv[ation] y^t till midnight, when it was
found (contrary to Indian custom) to desire
J^{**} in a very polite manner to allow me to
take up y^e Council for y^{ir}*** night - as
I much wanted a little rest & that I found
it necessary to go early y^e next morn[ing]
to Kanawaga to make some enquiries
of y^e Person who bro't y^e letter Capt. John's
from the Buffalo -

This now half a [sic] past one o'clock in
y^e morn[ing]

*of

**them

***that

****their

Tuesday Kenawages - I left Seneca a
 little after sunrise came here to obtain
 further intelligence (* y^e Buffalo - I gave
 a conference wth Red Jacket & one of
 Buffalo Chief - hear no news (* y^e
 Buffalo - Red Jacket has made several
 very sensible speeches - is (* opinion
 y^t the Farmers Bro [there] & Little Billy
 will return - at all events y^t to be certain
 p [oi]n [t] [they] are much divided even at y^e
 Buffalo - & so many of the Buffalo Chiefs
 & warriors being detained this way
 will exceedingly embarrass y^{ir} Councils
 with the British or with y^e Western Indians -
 He then told me, in a most serious manner,
 y^t nothing should prevent
 his seeing y^e American Chief at Philad-
 elphia- that I might consider his with his
 Bro [ther] Sachem there present, as under
 March [in]g orders the moment I should
 give out y^e word - - I wished him to
 have a interview with Good Peter - to confer with him upon y^e
 with him upon y^e subject. I returned this
 even^g to Seneca & sat in council wth
 y^e Chiefs who were waiting [for] my return - - -
 Our principal business was to invalidate a
 Report circulating in y^e vicinity by a
 Mohawk who had said he was sent to y^e

*of **of the ***that ****their

Buffalo to this effect - that the
Indians had forbid y^e Buffaloes making any
correspondence with y^e Indians on y^e River -
if they went to Congress it should be at y^e
peril - This alarmed many (*** y^e Indians.
But we were soon able to detect & expose its
falacy [sic]

Wednesday - 10th - at Seneca

I had sent a message early y^e month for Red Jacket.

I had called a number of y^e Chiefs together -

as good Peter had observed to me, that there

was no other way to quiet y^e minds

under present delays & disappointment, but for

me to call y^e*** to council every day & divert &

amuse & entertain y^e*** by relating some American

affairs & anecdotes in w^h [hi]ch he w^o [oul] d

take his part - a few moments after y^e

had convened Red Jacket wth [some] Buffaloes

Chiefs came in & had set out before my Express

had reached him.

It is bu**** No 2.

*their

**of

***then

**** book