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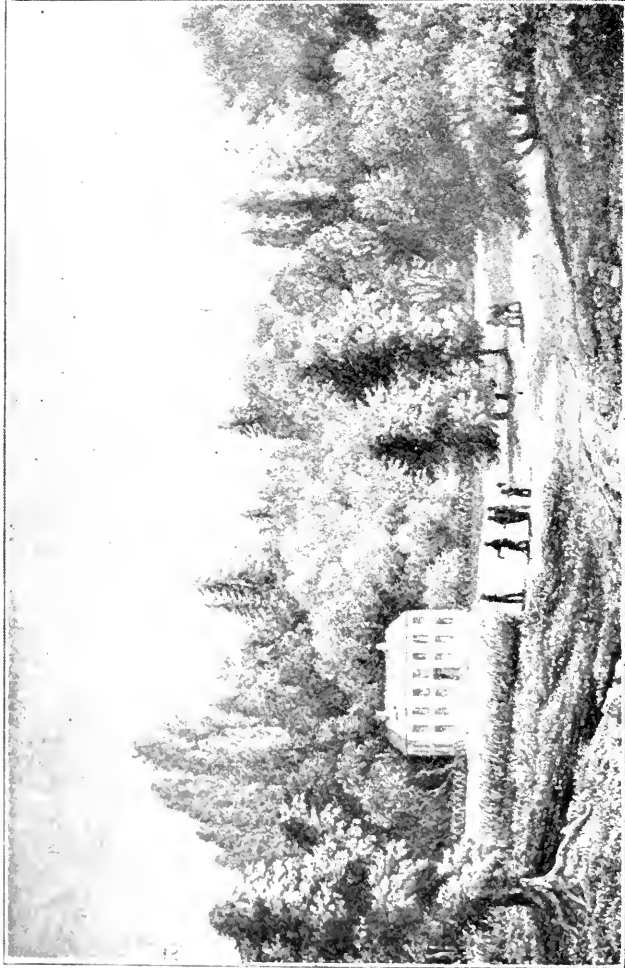
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From an old French print

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PREFACE

A leading event in the papers which comprise volume VI of this series is the congress of Fort Stanwix, held in the autumn of 1768 to establish a boundary between the Indian hunting grounds and the white settlements. At that meeting a large stretch of country was ceded to the Crown for a considerable sum of money and opened to private purchase and occupation, while the land to the westward of the line was reserved for the use of the Indian nations. That treaty was the last of several efforts of the English government to delay the entire absorption of Indian lands by the migration of the colonists, and one of the last to appease the resentment of the Indians over crimes committed against them by frontiersmen. It was one of the many honorable undertakings which signalized the long superintendency of Sir William Johnson. The unsuccessful attempt of Lord Hillsborough, secretary for colonial affairs, to alter the cession obtained by Johnson is exhibited here. At the same time criticism mixed with the spirit of party assailed Johnson's Indian policy with growing intensity.

The rumbles of the approaching Revolution, first heard in the excitements caused by the Stamp Act, were again more than audible when it was plain that the ministry intended to preserve enough of Charles Townshend's import acts to convince the Americans of their subordination to Great Britain. January 1, 1769, a new nonimportation agreement went into effect, and from that day the reverberations of the contest are increasingly distinct in Johnson's correspondence.

As will be seen, to fix a boundary between the Indians and the settlements was by no means to put a stop to land speculation. On the contrary, the contraction of the area of wild lands open to occupation seemed to sharpen the competition for their pos-

session, and to quicken the spirit of trespass on the country reserved to the native tribes. The purpose of the Susquehanna Company to take possession of lands at Wyoming, Pa., by virtue of claims based on the Connecticut charter of 1662 and a fraudulent Indian deed procured at the Albany Congress of 1754, showed no abatement. The culmination of the persistent Wyoming encroachment is found in the history of the Revolution. A dispute over which the Superintendent of Indian affairs could exercise a more effective influence concerned the Kayaderosseras patent. This grant, obtained in 1708 by wrongful extension of a deed from the Mohawks for a small tract, was made to embrace from 500,000 to 700,000 acres between the Mohawk river and the Hudson. Indian dissatisfaction, revealed in many threats, prevented sales and settlement, making the tract of little value to the heirs. The year 1768 saw a voluntary reduction of the extravagant claim and the end of an old quarrel.

Of interest is the contention between people of Kinderhook and the Manor of Claverack, involving a matter of military organization, as well as the extent of the manor. Military reorganization held a place of prominence in the administration of Sir Henry Moore; and one feature was the appointment of Johnson to the post of brigadier general of militia, his district comprehending all the settlements in the colony north of the Highlands.

The year 1768 witnessed the abandonment by the British government of the plan for control of Indian trade through commissaries stationed at the army posts Ontario, Niagara, Fort Pitt, Detroit, Fort Chartres and Michilimackinac. The disfavor of the traders toward regulations which prohibited their residence in the Indian villages undermined the system; and the impatience of the home government at the liberal donations which commissaries bestowed on the western Indians led to its surrender. The settler's hunger for new lands and the Indian's rapacity for the bounty of the Crown were two of the distinguishing passions of the period. Little is recorded concerning the renewed experi-

ment of throwing the direction and cost of the trade on the colonial governments. The growing antagonism of the colonies toward the Indians and their opposition to expenditure on the Indians' account were little appreciated by the ministry. As little did London penetrate the designs of France and Spain in the Mississippi country and rightly value the commerce to which men of those nations clung with the utmost tenacity.

The rise of new industries in the province of New York reveals itself in the Johnson papers, notably in the story of Peter Hasenclever, a pioneer iron manufacturer and promoter of other industries. Particularly impressive is the glimpse one gets of the beginnings of the great copper enterprises on the shores of Lake Superior. The national character of these papers is brought out as the reader surveys the widening power and influence of the great Indian commissioner.

The correspondence included in volume VI embraces many of General Gage's letters, which it will be admitted, are superior in good temper to those of some of his predecessors in high command. Johnson's interesting correspondence with clergy of the Church of England is continued, and will prove a valuable addition to the literature of religion in America.

In editing the materials of this volume for publication it is a pleasure to acknowledge again the scholarly services of Dr Richard E. Day of the Division of Archives and History.

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AUTOGRAPHS FROM VOLUME VI¹

Just Herckheimer

Tim^r. Woodbr

Nor. MacLeod

Jensaire Chaber

Sam Morris

Jos. Galloway

¹ Autograph of Timothy Woodbridge damaged and that of Philip Schuyler destroyed by fire. Signed letter of John Penn in volume IV.

John Wetherhead

Rachel Wetherhead

J. Rogers

L. Perkins

J. Morvinstott

John Benn

Phil. de Schuyler

T. Brown

Wm. Smith

Thomas B. Chandler

Lewis Thompson

Wm. Kemper

John Stuart

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON PAPERS

FROM ABRAHAM ROSENCRANTZ

A. L. S.

Stonar[abia Dec. 13, 1767]

NOBILISSIME VIR.

Literas vestras humanitate et [suavitate] infertissimas, accepti die eodem datas atque ex iis non sine singulari voluptate percepi, intentionem laudabilis vestrae Societatis Diem Sancti Johannis Divinis Caeremoniis Celebrandi me autem vacatum esse munere Sacro fungendi. Gratias pro benevola invitatione ago maximas, nihilque in votis habeo, quam ut melius versatus essem in lingua Anglicana, Humanitas autem vestra jubet me Sequi mandato vestro. Quibus, Cum Cordiale Salutatione vobis vestraeque Honoratissimae Familiae se commendat, ad omnia officia paratus

Nobilissimo viro

Humilissimus Servus

ABRAM ROSENCRANTZ

INDORSED: Epistola Reverendi

Domini Rosencrantz—

Arabiae Petraeae

Translation

Stone Arabia, Dec. 13, 1767

MOST NOBLE SIR:

I received your very courteous and gracious letter on the day it was written, and thus learned with singular pleasure of the purpose of your worthy lodge to observe St John's Day with sacred ceremonies, and that I shall not be occupied with divine service. I return you many thanks for the kind invitation, and wish nothing more than that I were better acquainted with the English tongue. But your courtesy bids me obey your command.

So with hearty good wishes to you and your most esteemed family, I commend myself to you, in readiness for any service.

Most noble Sir.

Your most humble Servant

ABRM ROSENCRANTZ

INDORSED: Letter of the
Rev. Mr Rosencrantz
at Stone Arabia

FROM THOMAS GAGE

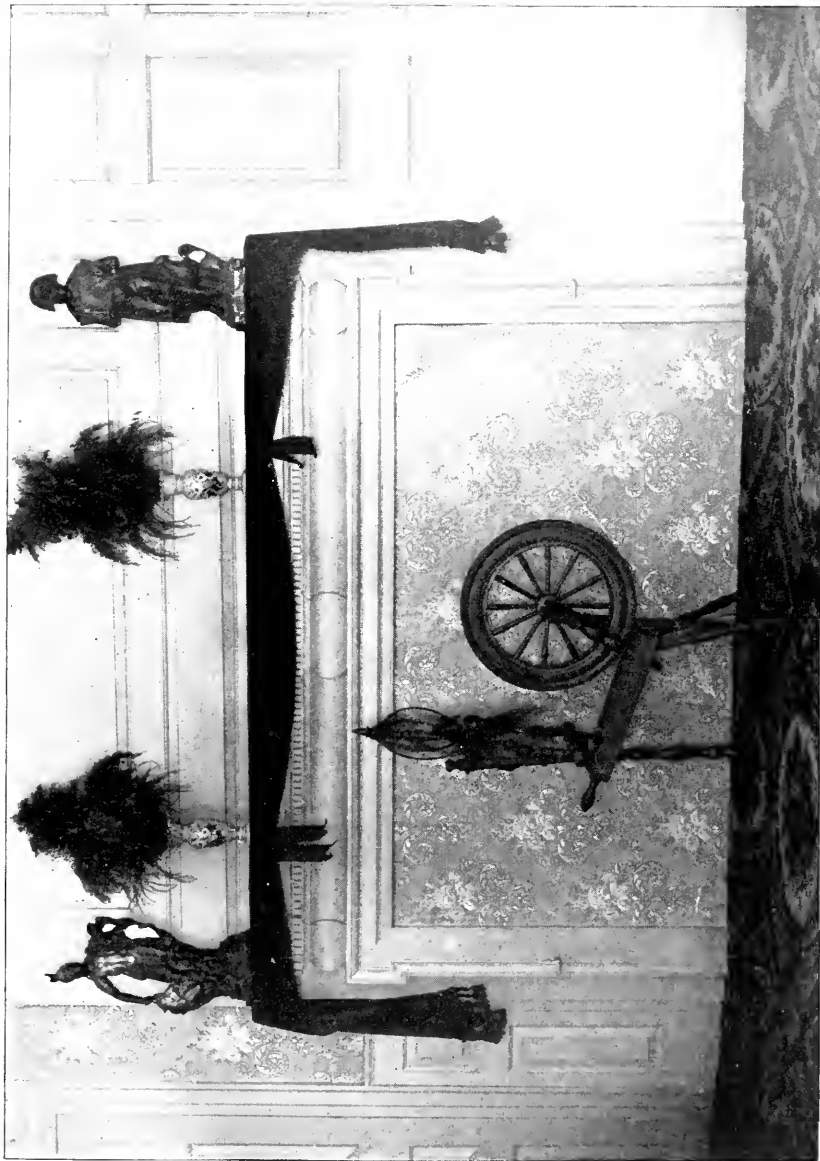
In the Johnson Calendar, p. 380, is listed a letter of December 14th from General Thomas Gage, New York, saying that the Cherokees, sent up the river, will probably land at the Manor or Claverack on account of ice near Albany, reciting some murders by Indians and advising payment of an old demand made by a French trader on account of arms taken by Colonel Bradstreet at Oswego. (Printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:890-91; Q, 2:516-17.)

FROM JOHN WATTS

A. L. S.

New York 14th. Decr. 1767

Lord Adams Ambassadors delivred me your favour of 17th. Ult: & toll me they had five Pounds paid them at Schenectady by your Ordr, which I have included in my Draught for their Expences, & will pay it to any person, you will please to appoint — Your Letter says they apply'd to you for £ , the Sum left blank, but I believe the Men are honest enough, to do you justice, especially as they pay Nothing for it, Lord Adam, as I understand paying the Bill of View — I am sending your Indians appointed for the pensilvania Line home, they Sail to morrow, but the Weather looks so Wintry (Snowing fast) tis a doubt Whether they will reach Albany by Water — Our friend Allen says these Indians from first to last have cost [] fifteen hundred pounds, Near twelve hundred dollars being distributed [among] them, by way of pay for their Attendance besides presents & maintain[] — Three of the



Jesse Cohen, Photo

ROOM IN WHICH ST PATRICK'S LODGE F. & A. M. WAS INSTITUTED IN 1766, JOHNSON HALL

Chiefs are gone another rout by Land — [] Score
 Cherokees are here too on their way to you to make peace
 [with the Six] Nations, You will have a grand Levee—Mr
 Allen says [] collect from the Onondago Chief
 you sent, the heart burnings [the Shawnese,] Delawares &c:
 are as much against the Six Nations as the []
 packet yet—Wo'd it not be well to settle the Quits []
 Collector in going on — I am always

Y^{rs}.

JN^o. WATTS

Addressed: To
 Sr. Will. Johnson Barr^t
 Johnson Hall
 Mohawks River
 to the care of M^r Monier
 at Albany —

FROM MARK FEELY

A. L. S.

New York 15th. December 1767.

[] the Raven King, the Bearer, and others,
 bound for [Johnson-] hall. I take an Opportunity of trou-
 bling you with these Lines. — [I made] bold to write to you,
 about twelve months agoe, and another, about [] months,
 wherein I mentioned that I engaged as Clerk or assistant [John]
 W Smith Esq^r. and to his father, who is Judge, where I have
 [contin]ued since I had the honour of seeing you.—However
 my Income, or [salary] is not Sufficient to enable me, to pur-
 chase a larger personal [] (as I am at present circum-
 staced) than moderate quantities of [] and Toddy. —
 Therefore in Order to make better [provision]s, for the main-
 tainance of any Child, my wife Should get [] decease,
 would willingly embrace any better Opportunity, if []
 more than Shooting the Squirrils at Fort Johnson —[] trou]ble

you now, with a long History, But Sincerely & humbly prays
 [think] of me, when any good Opportunity should
 [].

Your Honour's much obliged & most
 obed^t Humble Serv^t.

MARK FEELY

ADDRESSED: To

The R^t. Honble Sir William Johnson
 Bar^t. at
 Johnson-Hall

FROM JOHN PENN

*Copy*¹

Phila^a. the 15th, of Dec. 1767.

SIR,

I rec^d. last week an alarming letter from His Ex^{cy}. Maj. Gen. Gage acquainting me of the intelligence he had rec^d. from all quarters of the dissatisfaction of the Indians & their ill-disposition towards us on acc^t. of the injuries done them by the frontier people of Virginia & the encroachments made on their lands & that you are apprehensive of an immediate rupture with them unless some measures are fallen upon, to pacify them. I tho't proper to trouble you with a letter on this occasion that I might inform you of the steps I propose to take on the part of this gov^t. for removing the people who are settled on their lands & that you may have an opportunity of communicating to the Indians our intentions.

As neither the proclamations which Gov. Fauquier & myself have issued for that purpose nor the threats of military execution made in the two last summers by parties of the King's troops have had the desired effect upon those lawless people, I design to lay this interesting matter before the Assem^y. who are to meet by their own adjournment on the 4th. of next month & shall

¹ In Library of Congress, Force Transcripts.

recommend it to them to frame such a law as will be sufficient to enable me with the aid of the King's troops to compel those intruders to pay strict obedience to the civil authority by immediately abandoning their illegal settlements. But as I fear the severity of the weather in the Winter season will render it impossible to execute this service effectually till the spring I hope you will in the mean time find it in your power to quiet the minds of the indians with assurances that we will use our most earnest endeavors to remove all causes of their discontent, tho' it is past a doubt that these intruders have rec^d. considerable encouragement in their settlement from some of the Delawares & Shawanese & particularly from an Indian called the White Mingo¹ whatever they may pretend to the contrary. It were greatly to be wished that the scheme which has been long in agitation at home for establishing a boundary line between the Indian Country & the several Colonies had been fully completed some time ago. The Indians would, I am persuaded have had no reason at this time to complain of our settling on their unpurchased lands; since they would no doubt have been fully paid for all the Country they relinquished to us within that boundary. Nor is it probable that any of our people would have carried their settlements beyond such a line while so extensive a country contiguous to us remained uncultivated.

The several Indians deputed by the Six Nations to attend the surveyors² in running the division line between Penn. & Maryland returned here from that service about a fortnight ago before the surveyors had fully completed their business. They had proceeded with the line 11 miles over the Monongahela when the Indian chiefs made a sudden stop & would not consent to proceed with them one step farther saying they were directed by their nation not to go beyond the warriors path leading to the Cherokee Country. The surveyors not being able to prevail on

¹ John Cook, Kanaghragait, a Seneca chief.

² Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, by whom "Mason and Dixon's line" was run.

them to attend them to the end of the line about 25 miles further which they could easily have run out in 8 or 10 days, were obliged to leave their work unfinished & return with all their instruments. I am very sorry for this disappointment yet the commissioners were very kind to the Indians on their return to this town where they continued 10 days. They satisfied them fully for their services by giving among the 15 men & 2 women upwards of 870 dollars including the cost of a few rifle guns, besides the small presents which were made to them from time to time before they joined the surveyors & while they attended them amounting to at least £130 in value.

They all left this town last week on their return home having my passports with persons to conduct them & to defray their expenses. The 3 Onondagoes proceeded through Bethlehem by a strait route to their own country — the rest chose to go by the way of New York & Albany & are under the care of Mr. Hugh Crawford. One of the Mohawks, named Jacob died on the road & was brought to this town & decently buried. The Commissioners have for his services, sent to his widow by Mr. Crawford 40 dollars which they have directed him to deliver in to your hands for her use.

I have the honor to be, with great regard,

Sir.

Your most obd^t humble servant.

John Penn.

SIR WM. JOHNSON. Bar^t.

FROM TIMOTHY WOODBRIDGE

A. L. S.

[*Stockbridge, Dec. 15, 1767*]

[
wait on you In [order to obtain a renunciation] of the Mohocks
[respecting claims to] Lands on this side [of the Hudson river]

¹ Several lines missing.

There is an objection [] may be That
 The Mohocks do [] people should pur-
 chase Lands of the [] kannuck Tribe on the east
 side of Said [Hudson] River They will here after Lay Their
 [claim] To such purchased Lands.

For my own part I am Satisfied That the Mohocks never did
 claim any right in the Lands east of Said River: I remember I
 once motioned this same affair To you at Johnsons Hall and had
 some expectation That you would at some assembly of the
 Mohocks have favour'd These Indians with a certificate from
 them disclaiming as [] Said. I begg the favour That
 They may be fur[nished] with a determination of the Mohocks
 in this Matter. I wonder The Governor & Council of New
 York have not proceeded To a Consideration of the petition of
 our Indians preferred Last Spring.

The Indians conclude nothing will be done after all Their
 Trouble and expence and have desired me To prepare To send
 once more To the Ministry at home the difficulty They meet
 with from the Government

[]
 []
 []

[]obedient

Humble

TIM^o. WOODBRIDGE

To SIR: WILL^m JOHNSON Bart.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 380, is listed a letter of December 16th
 from General Thomas Gage, New York, concerning expenses incurred in
 sending the Cherokee deputies to Johnson Hall. (Printed in *Doc. Hist.*
N. Y. 2:891-92; Q, 2:517.)

FROM JOHN WELLES

A. L. S.

Quebec Decr. 16th. 1767.

Since your favour of the 21st. Feb^y. 1766 I have [not been] honoured except a few lines by M^r Antill.

I should be very unhappy could I have the least [] tion to think I had forfeited your Esteem.

Multiplicity of business in your Department (which [I] should be sorry to interrupt mal à propos) I flatter myself may be the occasion of your long silence, altho it is industriously set in another light, as I have particularly informed M^r Claus.

I now beg leave to congratulate you on Sir Johns return, hoping that his Voyage &c has been agreeable & answered both his & your Expectation, & also to acquaint you, that I have entirely left Montreal & am now a resident of this City, in partnership with M^r Geo: Allsopp a person of the most extensive Correspondence of [any] one in this Province without exception. this circum[stance] was occasioned by a Brother of his, who was obliged [to leave] the country on Account of his ill-state of health [] & (who we expect the sep^r packet will bring news [] los) my having been always on the most intimate & friendly [] him, as he lived in the year 1762 at Montreal [] expects by every packet to have his suspension [] his being reinstated into all his Employ^{ts}. [] ess will of course devolve on me, doubt [] have taken advantage, on my remaining [] iness as since my separation with [Matthew Wade a]lways thought, & Experience now convinces me, that it was much better [] of what I had, & look about me, than to rush [] myself in Debt, at this very precarious & [] is impossible for to support the expences of a [] for however I might appear, I was far from [] constantly employed in diving into & making [] with the

nature & quality of the Different stap [] Imports
& Exports of this Province. I have now as []
as any person in the Province, if it pleases God to []
success my Industrious Endeavours, & am determined
[] shall be spared to cultivate & improve it.
Added [] on as good Terms as I could wish with
Gov^r. Carleton [] Justice & Attorney Gen^l. as
well as both Civil & mil[itary I] shall make my own Interest the
Chief study, from my [experience? which] I have purchased not
at the cheapest rate.

I have already a share in a Pot & Pearl[ash] & the Gov^r.
has been kind enough to give us the use of [] to
Erect our works in & has offered us a Lease of them []
renewable, in Case the King has not occasion for []
case, we are to be reimbursed all the money laid []
& Immoveables, which is a very great advant[]
works are under cover, fine large Chimneys []
Furnaces & Calcining Ovens, ready built, [] of
the River, so that we can role our Ash [] Board
only, on board a Vessel. the fre[nch] into a way of
saving their Ashes, not-with[] collect one
day with another from 40[] a 6^d. halifax p^r Bushel.
You will [] Liberty taken in entering into
[] to it, was your repeated assurances
[] towards me, & having heard that Many of
[your tenants] reap great advantages from that Article
[] wish] I had all the ashes produced amongst your
[] that they make no use off.

If I could with propriety, I would beg leave [to make] sir
William a tender of the best & most Grateful services my poor
abilities are capable of, in case an occasion may offer in this part
of the World, as nothing would give me a more real, & sensible
pleasure than the having it in my power to render a gratefull
Return for the many favours received, hoping still for a Con-

tinuance of your favour & Protection I beg leave to remain with my best Compliments to your family.

Most Respectfully
 Sir Your Obed^t. & Most hble servant
 JOHN WELLES.

ADDRESSED: To
 The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson
 Bart.
 at Johnson Hall in the
 County of
 Albany

JOURNAL OF CONFERENCE WITH INDIANS

*D.*¹

[*Fort Pitt, December 17^o, 1767*]

[
]
 [
]
 had acquainted me with all [] meeting.
 He then spoke on an other [] I spoke
 in behalf of our Nations, and I assure you [] that it
 is contrary to our Judgments and inclinations [] any
 quarrel or difference with the English, and nothing []
 give us greater pleasure than to hear that the great [Men^o]
 will settle those disputes before they come to an open quarrel
 that we may enjoy a long and lasting Peace to follow our
 Hunting for the Support of our Families. He gave the Belt

I then returned them thanks for the open and free manner in which they had communicated to me the business that was to be transacted at the Meeting intended to be held in the spring. I told them they were sensible every Step had been taken by the commander in chief and Sir William Johnson to drive those people that had made Settlements in their Country, out of it—that they had been driven twice by the Officers and Soldiers sent

¹ A fragment. In handwriting of Alexander McKee.

from Fort pitt for that purpose, That I thought both the Six Nations and [¹] [] when they knew those [] settled] by any Authority, but were a Sett [] people who had fled their Country to seek a living in the Woods — that they might be assured, His Majesty wo^d. not suffer any of his subjects to take any part of their Country wthout his making them a Satisfaction for it. That they had often experienced His Majestys pittty for, and generous disposition towards them and all the Indian Nations by the many presents that they had, and were daily receiv^g. from his Officers, That their Conduct on this occasion shewed a Want of gratitude, as well as want of understanding in them. On which I gave them a large Belt.

On the 16th & 17th, of December, they took leave of Captⁿ. Edmonston and myself, and returned to their several Villages.

INDORSED IN DIFFERENT HAND: Journal of George Croghan Esq. 1767

TO SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

*Df.*²

Johnson hall December 18th. 1767.

SIR

I have Just had the favor of yours of the 19th. ult^o with the inclosure, the Subject of which you will find I have Anticipated in my Letter of the 2^d. inst which I wrote to you in consequence of one I received from the Rev^d. Mr. Cooper, and therefore I need not Say any thing farther thereon but to inform you that Just now I received a Joint Letter from D^r. Smith and Mr. Barton recommending the Reverend M^r Murray of Reading as

¹ Several lines missing.

²In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

a Missionary here, my Answer to which Acquaints these Gentleman, with the previous recommendation of Mr. Seabury, and my approbation of that Gentleman in case the Society have not already made Choice of another. —

In my Answer to Mr Cooper to which I referred you in my last, I gave him an account of what I had proposed in favor of the Mission for Johnstown Namely that In case the Society did not incline to take upon them the Whole burthen of the Expencc I would (rather than so necessary a thing should fail) augment the Missionarys Sallary with an Addition of £30 ster ^{per} Ann, and also give him a House & Glebe of 20 Acres I flatter myself the Society do not intend that after the Great Expencc I have been at already I should be subjected to much more, but nevertheless shall make that Addition if Necessary, and besides contribute all in my power to a Mission^{ys} satisfaction or to promote the interest of his family for which doubtless means might be found, if they inclined to Lands &c^a but these Advantages cannot be so easily described within the bounds of a Letter, and therefore, if, as you Propose, it will suit Mr Seaburys convenience to Visit this place either by Sled this Winter or early in the Spring he will then be better able to Judge for himself, and I am persuaded I shall find him intirely agreeable to me —

I have the Establishment amongst the Lower Mohocks Much at heart, and earnestly wish for a Good Resident Missionary & School Master to be fixed there. It is the Door to the rest as they Express it, and whatever is done With the Upper Nations must be begun with these people, who have formerly been instructed in the Religion of the Church of England, and express great concern that they have been so long neglected. I see Mr Brown is still continued in the Societys Ann^l. publicatⁿ as Mission^y there, but he does not serve —

In short none but a Resident will Answer, and pity it is that such has not been yet procured, — If Dr Barclays house & farm could be purchased it would in the end prove a Saving but such

a Situation & Establishment as has been proposed there, would not be stinted if duly considered. —

I see in the Ann^l. publication that a Mission is mentioned for Schenectady at £30 Str p Ann. to which the Protestant Inhabitants have told me they would make an Addition I have mentioned it to D^r Smith in favor of M^r Murray whom he recommended to me and I think it Should not be neglected.— There are now Four Good Churches Viz Albany, Schenectady the Mohocks & mine at Johnstown these last of most material importance and the rest objects extremely worthy attention but at present all Neglected, and if they continue much longer in this State I fear it will be found needless hereafter to take any steps in behalf of the Church at these places. —

Edward Riggs whom you propose as a Schoolmaster must without doubt be a man well Qualified for the Task and would be usefully Employed under a Missionary or even at present until one is appointed, and therefore I am inclined to think he deserves to be employed But he, or any other person who comes must be greatly distressed thro' the Want of any proper House or Lodging, there being no place in the Neighbourhood fit for the purpose and any place that could be procured will be held at a dear rate so that the purchase of D^r. Barclays place should be strongly recommended, or till that is done perhaps M^{rs}. Barclay will agree to rent it for these Uses, The Tenant now in it pays as I understand £10 p Ann — and I dare say it would be Let out at a moderate rent if hired for a purpose for which it is peculiarly calculated. & was first intended by the Indians please to favor me with your thoughts & intentions on these several heads and be assured of the Sincerity and Esteem with which I am

Sir &ca

The REV^d D^r. AUCHMUTY

INDORSED: December 18th 1767 —

To D^r. Auchmuty.

TO WILLIAM KELLY

Df.¹[Johnson hall, Decr. 18th. 1767]

[]

[Cap^t. John]son gave me your favor of the [30th November and acquainted] me with his having answered your [subject] of your Misapprehensions. —

[] concerned to find that a Gentleman for [] so much esteem should have been led from [] an accident to suppose any alteration in my [sentime]nts, there being no sufficient motive on either [] Such a Supposition, and if there had been such [I should] not have hesitated to assign the cause —

By your Letter which I have now received I am [] hear that a matter which from your conceptions of it [] concern has been removed, because it would [] pain to think that a Friend should lye under any [] which I was capable of removing, and altho' [] dis]tance on whc you wrote which you now hint at [] my] Multiplicity of business since that period) [] my Memory Might for a time have affected [] no occasion to harbour any doubts of the [] Esteem — and that Sensible of the Sincerity [] ons on that head I have the Like [] frien]dly correspondence and Acquaintance [] of the regard with which I am

Dear Sir

[]

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

TO HENRY MOORE

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson hall, Dec. 18, 1767*]

[
 [answer it] must Express my [
] family have not received the [
]

hoped for, from your Late Tour. —

[whatever is done for the relief of the Indians
 [the subj]ects of their complaints may come too late
 [I have hitherto] with infinite pains thrown Obstacles in the
 [way of their] own Congresses at which they attended to Con-
 cert [] for uniting against us, but I [cannot]
 expect the like Success for the time to come [unless they] meet
 with the promised redress *very* soon.—

From what you say concerning the Militia I am [apprehen-
 sive that One of your Letters must have miscarried
 [] Subject.— In mine of the 30th. of May I
 gave you [] of my plan of which I have the
 pleasure to find you [] I now inclose it Sepa-
 rately with very little [] Regiment of Horse may
 very easily be formed [] Manner I have pro-
 posed and I cannot [] prove of Much use to
 this Frontiers, and [] you my best thanks for
 your Attention to my [] Family as well as the
 other persons of my [] The Plan proposed is so
 evidently well [] of these Exposed frontiers, &
 for Establishing [] I earnestly wish it may be
 soon put into [] If your Excellency will there-
 fore [] to be made out, the []
] time to enable the []

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

Each of the Reg[iments]] and I have Experienced
 [] distance both with regard to
 [] Disciplining or Assembling them []
] Settlements encrease fast where []
 the Regiments will be large in a lit[] that to
 Divide them as nearly as pos[sible]] & South would be
 the easiest and best [] Forms of the several Tracts
 does not app[ear]] and the boundarys of the Sev^l. Regi-
 ments, [] as are remarkable in the Country, —
 [] East Bounds of the Next Regiment to the
 [] is Limited by the West Line of that To[
] North & South) and can Extend North []
] patented Lands & South to the Nor[]
 Settlements which with Cobus Kill [] form a
 Seperate Regiment, [] may Extend as far
 North & S[outh]] Grants do, but I believe I have
 [] to prevent any Mistakes which might
 []
 I Understood that [] & the
 Survey returned to [] days to be able
 to [] Write to the []
] north of []
 []

I am with all Imaginable Esteem

Sir,

Your Excellencys &ca.

A SCHEME FOR MILITIA ORGANIZATION

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 381, is listed under December 18, Sir William Johnson's scheme for forming the militia to the westward of Albany into six regiments; transmitted to Sir Henry Moore. This paper was destroyed by the fire, but it is printed in the Third Annual Report of the State Historian, 1897, p. 880-81. It is followed in the Calendar by Johnson's memorandum of the number of men in each of the companies of the Schenectady battalion and of the grouping of these companies in the proposed new regiments, on back, two memoranda, one about the decision of the Oneidas touching a line to be run from Cosbys

Manor, the other about the formation of a new county extending from the west bounds of Schenectady to the upper settlements or Fort Stanwix. Also destroyed by fire, but printed in the Third Report of the State Historian, p. 886. In the Third Report, p. 786-886, are printed returns, muster rolls, commissions and recommendations for 1762-1768, belonging to the State Library collection of Johnson papers, which were destroyed by fire.

TO WILLIAM SMITH

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall December 18th. 1767.

SIR

I have had the pleasure of your and Mr. Bartons Joint Letter of the 25th. ultimo concerning Mr Thompson, & your now recommending Mr. Murray for the Mission here, by which I find that My Letter in answer to yours about the before Mentioned Gentleman has Miscarried. — at the Same time I am to inform you that Doctor Auchmuty & the Reve^d. Mr. Cooper have so Strongly recommended Mr Seaberry to me for this place that I have left it to them to Consult that Gentleman on removing hither in case the Society have not already procured one, which Dr. Burton informed me they would Look out for — Your recommendation of Mr. Murray would be a Sufficient inducement to me to wish for a Gentleman of his Worth and Qualifications, had not these Steps been previously taken, but there is one particular circumstance which I cannot help Mentioning, that might render his residence at the Mohocks less eligible Namely, his being unmarried — the Single State which might in many other cases prove an Advantage to a Clergyman has a contrary effect amongst most of our Indians, who whether from some former errors committed amongst them or from some other Cause, cannot help entertaining Suspensions injurious to the Character of such a person, which must consequently Lesson his influence amongst them, and altho' a decent deportment might in time

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

overcome this opinion Yet I have all along thought it best to begin such Establishm^t. with Such Men as they would embrace without entertaining such prejudices. But as I find by the Societys Annual publication that they have agreed to appoint a Missionary for the protestant Inhabitants at the Town of Schenectady not far from hence at the rate of £50 str ^{per} Ann. to which sev^l. of the Inhabitants told me they would make a handsome addition. I imagine that Situation might prove Acceptable to Mr. Murray in which case I presume the Affair may be easily settled to his Satisfaction, and if a Letter from me will be thought necessary you may freely command me thereon —

A Mission in that Town, a proper Establishment of a Mission and School at the Mohocks, with the Mission to be Established on my Estate (which last would have a great Effect on the Many Indians of different Nations who are almost constantly about me) would produce the happiest consequences In this Country at the Same time that it Would prove the Surest Means of diffusing knowledge amongst the Six Nations and preparing the More distant Indians for receiving the Lights of the Gospel. These, and the Establishment to the Southward shall ever meet with the strongest encouragement from me, and I have lately wrote on these points to D^r Auchmuty & Sev^l. other Gentlemen of the Church wherein I have likewise made a proposal towards a provision for an Episcopate in this Country, which seems to me highly necessary for the interests & well Government of the Church & for promoting every Laudable purpose of Religion —

Be pleased, Sir, to Communicate whatever may be necessary on these heads to Mr Barton for whom I have a great Esteem, & to be Assured of the Sincere regard with which I am

Sir

& ca

The REV^d. D^r. SMITH

INDORSED: December 18th 1767 —

To the Rev^d D^r Smith
Philadelphia

PETITION OF TRADERS TO GEORGE CROGHAN

D. S.

[Pittsburgh, December 18, 1767]

[]

[Traders of Pittsbu]rgh Humbly sheweth —

[That your] Petitioners having Agreeable to the Directions of the [] Licences to Trade at this place and furnished [Carg]oes for that purpose in Expectation that the Trade [among] Indians should Center here, but to their great [fi]nd the Trade much Decayed of late, Owing to a Number [] into the Indian Country without any Lawfull Authority [] and there inveigle and no doubt Impose on the Indians [de]triment of the fair Trader, More particularly at Redstone [Creek where] a Number of Lawless persons have lately forced a Settle[ment and opened] a Trade at one half the Rates agreed upon by the Com[missary of] Indian Affairs and the chiefs of the Indian Tribes at this [post] Your Petitioners are informed by a Credible Author that [] are solely under the Directions of Col^o. Crisip who makes [] Inviting Indians to different parts of the Country and [] them, Inviting and encouraging them to Trade with [] people, it is very well knowⁿ that the Murder of [] Delaware Chief was intirely owing to the [same] Col^o. Crisip —

[Your] Petitioners fearing a total Stagnation of Trade [con]sequences may Attend such practises pray that [] with his Excellency — the Honourable [Major General] Gage and the Honourable Sir William

[Johnson] stop to such practises for the future
 [and your Petitioners as in duty] bound will ever pray &C^a
 for Baynton Wharton & Morgan
 JOHN CAMPBELL

INDORSED: The Petition of the
 Indian Traders of Pittsburg
 to George Croghan Esq^r
 the 18th Dec[]

EDWARD COLE TO GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.¹

Fort Chartres Dec^r. 19th 1767

DEAR SIR

Yours of the 18th of Oct^r I received [a few] days past. You Doubt not I was Surpris^d: [at] my accounts being refused, for not being properly Certified, had your letters or Sir Williams Instructions, been as full as this above, they never would have wanted these *formallitys* but haveing answered all these points fully in former letters to you and Sir William, Shall refer you to them, if ever they get to hand [they] have been twice up as far as the [Cherokee] Fort², a man falling Sick the first [time, &] Indians firing on them the Second [obliged] them to return, tho' I hope they will [now goe] Safe as the faithfull Silver heels takes [them under] his charge — I hope you will [now find my] Accounts, *Sufficiently certified* if they [are not please] to Send me the necessary formes [that they may] be wright for the future.

The Smiths you [hope behave well and do] their duty, how far they [would do the Latter if they had] Tools I can be no

¹ Burned portions supplied from the copy printed in *Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library*, 16:147-48, ed. C. W. Alvord and C. E. Carter.

² Fort Massac, on the Ohio river below the mouth of the Cherokee (Tennessee) river.

Judge at [present, it is but] Little they can do without [belloweses, none have] they nor none can I get, I did [obtain liberty for them] to work Some time in the Fort, but [that was put] a Stop too, being but one bellows, [it was] wanted for Garrison use. Mr [Phyn brought] two pair with him, have applyed [to Coll^o Reed] for one, he says they are so bad [they cannot be] mended in this Country, and [Wither their own] will Ever be Sent I cant Say, as [they tell me] they were at Fort Pitt when [they left it] and that if they'd had a Batt[aux, they could] have brought them to the [Mesissippi, and] I could have easily Sent [for them.]

^ You wish Some Stop [could be put to] French traders going [out into the Indian] Country, So do I with [all my hart but unless] the Posts are Established [I mentioned in my former letters,] the mouth of the River [Illinois,] the cherokee Fort & Post Vinsent [it never] can be prevented, that being done [and all] peltrys obliged to be bonded for an [English] post, and a duty or prohibiton Laid on all French [goods,] landed on this Side would in a great measure through the Trade into our hands, make our Influence much greater with the Indians, and the monys arising from the dutys of the peltry, and French goods, would go far towards paying the Expence of the Country, besides a much Larger consumption for British manufacturies. — But these are Considerations [for the] Great, not, for a trifling Comm^y [Subject] to the orders of every Rank. ,

[I] dare say You will be able in your [Voyage to] Detroit to find out the Belts [I mentioned] pasing among the Indians, and prevent [any thing being] attempted in the Spring.

I am Sorry [the House you mentioned] was obliged to Stop pay[ment, but as they did it with] So much reputation, [it can be no prejudice] to their Trade or Carrecters, [but reather Give] them more weight than [ever, you may] Depend that whatever is in [my power to] render them Service, I shall [not be backward] So long as I remain here, and [wither ever] I shall get away God knows, [for notwithstan^g] the repeated

Letters I have wrote [for liberty] to go down and Settle my affairs, [or leave] to resigne, can get no [answer to them] neither from you or Sir William.

I am Extreemly obliged [to you for the kind] offers you make me of ren[dering me Service.] believe I shall soon be [obliged, to Accept] them, if I cant get [liberty to down soon] pray Sir Interest your[self for me in this affair] and let me once more [Smell Salt water if for] ever so Short a time, [I am D^r Sir Your most ob^t Ser^t]

[EDW^D COLE]

FROM THE EARL OF SHELBURNE

L. S.¹

Whitehall Dec^{ber}. 19th. 1767.

(N^o. 5)

SIR,

Your Letters N^o. 4 and 5, with the State of the Trade, Politicks & Proceedings of the Indians in the Northern District, have been duly received and laid before The King; And I have great Pleasure in conveying to you His Majesty's entire Approbation of the zeal and Attention with which you persevere in the Discharge of your Duty.

The Completion of a Boundary Line between the several Provinces and the Indian Hunting Grounds, being a Matter so essential for the Preservation of Peace and Harmony with those People; I was in hopes to have sent you by this Conveyance positive Instructions for effecting this necessary Work without Loss of Time. But as so many different Interests are concerned in this Affair, The Lords Comm^{rs}. of Trade have been obliged to postpone their Report for a few Days in order that such a final Determination may be taken upon it as will be liable to no future

¹ In Public Record Office, C. O. 5.225. p. 27, London, England.

Objection. — You may therefore expect by the first Packet such Instructions on this Head as will enable you to set about it very early in the Spring; and in the mean time you will do well to convey the proper Intelligence to the different Tribes of Indians concerned, that they may be ready to co-operate with you in bringing it to a Conclusion.

I am &c^a.

SHELBURNE.

SIR WILL^M. JOHNSON

LORD SHELBURNE TO THOMAS GAGE

Extract

Dated, Whitehall 19th December 1767

“I was in hopes to have been able to have communicated to you by this Packet His Majesty’s intentions relative to the running of the Boundary Line between the several Provinces which have not yet compleated it, and the Indian Hunting Grounds, This being a Work so essential for the preservation of peace with those [people] But as several different interests [which re]quire to be well weighed, are [concerned] in this Matter, it has been found [] to delay the final determination [] for a few days; In the mean[time I have] written to Sir William Johnson [] of this, and directing [] tribes of Indians for the com[ing] [] early in the Spring [] he shall recieve Instructi[ons for the] purpose by the next Pack[et.]

FROM THOMAS GAGE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 381, is listed a letter of December 20th from General Thomas Gage, New York, stating substance of his letters to Governors Penn and Fauquiere regarding encroachments on Indian land and of Governor Penn’s reply. (Printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:892; Q, 2:517-18.)

FROM JOHN FRENCH

A. L. S.

Fort George New York Decr. 21st 1767 —

Colonel Vaughan on his departure from hence left a power of Attorney with me to sue out a Patent for the Lands he purchased on the Mohawk River, and to do whatever else might be necessary; in consequence of which, I apply'd to Mr Colden who assured me that he would take the necessary steps for obtaining a return of the Survey as soon as possible, A tedious Illness has prevented my making any inquiry about this matter 'till very lately, when to my [] great surprize I found that nothing had been done [] I have had much uneasiness on this account [] good Friend Mr Vaughan would naturally [] from me ever Assistance in my power [] suspect me of a want of Attention to his Affairs from this delay, [] me that if the distance on the [River] the patents of Livingston & Van [Horne can be ob]tain'd and a line run West from the [] Colden & Van Horn to the Patent of R[udolph] Stally, or otherwise if a Survey of the River [be] made from the mouth of Inchannanado¹ R[iver to] the North East corner of Rudolph Stally [] the corners of Livingston & Hekemyer's Patent [] would be sufficient to enable him to make [] Return. I take the liberty Sir to send you [] inclosed a Sketch of that part of the Country [] shall be infinitely obliged to you if you w[] pleased to give directions to the Surveyor [] the lines mentioned by Mr Colden if [] Winter, and I shall be very ready [] extraordinary rate on Account of the []

¹ Nowadaga creek, in the town of Danube, N. Y., W. M. Beauchamp, *Aboriginal Place Names of New York*, p. 93.

attending such Bussiness at this [] year, Your
 Influence on this oc[] the highest obligation
 and I have [] be with the greatest Respect —

Sir

Your most obedient
 and very humble

Servant,

JOHN FRENCH

INDORSED: New York []

Mr. French []
 a Map

FROM JOHN JOHNSTON

A. L. S.

[December 22, 1767]

[]
 [] Gratitude humbly Acknowledges
 [] which I have Received from []
 Your hands —

[] present Oblidges me Still to Implore
 [] sente^d Aid & if in Your Your power Your
 []

[] By Report that the Smith who Sir []
 ted at Misshanamokana is Discharged from Service if Your
 honour should & judge it Good [] readily
 Embrace the taken his place —

[] Id make it my Study to Oblidge the Indians to
 [the ut]most of my power: which prehaps might []
 Redound to my Credit —

I am Oblidg^d at present to Disclouse [] pr]esent
 Necessity and know no other person [] do it to but
 Sir william as I am at present [] distress for about
 fifteen pounds haveing to [] a presshing unreason-

able Un Considerate [] Submissairly Beging if that
 it was Convenient [] help me at this time and as Soon
 as possible [] it my Study and Endeavour to
 [] our Condecending kindness and par-
 don [] ming to Ineroach on Your wonted Linety
 [] from him who will and Ever Shall []
 Sincear in any Enterprize or under[taking] our shall Dure so
 long as Life [] Devot^d. and hum^{le} Serv^t
 JOHN JOHNSTON
 [] Bar^{tt}.

TO DANIEL BURTON

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Decr. 23^d. 1767 —

SIR/

Altho' I Wrote You Since the receipt of your favor of
 February last, Yet the inportance of the Subject and my own
 ardent desire for promoting the interests of Religion in this
 Country are Sufficient inducements for my Saying Something
 more at this time.

On my Sons return from England I found that he had not
 been so happy as to procure a Missionary for this place, but he
 informed me that ye. Society were endeavouring to procure one
 fit for the purpose, since Which the Clergy of New York have
 recommended the Rev^d. Mr Seabury of Westchester as a Very
 proper person, to which I have agreed provided your enquirys
 concerning one have not hitherto met with Success, & that Mr.
 Seabury who has a family finds the allowance made by the
 Society with the Addition I have proposed Adequate to his Sub-
 sistence, wch I hope he may from the Extraordinary good Char-
 acter I have of him — About the same time I received Letters

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

& a pamphlet in favor of an Episcopate in America, the reasonableness of which on the footing proposed must appear evident to all Denominations, and therefore can require Little Strength from me — It is much desired by Numbers of the Most respectable persons in the Colonies who are Members of the Church of England & the difficulty we now Experience in procuring Clergymen for Missionarys &c here evidently shews the Want of such an Establishment, the present Necessity for receiving Ordination in England preventing many Young Men (otherwise well Qualified) from taking Orders, which alone would be a powerfull Argument in fav^r. of an Episcopate without enlarging on the many other Advantages to be derived from it, its necessity towards the Well Government of the Church, & the Influence it must have towards promoting true Religion amongst the Natives—from a Just Expectation of which I have in a Late Letter requested D^r. Auchmuty to Signify my Intentions of Granting for ever toward the Support of an Episcopate 20,000 Acres of Choice Lands out of a Grant for which I am now solliciting his Majesty (as the first Indⁿ. Tract I ever applied for) in case I succeed according to my hopes, the Indⁿ. purchase of the Whole of which Tract (about 100,000 Acres) cost me already upwards of £2000 tho' intended as a Present by the Indians.— I formerly offered my Interest to Obtain a Tract from the Ind^s. towards the Support of Missionaries, which I shall be ready at any time to do with his Majestys Approbation, and I doubt not to Succeed in such Manner as to procure a handsome Grant for Religious purposes. —

‘The Present State of the Church of England particularly hereabouts must give concern to all Sincere professors of that Communion, and I fear it has in some degree Suffered thro’ want of knowledge of this interior part of the Country, the North, & North West parts of the Province of New York comprehend an Extensive Tract of Country which in general in point of Soil Yields to None on the Continent & is much Superior on that head as well as from the Salubrity of the Air to the Neighbouring

Parts.— It Commands two Important Communications the one by a River & Lakes from Albany Northward to Montreal, the other Westward by the Mohock River to the 5 Great Lakes & the Interior Most Valuable part of the Indian Country which River is already settled in Length above 100 Miles West of Albany With These Advantages there can be no Doubt of its becoming within a few Years a very Thick Settled & Valuable Country, & it is as Obvious that all its Inhabitants, from the little Religion now amongst them would shortly become Members of the National Church (as many of them now are) as well as that the Gospel would soon be spread by means of this Communication amongst the sev^l. Indian Nations to which this is the General Rout if Missionarys are timely appointed of that Church which it is the Interest & in my Opinion the duty of the Nation to Countenance & promote by every Opportunity, at present there are Good Churches of Stone erected at *Albany*, *Schenectady*, My Village of *Johnstown*, and that of the *Mohocks*, for one of them Mr Brown was appointed, & is Still continued in the Society's Ann^l. Publication, but from sev^l. disagreements & ca will not be able to Succeed in this Country — the City of Albany & Town of Schenectady each require a Resident Clergyman, & the latter the Church of England Men of which have erected a Good Church at their own Expen^{ce} have been promised a Missionary. — The Church which I have erected at Johnstown I have already pointed out the Necessity of as well with regard to Indians as Whites & I hope that will be soon Settled, & that the Society will agree to a SchoolMaster there in which case, one shall be procured. The Church at the Mohocks has always been a Mission, but being united to Albany from whence it is distant 40 Miles, & where the Missionary generally resided, the Ind^s. could receive little Improvement, at present, they have none at all, & the whole Nation has of late repeatedly complained to me therein, and lamented that they are so far Neglected— This Nation tho' at present Weak in Number, is the first of the Confederacy in Rank, & as it is called by them,

the Door to the Six Nations, so is it the only Certain channell by which we can convey Instruction—with any Success, to the Rest, & from them to the powerfull Nat^s. of the Lakes &ca, add to this that the *Mohocks*, & their Neighbours the *Oneidas*, have been both instructed & initiated into the Christⁿ Religion, and all the former, as well as many of the latter were bred in the principles of the Chh of England of which they are very Tenacious. What a fine prospect is therefore opened to us thro' these people, & What a pity it is to suffer them to be longer Neglected! The Establishment of a Good Missionary & proper Catechist & School Master amongst them is therefore deserving Imediate attention, but unless such are Residents, their Appointm^t will be to Small purpose, & to render them at all Convenient the late D^r. Barclays house & farm is highly requisite. The Mohocks insist that they were Assured when they gave the Grant that it should ever be applied to that purpose, however M^r. Barclay by Obtaining a Patent for it Secured it to his family, & it is now Let to a Farmer at £10 ⁷/₈ Ann. (Rents bearing no proportion to the Purchase of Lands here) But his heirs from a Sense of the Intentions of the Indian Donors will Sell the House which is of Stone, 2 Storys in height with a Very Good farm of Clear Land adjoining thereto for £500 N York currency, altho' the real Value as such Lands are sold here would be £1000. Thus for £290 Ster. the Society could become vested of a Valuable Settlement for that Important Mission, which with a Moderate Sallary would render a Missionary easy in his circumstances, & make it worth acceptance of a Man of Merit & Character —

I am persuaded that I need not farther to enlarge upon, or recommend these Important Objects, having the Satisfaction to See the Zeal of the Society directed to them. But from the deplorable Wants of both Whites & Indians, the Amazing Prospect which the Proposed Establishments afford us, as well as some other circumstances which renders this the most Critical period I ardently wish to see them put into immediate Execu-

tion — As you will lay this Letter before the Society I have only to Express my sincere regard for them & assurances of endeavouring all in my power to become a Usefull a Member for promoting their Important, & Worthy designs & requesting the honor of their thoughts, or directions on these Subjects I remain with perfect Esteem Sir &ca

D^R BURTON

INDORSED: Dec^r. 23^d 1767

To Dr Burton Sec^y.
to the Society &ca concern^s
Missions —

TO SAMUEL JOHNSON

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall December 23^d. 1767

SIR/

Since my last of the 1st of this Ins^t. I was favored with yours of the 2^d. of November inclosing Doctor Gales Letter to whose Ingenuity, Abilities, & Character I could not refuse the Satisfaction he requires concerning the plant which D^r. Haller considers as Efficacious in the Cure of the Venereal disorder, touching which I must acknowledge the Truth of D^r Gales information having been communicated by me tho' without any View to my Names being Mentioned as I Since found it was —

M^r Kalm an Injurious Botanist from Sweden, on a tour thro' this Country for obtaining Usefull Subjects in the Way of his Study in the Year² applied to me for advice & Countenance to Enable him to prosecute his design, which he readily obtained with a Protection & Escorts of Indians that enabled him to go as far as the Great falls of Niagara, this deemed a bold Under-

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Peter Kalm visited Johnson in 1749 and again in the following year.



REV. DR SAMUEL JOHNSON



taking, in a Conversation with this Gentleman on his return concerning the Many Medicinal plants, which are Used with Great Success by the Indians, I took occasion to mention that which is the subject of this Letter, & Gratified his enquirys about it with an Exact description of the plant & an acct of its Extraordinary Effects by which means I Understand it Came to the Knowledge of Dr Haller how far that Eminent Physician has been enabled to describe it I cant tell I shall therefore readily give Dr Gale all the Information I can, as well as procure him the plant when the Season permits, heartily wishing it may thro' his Means be introduced & found beneficial to the publick in the Cases he describes.

This plant as near as I can at present recollect has very white Fibrous Roots & Grows in the Stalk to about 2 feet in height bearing a flower the Cup of which is in the form of a bell, and of a fine Blue Colour, it Grows only in Cold Swampy Grounds, and is to be found in Many parts of this Country particularly on one part of my Estate, from whence I furnished Mr. Kalm with the Specimen, The Indians use it both as a Decoction & Lotion they boil the Root, the Juice of which they Drink washing the parts Likewise with the Liquid, they also use it with great Success in Disorders of the Bowells, but in very Stubborn Venereal Cases they add to it another Root, which with the former I shall fully describe in the Manner required & also procure this for Dr Gale as soon as possible in the Spring, for at present we have Two feet of Snow hereabouts, so that it cannot be had.— and this must at present apologize, for the imperfect description I have given of it.—

There are Many Simples in this Country which are I believe unknown to the Learned, Notwithstanding the Surprizing Success with which they are administred by the Indians, this induces me to wish that Gentlemen of the Faculty had an Opportunity of Examining them and ascertaining their Effects. As I don't doubt obtain^g any Discoveries of that Nature from the Indians, I shall readily communicate them to Dr Gale, who may make

what use he pleases of my Informations, altho' I very much doubt my ability for such descriptions as require some knowledge of a Science with which I am unacquainted—Please to Comūnicate this, With My Compliments to that Gent. & be Assured that I am with much Esteem Sir

&ca

DR. SAM^L. JOHNSON

INDORSED: Dec^r. 23^d. 1767

To Dr. Sam^l Johnson
with an Accot of an Indⁿ.
Plant for Dr. Gale of
Killingworth.

LORDS OF TRADE TO EARL OF SHELBURNE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 381–82, is listed a copy of a letter of December 23d from the lords of trade, at Whitehall, to the Earl of Shelburne, considering evidences of Indian discontent, proceedings preliminary to running a boundary line, the course of this line as described by the Indians and the advantages of its establishment, advising that orders be sent to Sir William Johnson to settle this boundary and that in the survey no opportunity be created for encroachments in the Cherokee country. Signed, Clare, Soames Jenyns, Ed. Eliot, Wm. Fitzherbert and Thomas Robinson. (Inclosed in Shelburne's letter of January 8, 1768, to Johnson.) (Printed in *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.* 7:1004–5.)

TO THOMAS GAGE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 382, is listed a letter of December 24th to General Gage on the grounds and extent of Indian resentment, the Kayadarosseras patent, the inapplicability of the common law to the redress of Indian grievances, the crime of the Saguinam Indians, complaints of the Delawares, the coming of the Cherokee deputies and increase of salaries. (Printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:893–95; Q. 2:518–19.)

FROM ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. L. S.

New York 24th Decr 1767

[According] to Your desire by your Letter to me
 [] I take the Oppurtunity of conveying
 [] Thousand Pounds New York Curr^y []
 with the severall Bills, I have paid of [] paying
 Mr Adams the Ballance due [] 11th Sept^r. last)
 amo^{ts} to £1182:12:6 s^{ts} as ₹ []
 [enclos]'d the Warrant & Receipts, & have given
 [] Credit for the Amount being £3633:10.1 $\frac{1}{2}$
 [] on me for the whole or any part []
 best Suits You, will always meet [] Please to be
 so good to draw [] Sight, as I then have Notice
 of them [ten] derd for payment, when I am
 [] pay them on being tendred for []
 [] long without News from England []
 even with the September Mail. [was brought] to bed
 three days ago, with a [] truly Wish you many
 happy [] great Regard

Your most Obedient and
 most Humble Servant

AB^m. MORTIER

[] by Sir William Johnson Baronet on Mr. []
 Warrant of 11 Sep^r. 1767.

Sterling

[] of 20 Oct^d in fav^r of John Farrel for
 £212:14.6 [currency] 124. . . 4.8 $\frac{1}{2}$
 [] 10 Nov^r in favor of John Muffat for
 £124.3.Cy 72. . . 8.5
 [] 21 D^o. In favor of Dan^l Claus for £50 Cy 29. . . 3.4
 [] 26 D^o. In favor of John Wetherhead

FROM HENRY CUYLER

A. L. S.

Green bush 28th. Dec^r. 1767

[My brother] in law Mr. Isaac Low informs [me that] he has ask'd the favour of transacting [your] business in N. York, which as it often is of [] a]m^t. would be proper to have a security for the [per]formance, if therefore you should think [] to] send him your Commands, I shall (with [] you) be sponsible for the execution. [Van] Schaak has sent me a bill of [] dr]awn on you by Mr. Benj: Roberts [in favor of Je] hu Hay endorsed to me, should [] acceptance but have not had an opp^y [] that I may negociate it—

Beg leave to wish you [] Season, and am with the g[reatest]

Sir

Your most Obe[dient Servant]

HENRY [CUYLER]

To SIR W^m. JOHNSON B^t

ADDRESSED:

To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t
Johnson Hall

FROM JOHN DUNCAN

A. L. S.

Schenectady Dec^r. 28th. 1767

SIR

In Opening the Mail from York, a letter [] you happend to be fast to it, by Which the [seal] is Broke, I inclose the Seal of the Mail to [you to] Shew how it came, I hope to have the [pleas]ure of waiting on you in a few days, in [the]

Mean time wish You the full Enjoym^t. of [all the] pleasures
the Season Affords, And Am

Dear Sir
Your Most Obed^t. Humble
Serv^t.

[] ws JOHN DUNCAN¹
[] one
[] SIR W^m. JOHNSON

FROM THOMAS SHIPBOY

L. S.

[*Albany, Dec^r. 28, 1767*]

[] you have your Acco^t with [me]
York Cur^{cy}, & if Convenient [would be] Oblig'd to you to
send it ̄ bearer [M^r. DeLa]ncey, as I have a Large sum to pay
[Next Week] and Cannot Raise Cash to answer it, [Your
com]pliance with this, shall be ever Acknow[ledged] Dear sir
your Sinclair Friend &

Most obed^t. Hb^e serv^t
THOS SHIPBOY

ADDRESSED: to
[Sir Will]iam Johnson
at
Johnson's Hall
̄ fav^r of }
M^r De Lancey }

THOMAS SHIPBOY TO GUY JOHNSON

L. S.

Albany [Dec^r. 28, 1767]

[] you have your Acco^t with me []
York Cur^{cy}. & if Conviniant, would [be]ob]lig'd to you,

¹ Postmaster at Schenectady.

to send it P bearer Mr De[Lancey, as I] have a Large sum to
 Pay Next Week [and Cannot] Raise Cash Suffisient to Dis-
 charge [it. Your Co]mpliance with this will Greatly []
 I wish you the Compliments of the [] Season & am
 Dear sir your

Sincair Friend &
 most Obd^t Hb^e servt
 THO. SHIPBOY

ADDRESSED: To
 Cap^t. Guye Johnson
 at
 Fort Johnson
 P fav^r of }
 Mr De Lancey }

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

[*Albany, Decr. 28, 1767*]

[] 23^d. Ultimo I Rec^d. Mr. Cartwrights []
 have according to your desire taken [the liberty to] draw on you
 in his fav^r. for the Amou^t. [] sent you being
 £47. .9. .6 in honouring [which] you will greatly oblidge me I
 am for [James] Stevenson

Sir
 Your Most Obed^t.
 & Humble Serv^t.
 JOHN STEVENSON

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

[*Schenectady, Decr. 29, 1767*]

[] Mr. Cartwright 6 Strong Buck Skins dressd in
 [] is best as you wanted them for the Use of your
 [] I am verry Sorry I Could not do my Self the

[] last Monday — at the Prossession — I had a
 [] day — which prevented my going up [I have
 nothing] further to add at present — than that I []

Sir With Great Respect

Your most Obed^t &

Verry humble Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

[SIR WILLIAM JOHN]SON Baronet

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

*A. L. S.*¹

[*New York, December 29, 1767*]

[]
 [] this will Sufficiently []
 [] the Whole by this Opputunitey []
 be but Shall be able to Send [] be wanted —
 I have not time [] that I am with the greatest
 Truth & []

Sir Your most Hble & Obed Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED: Honble Sir William [Johnson]

Johnson Hall

Barrells

Pork to the Care of

M^r John Van Eps

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

*D. S.*²

[]
 [] the aforesaid George Croghan]
 [] amount] of Four Thousand
 [] as is in his power to make out,

¹ "About pork sent and to be sent," Johnson Calendar, p. 382.

² "Account of sundry losses and expenses from 1757 to 1767," Johnson Calendar, p. 383. Undated.

[w]aging War against his Britannick [Majesty
] seizing and destroying the Effects of the
 [] in their Country Thirteenth day of May
 GEO: CROGHAN

INDORSED: [] Acco^t

to Mr Trent

JOHNSON'S FIELD OFFICERS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 383, is entered an undated document which was destroyed by fire: names of the field officers of Colonel (Sir William) Johnson's regiment, on the back, some business memoranda. It apparently belongs to 1767.

MAP OF MILITIA DISTRICT

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 383, is listed a map, mutilated and nearly effaced, of the country between the Mohawk river and the Normans kill, showing the number of men which it would furnish to the militia. (Probably 1767.)

FROM THE KAYADEROSSERAS PROPRIETORS¹

[1767]

SIR/

We had lately a meeting of the principal part of the Kayadorosseres Proprietors, when Mr. Beekman communicated to them the Conference he lately had with you upon the Subject of an Accommodation with the Indians, as to the Disputes subsisting between them and us, with Regard to the Boundaries of that Patent.

This matter having occasioned frequent Complaints on the part of the Indians; and the Proprietors being disposed to satisfy them by a reasonable and moderate cession of some part of what they nevertheless look upon to be their undoubted Right, desired Mr. Beekman to treat with you upon the Subject. And

¹ In the New York Public Library, New York City.

being at the same time persuaded that you could not but be disposed, considering your office, to further any measures that might tend to an amicable accommodation of any Dispute between the Indian nations and the Crown Patentees, they had some Reason to expect your Interposition for bringing about this Settlement: And as you was kind enough to tell Mr. Beekman that nothing on your Part should be wanting to that End: We, who are a Committee for the Proprietors, beg Leave to signify, that the Proprietors confide in that Declaration and have desired us to trouble you with these Proposals —

In what is now offered we would not be understood to act under the Influence of any apprehension. That our Title, or the Boundaries of the Patent can be doubtful, when that, and the Indian Deeds we have are compared together— And we cannot but think it extremely clear That our Western Station upon Schenectady River is fixed with the greatest Precision, at about five miles above Abeels Patent: yet notwithstanding this as the Proprietors are desirous that the uneasiness of the Indians should be removed, They rather incline to give up part of their Right, that they may enjoy the Rest in peace —

If therefore the Indians who make this Claim, will by a proper instrument in writing to be devised on both Sides quit all future Pretence of Right or Claim to the Lands comprehended within this Patent, the Proprietors consent to Release to them or for their use all that part of the Land which lies to the Westward of a Line from Tuictenondo Kill¹ to the northwesternmost head of Kaydorosseres Kill, beginning opposite to that part of the Kill at forty Chains to the Westward of the West Bank of Tuictenondo Kill and if that Creek tends in any Part to the Westward of that Line then to leave to Kayaderoseres all that part of the Creek and the Lands West of such Part of the Creek within forty Chains from the West Bank thereof.

As we are assured You must wish to see this Controversey with the Indians happily terminated; We beg that you would

¹ North Chuctenunda, in Fulton and Montgomery counties.

lay this Proposal before them, and if it appears to be reasonable, we rely upon your Endeavours to make it effectual, to the final and lasting Settlement of this Dispute— We would beg the favour of your answer as soon as may be convenient.

In order that the Indians may be convinced that the Proprietors intend to carry this Proposal into Execution, we inclose a Copy of the Vote taken at their meeting, which appears to be unanimous as to all that were present.

We are Your humb: Serv^{ts}.

INDORSED: Copy of letter to
Sr. W^m Johnson

ALEXANDER MCKEE TO GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.¹

[I] very sorry to find by your favour that you have [been] Indisposed. and should be very glad if you could come up: If not I must request the favour of you [to] settle matters, that I am go down; with the return of the first convoy. If there is to be any Accomodation with the Indians I dare say the Delawares, most of them will be fond of it as a great many of them were much against the War.

I have Acquainted M^{rs}. R-t-n with what you [desired] She is well & desire to be remembered to you be so good as write my father first oppertunity [] him know I am well.

Mr. Hutchins presints his [co]mpliments.

I am D^r Sir

Your very Humble

Servant

ALEXANDER MCKEE

[]AN Esq^r.

ADDRESSED: To

George Croghan Esq^r.

at

Fort Bedford

¹ Not dated; probably earlier than 1768.

AN ONEIDA AGREEMENT

D.¹

[1767]

[
in America [²] last made a
purchase for [] the Oneida
Indians of a [] Land which in the Indian deed
for [] is thus described to wit Beginning []
East Side of Segaghquitna³ at about thr[ee mi]les distance from
the South Side of the Mohawks River and running from thence
due South twenty English Miles then [] South Eighty
degrees East twenty Miles [] or less to the patented
Lands thence [] the Bounds of the Several patents
and [] the Line of a Tract commonly called Cosby
Manor to Segaghquitna aforesaid thence along the said Creek to
the place of Beginning including all Vacancies Containing by
Estimation about one hundred and fifty Thousand [],
[²]
[] Know Ye that We do by []
for and in behalf of the said Oneida Indians that the said Mis-
take may be rectified in the Survey and pa[tent of] said Tract
of Land And that a South [] as and for the first
Course of the [] Tract shall in that part be the
[] the said Tract as if the same had be[]
expressed in the said Deed In Witness [] have hereunto
set our hands & Seals [] day of
in the Year of our [] Seven hundred and Sixty
Seven⁴
Sealed signed & delivered
in presence of —

¹ In the Johnson Calendar, p. 382, this paper is thus described: " consent by the Oneida Indians to the rectification of the boundary specified in the Indian deed of a tract south of the Mohawks River conveyed to Governor Henry Moore. (Not dated or signed.)"

² Several lines missing.

³ Sauquoit creek in Oneida county.

⁴ Not otherwise dated.

PLAN OF ROBERT ROGERS

D.

[1767]

[some triffling [] for
 Necessaries [] Come to
 Market the [] the Chain or
 path of [] Declaration of
 their peacable Disp[osition] Amiacable inten-
 tions towards us and [] Request to the
 Commandant is that Trade[rs] into their Respective
 Countrys that their Wiv[es and] Children, old men Friends
 & Country [] Supply^d. with such things as having
 been long [accus]tomed to the Use off — they Cannot Com-
 fortably [] Patiently Subsist with out —

But I forbear any one of the Least Sensib[] May
 Imagin somthing of the pain & Chagr[in] that a Commandant
 must feel when he find[s him] self obblidged to Answer that he
 Cannot permit Traders to Come Nearer to them then this
 Garrison and if they want Goods they Must Come hither for
 them and what must be the Consternation the Uneasiness the
 Displeasure, and Resentment of the tribes & Nations when their
 Chiefs Return with this UnExpected Malencholy but Possitive
 Answer [who] Can Answer for the Measures they may Take
 in th[ose] Circumstances and will not a Neighbouring
 Amb[]
 []
 [] inroads] and Encroachments
 [] trouble] to his Britanic Majesties
 [] already] have done it and are doing it Daily
 [] before —

¹ Several lines missing.

[] will add no more upon this Head the Point
 [] clear & obvious that it Needs not be Enlarg^d
 or insisted

I Shall Conclude the Whole I have to Say with the following Queries, in the Speedy Judicious & wise Decision of which I think the British Interest Materially Concerned (Viz).

Querie 1. is it the Interest of Great Brittain to Keep the Territories and Possessions in North America ceded to her by the last treaty or to Give up or Neglect a Part of them and Suffer a Neighbouring Nation to become Possess^d of any Fortified in the Same

Querie 2^d is it the Interest of Great Britain to secure and if Possible increase her trade of Furr & peltery with the Savages or to Suffer that Branch of trade to be Cur-tail^d or to Dwindle and fall into the hands of her Enemies

Querie 3^d is not the Largest Chanel of the Furr & Peltery Trade in North America so Circumstanced & Situated that the Security and increase of it Greatly Depends upon the Due Regulation & wise Managment of Indian Affairs at the Post of Michillimackinac

[]¹
 [] 15 []
 trade in these []
 Michillimackinac []
 of any Other that [] Execu-
 tive officers for [] from time
 to time and th[]

Querie 6 Would it not Contribute to []
 Not only to Keep the post of Michillimackinac
 [] with a Sutable Number of Brave Men
 [] but to Send into and Station in this

¹ Query 4 burned away.

Country [] of Light Troops who might
 March upon any [] to its out post,
 to be Employ^d in Exploring the []
 awing the Savages & Making fresh Discoveries

Querie 7 Since it is in fact true, and Can be Supp[orted by]
 a Multitude of Witnesses the French at Michill-
 [imackinac] St. Josephs the Green Bay St. Maries and
 other [] this Country where they are Lurking
 and w[alking up] & down are an indolent Sloathfull
 Sett of V[agabonds] ill dispos^d to the English and
 having great influen[ce] over the Savages are Con-
 tinually Exiting their [] Jealousies and
 stirring up their Hatred and Revenge against us, Ought
 they not then fo[] as Speedyly as Possible
 to be Removed out of the Country for the Better
 Security of British Subjects and British Trade —

[]
 []
 [] Number of Indians to Michilli[mackinac]
 [] by them to Prevent their trading
 [] since they already have
 [] send]ing out traders to Post on Lake
 [] & Michigan and into the Country of the
 [] which Acts are Menifest Encroachments
 upon the teretories & trade of Great Britain —

Ought not the Government to pay a Serious and
 Speedy Attention to these Encroachments and Enter
 upon Some Effectual Measures to Prevent them —

if the Above Queries be answered in the affirmative
 as they Certainly Must the following Plans Seem
 Absolutly Necessary to Gain the Great and Valuable
 Ends hinted at and proposed by them (Viz)

Which is Humbly submitted to the better Judgment
 of his Majesty and the Government of Great Britain
 who at all times have Consulted the Interest of his

¹ Several lines missing.

Majesties Subjects but more Especially at this Glorious Period of the British Annals (Viz)

That Michillimackinac and its Dependencies Should be Erected into a Civil Government —

[]¹
 Injurious and [] Country by
 openi[ng] to enter & encroach
 upon [] the friendship of many
 Savages [] Enmity rage & Brutal
 Revenge [] his Majesties Subjects
 in this part of [] known that the Revenge
 of a Savage is not [] or Justice but falls at
 Random upon the [] with any ways related
 to or Connected with [] whom he has Received
 a Real or Suppos^d In[jury]

It should also be Considered that the Sum []
 Thousand Pound is not the whole loss that Great [Britain] must
 suffer by Such a Restriction for what Ever [] British
 Manufacturies or puts a stop to those Employ[ed] by which
 British Subjects Decently Subsist & in[crease] their substance
 may be Justly Estimated a Pub[lic] or National Loss, now
 according to the above Estimate such a restriction of trade will
 Annually hinder [the] Sale of Forty Five Thousand Pounds
 worth [] in Quebec of Goods chiefly of British
 Man[ufacture] and as it must Hinder the Sale of them then
 [] will also hinder the importing them from
 London to Quebec & from thence to Michillimackinac an[]
 that proportion Effect our Shipping or Naval in[]
 and in America it must Immedially turn out []
 []¹
 [] that by such Employments []
 [] gre]atly increase their substance
 [] cons]equently add to the Riches of the Nation
 [] So that upon the whole the Clear Profits of

¹ Several lines missing.

[] lost by such a restriction of trade ought not to be Estimated more than one half of the real loss it must be to the Nation —

It should be observed the Profits of this trade does not Come to British subjects in Cash but what is much better in Furr & peltry all which are to be manufactured and turned perhaps to ten times their original Value before they Come to the Highest Market —

I Cannot but think what has Been said is abundantly sufficient to Convince Every one that it is greatly for the interest of Great Britain not to Restrict the Indian Trade to the Post of Michillimackinac but to Extend it open & Free with all reasonable Encouragement to the Several Out Posts that have heretofore been looked upon Dependent upon it, and that have for Many Years since been Annually supply^d from it and Even to Extend it further if Possible into the Interiour Country to tribes & Nations of Savages at Present unknown —

It will here only subjoin that same National Advantages May arrise and those not []
 []¹
 Governor and one who [] is Pritty
 Obvious from what has [] Governor many on
 Many Occasions [] at a Great Distance from the
 [] Case Since my arrival at this [Garrison]
 Repeated Belts & Messages to Visit the Indians []
 on their Vilages and has been absolutly oblidgeed []
 at which times one may be oblidgeed to leave [] to one
 no ways Known to Indian Affairs which [] Absolutly
 Necessary to have a Second well Exper[ienced] as well with the
 Manners of the Indians so Like[wise with] the Nature of the
 Trade of this Country, one [] friend to Civil
 Power and to trade who need be [] Expenche to
 the Government then Having the Sec[] of Ranger
 with a Moderate Allowance for C[] in the

¹ Several lines missing.

Governors Absence —

If to this plan it should be Objected that the []
 of Small Garrisons and Post to the Westward under the []
 of Regular troops would answer all the purposes of the []
 it is plain they Cannot from many Obvious Reasons []
 Regular Troops who must be Often Changed Can Nev[er]
 []¹

[] one for their []
 [] Experience in these things and who []
 [] by and Make it the Business of their []

These Small Garrisons being weak and at a Great Distance
 one from another and under the Command of Inferiour Officers
 are liable to be Surprized or taken by force at all times by the
 Savages Numb^{rs}. of Whom are allways Dispos^d. to Commit such
 Depredations as a Savage Heroism or for Plunder as happen^d
 in the Last Indian War 1763 —

The inferiour officers and soldiers in small Posts Both from
 their Circumstances and their being not immediatly under the
 Eyes of their superiours, have Great Temptations to Yield to
 Corruption & to Tyrannize over the Merchants & People in
 Civil life—Whereas by the proposed plan all are under A Civil
 Power and the Governor Commandent of the Troops and Agent
 to the Indians which would Cause Every Branch to be Count-
 enanced for the Mutual Saftey of Each Other—

[]
 []
 []
 [] may be
 Necessary [] King &c for
 Approbation [] Agent for the
 Indians & C[] May be ordered to
 Garrison [] See a Divided Power,
 which [] and Contemn, and have
 Author[] Governor his Deputy when

¹ Several lines missing.

the S[] him to Visit the Indians at a Distance
 [] Quarrils and Wars among the Savages w[hich
] Disadvantageous to the publick & to trade
 [] to Remove incroachments of the french &
 Spanish [] other Grievancies that May Occur at the
 Out Post[ts] Teretories —

For the futur preventing of which a [] the inten-
 tions of the French & Spaniards of [] the Indians
 between Lake Superiour an Lake [] and the River
 Mississippi to Trade with them [] their Villiges or
 Settle their Habitation on the [] the Said Rivir which
 they Actually are Attempting a[t this] time by Sending Belts
 & Messages amongst the [] to that purpose with
 large presents to induce []
 []¹

[] and many other Dangers []
 [] being of trade of this Distance []
 [] situated part of his Majesties Dominions
 [] absolutely Necessary that a Body []
 [] or Rangers well Disciplined be fix []
 district under the Command of the Gover[nor] three or More
 Companies as Shall Seem []ry, with power to
 Detach them to any Post []n it May be Needful
 or to Station a part of [the]m on those Parts of the Frontiers
 most Expos^d to the Encroachments Mentioned above, at Proper
 Seasons of the Year Such as the Mouth of the Ouis[cons]ing
 where it Joyns the Mississippi where the Said Encroachments are
 Notorious or other Such Places

That the Governor & his Counsel Should Report in all Civil
 Matters or in Affairs Rilating to the Indians to the King &
 Counsel and that a fixed Sum should be allowed annually for
 Presents to the Indians to Keep them peacable and well Dispos^d.
 towards his Majesties Just & Mild Government Such as shall be
 though Reasonable & Adequate for a Post to which More then

¹ Several lines missing.

one third of the Indians on the Continent Resort besides many
Other Nations to the Westward as far Even as the Pacific Ocean
that []

[]¹

Nine Keggs of []

One Kegg of Flints []

ten Keggs of British []

four Casses of Iron w[ire?] []

Two Cases of Guns

Two Bales of Brass Kettles

Two Cases of looking Glasses & Combs &c.

Five Bales of Manufactur^d Carrot Tobacco

Twelve Baggs of Shot & Ball

One Box of Silver work & wampum

Which Goods at the lowest Value at Quebec

Amount to £450 Sterling [Ⓗ] Canoe prime Cost

of 100 Canoes £4500[0]

To Which I may also add the Price of

the Canoes together with the Wages of

Upwards of an 1000 Men which are Annually

employ'd in this trade between spring and

Harvest to Navigate S^d Canoes £95.10

for Each Canoe 955[0]

Wages of Clerks or Commins Employ'd

in Said trade Computed at about 3888[]

Carried Over 58438[]

[]¹

[] with the

[the] Said Goods from

[] side to

[] from Albany

[in order to be] about 1740..0..--

¹ Several lines missing.

Provisions such as Beef Pork

Biscuit & Peas &c	about	720..0..-
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Prime Cost & Total Expende of 100 Canoes to Michillimackinac	60898..00..-
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So Shall the Total amount of the Merchandize with the outfitt and Expences arrises to Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred & Ninety Eight Pounds in Case the trade be Open & free to the Different out Posts & these Regulated properly by the Com-mandant or Governor of Michillimackinac So that the whole may be equally Divided, as in the time of the French which I have not Reason to think is Exaggerated — On the Other Hand if trade is to be Confind. to this fort Only and the Traders not allowd. to go beyound it ten Canoes will be sufficient which with-out Making any Differance in the Prime Cost of Goods & Ex-pences Will Amount to

	£ 6089..16..0
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[]¹
 Annually [] the prime Cost
 of those Goods [] & transporting
 them from thence [] Quantity that it
 will take [provided the trade be free] and Open to said posts

In the next place the number of [] of
 Goods that will be sufficient to supply the post of M[ichillimacki-
 nac] provided the Trade is confined to that & no Traders
 suff[ered to] make sale of their Goods at the out Posts —

List of Posts and the Canoes Necessary to Supply []	
in Lake Huron	Canoes

Saguenaum Bay	[]
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Machidash & River au Sable	[]
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In Lake Michigan

La Grand River and a few small Posts depending	[]
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Saint Josephs & its Dependencies	[]
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Milwatee	[]
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¹ Several lines missing.

La Bay & its Dependencies	3[]
In Lake Superiour on the South Side	[]
Saint Maries	[]
La Point Chagouamigan including Saint Ance Lafond		
du Lac la River Serpent & Petit Ouinehpeek	8[]
	68[]
Carried Over		
[		1]
[	large]	Canoes
[	which is]	Equal to
[		4
[	]	On the Interiour parts of the country
[	]	to the West & N West of Lake Superiour
[	]	Six small Canoes equal to
[	]	Small D ^o Equal to
		1
River du Beuf and la River Onipique		
three Small Canoes Equal to		1½
Fort La[] Five Small D ^o . Equal to		2½
La Biche three Small D ^o . Equal to		1½
Fort Dauphin three Small D ^o . Equal to		1½
Dupais five Small D ^o . Equal to		2½
Laprari five small D ^o . Equal to		2½
To the Sioux		2
	if the foregoing Posts are all	
Supply ^d . Agreeable to the above plan I am		}
Well Informed that no more than About		
Six Canoes would be Annually Consumed		
at Michillimackinac		
		6
Large Canoes		
		100

One Hundred Canoes will not be more than Sufficient for the Annual Consumption if this Trade be Extended under Proper Regulations to the Out posts the load for one of Which when

¹ Several lines missing.

made up in Montreal into Bales of about Ninety Pounds French Weight for the Convenience of Carying them Round the falls & passed on the Awawa¹ or North River [] the Rout to Michillimackinac is as follows —

[]
 is chiefly with [] Recourse
 there who [] Supply^d. From
 thence with [] as to those Indians
 who live at [] South Westerly Banks
 of Lake [Erie] or Regulations to the
 Contrary [] Such a Number of Pack
 Horses w[ill] that way from Philadelphia to
 Det[roit] Goods as will be Sufficient to
 Supply [] reasonably Suppose but that the Trader
 will [] Submit to Such a Constraint as he is Saved
 from [] his bonds given to the Commissary at Fort Pitt
 [] a Prospect of making a quick and Advantagious
 Return for his Goods, the Very same is the Case at Mamee
 where Pontiac has taken up his Residence [] two Win-
 ters Past he certainly will make no scrup[le of] stoping such a
 Number of Canoes passing between Detroit and the Illinois as
 are sufficient to suppl[y his] Band — This being the case
 [tri]vial Injury or Inconveniency can arrise to []
 the Savage or the State by Restricting Indian [trade] to Detroit

And to Avoid Repetitions upon this Subject []
 much the Same holds true of fort Pitt and the Posts at the
 Illinois the Savages Depended upon those posts for supplys of
 Goods are Either so near to them that they Can Easily Repare
 thither —

[]
 [] supply them []
 [Phi]ledelphia to Pittsburg, from Pittsburg
 [] from both those posts to the Illinois or from

¹ Ottawa.

² Several lines missing.

[] Fort Chartres, a trade is also Carried on from
 [] Boats down the Ohio by which Many Savages
 [] Supply^d &c —

It need not surely be Repeated that the Case [of] Michillimackinack is Very Differant, this is the [] or Frontier British Post in America, it is or ought to be a Barrier to all that may Come Westerly North Westerly or South Westerly to the Pacifick Ocean it is or ought to be a Beacon from which a most Extensive and as yet unknown Territory is watched & observed

it is or ought to be a Store House fraught with all Manner of Necessaries for the Constant Supply of almost innumerable Bands tribes & Nations of Savages Savages Remov^d. from it five six & Eight Hundred and Some a Thousand Leagues who Cannot Annually Nor Ever in their lives Visit it as a Market, they Must Loose one Years Hunt to Make A sale of another they Must leave their famelies Distress^d & Starving, their Country & Substance Naked and Expos^d. to Enemies and perhaps perish themselves with Hunger and want on their way, Savages long accustom^d to have traders Annually with supplies in their Respective Countries []

[]¹
 Absolutely Necessary []
 Subsisting with any Comfort [] or
 accident they must often [] if
 Traders are not among them or Near []
 the Loosing or Breaking a Hatchet or two [] Lay
 a whole famely under Great inconvenience []
 month together, the Spoiling of a small [Quantity] the break
 ing a Spring of a gunlock &c may be [] of Destroying
 a whole seasons Hunt and of D[istressing] and Sterving a Num-
 erous famely; whence tis Ea[sy to] infer that Confining trade
 to the Post of Michillimackinac will greatly Diminish our trade
 Even with those Savages that will still Depend upon it for their

¹ Several lines missing.

Suppl[ys] [for the] Savage Can trade only in Proportion to his indust[ry] and success in Hunting, nor is it difficult to Coll[ect] bad Tendencies, Such a Confinment of trade must [] by Exasperating and procuring the ill will of th[ose] Savages who have been accustomed (and their Fathers before them) Annually to Expect Traders with Suppl[ys] of such Articles as they wanted their Hunting Grounds or winter Quar- ters will not the Necessitous distressed and hungry Savage conclude that this hurt & ruin [] []¹ [] be added that it is utterly [] [] many of those Savages who are within the [] that would be dependant on Michillimackinac [] trade Confin^d. to that only) to Carry their [furs & pel]try there first many of them have not & [] Conveyencies Secondly Many Others must Leave their wives & Children to Starve & Perish in their absence and lastly the Situation and Circumstances of Some Nations and tribes are Such that were they obblidged to Carry to the Single Market of Michillimackinac the Produce of their Years hunt or any part of it, they must leave their wives & Children not only in a distress^d Starving Condition but Liable Every day & Hour to becom slaves and their Whole Country & substance be left a Prey to Neighbouring Savages, the Differant Nations and tribes are now often at war with Each other and it is Very Certain these Animosities would increase Greatly when they Come to have different Connexions, Seperate Channels of trade and as it were Opposite interests, I Cannot but think what has been Said is Sufficient to Convince any one that the above Estimate of the Odds between Confining the trade to the Post of Michillimackinac only and Extending it free and open to the out posts at present Dependent upon it, Neither pertial nor improbable and that Such a []¹ Annually []

¹ Several lines missing.

Six and Eight hundred [] West
 Nor West and Sou West [] Say
 what Valuable Discoveries [] this
 Means, and at any rate the [] Other
 European Nation from [] Considerable
 footing in th[] Might be Detrimental
 to us, it would [] of British Subjects
 acquainted with the River [] Plains and passes
 of the Country in a Good [] who would serve for
 Guides & Conductors in Case of [] Emergency it would
 give us an Oppertunity of [] in some good Measure the
 Temper & Resolution [] the Savages with regard to us
 from time to time [] it would be as was hinted before
 a probable means of [] Concilliating and Attaching
 great Numbers of [savages] to the British interest who upon any
 Occasion [would] prove our steadfast friends & Faithfull
 Allies —

Now the Case with regard to the other []
 Posts Below is Very Differant and no One Reason off[ers] for
 Extending the trade to the Out Posts Can with any Strength or
 Propriety be urged for Either of them.

To begin With Oswego There is no Savages Dependant upon
 that Post for a Supply of Necessaries or whose Furr & Peltry
 Comes to that Market but What at almost any Season may
 Easily Repair []
 [] and be supply^d. with what
 [ever they have occasi]on for, and indeed the trade with the
 [] Oswego is now Very inconsiderable and if
 [] three or Four Branches it would not be worth
 [] while to Go after either of them, so that no ill
 [] can follow from a Restriction of trade [to]
 that Post, nor is the Case of Niagara widly Differant From that
 of Oswego the trade with the indians indeed is larger, but there
 are no Savages who are Originally Supply^d. from that Post or

¹ Several lines missing.

that Make it their Usual Market, but what may Repare to it at all seasons of the year in a Very short time and Return again to their Hunting Grounds or places of Residence, or in Case of any Emergency may send a Band of their Young men or Warriours and be Quickly supply^d. with WhatEver they have Occasion for, Indeed there is no out Post belonging to Niagara So Considerable that any Trader would Chuse Regularly to attend and supply it were he permitted or desired to do it as therefore No great Disadvantage to the trader or inconvenience to the Savages if any at all, Can arise from a Restriction of trade to this Post, there Can I think be no Solid objection why such Restrictions Should not take Place there—And as to Detroit the Case Differs very little from that []
 []¹
 Shillings of [] loose Annually
 about [] Hundred Pounds
 [] intirly fall on the
 part of his Majesties Subjects [in the Province] of Quebec
 Peticularly within the District []
 of Montreal who Chiefly depend on this Branch of Commerce for their Support —

This Estimate perhaps [] seem Pertial to Some, but as I am Confident it is very [] the truth So I am Perswaided it will be approv^d. of by [such] as are tolerable Acquainted with the Situation of [] Michillimackinac with regard to the out Post above Mentioned and to the Several Nations Tribes & [] Indians trading to them —

In the first Place it Should be [] that if the trade be confined to Michillimackinac few if any Indians from the west []
 []¹
 [] Spaniards will, who []
 [] of the Sioux and at []
 [] Michigan so that we shall wholly [lose the

¹ Several lines missing.

trade of (?)] Thirty Thousand Indians which we []
 it be Extended to the out Posts and there Properly []
 would be of the utmost Moment, but it is not all, we [should]
 also loose their Friendship and their Attachment to the French
 & Spaniards would become Stronger so that we Should have them
 For our most dangerous & Implacable Enemies.—

Secondly we not only wholly loose the trade of such Numbers
 of Savages by a Confinement of trade to Michillimackinac but
 those Nations Tribes & Bands that will continue to Supply
 themselves from that Post will not trade near so largely, perhaps
 Not More then two thirds of the Value Annually that they
 would do were Traders allow'd to Visit & supply them at their
 Hunting Ground or Winter Quarters —

The reason of this is plain the presence of the Traders With a
 Supply of Such Articles as the Savage wants, Excites and en-
 courages him to Greater industry & assiduity in Hunting it
 Animates men Women & Children to Exert themselves to the
 utmost for the procuring of what they Can upon the spot imme-
 diately Barter For Such things as will be Usefull or Ornamental
 to them —

INDORSED: Plan for a New
 Governm^t. by Mr. R—¹
 Anno 1767 —

FROM TOBIAS SHADDICK

L.

We are in [great]
 We Indians have always [] among us —
 The great M[en] been wanting to purchase
 our[] distantly & underhanded
 with [] being careless & easy & not

¹ In the Canadian Archives, Vol. IX, p. 459–71, Ottawa, Can., is a collection of papers and letters relative to Rogers' conduct and designs at Michilimackinac.

looking [] have brought ourselves into this difficulty [] an Opinion we always retain'd that it was in [] of our Nation to act according to their own Laws & [] and not to be govern'd & dictated by other Nations, especially [] in electing our King or Sachem & dethroning him if [] for — It always has been a Custom among [] to crown our Sachem, upon Condition of his strictly adhere [] to the good of the Nation & advice of his Friends— [] by breaking any of the Laws or Customs of the Nation he forfeits his Sachemship — In former times Sachems have been deposited on their breaking the Laws & Customs of the Indians — And we think we have gone according to the Laws & Customs of our Nation in dethroning this our Sachem; and have always accepted the Laws & Customs of our Nation as good & wholesome — Those that endeavor to git our Lands from us say, it is not in the Power of the Nation to dethrone the Sachem— As it was in the Power of the Nation to put him in; we think it is in the Power of the same to turn him out — We have always had Enemies who begun about 60 years ago, as Your Honour may see by the Copy of the Grant inclos'd — []ted any nations [] or any thing of that [] Counsel] of the Nation; till this [] wise — Those Gentlemen who [] begun to plot about 60 years ago; did [] and then no & then a great Man []ent, whose Design is to git from us [] & they think, now they have almost accomplish'd [] end, in gitting the Advantage of us by this present Sachem —

This is only to inform his Honour, how craftily they have work, [] endeavouring to rob us poor Indians of our Land —

As the Rev^d M^r Graves, has been our great Friend, [] in many Instances appear'd studious for the good of the

Indians — I have always put great Confidence in him and to lose such a Friend is a very great loss — the Indians have been dec^d. so often, that they grow jelious — when Mr. Graves petitioned Home for a School to be set up among us it was granted — And Mr Graves perhaps not understanding that Mr Cross was an Enemy to us, appointed him to have the Care & Inspection of it. But as Mr Cross has prov^d. himself an Enemy to the Indians they wou'd be glad to have nothing to do with him — Since Mr Graves appointed him, s^d Cross has bought of the Sachem the best Spot of fishing ground they have — and so we think it is best to have to do w^h him as little as possible.

We should have been glad to have rec^d Mr Cross as Over-Sier, if we cou'd have done it w^h Safety to ourselves, & the rather because we were unwilling to Affront or disoblige Mr Graves — It is not from any Prejudice against Mr Graves or Slight of the Favour Your Honour shew'd us relating to that Affair that [

will consider with [

It is] [] write to your Hon^r. as often [for] that we shou'd not trouble you [] Letters — But the Extravigant [] us to inform — His Creditors have seized all [] and he says, as he is ruined, he intends to [ruin?] the Indians — cheif of the Land, that the Indians [] in Possession of are upon sale — I suppose Your [Honour] has rec^d a Letter sent some time ago — And I [see] no Method, that will be so effectual, as sending [] for If your Honour will please to consider us, and give us advice in this critical Juncture, we shall be greatly oblig'd to Your Hon^r—for we depend upon, and act nothing of importance without the Consent & Advice of Your Honour

From your very humble Servent

TOBIAS SHADDICK

P. S. The Bearer Thomas Koyse
can inform His Honour the State of the Indians —

ADDRESSED: To His Excellency
Sr. William Johnson
att
Johnson Hall
Pr. Thomas Coyhu

INDORSED:
Narraganset Papers
1767¹

FROM JOHN WATTS

[1767]

[I have] taken great pains to get the Scretary of State and board [of trade to settle] the Natural boundary that Sir W^m Johnson could settle [] the Indians but as yet can get nothing done Every one here is [] out of Humour with the Americans

I shall Breakfast with my L^d Shelborne on Thursday morning in order to talk over this affair of the Indian Boundary and press that orders may be given to Sir W^m Johnson about it and at the same time get the Grant for his land made out, which I have already laboured more to get done, then any thing of my own for a long time

My L^d President² is seldom well enough to attend Committees and when he is the Ministers cannot Without which he does not choose to pass it. But I hope soon to succeed. They do not seem much to see the Necessity of agreeing to this boundary or the advantage of it, Notwithstanding Sir W^m has wrote so much to the Scretary of state and board of trade on this Subject and I have so often Sollicated it

¹ In later hand.

² Lord Chatham.

This Paragraph is in consequence of my writing to Mr Penn¹ on these heads I have also wrote in the most pressing terms to Coll Barre² on the subject and requested he would [show] my letter to My L^d Shelbourn, and tell him he would much indear himself to the Americans if he would to his former favors add[] serving us in a matter so nearly concerned the peace and welfare of his Majestys subjects in this part of the world. I should not have [tak]en the freedom with my L^d but had no small marks W
[of] his favor when I was in England

INDORSED: Paragraph of a
Letter from the Honble
Mr. Penn Proprietor of
Pensilvania,
transmitted by Mr. Watts. —

AN ACCOUNT FOR POSTAGE, TEA ETC.

D.³

	22	Postage of 2 letters	75	[]
July	20	D ^s of Sundry Letters at different times	[]	[]
Dec ^r .	5 9	hogs w ^t 669		[5 . .]
Jan ^y	13.50 th	Bohea Tea	7/6 . . v—	18 . . 15
	28	Sundries & bill parcells	v . .	7 . . 17
Feb ^y	27.3 p.	Ribbon	v . .	2 . . 5—
March	10.32	Gal ^s Rum	3/3 . . v . .	5 . . 4—
	221	Cw ^t Shot	v . .	2 . . 3—
	1/2	Cw ^t Gun powder	v . .	7 . . — . —
	14	English Ells Checks . . 3/5	v . .	2 . . 7.10
1767	12 11	Bohea Tea	7/6 . . v . .	4 . . 10
Jan ^y	3 11 1/2 th	Deer leather	10s v . .	5 . . 15

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¹ Thomas Penn, in England.

² Lieutenant Colonel Isaac Barre, adjutant general under Wolfe in 1759, member of parliament from 1761 to 1790.

³ This fragment is calendared under 1767.

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£196.00.7³

46..5..7

242..5.10³/₄

18.11..2

7.10..4

268..7..4³/₄

[]

268...7..4³/₄

210..7

117...9..4

1105..12...0

348..15..4³/₄

5..9..6

18..11..2

1010..13..10

19..12..

215.16..6

136...0..6

94..18...2

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255.16..6

12.10..6

268..7..

INDORSED: for Col. Stores
personal

TO JOHN PENN

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 383, is a letter of January 2d, 1768, to Governor J. Penn, concerning legislation by Pennsylvania in behalf of Indian rights, the proposed boundary and a small gratuity ordered for the widow of Jacob. Destroyed by fire.

FROM NORMAND MACLEOD

A. L. S.¹

[Niagara, January 3, 1768]

[] which in fact is []
 escape going to jail. He told [] we scarcely believed him when [] came here with him is the Bearer [] Batoe men who were cast [] to give him 3 Dollars and [] [] entirely on your Bounty, I [] if he Brought the [] 3 strings of Wampom [] he passes through that [] []ts and then give them to you [] Mrs.] Mac Leod sends you her kindest []

[]

[NORMAND]MAC LEOD

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.²New York January 4th. 1768.

DEAR SIR,

I herewith inclose you a letter with an Account, and some other papers annexed, Which I have lately received from Montreal, they relate to a Sum said to be due to a Merchant of that place, for some fusils belonging to him, that were taken out of a Store at Oswego, by order of Colonel Bradstreet; These papers

¹ " Captain Normand MacLeod about the mysterious behavior of Mr Magra, jealousy between the Senecas and the Messesagas, the consequences of hostilities, Mr Chabiere, the interpreter and smith, the Indian desire for gunpowder, the birth of a daughter, and the Indian who brings the letter."—*Johnson Calendar*, p. 383.

² In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

have been referred to the Colonel; and I likewise inclose you his Certificate, and a letter I have recieved from him upon this Subject, from whence it wou'd appear that the fusils in question were actually taken out of the Store at Oswego for the use of the Indians, that they were the property of the people who claim payment for them, and that they have not as yet been paid for: I think therefore, as their being taken for the use of the Indians, brings this Account within Your Department, It will be as well for You to adjust this Matter, and pay the people a reasonable price for those Arms, I mention this, As the rates charged for them have been objected to by Col.^o Bradstreet in a former letter from him to Me upon this Subject, and that indeed the charge seems high— What the Colonel observes in his letter concerning the date of their delivery, can only be a mistake on their part, As it makes no difference in the reality, or Reasonableness of their Demand, Whether it was in 1763, or 64, that the fusils were taken.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant.

THO^s. GAGE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.;—

INDORSED: New York Janry. 4th. 1768

Gen^l Gages letter wth
Sundry Enclosures —

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 383, is a letter of January 4th from John Wetherhead, New York, about drafts received from Johnson, Major Rogers's conduct toward Mr Roberts, articles to be brought from England, bonds sent in care of Billy Benson and honey sent by Mrs Wetherhead. Destroyed by fire.

FROM THE EARL OF SHELBURNE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 383, is a letter of January 5th from the Earl of Shelburne, Whitehall, signifying the King's pleasure that Johnson, in concert with the commander in chief and the governors concerned, establish a boundary between the several provinces and the Indian tribes. (Printed in *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.* 8:2.)

TO THOMAS BARTON

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Jany 5th. 1768 —*

DEAR SIR

I have been favored with yours of the 2^d. ult^o. and I am glad to find that my last removed those Apprehensions which I do assure you, you causelessly entertained for no failure of Correspondence on my part can be attributed to any other causes than the Nature of my Avocations and my having been far from home for sometime before I wrote my last Letter to you.

I am glad to hear of the progress of William of which you have sent me such good specimens, the nature of his Genius Which you have so Judiciously discovered seems best adapted to Arithmetick & such Studys as require more of Application than Abilities, & I doubt not he may become a good Usher, Transcriber &ca through your kind attention to him — I am also well pleased that you have weaned him from those *Athletick Exercises* which I know he was fond of, and which in the present Age intitle the Champion to no other Prizes than such as you mention. —

You may recollect that I formerly proposed besides the Establishment at the Mohawks that Another might in a little time be formed in your Quarter, or nearer the Ohio, and I doubt not that in the Meantime a Small School at Lancaster might have its

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

advantages, and prove an Introduction thereto I can mention the Matter but whether it is worth your attention unless properly established I can't Say. —

I am pleased that you approve of my Letters to the Society.— The influence which a Clergyman at Johnstown must have on the Neighbouring Whites as well as Indians induced me to describe the Character I thought would best answer to promote the interests of our Religion, the Exterior Department of the Clergy in these parts has been such that the Least appear^{ce} of Levity in a Clergyman (tho' otherwise well Qualified) would infallibly ruin his credit with the Whites, whilst one of that Light which as the Witty Butler observes

—“Inspires, and plays upon
The Nose of Saint, like Bagpipe Drone,”

Would never succeed to advantage amongst the Indians. In short the Man for this place should be of the Mean between the Two Characters Laborious in the discharge of his duty & Exemplary in his Life, Such a Man I dare believe M^r Murray to be from your good recommendation, But as I have the other day fully answered yours & D^r. Smiths Joint Letter in one to him which I requested he would communicate to you, I shall for Brevity sake refer you thereto for an Answer as you have doubtless received it Ere now.—

I thank you for the Extract you gave me from the Society Letter, which was the first I had heard of it, I have now wrote them pretty fully and it gives me infinite satisfaction to hear of such an Allowance as they propose with the late D^r Barclays House and Farm which are worth much more than the Heirs ask for them, will make a competent Establishment for that important purpose, and place that Mission upon a respectable footing to promote which I shall Chearfully contribute all my endeavors And as the Six Nations with their Numerous Allies the Western Indians, are the people whose consequence & conduct are most interesting to the Northern Colonies as well as the Mother Country, so I am of opinion that the Progress of Religion will

be best promoted by this Institution amongst the Mohocks, who are called the Door to the rest, thro whom the other Nations will receive instruction, and the more distant Tribes now Strangers to all Religion, will after their Example be in time allured to embrace Christianity.— all this we may reasonably hope for, and therefore the first Steps to such an important Acquisition for the Interests of Both Church, and state, are by no means to be Neglected. I received Mr. Popham's Letter, from which & your recommendatⁿ of him I should be very glad to encourage him, as far as I could, but notwithstanding the advantages which might in time be derived from such Manufactorys, I fear he cannot expect much Success here for altho' this Country settles fast yet the people are now and will be for many years in such Circumstances as will prevent them from giving much encouragement thereto and from the Expencc of setting up & carrying them on here the people find European Goods much Cheaper, than any that can be made in the Country, excepting their own Coarse Manufactures neither is it by any means convenient for me to go to the Expencc that may be necessary for setting it on foot.—

I received the Sample of Mr. Simons Work, and should be glad to give him encouragemt. If I had occasion for Articles in his way. Capt Johnson thanks you heartily for the concern you Express for his late misfortune, and desires to be kindly remembered to you.

Be assured, Sir, of the Satisfaction It will give me to see you again here, whenever it will Suit your conveniency, and of the Esteem with which I always am

Sir,

&ca

The REV^d. MR. BARTON

INDORSED: Jany 5th 1768

To the Rev^d. Mr. Barton

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, January 5, 1768*]

[²]
 [tedious & Expensive]
 [] a Letter from Gov^r. Penn
 [] of your Letter as mentioned
 [] and of his intentions to
 [] preventing these Intrusions
 [] Government, and I hope
 [] the same Steps, tho' I have
 [] success because I apprehend
 [] numb]er of these Intruders that there
 [] who if they would not
 [] to discountenance them at
 [] which they cannot be
 [] me that they are
 [] these the most
 [] in y^e. like Manner
 []

TO FRANCIS FAUQUIER ETC.

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 384, are listed the following papers, which were destroyed by fire: a letter of January 6th from John Arbo, Bethlehem, secretary to the Moravians, concerning the labors and missions of the Brethren, the Christian Indian settlement at Wiewalusing and the Greenland history by David Cranz, of which a copy is transmitted to Johnson (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:374-75; Q, 4:236-37); a list dated the 7th of names of persons for filling the vacancies in the 2d battalion

¹ "Regarding expenses of the Cherokee deputies' journey and of their meeting with the Six Nations, Gov. Penn's intention to prevent intrusions on Indian lands and the like duty of Gov. Fauquier."—*Johnson Calendar*, p. 383.

² Several lines missing.

(printed in *3d Rep't State Historian*, p. 885); a letter of the 8th from R. Cartwright, Albany, regarding articles sent in care of Lieutenant Pfister, pork to be furnished by Mr Campbell of Schonectady, cattle expected from New England and a report that Sir John will be set up for a seat in the Assembly; promising the support of the Cuylers, Hansens and others to Sir William's candidate; one of the 8th to Sir H. Moore, considering the deficiency of the tract north of the Mohawk, Lord Holland's disappointment, the difficulty of bringing the Oneidas to a further concession, Mr French's letter concerning Colonel Vaughan's land and improvements in the militia; and one of the 8th to Lieutenant Governor Fauquiere on Colonel Cressap's interference with Indian matters, propriety of referring Indians to Johnson for redress of grievances, causes of Indian discontent, the settlements about Redstone creek, the promised action of Governor Penn and the necessity of checking encroachments on Indian lands.

TO JOHN GLEN ESQ^R.

*D. S.*¹

Johnson Hall 8 Day Jan^y 1768

This is to Certify that the Bearers Peter Hare Hendrick Vosburgh and John Wemp has been Twenty two days each employed by Me in His Majesties Service as Battoe Men when I went to Meet the Indians at Oneida Lake last September

W JOHNSON

Johnson Hall }
8 Day Jan^y. 1768 }

To JOHN GLEN Esq^r.
In Schenectady

Recieved Albany November 9^h 1768 from Colo: Bradstreet the Sum of thirteen pounds four Shillings In full for the within certificate

Fr. me Corn^s. Wendell

£. 13 . . 4

N^o. 8

¹ In the New York Historical Society, New York City.

Nov:9 1768

£ 13-4

INDORSED: ¹ Sir W^m. Johnson — Celebrated in American Colonial History Indian Agent of his Brittanic Majesty — *Vide* Stone's "Life of Brandt."

INDORSED: ¹ *Sir William Johnson*
 Celebrated in American Colonial History for his influence upon the natif Indians.
 Indian Agent of H.M. the King George of Great Britain.

TO RICHARD PETERS

*Df.*²

Johnson hall, Jany 8th 1768.

DEAR SIR

By Last post I was favored with your Letter of the 14th ult^o. and I beg you will not think of any Neglect of Correspondence, as I cannot but readily excuse you for the reasons you assign, and from my prepossessions in your favor.

I am Glad to find that you parted with the Indians on such good terms notwithstanding the Mercenary disposition of some of them who have been corrupted by persons amongst us that were ignorant how to deal with them. But it gives me concern to find that they refused to Continue the Line³ so far as was desired, altho' I can easily account for it at this time from the universal discontent prevailing amongst them, the Injuries they have met with on the frontiers, the Intrusions upon their Lands, and the Jealousy they entertain (which our own conduct, and the Artifices of French still amongst them tend to confirm) of

¹ Later indorsement.

² In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson. The letter signed is in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. It has suffered some injury.

³ The boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland.

our intending to push into their Country, and deprive them of their Liberties, but I have great reason to think that the good treatment these Deputys met with from you, will tend to your settling these points in a more agreeable manner hereafter when a more favorable opportunity may offer.

The Indian Chief¹ with whom you had the conversation Suppressed part of what he might have informed you. The Discontent being much more general than he represented, Nay, more than I ever met with, previous to a Rupture, in which I fear it must end, for their Grievances are so many; and they have been so long put off with promises of Redress, and Establishments in their favor, that they no longer rely on us, and their Suspicions are increased inasmuch as our power by the possession of Canada is become more alarming to them, So that we have now Enemys waiting an opportunity of falling upon us much more numerous than formerly — people who before knew us only by name.— A Great part of this we owe to Interested French Incendiaries and as much to our own Sights since the Reduction of the French Territory, and the avidity manifested by all Ranks of people for pushing into their Country, at all Events this, they were told would be the forerunner of a Gen^l plan to destroy or Enslave them, to which their natural Jealousy gave easy belief, Whereas had we enjoyed these Advantages with Moderation, and avoided all insults, & schemes against their propertys which but confirm their Apprehensions We should within a very few Years have overcome their doubts. and being once possessed of their Good opinion might have advanced our Settlements, Trade, and all other our Interests without any risque or disappointment.

The Delawares too have not, nor will they pretend to have the Least right to the Lands you mention in the presence of the Six Nations, but Indians when they disapprove of any step, are apt to place the objection on some of their neighbours.— Those

¹ "Onondaga Indian" in the letter of the Pennsylvania Historical Society.

Virginians &c who have intruded whether under these fallacious pretences, or not, will — doubtless on a Rupture fall a Sacrifice to their temerity & Disobedience of Government, but Justice to the Indians & humanity to these people requires some imediate Steps to be taken for removing these, and preventing those Evils with which their and such like Conduct now threatens the whole Frontier, & the Indian Trade, of which these persons seem either ignorant or insensible, and therefore I hope the Gov^r. &c will take the necessary steps with that dispatch which the case appears to require, and I cannot think it may be better done than by a Law of the Nature which you describe particularly by Strengthening the Civil & Military powers, without which I fear it will not be effectual —

It affords me particular Satisfaction to find that the Governor, and the Gentlemen Commissioners are satisfied with my Endeavors hitherto for the interests of Pensilvania And they may be always assured of every consistent Exertion of my Influenc for its advantage on any future occasion.

I am Extremely sensible of the polite & friendly manner in which you have communicated their sentiments, and I persuade myself you will be assured of the Sincerity and real Esteem with which I am always

Dear Sir

&c

The REV^d.

PETERS.

FROM WILLIAM SMITH

A. L. S.¹

Philad^a. 8th. Jan^y 1768

HON^d. AND WORTHY SIR/

I am favored this Day with your kind Letter of Dec^r. 18th and shall communicate it to M^r Barton.

M^r. Murray, whose Residence is at Reading, happened to be this Day in Town, & M^r Croghan says he is just setting off in

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

New York; so that I can only write a few Lines, to thank You for all your Condescension in Answering our Letter, and all your Zeal for the Church, which stands in Need of such Friends as you.

I observe you say Nothing of the Mission to be opened on your own Estate, which was what Mr Murray had chiefly in View — The Mission & School among the Indians was not what he so much desired, & I wish Mr Seabury's Temper & Prudence may answer for it. For he will Need full as much of Both as he has ever yet exercised in his Life.

Mr Murray begs you will acquaint me what the exact Subscription would be at Schenectady if you think that the best Situation for him; or What it would be on your own Estate, if you prefer him to that; & whether any Substantial Men in Schenectady, if that should be the Place, would undertake to see the Subscription well paid. He knows that on your Estate, you will answer, for the Appointments to be made.

Mr Murray has wrote to the Society to acquaint them that this Matter is in Agitation. When I am favored with your next he can take his Determination, & humbly requests you would write to Schenectady as you kindly offered. I am, with the highest Esteem

Hon^d Sir

Your most obedient & obliged

Humble Servt

W^m. SMITH

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

Favor of

Geo: Croghan Esq^r Johnson Hall

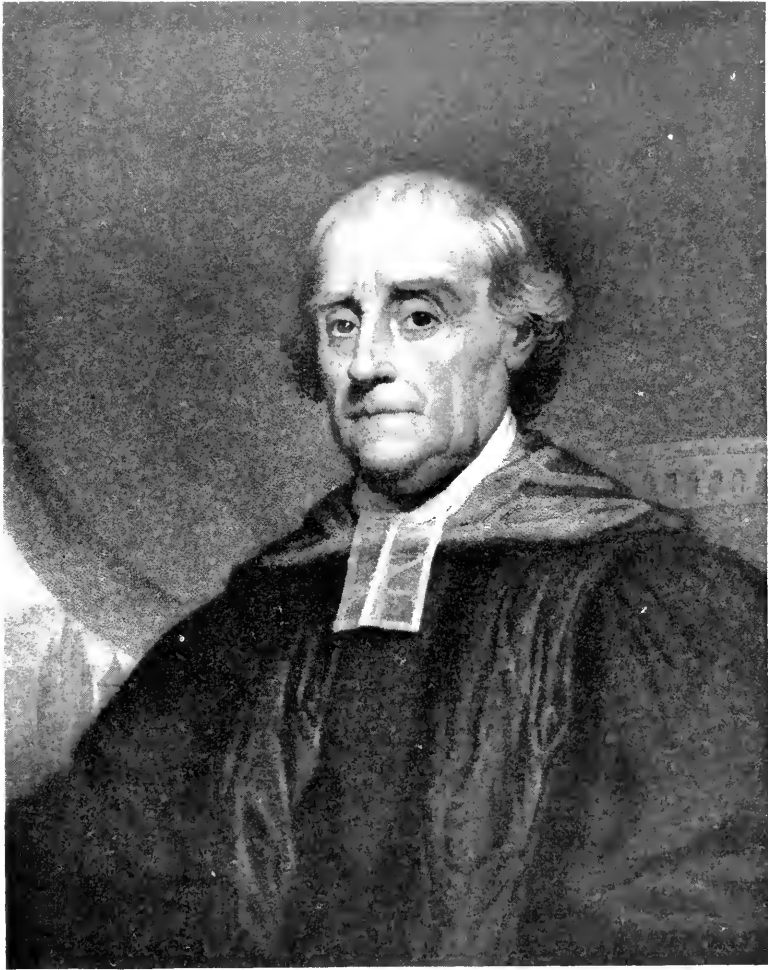
INDORSED: Philadelphia

Janry. 8th. 1768 —

The Rev^d. Doctor Smiths

Letter rec^d. 7th ye. Express

Febry. 28th.



REV. DR WILLIAM SMITH

FROM HENRY MOORE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 384, is listed under the date January 9th a letter from Sir Henry Moore, New York, on the proposed reorganization of the militia, the division of the province into two military districts, the one north of the Highlands to be under Johnson's command, the proposed partition of the tract north of the Hudson among Mr. Hasenclever, Mr Schuyler, General Gage, Johnson's friends, and Lord Holland, and proceeding relative to Schoharie tract. (Wrongly dated by Governor Moore, 1767.) Destroyed by fire.

FROM THOMAS BROWN

A. L. S.¹*Albany Jan 10th 1768*

SIR/

The unhappy State of my present Circumstances cannot be altogether unknown to you, & the Justice & Tenderness due to a Family depending upon my Endeavours, call upon me to use every possible Means of extricating myself & them from Want.

And where shall I apply or what can I do to effect it? Malice & Cruelty have Jointly been made use of against me, & even now while I am making Application for your benevolent offices, perhaps my Enemies have been before me, & shut the Door to them.

I do not pretend to have been faultless, nor can I accuse myself with anything so criminal as ought to deprive me altogether of y^r Favour & Protection.

I removed every Objection but one against me at the Convocation of the Clergy when I was before them, which likewise has since been cleared up. The last was an Ill Office done me from a Quater very little expected. As to the Truth of what I assert, I appeal to the words of D^{rs} Auchmuty & Cooper to m^r Gamble.

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

If you will afford me for my Family's Sake y^r Countenance, My Life & future Conduct shall convince you, how much it will always be my Study to merit it; when it proves otherwise, let this stand as a Monument against me.

The Favours in y^r Power, that I would with the greatest Difference point out, are either a Recommendation to Gov^r Sharp of Maryland, who has promis'd me his Protection on y^r Recommendation, or an Appointment to the Care of the Mohawk Castle's.

I shall take up no more of y^r. Time than to assure You I shall ever remain

S^r

Y^r grateful, humble and
obliged Servant

T: BROWN

TO S^R W^M JOHNSON

INDORSED: Albany. 10th Jan^y. 1768
Parson Browns letter

FROM GAVIN COCHRANE ETC.

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 384, under date of the 11th is listed a letter from Captain Gavin Cochrane, New York, on letters expected from England, Philadelphia opinion regarding Indian wrongs, proper action in South Carolina toward Indian interests, Lord Adam Gordon's people and the settling of 300 families on Indian lands at Redstone creek; with postscript of January 15; also, dated the 13th, extract from a message to the Governor from the Assembly of Pennsylvania, setting forth the advantages of the proposed boundary between white and red men and asking that the sentiments of the House may be communicated to General Gage and Sir William Johnson. Both destroyed by fire.

FROM SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

A. L. S.¹*New York Jan^y. 13th 1768.*

SIR

I am extremely obliged to you for your two last favors of the 2^d & 18th Ult. They both came to hand but a few days ago. The satisfaction you express on reading Dr Chandlers peice gives me great pleasure. I think it is well calculated, and wish it may be read much at Home. It is impossible for the established Church to thrive in America, without a head. It is in fact at present in a State of persecution, unaided, unassisted even by those from whom it has a right to expect patronage & Countenance.

Your goodness in mentioning the necessity of an Episcopate to his Majesty's Ministers will, I flatter myself, give some weight to the requests of the Clergy on that head. Now I am upon this Subject, permit me Sir, to return you my sincere Thanks for your generous Offer towards the support of one, or more American Bishops. I shall execute the honor you have done me with faithfulness and dispatch; and do not doubt, but that his Grace of Canterbury, & his Lordship of London, to whom I shall Communicate your generous intention, will fall upon some method to render it effectual, for the laudable purpose you intend it.

In your favor of the 18th Ult you mention an application made by Dr Smith, & Mr Barton. The Gentleⁿ they mention is a Stranger to me. Upon inquiry however, I find, that tho' somewhat advanced in Years he has but lately been in Orders; and from the Name I conclude he must have been bred a Dissenter, and therefore can know but little of Church matters; and consequently, not so well qualified for your purpose as the Gentle-

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

man Dr Cooper and myself have taken the liberty to recommend. Since the receipt of your Letter, I have had a visit from Mr Seabury, and informed him of the Contents. He desires that I would present his best respects to you, and inform you, that he intends to pay you a visit in the Spring, provided the Society have not appointed another person for your place, which we shall know long before then. Dr Cooper & myself are still of the same mind, that he is every way, the best calculated of any Clergyman we know of, to set down on a new mission. I am very confident, that the Society will give a handsome Salary to a Missionary, at Johnstown; and will not expect that you should be at any further expence, except a small voluntary annual Subscription, if that be thought necessary. The Secretary in one of his last Letters Assures me, that the Society are very desirous of having your Church, Schenectady, & the Mohawks, supplied with Missionaries; and that they will not stick at any expence to do it, if proper persons for the purpose can be found: Nay, he goes further, and says, that if any of their Missionaries are willing to remove to any of the above mentioned places, they may, with my Consent; and they may assure themselves that if they do they will be handsomely provided for; I flatter myself therefore, that it will not be much longer before the Mohawks are provided for, especially as Mr Barton informs me, that the Society have actually agreed to purchase Dr Barclays House and farm for a Missionary, & School Master. This Step I have earnestly recommended to them, and therefore have some reason to think that his Information is true — But we can't be much longer in the Dark about these matters, as three packets, and several Merchantmen are daily expected. I make no doubt but that upon their arrival, which is impatiently expected, I shall hear every particular from the Society on this and other Matters; which information, I shall do myself the honor to transmit to you by the first Opportunity.

Mr Brown is still on the list, thro' the carelessness of the Clerks. His dismissal I have by me. What will become of

the unfortunate Imprudent Man, I know not. Your observation about Residents is strictly just. It is impossible a Missionary can be of much service who resides only part of his time, with his Congregation. This fundamental error for the future must be avoided.

If the Society agree to purchase Dr Barclays house, would it not be eligible immediately to employ Riggs, as the Man bears a good Character, and let him take possession of it, till a Missionary is appointed? I am very sure if you think he can be usefully employed as a School Master, that the Society will approve of it, and give him a sufficient Salary. The Man seems well disposed, has not much Ambition, therefore I think it will be a pity to loose him. But this I must submit to your better judgment. If Mr Bartons information should not turn out true, I will then apply to Mrs Barclay, and see whether she will let me the House for the Societys use, as recommended by you.

Thus Sir, rather than delay answering your last favors, till some information arrives from Home, I have ventured to write these few hasty Scrawls, which you will be pleased to excuse as I have not at present any time to correct, or Copy. I will now detain you no longer; but beg that you will accept of the Compliments of the Season, and assure yourself that I have the honor to be with great respect and esteem,

Sir,

Your much Obliged and

Most Obedient Servant

SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

P. S.

You may depend upon my
doing every thing in my power
for Schenectady.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON —

INDORSED: January 13th 1768.
From Dr. Auchmuty.

FROM MATTHEW GRAVES

A. L. S.¹*New London Jan^y 14 1768*

SIR

I most gratefully acknowledge your very signal Favor of y^e. 19th of last Sep^r., which shou'd have been sooner observ'd, had not a new, unprecedented Machination been devised against y^e poor Narraganset Indians by y^e. Assembly; w^{ch}. was in few words, to sell as much of their Lands, as wou'd clear their Sachem of all his Debts. It was mention'd--voted--executed. They apply'd to me, I sent y^m. to M^r. Robinson,² their Lawyer, who, as I told them about three years ago, is their real & worst Enemy. I never lik'd his dark Letters, told them to take care of him, & y^t. I wou'd having nothing to do with him, nor them if they were directed by him. In short he deluded them so much, y^t. they wrote very improper Letters to me, telling me they only desir'd me to preach.

However seeing y^e. Storm gathering they came & own'd their Error & desir'd my Advice: Go, said I, to M^r. Robinson, desire him to consider y^e. Grievances & draw up y^r. State of y^e. Case. They went, & he refus'd. They then acknow'd y^e. Equity of my Opinion & left themselves to my Direction.

Hearing y^e Collector of Newport, Squire Robinson commiserated their Misfortunes & spoke friendly to them, I wrote a Letter of thanks to him for his Humanity & desir'd his Interest in their behalf. He told me wou'd serve them. Permit me to transcribe his own Words — M^r. Johnston (a Lawyer in Newport) has upon my Recommendation undertaken y^e. Affair.

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

² Matthew Robinson.

When he has prepar'd a State of their Case, I will peruse it, & adopt it as near as I can to y^e. Temper & Genius of y^e. great, before whom it is to go. Having been for some time past pretty conversant with y^e. iniquitous Proceedings of this Governm^t. I shall not fail to expose to view their Oppression of this People. With this agreeable Letter y^e. Indians brought me one from their Lawyer stuff with Equivocations, Falsehoods & Lies, w^{ch}. I scorn'd to answer. I read it to them, gave them a charge not to go near their old Lawyer, to get y^e. State of y^e. Case, Mr. Robinson's Assistance, give a full Power to Tobias Shattock, who waited lately upon y^r. Hon^r. & as you advis'd to go home wth. y^e. Affair. He is now here going to New York, whence y^e. ship sails in three or four Weeks. I have recommended him to Mr. Ogilvie, to whom I have sent this Letter to be convey'd to Johnson-hall.

I need not tell you how very necessary a Letter from you will be in behalf of y^e. distress'd Indians, & What seasonable Relief it will procure to their Case (to use y^r. own Words) to mention y^e. Case to his Majesty's Ministers, & recommend it to their Attention. I receiv'd a Letter lately from Mr. Occum, & begin to be jealous of him his Words are few & cool. Besides he has given y^e. Petition, I drew up to y^e. King & Council for y^e. Nahantic Tribe to General Lyman, a great Favorite to this Colony, therefore no Friend to y^e. plunder'd Indians. I wrote a long, sharp Letter to Mr. Occum, & told him plainly, he seem'd to be more studious to get Money than to vindicate his People, & y^t unless he gave better proofs of his Integrity to them, I w^d. pray for him, but drop his Correspondence & our Intimacy. Besides he says y^e. Bishops wou'd not ordain him, I believe y^e. reverse, for y^e. Secretary told me, he shou'd, if he sincerely desir'd it. But I wish I may be wrong, & Occum prove faithful. I hope you'll pardon my Prolixity arising from my conscientious Concern for his Majesty's Subjects, harrass'd, plunder'd & abus'd by a seditious, mutinous & iniquitous People. O for a King's Governor for Rhode Island & Connecticut, & a Bishop to

direct & support his Clergy! That y^e. Lord may bless & preserve his Majesty, direct his Hon^{le}. Council, restore & establish Peace, Unanimity & Love at home; & also bless you with sound Wisdom, Wealth & Health is y^e. hearty Prayer of
Sr.

Y^r. Hon^{rs}. most dutiful obedient & very hum^{le}. Serv^t

MATT. GRAVES

To y^e. hon^{le}. S^R. WILL^M. JOHNSON &ca

INDORSED: New London 14 Janr^y. 1768
The Rev^d. M^r. Grave's
Letter relative to Indian
Greiviances —

TO BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ETC.

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 385–86, are listed the following paper which were destroyed by fire: a letter of January 14th from John Wetherhead, New York, mentioning the arrival of the packet and asking Sir William on his visit to York to make the writer's house his home; from Montreal, the 15th, memorial of merchants and citizens of the province of Quebec to Guy Carleton, lieutenant governor and commander in chief, drawing attention to their rights under the British constitution and the King's proclamation of 1763, asking that the sale of spirituous liquors to the Indians be restricted and declaring that officers, commanders and commissaries of posts should not be allowed to interfere with passports from his Majesty's governors; from Montreal, the 15th, orders and regulations respecting the Indian trade and duty of commissaries, issued by Sir William Johnson, with criticisms by traders and citizens; a letter of the 19th, Philadelphia, from the committee of correspondence of the House to Benjamin Franklin and Richard Jackson, agents for the province of Pennsylvania at the court of Great Britain (copy), acquainting with proceedings for stopping encroachments on Indian land and punishing the authors of the massacre of Indians at Conestogo and Lancaster, also with the opinion of the House that a boundary should be at once established between settlements and the native tribes (printed in *Collections*

of *Illinois State Historical Library*, 16:156–58); one of the 22d to Peter Hasenclever, agreeing with the opinion that the country is not ripe for manufactures, discussing the division of the new land grant and inclosing an account of expenses in making the purchase; one of the 22d to Joseph Galloway, discussing measures of the Pennsylvania government for removing Indian discontent, Indian reprisals, difficulties of legal redress, wrongs committed by frontier inhabitants and the need of a fixed boundary; one of the 22d to General Gage about arms taken in 1764 for the use of the Indians, a congress with the confederacies, accounts brought by Mr Croghan, the bell at Niagara desired by the Hurons and unjust aspersions on Mr Hay; one of the 22d to J. French, secretary to Governor Moore, about the survey of Colonel Vaughan's lands, objection by the Conajoharee Indians to the dimensions of the tract and the license to practise law promised by the Governor to Hendrick Frey; one of the 22d to Sir H. Moore on the plan for the militia and his own appointment to a command, Mr Hasenclever's and Lord Holland's share in land to be divided, the Scohare tracts and Mr Ranslaer's caveat, the Michl Byrne tract at Scohare and John Brachan's triangle near Conajoharee; one of the 22d to Benjamin Kissam, repeating the answer of the Mohocks to the offer of the Kayadarosseras patentees and asking that a map to represent their patent be furnished; one of the 22d to Mr Gamble about delayed correspondence and cash remitted in Mr Croghan's care; a letter of the 24th from Hugh Wallace, New York, concerning Major Goreham's salary and bills, Captain Howard's account, a vessel from Dublin, English news, newspaper flattery of General Lyman, and candidates for the Assembly, including Phil Livingston, James Delancey, John Scott, John Cruger jun. and Jacob Walter; one of the 25th from John Wetherhead, New York, about books and letters from abroad and Sir William's expected visit to New York; and one of the 26th from R. Cartwright, Albany, concerning an order for flour and pork.

PHYN AND ELLICE TO JELLES FONDA

A. L. S.

Schenectady 21st. Jan^{ry}. 1768

DEAR SIR

We are fav^d. with yours [] have sent you by the bearer Six fine drest skins a 16^{/8}d is £5—

We will be glad to [] you here for Severall reasons,

[p]articularly ab^t. Battoemen, Wheat &c^a. [] Ginsang
 we have ordred from New York so that you can see it. We are

Dear Sir

Your Most Hle serv^{ts}

PHYN & ELLICE

[] you seel a parcell
 [] Skins for Wheat
 []uld be glad —
 [] FUNDA

INDORSED: Mis^s Phinn
 and Elles
 there Letter
 to Jelles Fonda
 and the Price
 of the Leather

TO THOMAS BROWN

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Jany 28th 1768

SIR/

I Cannot but feel for the distresses you describe which I wish I knew how to relieve agreeable to my Inclinations. You are already sensible in a Great measure of my sentiments on this head, and you may be assured that Ill natured representations shall not operate with me to your Prejudice. — But you must be sensible that from the nature of the almost general Prejudice conceived against you, the affair can be no Secret, and the Clergy might Justly condemn one for a recommendation of a Gentleman so Circumstanced without their knowledge, or approbation.

I am not so uncharitable as to doubt your future Conduct the Misfortune is that the prejudices of so many people, which have

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

doubtless Exaggerated many particulars against you, are too far Spread so that not only My recommendation may be called In Question but myself blamed for taking upon me to Introduce a Gentn of your function to another Colony who has fallen under Censure here, — I do not mention this as an Excuse for declining so to do, but that I know evil report of a Clergyman will not be for any length of time confined to one Colony, the consequence of which is obvious — As to the care of the Mohawk Castles it is already provided for, so that nothing can be done in that way, and from what I have already observed, as well as from your own serious reflections thereon you will be able to Judge how far I can take the other part of your request on me whilst affairs are so circumstanced

I heartily wish I could give you a more favorable Answer at this time as my inclination would Lead me to do you any consistent service for the improvement of your circumstances.

The REV^d. MR. BROWN

INDORSED: Jan^{ry}. 29th. 1768

Letter to the Rev^d. Mr.
Brown at Albany

HENDRICK FREY'S BILLS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 386, is listed the following paper which was destroyed by fire: Hendrick Frey's bills to Sir William Johnson for surveying between the two Canada creeks, dated November 15, 1766; received Canajoharry, January 29, 1768.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹

New York Jan^{ry}. 31st. 1768

Dear Sir,

Mr. Penn will probably acquaint you of the Proceedings in his Government respecting Indian Affairs; but I take the first

¹ In the New York Public Library, New York City.

opportunity to inform you of the Advices transmitted me from thence The assembly have sent a Bill to the Governor, Inflicting the Penalty of Death on those who are settled, or any who shall settle on any Lands in the Province, not purchased from the Indians; unless they remove in thirty Days after legal and regular Notice given them to remove. The Bill is Sent back with some Alteration, which the Gov^r. Says they can have no objection to; and hopes it will be soon passed into a Law that will effectually answer the good Purpose intended by it. I hear nothing from Virginia, but if Gov^r. Penn acts with me in the Spring, I think there will not be one Settler remaining on the Waters of the Monongahela.

Whilst the Legislature has been taking Such Pains to remove a Just Cause of Complaint of the Indians, a Villain Named Frederick Stump, a German living on Penn's Creek, has committed a most barbarous and unprovoked Murther of ten Indians Men Women and Children. Every Means that could be thought of was taken to apprehend the Murtherer the Moment that the News got to Philadelphia, but whether the Magistrates will Succeed in it or not May be doubted.

I Mentioned to you in a former Letter that the Establishing of Governments in the Interior Country was under the Consideration of the Board of Trade, so that we may expect orders concerning that Matter and Many other important Points respecting this Country, which the Said Board had likewise under their Consideration.

I am to acknowledge Your Letter of 22^d. Ins^t: by Mr Croghan inclosing an Account of Commissio^{ns}: Pay and Disbursements made at Fort Pitt. If I had had the vouchers to see the different charges, and on what account incurred, it would be easy to determine by what Department they should be paid. The three articles transmitted in this account for fitting out Ind^{ns}. for the Illinois, the charge of the officer Commd^s. at Fort Pitt, and for removing the settlers from Redstone & cheat river appear to be extraordinary, and indeed enormous expences,

but Mr Croghan tells Me, that Many other Expences are Mixed with those; which he does not know, how can be Separated as they are all included in One Account and Voucher. I shall write immediately to the Commander of Fort Pitt on the subject of Expenses contracted there.

Mr. Hay's Case has turned out as I imagined it would The demand of the Bell from Niagra I imagine proceeds from the Priest of Detroit, it is of little use where it is, but if a Government is established at Detroit, a Multiplicity of Religions will also be established, and perhaps occasion as much Confusion as any thing else and each will claim a prior Right to the Bell, if it is given away; not without some Reflections should it be given to Papists.

I am Dear Sir,

Your Most Obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SR. W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t:

FROM DANIEL BURTON

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 386, is listed a letter of February 1st from Daniel Burton, at Westminster, (Secretary of the Society for Propogating the Gospel), inquiring what is suitable compensation for a missionary to the Indians (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:376; Q, 4:237).

FROM MATTHEW GRAVES

A. L. S.¹

N. London Feb^y. 1st 1768.

Sir/

The growing Troubles of y^e. Indians oblige me to write to you again — The Hon^{ble}. Mr. Robinson, while Collector at Newport, had engag'd one Mr. Johnson to draw out a State of

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

y^e. Indian Case, & had Assurance of his Integrity: this he acquainted me of I told him, Mr. Johnson was able, but unsteady — He said he had fixt him, & it shou'd be immediately done. His Words are — “He has undertaken y^e Affair Besides y^e. strongest Professions of Sincerity I have his further Security for his Attachment to them (y^e Indians) of their Interest wth. respect to this Colony is one & y^e. same.” — In short I sent an Indian to Mr. Johnson, who waited four days, but in vain, then y^e indian School master, who waited as long in vain — in short Mr. Robinson left Newport & Johnson y^e. poor Indians. I advis'd to take y^e. papers out of Johnson's hands whence y^e. Case was to be drawn, w^{ch}. were got after much trouble, all worn & scarce legible. I must add, this Johnson was King's Attorney, & now he thinks to be reinstated by his Treachery to y^e. Indians, & base Friendship to several of y^e. great (I had almost said wicked) Men at Newport & others his Neighbors. & Mr. Robinson having remov'd he has laid aside all his Promises. However I have order'd Tobias Shattock to sail New York for London, assuring him I wou'd write to y^r. Hon^r., who wou'd consider y^e. Affair & endeavor to relieve them. Now Sr. as several dread y^e. Indian's going home & do all they can to embarrass the design — as they know y^e. Influence & will unite & strengthen their European Forces, I hope you'll condescend to send y^e. State of their Case home with a Letter to some of y^e. Nobility. This will rout their Allies & settle y^e. poor Indians on a solid Foundation.

I have dispatch'd an Indian with a Letter to Mr. Robinson, & press'd y^e. Continuance of his Interest, & to write in their Favor. I wish I had proper Power. My bowels yern for y^e. plunder'd Indians — they are plunder'd of their Land, we of our Glebe & our Church torn down & converted into a Tavern by y^e. same people. The Indian waits to carry this with y^e. other to N. York. I pray God continue you for y^e. Good of his Church, y^e. Interest of his Majesty, & y^e. Relief of y^e. distrest;

& y^t. you'll pardon this Scrole & Freedom is y^e. earnest Request
of

Sr.

Y^r. Hon^{rs}. most obedient &
most oblig'd, humbl^e. Serv^t.

MATT GRAVES

To y^e. Hon^{le}. S^R. WILLIAM JOHNSON &ca

INDORSED: New London 1st. Feby 1768

The Rev^d. M^r. Graves letter

FROM HENRY BOSTWICK

A. L. S.¹

[*London, February 2, 1768*]

[]²

[] had an []

] you on the Subject of certain mines
supposed to be upon Lake Superiour; And you seemed anxious
to know what truth there might be in such reports, or what might
be the Nature of such mines if any there be; I use the freedom
to inform you by this what Progress I and my concerns have
made in this Affair, having allways proposed to communicate to
you any discoveries that we should make, which it has not been
in my power to do sooner for reasons that you will see hereafter.

In the Beginning of last Summer Mons^r. Cadotte and I made
some Excursions into that lake for the purpose of discoveries,
where our Success far exceeded our most sanguine expectations,
and the reception we met from the Indians was the best possible.
They, when once they knew our Errand, inviting us in the most
cordial manner by their Cheifs (with whom we com[municated]

¹ In the State Library are two copies of the Bostwick letter, which
suffered injury from the fire. The remains of the two are combined in
the matter here printed.

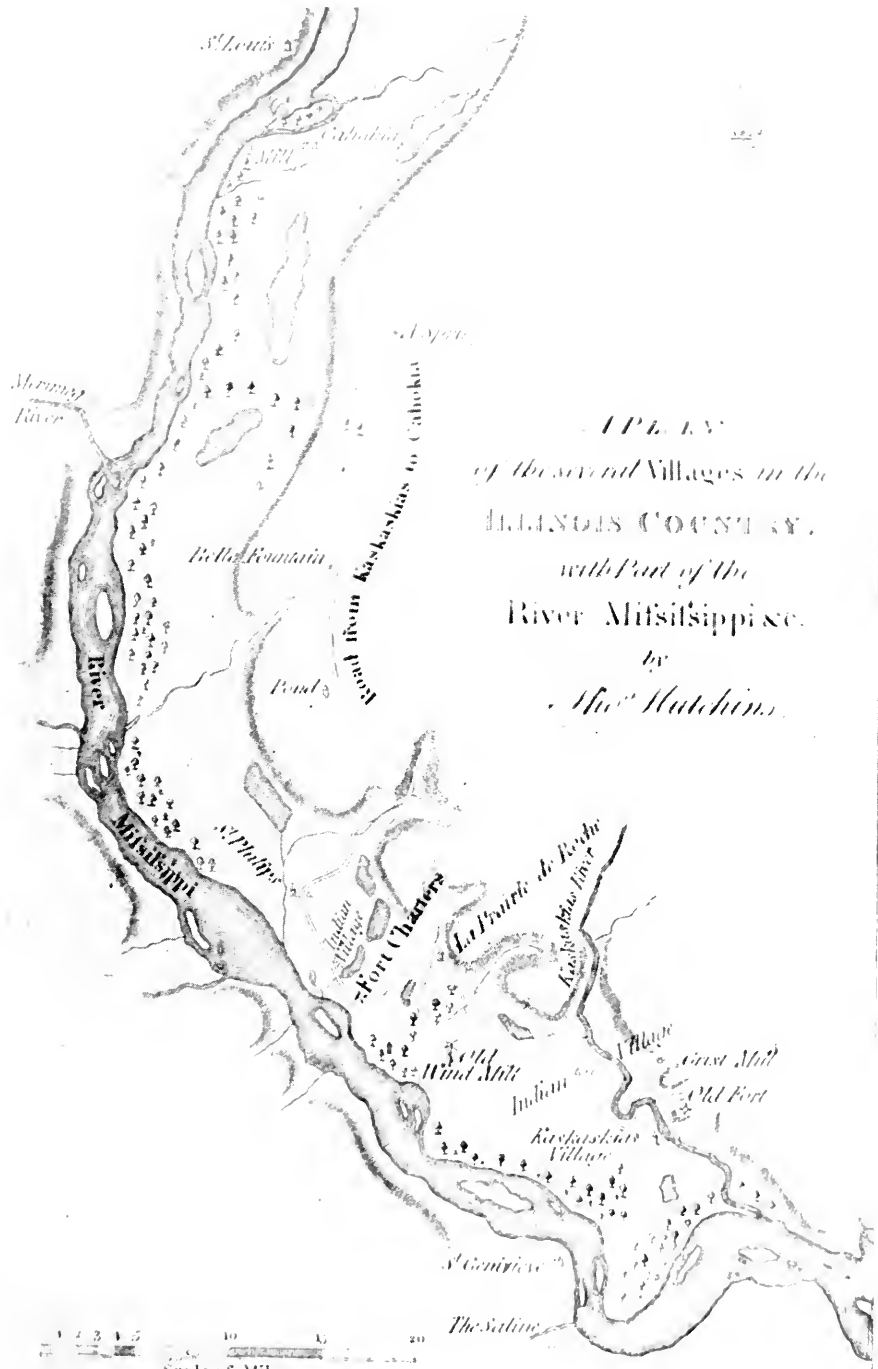
² Lines burned off.

on the subject) to come upon such an under [] []
 which they invited us in the most pressing [] made sev-
 eral discoveries to us which [] [] promising
 Aspect. This circumstance [] seeming so fond of our
 coming []
 [] affair made both Mr. Cadotte
 []
 to pass your way, An []
 in that period of the Affai[r]
 for if it had fallen into other []
 rendered the whole abortive.—

On my Arrival []
 Application to certain Gentlemen [] of
 Parliament, others Merchants of [] from
 The Samples I produced and the Acc[]
 so far approved of the prospects, as []
 to the King in Council for a Royal []
 Such Mines in Lake Superiour []
 or shall hereafter discover, which []
 before his Majesty's Secretaries of []
 Board of Trade, where it hitherto []
 Approbation — And shall be [] if it,
 has the good fortune to meet [] yours As also that
 you would [] in it, Or in case you don't choose
 [] friend that youll be pleased [] Which
 I am authorized by all the [] to offer to you by this
 letter [] beginning of our consulta[tion] such Pro-
 posal y^e offer [] made use of []
 [] converse []
 [] And if you'll per[]
 [] hereof to write to Mr. Joshua Re[]
 [] London he will correspond with you []
 [] of the parties here. I have the honor []

¹ Lines burned off.

A PLAN
 of the several Villages in the
 ILLINOIS COUNTRY,
 with Part of the
 River Mississippi &c.
 by
Geo. Hutchins.



with the greatest Respect for myself and the [] Gentle-
men concerned

Sir

Your most Obed^t & most Humble Serv^t.

HENRY BOSTWICK

As the Grant may not be made out before the Season []
me to leave England on act of my other Business, [I] intend
taking out with me two skillful Miners for further discoveries as
well as ascertaining the value of those allready made And
should be glad of your opinion & Authority how far it may be
proper to work any thing we may meet worth while, before the
grant arrives.

ADDRESSED: To The Honourable
Sir William Johnson Baronet
His Majesty's Sole Superintendant
of Indian Affairs in North America
At Johnson Hall

FROM [GEORGE CROGHAN]

A. L. S.

[New York, February 2, 1768]

[]¹
[] Nine Indians Murd[]
[Stump and] his Acomptices at a place Call^d. penns [Creek]
in Cumberland County pensylvaine [] on the West
Side Susquahenna About [] Miles above harriss Ferry²—
[An]d by a Leter I have from Phill I [lea]rn that the Gover-
ment has oferd [£]200 Reward to have him aperedded butt
Dispair of his being given up by the Fronteer pople—

I find the Ginerall has still the Same fears of a Rupter this
Spring with [the] Indians & I have Nott Indaverd [to] Lesen

¹ Lines burned off.

² Harrisburg.

them Butt he Seems Much [em]barrised & as if he Did Nott know [] to Do —

[] Nov^{br.} packett brought Governer [Franklin] a Short Leter from his [father] [inform]ing him that he had [] & y^e aSembly from [] him of the []¹
[] by y^e. Dc^{br.} packett [] Boundry, that he blived a Colony [] & the Ilinioes wold Take place & [] the Dc^{br.} packett he wold Write [] on those Subjects

Yesterday Sir Henry Moor Tould [] that he wold be up with you in [] or begining of May whether he had [] orders from home or Nott & that [] Expected the patentees of the Kiader [] wold putt itt in his power to [] affair with the Mohocks So th[] he wants to Trust himself in[] Mediator on that occation []

and this Day Mr. Kisam & [] Come to Me & Talk^{d.} a[] the affair they are to [] Ramson to Wate [] []¹
[] them that [] [] have any thing to Do [] Sir Henry Moor on y^e ocation [] the A Sembly of pensylvanie has [v]oted a Sume for Condoling with y^e. Indians on y^e. Gunestoga Afair & for the Dallaways & Shannas Butt I Cant be purtickler on that Head till I go to Phill^{a.} for w^{h.} place I Sett out Tomorrow & will Write you fully on this Subject and Every thing else that Comes to my knoledge [P]ese to present my Complem^{ts.} to Sir John [Cap]ts Johnson & Clause & Ladys & Mr. Burins [] Me Dear Sir with Great []

your Most Obeident
and Most Humble
Servant

¹ Lines burned off.

TO THOMAS PENN

*Df.*¹*Johnson Hall Feb. 5th 1768.*

DEAR SIR

Since I had the pleasure of writing to you last I had the favor of your Duplicate of July last with the Postscript of Sept^r 12th. wherein you inform me of his Majestys having referred my Case to the Attorney General with orders to draw a Grant to be passed for the Land & of your friendly intentions farther in my behalf for all which I give you my most sincere thanks.

In answer to the information you desire concerning the Lands I beg to observe that I had some reason to hope that his Majesty would have been graciously pleased to Mitigate the fees, in consideration of my great Losses & Expences, & for the other reasons I had before given, this I must have considered as a particular Grace & favor, for it is in my power at present to obtain a Grant for it in this Province on paying the fees but as the case now stands I shall not presume to sollicit any thing which may be deemed disagreeable, & therefore beg the favor of you to take out the Grant & pay the fees, as you have been pleased to offer, & I shall most thankfully repay you the Ammount. I am not informed whether it is his Majestys pleasure to Grant me the whole of my Indian purchase, agreeable to the survey last transmitted, or only according to the Survey first sent which was in fact a mistake. I could wish that his Majesty would Graciously please to Grant the Whole, as it is a very fair & Expensive purchase, however in this point I beg you will act as seems best to yourself.

From the very kind intentions expressed in your last, It is unnecessary for me to recommend farther the affair of my pay,

¹ In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson.

expences & Losses, persuaded that you will give me your kind assistance therein, & I believe they will appear very reasonable, when it is considered that my retiring from Business & all Domestic pursuits, when my affairs were in the most promising situation has Severely affected my private fortune; That my Income since has never been half what it was before my appointment, & that my Acting in a Regular Military Capacity brought on me a Considerable additional Charge foreign to my Civil Commission & which is always allowed for to Gentlemen that Command Armys, but was it otherwise, the peculiar Circumstances of my Situation renders the demand Just and reasonable, and altho thro' Length of time I may not be reimbursed for the Moneys formerly advanced by order for the Service particularly the debt owing to me from this province, it may nevertheless produce some consideration & strengthen my pretensions in other respects by demonstrating how much I have been a Loser by the Service, whilst I have totally neglected the many fair opportunitys which my situation & interest afforded me of acquiring a Landed property from the Indians, and am now without a foot of Land in the Country, but what I bought from Patentees sev^l. years before I had any office under the Government.

Whether his Majesty will consider the Premises in a Pecuniary, or be pleased to honor me with any farther marks of his Approbation is humbly submitted to him, but to a friend I cannot help Repeating these heads which are so sensibly felt by me & must greatly prejudice my affairs, & I think myself peculiarly happy in such a Friend as you, Sir, to whom I can communicate them freely, & on whose Judgment I can rely for their being placed in the most advantagious Light. As You are doubtless early advised of American News, I need not to say more than that Indian affairs appear in the worst situation, and they seem only to have postponed not laid aside their designs, to which they find daily fresh provocations. Lt. Gov. Penn writes me that a German on his Frontiers has lately Murdered Ten Indians in Cool Blood & transmitted to me all the par-

ticalars. He is using all his endeavors to apprehend the Murderer but I fear he has got out of his reach.

A more unlucky affair could scarcely have happened at this Critical period, when they are so discontented. On the arrival of the 6 Nations I shall do my utmost to convince them that it was a private Act for which the Offender will Suffer death, & shall do all I can to ward their resentment from falling on the innocent.

From the present unhappy Disposition of the Indians I find they could not be prevailed upon to go the full Extent of your boundary with Maryland, however I am very glad to hear that it appears on the Whole so much to the advantage of Pennsylvania which as far as is in my power I shall always promote, & I shall receive particular pleasure from every occasion I have of testifying my Obligations & the Real Esteem with which I always am

Dear Sir,¹

The Honble. T. PENN Esqr.

My son requests I should offer you his best Compliments & sincere thanks for your Intentions in his favor, and I beg you will accept of mine on the same occasion.

HENRICK MERCKEL JUN'R'S ACCOUNT

D. S.

[February 6, 1768]

[	William Johnson Bar ^t .	
	To Hendrick Merckel jun ^r .	D ^r
[	] Sundry Gall ^s . of Rum delivered to	} £ 1.13.6
[	] John Wolf Barlet, as p ^r . annexed Bill	

¹ In the Library of Congress is a Force Transcript of the letter sent to Penn, which has, with slighter points of difference, the following:

Your most obe^d
 humble Ser^t
 WM. JOHNSON

[	] lb. of Vermillion as p ^r . order	16.
[	] Rendering the pledge of Thomas an Indian, as p ^r . order	} 19.
[] ox & 2 Cows, deliver'd to Sr. John Johnson Cap ⁿ . Guy Johnson & Capt ⁿ . Clauss, as p ^r . annexed Certificat of Capt ⁿ . Clauss		} 13. 5.
		<hr/> £16.13.6
[	] to Joseph 14 Victuals & Drink 3/6	17.6
		<hr/>
	Rec ^d the above Acc ^t .	£17.11.0
[	] all Demands Henrich merckel Jun ^r	

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

L. S.

[Philadelphia, February 7, 1768]

[¹]
 [] I got here and brought []
 [] Rheumatism, — I wrote your hon^r. from [New York]
 [] that one Frederick Stump and his servant had []
 [] Indians drunk and then murder'd them, ten in []
 [] men women and children. They were taken by []
 [] young fellow one Captⁿ. Patterson who had for-
 merly [] [] the provincial Service, and deliver'd
 to the Sheriff in [] who had been received the chief
 Justice's Warrant to []hend these murderers, and bring
 them to Philadelphia []amination,— the Justices of the
 Peace for the County [] not suffer the Sheriff to obey
 the Warrant but com[mit]ted them to the County Prison from
 whence in Six [] were rescued by a number of people
 from the [] in the middle of the day. this, has caused

¹ Lines burned off.

very [] between the Assembly and Governour — and
 [] dispute about the Murder of the Conestogo
 [] charging the Governor with a neglect
 []¹
 [] Lands for the purpose of []
 Nations and Ohio Indians,— (and I []
 soon as this happens, I shall inform you []
 I have not been able to see the Governor []
 will soon.

I am very sorry for these disputes, as []
 should not be a a day lost in doing something with []
 Indians, and those on Susquehannah. The re[]
 Murders on the Frontiers, and the want of power in []
 Government to bring the Murderers to punishment []
 bring on hostillities, unless some attonement can []
 the Indians; by Condoling, and giving present []
 in the Spring.

Please to present my compliments to []
 and all the Gentlemen and Ladies — and []
 with great Respect,— your Honour's []
 And Most []

FROM JOHN TABOR KEMPE

A. L. S.

London 7th: February [1768]

I arrived here on the 16th. of last Month, but a few []
 before Lord Hillsborough entered into the new Office of Secre-
 tary for [] &c. and I had scarcely Time to rest a Day
 and deliver your [] [] Shelburne before the
 Business of the Colonies was out of his [] [] I
 suppose has been the Reason, why my Lord said very little
 [and] of my not hearing from him since — Lord Hillsborough I

¹ Lines burned off.

have [] [] has not mentioned to me your Letters to Lord Shelburne, nor have I [] any Conversation with him on any Thing, that could have been the [] any of them, yet Sir my Thanks are due to you for the kind [] in which you interested yourself in my Affair, and which you []mit me here to repeat — This Change was unlucky for me, but [] []try has been unsettled so long, that I cannot say it was altogether [] by me — I have been unlucky too in not finding Lord Adam [] Town, he is in Scotland busy about the ensuing Election [] the Letters at his House, and was informed he would soon [] I cannot yet say whether my Sollicitations will have [] for Effect, and having nothing to inform you in Politicks [] Consequence, except that it is not thought the present [] will continue long without some Alterations, I haste to [] I am

with great Respect

Dear Sir

Your much obliged
humble Serv^t.

J. T. KEM [PE]

[SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON] Baronet.

FROM JAMES PHYN

A. L. S.

[Schenectady, February 8, 1768]

[]¹
[] with your Letter inclosing []
[] ac]cepted in the manner we always meant.
[] much crouded with Company, & some urgent Business [] Mrs Ellice & me Home a Friday Night I hope will excuse []ting upon You that Morning at the Hall [] take the liberty to inclose You a list of those Indian

¹ Lines burned off.

Goods [] now by Us, shou'd any of them be suitable, we will esteem any [or]der a singular favour those Articles which You may require [] be had from Mr Campbell or us shou'd it be agreeable, we will lay in [] Albany on the best terms in our Power.

I come now to informe You that when we was in N York [] enough to effect a settlem^t with our friend J D & at that [] tollerable good Security, but as none of the Money he []ome in before next Summer we shall be something [] up the remainder of our English remittances, we therefore [] our government what Part of the anex^d Bills [] of April as we can purchase Str. Bills
Now

[]¹
Much Service to our affairs to know []
I have the honor to be With perfect esteem []

Sir

Your most Obed^t & mo[st]

Hum^e Servant

JAMES [PHYN]

TO PHILIP SCHUYLER

A. L. S.²

Johnson Hall 8th. Febr^y. 1768

SIR/

I am induc'd to trouble You now on behalf of the Best Indian of the Mohawks, Who last Summer had a Sorrel Mare (with White Mane & Tale, and a good pacer) Stole from him (As he since understands) by a New England Man, and, on hearing a few days ago from some of the Mohawks returning that way from their Hunt that She was in the possession of a Man living at, or near Saraghtoga Lake, apply'd to me to make an Enquiry, And as I am unacquainted that way, and well

¹ Lines burned off.

² In the New York Public Library, New York City.

knowing that you would not Suffer a thing of that kind to pass unnoticed, I take the liberty to request You will order an Enquiry to be made about it, and if possible to let ye. Indⁿ. named *Abraham*, take her home with him, which will greatly please him, & oblige Sir

Y^r. Welwisher & Humble Servant

W JOHNSON.

Co^l. PHILL: SCHYLER

INDORSED: Sir W^m. Johnson

8th Feb^r. 1768

N^o. 988

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[*New York, February 8, 1768*]

[]¹
 [] making []
 [] woud he ben to get it []
 [] will do, if you do not forbid me — []
 [] Mr Roberts woud have gone up to Johnson []
 [] Collins, but I find He does not go. I am told He
 [] his Accounts Settled with the General, it has been
 [] consequence of Col Croghan being there He goes up
 [] Settled & then, as I understand the Matter
 [] will pay your draft for the Amount —
 They go on very Slowly with your Patent at the office
 [] them done as speedily as possible —
 [] I shall be glad to receive your Agreeable Command[s
 &ca] [] M^{rs} Wetherhead joins me in best Respects to
 you [] Remain

Sir Your most Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD.

¹ Lines burned off.



GENERAL PHILIP SCHUYLER

From painting in Schuyler Mansion, Albany, N. Y.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[New York, February 8, 1768]

[]¹
 [] will take care to be []
 [] He desires me to bring the petition []
 [] when the Council sets & after that I will haunt [them]
 [] Devill till the finish it for me [] makes such
 a cursed Noise I cant say more than that [] Respects
 to Sir John &c

Sir your most Obliged Humble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

[]

ADDRESSED:

To

the Honorable Sir William Johnson B^t

Johnson Hall

with 6th Tea

to the Care of M^r Cartwright

ALEXANDER MC KEE TO GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

[Fort Pitt, February 13, 1768]

[]¹
 [] having murdered []
 [] and Scalping them, is known to all the []
 [] in this Country.

The Indians are very much alarm'd at it,—I have []
 them on the Occasion, and used every Argument in []
 []er to make then easy on that head,—They were
 [] enough of us before, and very discontented; but

¹ Lines burned off.

this [] of Stumps, has made the Warriors of the different nations []ous, as they say, the English are certainly determined []ke War on us, or otherwise they would not Scalp our []le — the Scalping those Indians is worse than murdering [] They come here from all parts of the Country enquiring [] I have heard from Sir William Johnson, the General [] [] or of Philadelphia — or whether you are coming up [] I shall continue to do everything in my power to [] [] quiet till you come up — and the sooner you come, the [] Warriors of those Tribes have sent Belts to the [] them to come to the plains of Scioto [] ncial of their own, next month — and they [] Six Nation Warriors at Venango [] day [] turning home []¹ [] away at this time [] in their suspicions — that we want [] Some of the lower Shawan [] that the Tribes living on the Ouabache, seem [] incensed against the English, for having fixed [] their Country, and threaten to plunder next sp[ring.] the Indians that went with Mr. Phyn, and are [returned?] confirm the Account the Shawanese gave me, and [] these Accounts prove true, the communication [] Ohio will be shut up.

I have nothing more at present to inform [] but that most of the Shawanese and Delawares [] are here, — and propose waiting hereabouts to see [] they say, they will stay till the Middle of M [] then they say, they must attend their own [] Western nations.

I am, Sir [] []

¹ Lines burned off.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[*New York, February 15, 1768*]

[]¹
 [] with the Writts for a New []
 []urday Night & now they are []
 [] which He must have done with al[]
 [] finished on Wednesday or Thurday I then will
 immediately [] Business — for the Small Patent I
 mean, as to the other [] Petition to the Governor
 withe Name of the parties as you [] laid it before the
 Council on Wednesday last, the Conideration [] left
 to a Commitee, who will determine this week, but []
 [] tells me there is no Doubt but it will be Complyd
 with Hugh Gainé will send you all the Votes of the Assembly
 by next [] as Soon as He Can get them done —
 You will be pleased to excuse the liberty I take in Sending you
 the [] Warrant of Survey for Col Croghans Lands,
 you will be pleased [] to Mr Fry, for that is my order
 from Croghan & tell him He [] about it as quikly as
 possible, I understand He wants the [] finished, by the
 Time the Governor goes up wch will certainly [] begin-
 ning of May at the farthest.

[] Mr Roberts Stays Here as I understand, waiting
 for your [] letters in Answer to what the Generall has
 wrote you concerning []

My wife joins me in Respects to you & Sir John & remain
 [] Truth

Sir Your most Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

¹ Lines burned off.

SAMUEL WHARTON TO GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

[February] 16th 1768 A. M.

[]¹
 [] be at the entire Disposal of [Sir William]
 [] the Money² is to be paid to his
 [] He shall think proper to draw them.
 [] carrying a great Point?
 [] Persons, who opposed it, were Mr. Allen & Mr
 [Joseph] [Fox] this Occasion They thunder'd forth their
 [] Oratory, to show, That three hundred pounds
 [] gh] & That it was unparliamentary & impolitic
 [] Persons, but their Own Commisⁿ. dispose of them
 But their Rhapsody was in Vain, as [] & the sig-
 nificant Members were determined to demonstrate []ld,
 Their high Opinion of the Abilitys & Honor [of Sir] William
 and That not a Moment Ought to be []
 He was enabled to remove the Indian Discon[tent] []
 Manner, as He thought proper, both to the []
 [] & On the Ohio.
 [] every Man be now convinced of the ill Disposi-
 [] People here toward the Indian Depart[ment]
 [] that They would do every Thing in their Power
 []
 [] had passed the House — Mr. Chief Justice
 [Allen] declaimed again (as they knew the Gov^r. could
 [] was a Mony Bill) — That a Message
 [] to the Governor & He should be

¹ Lines burned off.² £2500 voted as a present of condolence to the Indians by the Pennsylvania assembly.

[] William — Whether it would be
 [] Commissioners in *Time for*
 [] the
 []¹
 might have an Opportunity of []
 of these persons — That It could []
 therefore He drew the following Paragraph []
 to the Message² — (which He just brought []
 might shew it to you) — Vide¹.
 “It would give us pleasure would the [Time []
 this & the Treaty admit of transmitting []
 sending Commissioners to attend it (the [Treaty] []
 were done And shold He (S^r William) advise you []
 made by your Honour of the practicabili[ty []
 Measure We think it will be right & neces[]
 But otherwise We have so perfect a C[onfidence []
 in that Gentlemans good Disposition toward []
 Province And great Knowledge in Indian []
 That We have no Doubt He will Every Thing []
 Terms, That is necessary in Meting those []
 presents & reconciling as far as is in his []
 Nations to their former Alliance & Friendsh[ip []
 Government &c”
 It is the Determination of the House, []
 should have the Sole Disposition of the []
 would mortify Our Friends, That carried []
 the Governor or any of his Commis[]
 Him, as to attempt to get H[]
 it was practicable to []
 I therefore earnestly []
 []¹
 [] Service.
 [] most indigested scrawl

¹ Lines burned off.

² Message of the Pennsylvania assembly to the governor.

[] & cannot possibly go Out to

[

I am with real Regard

Y^{rs} Assuredly &c

S WHARTON]

ADDRESSED:

To

George Croghan Esq^r

near

Philad.

p^r. Oliver —

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.

[Niagara 17th] Febr^y 1768.

I did myself the honor of writing [] 4th Jan^{ry} after the Arrival of M^r Magra at [] that Gentleman since his being here seem'd [] form'd no Settled plan, Some days ago he told [] he wish'd to return down the Country Captⁿ [] has procured an Indⁿ to go alongst w^t him, who [] Bearer of this,— I readily agreed to his returning [] appear'd to me that there was no method of doing [] Service without runing a risque of affronting him [] doubt Captⁿ M^cLeod informs you of every thing [] knows relative to Ind^{ns} I understand that Some [jealou]sy Still Subsists betwixt the Senecas & missesagaeas [] far it is political or not I will not pretend to [] both nations are so near Neighbours to us [] wish they lived in harmony

I am with great respect

Sir

Your most Obed^t and Most

humble Serv^t.

JOHN BROWN

[] JOHNSON.

INDORSED: [] Indⁿ. Express

March 22^d.

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

[Philadelphia, February 17, 1768]

[¹]
 [Ho]use of Assembly [] []
 House had Sent up to the [] Mony Bill for £3000
 pounds [] Kings use 2500 p^{ds}. of w^h. was []
 putt into your Honors Hands [con]dolances presents for the
 Six Nations [and the] ohio Indians, the other 500 was []
 be Resarved to pay for Takeing up Stump and other Charges
 on that Head — and this Morning the Governor Tould Me he
 was Going to pass itt & that He wold Write to you on the
 Subject

On this Ocation there Has been Very High Disputes in the
 House of aSembly [] Cheffe Justus Mr. Allen & Mr.
 Joseph Fox [insi]sted that the Mony was two Much [] that
 what Ever Sume was Granted [] be Lay^d. out in the
 province by [commi]ssioners of thire own ye. other [] to
 powerfull & Declair^d. that [] & Manidgement of this
 [] Nott Intierly under your [] Wold Grant
 Nothing.

[¹]
 that He and his Council [] of this Mater in thire own
 []

Dureing those Disputes Boath [] to Me to Know
 when ye. Six Nati[ons] [] you att y^r. house or German
 Flatts [] them att fardest by ye. first of M[arch²] that
 there was Nott a Day to be L[] [] adviseing your

¹ Lines burned off.

² Johnson held a meeting from March 4th to the 12th with the Six Nations, Canadian Indians and Cherokees.

³ Joseph Galloway, of Philadelphia, speaker of the Pennsylvania assembly, 1766-74.

Honor what they had [] In all this affair Mr. Gallaway² who Le[ads the] Quaker party has behaved with the [] Respect to your Honor and the advan[] that the publick Derive from y^r. De-par[ment] and your old acquaintance Mr. Sam: W[harton] and his famaly & Connections has [] been Idle and they are the first & [] party heer Either in the Meeting [] or att Elections Nothing in thire [] been Wanting to Shoe those who [] be well aquanted with Maters the [] the Department whilst under [] prudent Direction w^h. has b[] to Some old pretended []

[]
[] Says your Honor May [] Meshers as you Judg. fitt [] ocation when Ever you plase [] Draw for the Mony on Sight [] what I have Larn they Expect that [] rt is to be Given to y^e. Six Nations [] part to those att ohio but No [d]oubt the Spaker has Inform^d. you [] his Leter w^h. I now Send you

I am preparing a Mesidge for the Governor to Send to the Ohio Indians [to] be Delivered by Mr. M^cKee att his own Request on Account of y^e. Murder committed by Stump & his Servant Cap^t. Thomas M^cKee as Soon as Stump [] Committed this Murder Went up to [Fort] Augusta to Spake to y^e. Indians on [Susque]hannah & found them Much [] ted & Treatening to take Incident [] Stay^d. two Days with them [] Every thing in his power [] Esey Till Some further [] fallen on []
[]¹

observes is very uncom[]
the News of the Murder by [Stump] to ohio the 27th of Jan^y

I thought itt My Duty to Write []
Some a Count of the party Disputes []
this ocation that you Might be [] how the poples opinion

¹ Lines burned off.

Stand Resp[] your Department. I have No view of
 predussis — your honor in feavor of [one] or Against the other
 the facts are [] Related them & fer My own part I
 [] No Rason to Love Either More th[an] Sutes my
 Convenancy or answers a [Good] to the Service I am Employd.
 in under ye [] for they have boath att Times used Me
 [] was in thire power butt as I have Re[] the
 Sentiments of boath att Pres[] I Make No Doubt Butt
 yr. honor [] Me by ye. Return of this Express to
 [] Request the feavor of you to Send []ious
 how to act as I wold [] any Disputes with any people
 [] Intierly under your []
 []
 what Ever part you will []ow in feavor of them
 [] [] & order them to Deliver Me Ye. Goods
 [] its Imposable to Gett Goods from [] Time
 up and for My own part [] Nott for any Consideration
 have [] thing of the province Mony putt [] hands
 & if agreeable to yr. honor [] be Glad you wold Write
 ye. Governor [] Spaker to Send Commisioners to Ohio
 [] the Goods Given to the Indians [] Honor will
 Excuse My Takeing up [] much of yr. Time with this
 Long Leter [] Convey My Sentiments in a few words
 [] ut to Avoid Reflections from A [] Dont Love
 Me wh. is in yr. power [] Me from in the Mode I
 Preposed [] have Wrote the Ginerall & Inclose you
 [] Leter to him for yr. perruseal [] Mr. Gallaway
 Deliverd Me his Leter [] honor I Must think Itts a
 Leter informing you what has been Done [] Respect yr.
 honors [] & Most Hum^{ble} Serv
 []
 []
 [] the Vocher []
 []

¹ Lines burned off.

[] count and the Silver []
 [] the Box of Silver Ware wh[]
 []ner Examins & itt Sutes you [] order paid the
 first parsel I Sent [] as Jany & you paid Me for them
 £72:3:9 [] £174:5:3 is what Should be in ye Box.

GEORGE CROGHAN TO THOMAS GAGE

L. S.¹

[*Philada. February 17, 1768*]

[]²
 [] Governor Penn [] [] by the
 Assembly, for Three Thousand [Poun]ds, to be laid out in
 Presents to the Indians, and put into Sir William Johnson's
 hands to Condole with the different Nations, who has had some
 of their People Murdered on the Frontiers of this Government.

Governor Penn is about sending a Message by Mr. Hutchins
 to Fort Pitt, to be delivered by Mr: M^c: Kee to the Shawanese,
 Delawares and Six Nations there, in Order to make them easy
 till further Measures can be taken; Which Messages I Am pre-
 paring for the Governor.

By the last Advices from the Frontiers, Numbers of the Out-
 settlers, are removing down into the interior Settlements of this
 Province, for fear of an Indian War, and the People who
 rescued Stump and his Servant, out of Carlisle [] has
 him yet in their Custody and tis [] deliver him up.

[] Leter I have from Mr: M^c: Kee at Fort Pitt
 [] that come there []
 []²
 time, he says, there are several [] of the Senecas, and

¹ In the State Library are remains of two copies of the Croghan letter. Saved portions of the one are used to supplement the other in the matter here printed.

² Lines burned away.

other tribes come [] Country, to hunt this Winter [] uncommon. The News of Stumps having Murdered ten Indians near Penn's Creek reached Ohio the 27th. January, by four Indians sent from the great Island in Sasquehannah [to] inform the Western Nations of that unlucky affair.

I have had another Letter from Mr M^c:Kee, who has been up at Fort Augusta [] the Indians were Murdered by Stump,— he says, that the Indians thereabout [] the great Island Village were much [] on that Occasion; and threatened to [] immediately on the frontier Inhabi [] stayed there two Days and had a Mee[ting with] them, after which, they seemed mo[] Minds, and promised him, they [] Measures of their own, till their [] and the Six Nations were [] acquainted with this unfortunate affair.

I am []
[]
His Excellency The Honourable []
[]

INDORSED: [] or Copy
[] letter to Gen^l Gage

FROM NORMAND MACLEOD

A. L. S.

Niagara, February 17, 1768]

[]¹
[] Drunken manner and has told me []
[] behav'd so unbecoming the Character of a Gentleman
[] take much notice of him as one of us.
[] has done some Mischief amongst the Indians on his way [] reporting at all the Castles on his way that there is a French [] ing up the Mississippi who are to conquer

¹ Lines burned off.

this Country in Spring. [] of News came to my ears by a Seneca Call'd Sa'go'isence who men[] to one of the Traders when a little in Liquor; upon my hearing [his ha]ving said so, I immediately sent for him, and asked him in presence [] a Seneca Chief who he came by such a piece of Intelligence [] a great deal of prevarication, that the News was sent by you [] them by a white man, who came Express from you with [] []ga Indian, and had a Dutch man for his Interpreter.

[] the Indian that it was all a Lye, and that the Man who propagated [] story was a lying fellow and ought not to be believed. In the [] Mr. Magra was sent for to Capt. Browns, where being question'd [] the above intelligence, he deny'd every thing, saying how could [] any Such News when he could not talk any Indian language. [] talk English, and his Interpreter can talk both English and Indian [] no more about this affair only the man that acted as his Interpreter [] Month lives at Thomson's; Captain Magra's agreement with [] the Dutchman has in writing) is Curious enough. Magra [] in your Employment in spring, if there's no Vacancy [] way you are to get him the Command of one of [] at present you Only allow him £50 sterling [] you too much with so bad a Subject. [the Senecas and the] Messesagas will go to loggerheads in spite of [] which may be bad, and a

[]¹
 The 30th of January Mac Carty came [] him if he would Chuse to be Employed [] me nothing could please him more. The [] pritty well for the Messesagas when theres no [] he is a very bad Interpreter for the Senecas, [] Cordially, and I have often been told he knows very [] Wabacommegat has been here and got his cagg of [] Senecas are a parcel of lying Rascals, My

¹ Lines burned away.

modesty [] me to Contradict so great a Man.

I wish the Parliament would put your Department on []tion, as at present the powers of we Commissare are not [] There is sort of News here only the white fish has in [] which is no Small loss to this place in General, but to [] in particular, we lost our Doctor about twenty ago or [] two night Vomiting of Blood.

Mrs MacLeod and her Daughter Joins me in kindest respects [] and Sir John

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

Most Humble Servant

NOR^d. M[ACLEOD]

P. S. As Mr Magra is so communicative []
 Order'd the Indian not to allow him to []
 not to believe one Word he says, I []
 of legans and a Shirt the rest []
 here.

ADDRESSED: To

The Honourable

Sir William Johnson B^t.

Johnson hall.

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

Phill. Feb. 18, 1768

[]¹
 [] a petition from the [traders] att Detroit to be Lay^d.
 [before] your Honor & if you have any [] to Write
 them on this Subject or to []ther petitions I Delivered you
 when [] Johnson Hall please to Send them [to] Me
 ☞ Berrer if Conveinent & I will [for]ward them

I Spoke to you About Killbuck [] [Ne]gro wh. was
 Given up in 59 by General [Stan]wix & he then promist pay for

¹ Lines burned off.

him [] [] the General & obtain^d a Receipt
 [] he in 60 apply^d. to General Monckton [] and
 Likewise was promis^t pay & obtain^d. [] Receipt wh. he
 Lay^d. before you when att y^e. less [] & brought an order
 to Me to See to [] him Satisfy^d. by y^e. Govern^t. of
 Maryland [y^t govern]ment will Do Nothing in itt he []
 []tially Intitled to be paid & I fear [] Nott he will pay
 himself Some [] for he is Capable of Doing Much
 [] to Lett Me know what [] I am Dear Sir with
 [] most obeident Humble
 []

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson Hall, Feb. 18, 1768.

[D^r Sir/]

[Your favor of the 31st ult^o arrived here whilst I laboured under an attack of my old disorder which] prevented me [from answering it 'till now,—] two, or three days before, I [received a Letter from L^t] Gov^r Penn with an accot of his proceed^s [in Indian] Affairs together with the particulars of the barbarous [Murder] committed by Fredk Stump as mentioned in your Letter [which] I consider as one of the most dangerous accidents that [could have] happened at this period and I much fear that the [Lawless] Gentry on the frontiers will render it worse by Screening [the] Murderer, or contributing to his Escape. — The Effects of [this] additional act of Cruelty may better be foreseen than [preven]ted, The Indians of Onoghquagey have already wrote to [me] upon it, in Consequence of belts sent thro' the Six Nations [with] the News, and they say that some of their people, the [Tusca]roras who were hunting in that Country are witheld [from] Returning by the White people least

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

the News should be [too soon] propagated, in consequence of which they are very [uneasy] and desire a pass to fetch them away, this detention [of these] Indians as it will doubtless be misinterpreted by the [Confederacy] will increase their resentment, and the Indians [Justly remark in] their Letter that altho' the Affair may be ["Smoothed over in] Council, their minds cannot be healed in [the present disposition they] are." —

[I wish the Establishments] of the Governments you [mention may not make things much worse,] as I have reason [to fear they will, I have often observed that nothing of that kind could be undertaken, with due regard to Policy until all prejudices were removed, a firm Tranquility Established and the Indians previously consulted thereon,—The Very report of the Intended Colony on Ohio advertised by Lieut Webb, was made a Considerable Cause of the late] Indian War, and the [Indians have already heard of these] Intended Governmts under [the most unfavorable¹] Circumstances.

Lieut Roberts being [] his long journey in much want of Cash [] he may if I apply for it receive the Am[] incurred since sending in my last being [] Mr Mortier to deduct so much out of my [] be glad that that is settled for him, and believe [] occasion for it. —

As for the Disbursements [] I have Vouchers for the Whole Excepting [] to have been incurred by order of Capt. Murray² [] which was said to be in your Secretarys of [] no objection to the payment thereof in wh. case []

The Ammot of Drafts on me fr [] at present in my hands is £4852. [] I have a petition from the Traders [] Interest with you that the same [] apprehended that Rogers had [] Cash or Goods, & what

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² At Fort Pitt.

they [] them to be for the good [] of your
 Answer []
 []¹

GEN^L GAGE

INDORSED: Feby 18th 1768 To General Gage

TO HENRY MOORE

*Df.*²

[*Johnson Hall, Feb. 18, 1768*]

[]¹
 [] Land or you will [] the Deed
 [] I find that Altho the Whole tract was to []
 [] [*4 equal Shares Yet*³] Mr Lawyer is very desirous
 [] Two persons more, one for Three & the other
 [] thousand Acres, which would greatly Lessen the 4
 [] & therefore I have told him that if he takes in any
 [] Associates he should give them Land out of his
 [] Share, and indeed I think it ought to be so.

As You know the Ammot of the Indian purchase⁴ & []
 I now send down the Accot of Subsequent Expences, by
 [] favor of you to inform me the Ammot of the Whole
 [] fees &ca included
 [] the fees for the three Shares shall be sent down
 [*together with the Names necessary to be inserted*³]

I wrote your Excell^{cy} the 22^d. ult^o. in answer to your fav^r.
 []th concerning the Militia and hope shortly to be
 [] with your farther Commands

I am in daily expectation of the arrival of the [] to
 treat with the Cherokees, but the late [] [mur]der
 committed in Pensylvania will I fear [] quence Imagin-

¹ Lines burned off.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

³ Crossed out in the original.

⁴ The Lawyer tract in Schoharie county, N. Y.

able to our Affairs as [] their discontents are almost
 general [] with us, which I have [] of their in-
 tended Congresses

[]¹

TO THOMAS PENN

*Df.*²

[*Johnson Hall, February 18, 1768*]

[]¹

[] indisposed with [] which has Visited me often
 of late years [] now somewhat recovered.

[] bloody Transaction gives me no small uneasiness

[] happened at the most unfortunate period, when

[]ians had no occasion for a fresh instance of Cruelty

[] their resentment, insomuch that I fear all []ors

to protract their designs, and prevent their Associations []

prove ineffectual. I heartily wish you may be able to []

[]hend the Murderer, and am very glad to hear of the

[]sures you are taking, for the relief of the Indian [grie]vances

the necessity for which appears daily more obvious.

Since the receipt of your Letter I find that the Six Nations

[] received Belts and Messages Setting it forth in the

[] Light, on which occasion I have received a Letter

from [] Indians at Onoghquagey informing me of it, &

that [] Tuscaroras who were hunting not far from the

place [] Murder was committed have been detained by

[] people to prevent the News from Spreading amst

[] This Gives the 6 Nations much additl. concern

[] Tuscaroras has desired A pass to go & fetch them

[] of opinion that they should be dismissed []

² Lines burned off.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New York Feb^y. 22^d. 1768.*

DEAR SIR,

The December Mail from England is arrived, and I have by that opportunity received a Letter from Lord Shelbourne, wherein he acquaints me of His Majesty's Intentions relative to the running of a Boundary Line between the Several Provinces which have not yet compleated it, and the Indian hunting Grounds; That as several different Interests were concerned in this Matter, it had been found Necessary to delay the final Determination on this head for a few Days. But his Lordship adds "In the mean time I have written to Sir William Johnson, acquainting him of this, and directing him to prepare the Several Tribes of Indians for the Completion of this Matter early in the Spring, assuring him that he shall receive Instructions for that Purpose by the Next Packet. The Letter you will receive here-with I suppose to be the Letter which His Lordship mentions to have written you.² This Sort of Boundary seems far different from that which you have taken notice of in some Letters to me, and which Mr. Croghan first explained to me: But it is the only Boundary which ever seemed to be intended or thought of by His Majesty's Ministers in the Course of their Correspondence with me on the Subject of a Boundary. This Plan has been also extended to the Southward, and compleated by Georgia, North, and South Carolina.

I inclose you a Copy of a Letter which I received yesterday, from Mr: Croghan; which will inform you of what is doing by the Province of Pensylvania in Indian Affairs. There are different Reports about Stump and his Accomplice, some say he is still kept Prisoner by those who rescued him to be delivered

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:2.

up upon Terms respecting the Place of his Tryal, others say he is at Liberty.

I am to beg of you to forward the inclosed by an Express to Niagara, there are Letters for Detroit &c^a which the Com-mander of Niagara may forward from thence.

I am with great Regard

Dear sir,
Your Most obedient,
humble Servant,
THO^s. GAGE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet.—

INDORSED: New York Febr^y. 22^d. 1768

Gen^l. Gages Letter
⌘ Express —

FROM PETER HASENCLEVER

A. L. S.

[New York], 22 feby 1768

SIR

I had the Honour to write to you the 15 Instant to []
]ferr; Sundry affairs have detained me this morning []
post is upon its departure, & have only one moment []
to tell you that I have Seen General Gage, who [] me
that he would have only 18000 acres & pay his proper []
Sir Henry Moore our Governor will pay for My [Lor]d Hol-
land. So that this affaire is Settled.

According to some Poletics, the whole Ministry []
be Changd, the Duc of Bedford¹ at the Helm, M^r G Granville²
[]sellor of the Treasury. Lord Sandwhich³ Secretary
[] state; however these things are not Sure until settn^{ll}.⁴

¹ John Russell, fourth Duke of Bedford.

² George Grenville, author of the stamp act of March 22, 1765.

³ John Montagu, Earl of Sandwich, later first lord of the admiralty.

⁴ Septennial elections evidently.

[] Chatham as appears maintains his ground. I am
 [] the sinceerest Respect & attachement

Dear Sir

Your most obedient &
 most humble servant

PETER HASENCLEVER

[]onet

GEORGE TURNBULL TO THOMAS GAGE

Extract

[*Detroit, February 23, 1768*]

[]¹
 [] Michillimackinac [] Indians of St Joseph
 which was too true [] letters we have received from
 Traders at that Place, [] that Rogers had been there
 some Months, but [] been often insulted by the Indians
 he determined to go and winter at Kikiki some days march to the
 Westward of St Joseph. That soon after his arrival there, he
 was knocked on the head, and all his goods plundered, The
 Inhabitants and Traders at St Joseph wants much to lay the
 blame on the Savages intirely who they say declared at a Council
 held at the House of one Louis Chevallier, that they would not
 suffer any English man to to come near the Place, We are in-
 formed that Major Rogers had Recommended his Namesake to
 said Chevallier, which perhaps he may imagine gives him Suf-
 ficient Authority to Counsel with Indians, if requires very little
 penetration to Trace the French Policy through every part of
 their Transactions, and they want to enhance the Trade to them-
 selves if they can.—

The 7th Instant We Received Letters from some of []
 People at Miamis, acquainting us that one Hambach []
 formerly a Volunteer in the 1st Battⁿ 60th Reg^t was []
 that Place the 19th of Jan^{ry}: by five Potowatomies []

¹ Lines burned off.

of two Runners yesterday Arrived) within a Days March of this place, So that I hope to open the Congress in two or 3 days, and shall finish as soon as I possibly can wth. propriety the consumption of provisions for such Numbers, and the difficulty of getting it being so great.

please to present my compliments to Messrs. Baynton & Wharton, and apologize for my not writing them now, & let them know I shall do myself the pleasure of answering their freindly & polite letters next Saturday.—

I am Y^{rs} &
W J —

G CROGHAN ESQ^r.—

Mr. & M^{rs}. Prevost &ca are well, — I have got y^e Warr^t. of Survey for y^e Tract of y^e. Lakes, & shall get Fry to run it as soon as possible.— this Day the Election at Schenectady for a Member begins, and a thursday that at Albany, which also adds something to my trouble.

TO JOSEPH GALLOWAY

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, February 29, 1768*]

[²]
[Ass]embly for presents [of which I] have
been likewise advised [] []lloway, I think this a
very seasonable [] much obliged to you for the opinion
you Express in [] the application of it in which you may
rest assured [] all be solely guided by my regard for the
interests and [] of the Province, at the same time I must
observe from the pres^t. dispositⁿ. of the Ind^s. that no []
or Gratification will Avail unless the conduct of the frontier
[]tants should change or that by a Vigorous Exertion of
Sound Laws [] restrained from Murders, Encroach-

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Lines burned off.

ments & outrages in future, [] have some reason to hope will be the case from those Lately enacted. [] presence of Commissioners from Pennsylvania would be very [] to me upon this occasion, but many of the Indians being [alrea]dy arrived & the whole expected within 3, or 4 days at the []st it will be impossible to have them here in Sufficient [] happens luckily at this period that so great & Gen^l. a [congre]ss is to be held as it will enable me to assure so many [] of the detestation your Government manifests for such Acts [] & of their farther intentions to punish the Guilty Authors [] I shall take care to enlarge in a proper manner [] you have received, however I sho^d. [] Boat on the Ohio were not Murdered [] of the Six Nation Confederacy. But my regard [] province, and my desire to apply its Money [] promote the ends for which [] that altho' the Tribes and [] appear to be []
[]¹
with a []
as the []
the rest will not attempt any []
the whole Confederacy have been greatly []
sometime past, which from the accots I []
Indians who are already come to this place []
particularly by the Murder of the Wh[]
and therefore in their present disposition & from a []
of their power & Influence, I am of opinion that []
be done towards preventing the effects of their r[]
we can more effectually convince them of the purity of []
by our future Justice and good treatment for []
& from my desire to more Effectually to Serve the []
think that any sum less then £1300 Pen^a. Cur[rency] much
impression & therefore I have given direc[] to that
Ammount, which I shall deliver to such [] such man-
ner, as will best conduce to the pro[]

¹ Lines burned off.

the Indians that your province is innocent, of []
 Individuals of which you are desirous to give them []
 The shortness of the time would not admit []
 Money for the purchase of the Pres[ent] []
 by the next opportunity and instruct []
 to Say to those in your Quarter []
 Sum may be given in Like []
 I shall []
 of my []
 []¹

TO JOHN PENN

*Df.*²

[*Johnson Hall, Feb. 29, 1768*]

[]¹
 [] the 18th inst.
 [] last met from the
 [] of £2500, was Voted for presents to the
 [] were pleased to make Subject to my Draughts.
 []plication of this money is a point in which the
 interests of [] are concerned which I shall always
 gladly promote []mined since I am honored with the
 disposal of it to render [] effectual for the purposes it
 was granted on which I shall [] my real sentiments as
 its Sincere Welwisher and as the [] of my office re-
 quires. After thanking you for the Intimat^{ns}. you gave []
 sentiments of the House.— First I must observe that altho' this
 [] properly applied may prove of great Service at this
 Juncture [] the preventing of Murders and encroach-
 ments in future & remov^g []ter as speedily as possible by

¹ Lines burned off.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

the help of good Laws [] usly inforced will be the principal Security against the [] ent of the Indians now at the highest pitch from repeated [] of ill treatment from Sundry persons in the Colonies.

[] to the division of the Money I should remark that [] Indians in your own Neighbourhood ought doubtless to [] are they dependants upon the Six Nations to whom [] both in Numbers and interest and in all public Acts [] considered as Guided by them, particularly [the Senecas who?] are upwards of 1000 fighting Men, & have [] must be strongly exasperated at the [] this occasion provided.

[]¹
but Mr Crog[]
about Fort Pitt []

What I have observed arising from [] & disposition of the Indians & my desire [] best Services on the occasion, I cannot think [] will Answer any purpose this Way, and I shall [] A present to that Ammount on behalf of the Prov[] accompany with every measure in my power for [] convincing them how much your Government dete[] Cruelty, as well as your resolutions to prosecute & punish the [] This present I purchase Myself as the Time will not [] drawing for it, but shall do so Shortly in the m[]

You may always rely on My best endeavors [] of Pennsylvania, and I shall be glad to hear from [] You mention or on any occasion being always []

Sir &ca

¹ Lines burned off.

TO PHILIP SCHUYLER

A. L. S.¹

Johnson Hall 29th. Febr^y 1768

SIR/

An Express from Gen^rl. Gage who Arrived here last night, left y^e. enclosed amongst a parcel of others, & went away about ten of the Clock in y^e. night. —

I take the first opertunity by one of the Philadelphia Ex-presses now returning to Send it You. —

Having been Yesterday informed of Your being unanimously requested to Serve as Member for the City & County by the Principal People of Albany, & of y^r. Acquiescence thereto. I have only to congratulate You thereupon & to assure You of my approbation of their Choice. & that I am Sir Y^r. Welwisher

& verry Humble Serv^t.

W JOHNSON

PHILLIP SCHYLER² Esq^r.—

INDORSED: Sir W^m Johnson
Feb: 29th 1768
No. 989

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.³

[Phill^a March the 1st 1768]

[DEER SIR]

[Sence I Wrote you] Last by Express [a Servant of Mr] Whartons from Fort pitt [brought Me] two Letters & packets of [Accounts &] vouchers from Co^{ll} Cole which [I have] Ex-

¹ In the New York Public Library, New York City.

² Philip Schuyler represented Albany county in the general assembly of 1768–69.

³ Portions burned away are supplied from a copy made before the fire, printed in *Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library*, 16:178–81, ed. C. W. Alvord and C. E. Carter.

amined & find properly Certify^d [by Coll] Read amounting to neer £11000 p^{ds} [Coll Cole] Drue a Bill on Me fer the amount [w^h I] Did Nott Chuse to accept Butt tould Mr Wharton I wold Send y^e. Accounts & vouchers to y^r honor & Request you to Send them [an] order on his Excelancy fer y^e. Mony [Mr] Wharton preposed to Send an Express [att] his Expence therefore I agreed to itt [I blive] they are in Great Want of Mony [and] will Write you by thire Express.

[I] find by Coll. Coles Leters that he is [Nott] well plesed with Receiveing any [Instruc]tions from y^r honor threw My [hands and] I blive when you perruse his [Leters you] will be of my opinion & I Can ashure you when] I Wrote him Last Sumer [by y^r honours orders] I Did itt with Great [Causion & Respect tho I find he has Taken itt amiss its True I Did Inform him that the General thought his Last March Accounts very High & beg^d of him] to Lesen the Expence [fer the futer if posable] w^h I think I had in Charge [from your honour.]

I Must therefere Request the [feaver of you] what Ever orders you May have [to Send Coll] Cole for the futer that you will [Write him] your Self as I Blive he thinks I [am Makeing] Myself two busey in his Department.

I Sent to Coll Cole one Barnay [Boner and Boner and] his Man two Gunsmiths by y^r hon[ers orders] and thire tould follow^d them Last [Sumer tho] Coll Cole Complains they were Nott [arived] and I observe that Coll Cole has Nott [Made] any Charge in his accounts fer [thire Salery] w^h was to be £100 Ster^g ¶ anum So [that unless] your Honer will att thire pay to [Mr Coles] abstract I Suppose I must Louse y^e. [Mony] as I am ingag^d fer itt if y^r honer [think itt] will be Regular to att thire pay [plese to order] itt into Mr Whartons hands with [the Rest.]

I have Received a Leter from [Mr McKee a Copy] of w^h I inclose you by w^h [you will See what] a Noise the Murder & Scalping [the Ten Indians by] Stump & Servant [has Made to the Westwerd] I Raly begin [to fear the Consequence. the Dallaway & Shannas I know to be a proud & hasty pople Rash

& Inconsideratt whare they aperehend themselves Insulted and thire is No prospect of] this Government [being able to give] them thet Satisfaction [w^h Might] Convince them that this Murder [was Nott] Committed with Desine fer the [perbetraters] of itt is Nott Likely to be [brought] to Justus, and I fear it will [Nott be] a Small Expencc that will Make them an attonment in presents.

I Expect your honors orders very Soon [to go] to fort pitt and am att a Loss [how to] act, I am Sencable on this [ocation] if I am to Call y^e Indians together [they] will bring as Great a Number as [they] posably Can unless they Determine [to] attend a Meeting of thire own which [they] Certainly have in agitation & if that [Meeting] Takes place I fair Hostilitys will [be the] Consequences.

the Expencc of y^r honors Department [att the Dif]erant posts has been So High [that I am] Determind to Make None on [my part Butt] Such as you & y^e. Ginerall [thinks absoulatly] Nesery & unavoidable [and Requist orders on] that Head by the [Return of this Express and Instructions fer My Conduct & in purticklor what I am to Do Should thire own meeting] Take place [before I gett to Fort pitt.]

after I parted your honor [Last fall after our] Return from the New England [bath I Ingag^d] G: franklin Gov penn M^r peters & [M^r Gallaway &] others to Write to thire frends in [England to] use thire Intrest with the Ministrey [to adopt] the Ginerall boundry & Send y^r honour [orders to] Confirm & Ratifye itt. w^h they have [Don Lord] Shelburn agrees & See y^e. utility of itt [So Dose Lord] Clair (with this objection that he Dose [nott know where] the mony will Come from to pay the [Expencc as he] Says itt may Cost £100.000 p^{ds}) they [have hunted] all the offises & Cant find one Leter [from y^r] honor that Menshons one word [about itt.] Lord Shelburn Says had you Recommended [itt] in any of y^r Leters that orders wold [have been] Sent you by the Decem^{br}. packitt. Inclos^d [I send] you abstracts of two Leters from old M^r. [franklin]

extend be on every occasion ready to testify [] to requit
& remain

Hon^d Sir

Your most obedient & very
humble Servants

ISAAC VROOMAN

JOHN SANDERS

JACOBUS MYNDERSE

JACOBUS VAN SLYCK

GERRET A LANSINGH

JN^o B V EPS

JOSEPH YATES

DANIEL CAMPBELL

TOBYUS TEN EYCK

ABRAHAM FONDA

NECOLAES VAN PETTEN

HARMANUS BRADT

SAMUEL A. OOTH

FRERECK VAN PETTEN

ADDRESSED: To

Hon^d Sir

Your most obedient & very
humble Servants

CREAN BRUSH'S RECEIPT TO JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. D. S.

[]ved from Mr. Wetherhead the sum of Eleven pounds
[] shillings, for the Receiver General's fees on
[]tificates of Michael Byrne & others, & John
[Brackan]. New York 2^d March 1768.

CREAN BRUSH

FROM THOMAS B. CHANDLER

A. L. S.¹

Elizabeth-Town March 4th. 1768

SIR.

Your most obliging Letter of Decr. 5th. with which You con-
descended to honor me, came to hand about a Month after its
Date; and nothing can excuse my neglecting so long to acknowl-
edge my Receipt of it, but the Impropiety of writing before I

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

had seen your Letter to Dr. Auchmuty, to which You was pleased to refer me. This Pleasure I was not able to obtain untill within a few Days, when I made a Visit to my Friends in New-York.

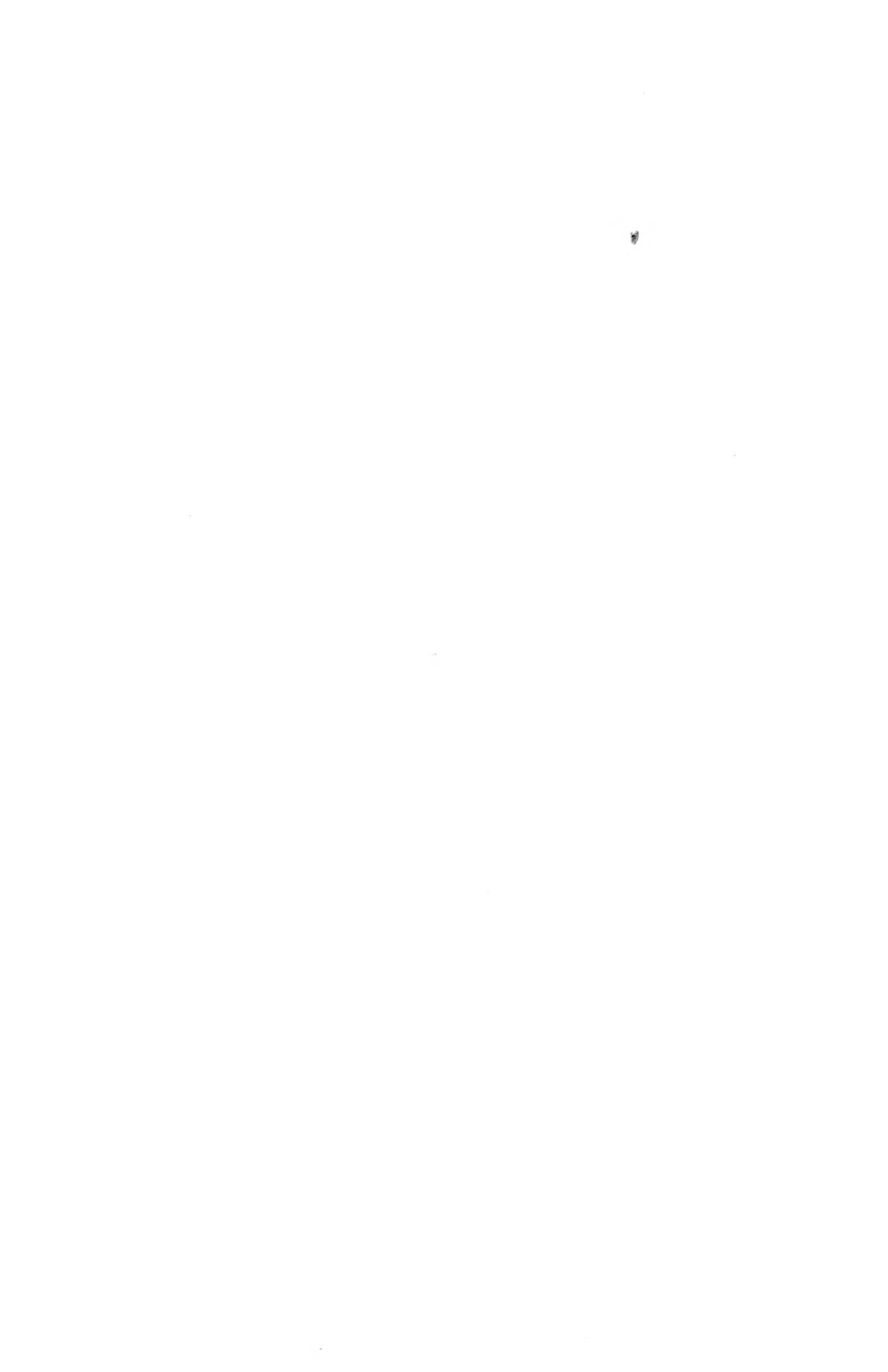
I am unable to express the strong Obligations all the Friends of an American Episcopate are under, to so generous a Benefactor — to so respectable and powerful a Patron of its Cause. Notwithstanding all the great Things You have done, in another Way, for this Country, I am fully persuaded that none of the Actions of your Life will render your Name more venerable and amiable to Posterity, than this Princely Donation. True Greatness of Mind and Excellence of Character are more certainly discovered in substantial Acts of Generosity and Benevolence, than in the pompous and glittering Exploits of an Heroe and Conqueror.

It gives me the utmost Pleasure to find that the *Appeal* meets with the Approbation of so good a Judge, and, while You so warmly espouse the Cause of an American Episcopate, that You are not dissatisfied with the *Manner* in which it has been defended in my Pamphlet. I have always been of Opinion that a cool and dispassionate Manner of treating any Subject, is the best — and I have always been of Opinion, that the most unexceptionable Manner of writing will not satisfy or solence an unreasonable Party. In this latter Opinion I am likely to be confirmed by fresh Evidence.

A general Clamour and Combustion is now making by the Dissenters of the City of New-York and some of the Counties, in Order to prepare the Way for the ensuing Election. The *Appeal* is made the grand Engine of this Mischief, which is alledged as a Proof that a general Plot has been laid by the Church People to erect an Episcopal Tyranny in this Country, and to force from the Dissenters the Tithes of their Estates. And the Cry of *no Bishops* is sounded forth as loudly, by the Managers of the Party, as it ever was by their Predecessors in the Mother-Country. It is to no Purpose to deny the Charge, and to refer to the *Appeal* for the Proof of it; since the Body of the



REV. DR THOMAS B. CHANDLER



Dissenters are determined not to read it, and to believe as best suits the Turn. But, with all their Arts, they will probably fail in the Business of the Election.

In Order to keep up this Spirit of Opposition to the Church, a general Attack upon the *Appeal* is projected, in which the ablest Hands are to be employed. A Pamphlet is already published against it in Philadelphia, which I have not yet seen — another is gone to the Press in Boston¹ — a third, I am told, is going forward in Connecticut — one is also said to be prepared in New York — and besides all this, I am threatened with a weekly Paper, the Publication of which will probably commence after the Election. I am not in the least terrified with these Threatenings. I think I can deal with all their Reasonings and Arguments; and as to their Railings &c, I am determined to give myself no Concern about what every innocent & honest Man ought to despise. When they begin to publish, I shall put out an Advertisement to the Public, assigning the Reasons for which I chuse not to engage in a weekly Altercation, but at the same Time giving Assurances, that when I see the Amount of the whole, not a single Argument shall escape me, and if I cannot shew its Weakness, I will confess its Force. In the Defence, I am resolved to maintain the same good Temper, with which I sat out in the *Appeal*.

I ask Pardon for breaking in upon You with so lengthy an Epistle, and beg Leave to subscribe, with great Truth and Sincerity, Sir

Your most respectful
much obliged
and very obedient Servant
THOMAS B. CHANDLER

SIR W^m. JOHNSON, Bar^t.

INDORSED: Elizabeth Town March 4th. 1768

Doctor Chandlers Letter rec^d the
6th June at Fishers Island.

¹ Dr Charles Chauncy, pastor of the First Church in Boston, was the author of a pamphlet in opposition to Dr Chandler's views.

FROM FRANCIS WADE

A. L. S.

Philada, 4th. March 1768

I have taken the liberty of writing several []
 you within these six months past and hav[]
 so fortunate as to be fav'd with an answer []
 I Can no longer attribute to miscarriage of my []
 the last I deliver'd to the particular Care []
 person going your way, I am Extreamly Unhapy []
 at a loss to Account for your long silence []ing
 able to Charge myselfe with hav^g. done []ing
 to draw on me your displeasure

I am fully sensible of the many favours
 []m your hands and always thought myselfe
 [] to have it in my power to make a return
 [] to my Earnest desires, I Cannot at pres^t
 [] the Cause of so great a Change towards me
 [] it proceeds from a misrepresentation of
 [] Character & Conduct — I defie any person
 [] to Charge me with Ingratitude or disresp^t.
 [] any of your famely, on the Contrary it
 []ys my greatest pleasure to have it in
 [] to serve you & them since the first time
 [] the honour of your Acquaintance and
 [] I have always discharg'd the trust
 []faction, hav^g never before
 [] to meet with so much of
 [] Conduct which I would fain
 hope is not the Case being []
 goodness on other Occasions as well []
 I have always Endeav'd to Act on []
 motives, which if I have been so unfortunate []

short off must hope for your future []
 to inform me wherein I have offended []
 pointed out to me may be the means of []
 myselfe in such a manner as to regain you []
 This I most Earnestly request []
 the great reason to Exspect from your []
 on all Occasions hitherto in serving the []
 the more Emboldend to make this resquest []
 readiness on many other Occasion to for []
 offences, & much more so as I am at the []
 loss Immaginable to know in what ma []
 have offered, on the whole I shall Esteem it []
 the greatest favours youl gratifie me in []
 request which shall always be Esteem'd and []
 fav^r Confer'd on

Dear Sir

Your Welwish^r.

& most oblig'd []

FRAN []

SIR WILL^m. JOHNSON

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honble Sir W^m. Johnson

Barn^t.

at

Johnson Hall

PROCEEDINGS OF A PEACE CONGRESS

In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:38-53, is an account of Johnson's proceedings, March 4-12, at Johnson Hall, with Indians, including the Six Nations, Caghnawageys and the seven confederate nations of Canada and deputies sent by the Cherokees to conclude peace with northern nations.

TO GEORGE CROGHAN

*Df.*¹[*Johnson Hall, Mar. 5, 1768*]

[]²
 [] in hope by []
 [] wrote you more fully
 [] coming in so fast ever since, that I
 [] vent]ure to write these few Lines and inclose your
 [] for Meeting the Indians at Fort Pitt. There are
 [] above 700 including 17 Chiefs from Canada,
 [] I opened the Congress, from which I have reason
 [] that the Peace will be well settled with the Cherokees &
 [] the Indi]ans sent home in a much better temper than they
 [] out.

I have heard from & answered Lt Gov^r. Penn and
 [] Galloway & Shewn them that £1300, is the Least can be
 given [] Indians here on behalf of the Province, which Sum
 would [] made but a Small figure had they not been called
 down [] business,—Those Ind^s. who are Inferior to & depend-
 ant [] Six Nations, would not undertake any publick Act
 [] the privity & consent of the Majority particularly of
 [the Senec]as, who are not a little enraged at the Loss of the
 White [Mingo³. The] remainder you can Lay out to the best
 advantage [] Wharton as you desire he having goods at Fort
 Pitt, [] the Gov^r. & Speaker that you sho^d. dispose of the re-
 main^g £1200 [] for a present for the Tribes in []
 [] subject I w^d. write you, as you will find in y^r. Instructions
 [] them Gents who ought to be at Liberty to send Commis^{rs}

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Lines burned off.

³ Kanághoragait.

[] Indians to be particular in the Ceremonys
 [] acquaint them with
 []¹
 with an Accot of the []
 Majestys intire approbation of []
 to Indian affairs I Last transmitted []
 concerning the Boundary Line by next Pacquet.
 The Traders Petition wh[]
 with those before in my hands, I shall Ans[]
 present hurry is over.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

[*Johnson Hall, Mar. 5, 1768*]

[]¹
 [] bro^t me y^r fav^r of
 [] the 22^d ulto. with the
 [] and also a Letter from Lord Shelburne
 [] the receipt of my last with some remarks and
 [] proposed for my Department which have been honored
 [] Majesty's approbation, and his Lordship assures me that
 [] receive by next Pacquet Instructions for settling the
 boundary to which end he directs me to give the Indians notice
 [] they may be in readiness in the spring. The Nature of
 this boundary he has not Explained, that which was formerly
 desired [] mentioned to me by the Ministry was That
 measures should [] taken with the Consent & concurrence
 of the Indians to Ascertain a fixed boundary for the Lands to
 be reserved to them, & where no settlement whatever should be
 allowed, on this I sounded the Indians who agreed to it, and
 they were promised a Very handsome return for what they

¹ Lines burned off.

² In Guy Johnson's handwriting.

should give up to the Province [In] this Light the Matter has been hitherto understood, should it [] otherwise from his Lordship Letter to you I must beg to [] with the particulars Least on calling them together [] meet with an unexpected disappointment.

[Amongst] the sev^l. reports concerning Stump, one is that [] rescued him have since enabled him to make his [] of that Government, these lawless men will [] that at Last nothing but Military force [] Province has Voted £2500 for Condoling [] committed therein part of which [] [] Pennsylvania

[]¹
 This []
 whose request []
 were so sullen that []
 out of their head, they omitted per[forming]² []
 when they came to answer me, a Circumstance []
 trifling in appearance is nevertheless a well []
 discontent and dissatisfaction by those acqu[]
 However this day In consequence of a private []
 their Chiefs to whom I spoke on that occasion []
 and performed that Ceremony which they had []

I have forwarded your Pacquet for Ontario by []
 that for Niagara, by another, both trusty hands []
 One Express would not undertake it as Oswego is []
 out of the Way as they are now obliged to travel.

¹ Lines burned off.

² They omitted the ceremony of taking the axe out of heads of the English. See *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:40-41.

TO MAYOR OF SCHENECTADY

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, Mar. 5, 1768*]

[]²
 [] am glad to find [] m] any
 persons Gentlemen of that place [] Son in Law
 have been instrumental thereto [] upon that occasion.

Any cause wherein the real interests of that Township
 [] rights of its Inhabitants is concerned shall []
 meet with such countenance as I can give it, from my good
 [] its prosperity.—

[] My Son and Son in Law, return you their best thanks
 [] polite notice which you have taken of their conduct in
 [] Election and I remain with much Esteem,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obed^t. humble Servt

TO JOHN WATTS

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, Mar. 5, 1768*]

[]²
 [] Of December, or not,
 [] accot of mine ag^t that province
 [] can add the £5 which I advanced the Farmers
 [] are Still here, & Yesterday I opened the [congress
 with up]wards of 700 of the Six Nations & Some Chiefs from
 [] I believe that they will agree to a peace with the
 Southern [] I don't know as yet what to say as to our
 Affairs, as [] mention of the Onondaga Chiefs declara-
 tions that the [] Delawares, &ca were as much against

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Lines burned off.

the 6 Nations as the [] ple] 'tis' all a Sham invented to throw it off one Nation upon [] for these Ind^s. are both dependant upon & much inferior [] Nations, and indeed the whole have been for some time past [] under the utmost discontent, and forming Plans for revenge [] the late barbarous Murder of the Ten Indians in Pennsylvania [] greatly increased That Province has Voted £2500 half of w'ch [] give] the Ind^s. on the part of that Government after Condoling [] Losses, but I have reason to think that they are not to [] contented, nor can they be thoroughly persuaded that [] on their Lands, and the many late Murders would [] un]punished unless we had a Gen^l. design agt their Lives & [] that every offender would not have escaped in a [] Laws and Government if it was the act of an [] good Laws are now passed in Pennsylvania & [] that he is doing all he can to apprehend those [] I fear that the persons who [] protecting or concealing []]
[]¹

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[*New York, Mar. 5, 1768*]

[]¹
[] this Week
[] fresh packed which
[] for Cash which is £73
[] will I have likewise put on board him
[] Mr Collison have sent you 2 lb fine dutch
[] for not having Sent it Sooner—all the
[] on board Pemberton—Your Patents are not
[] three will be done this Week as I got the Warrants

¹ Lines burned off.

[] fryday last from the Governor, they have nothing
 [] finish them as expeditiously as they Can & as Mr Kempe
 [] thing else to do & is a very industrious Man there will be
 [] but at All the other publick offices they are a pack of
 [] or else they delay in order to pick your Pockets of
 [] Money — I have paid £11.12 for the 2 Warrants
 which I [] for Im since imagining it was an Imposition,
 but [] it was generally allowed, I thought it woud be
 best to pay it [] a good deal Surprisd Mr Roberts does
 not pay me, I have [] depended upon your Letters,
 which I mentiond to you [] shoud be glad you woud
 be pleasd to write the Generale [] necessary, in order
 that Roberts may be moved to pay [] in this to you
 with great Freedom, because I am Sure [] take it amiss—
 [] been & still am anxious to hear from you having heard
 [] violent Attack of your Disorder, I flatter,
 [] well again, which I assure you is the sincere
 [] Your most obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED: To
 the Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart
 Johnson Hall
 by Capt Pemberton

TO SAMUEL WHARTON

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, March 5, 1768*]

[]²
 [] ledging the receipt
 [] of the 18th ult^o. I am
 [] have so happily extricated yourself out of
 [] which your Losses in Trade had involved you

¹ In Guy Johnson's handwriting.

² Lines burned off.

[] that within the Time allotted you will be able
 [] advantagious returns from your Indian Trade
 [] Have been advised by Mr Galloway, & since by the Gov^r
 [] which was Voted for Condoling with the Indians &
 [] ing them to your province, on this Subject I answered both
 [] Gentlemen and observed that £1300 was the least
 which could [] in a present this Way as the Tribes in
 your Quarter are much [infer]ior in Numbers and Importance to
 the six Nations on whom they [] dependant, and without
 whose advice they will not undertake [] publick act
 against your Frontiers particularly without that []
 Senecas, who have lost some of their Nation in the late bloody
 [] are proud, resentfull, Lukewarm to us and have been
 considered [] Chief cause of the late Indian War.—
 [] provided the present, and now send Instructions to
 [Mr Croghan] respecting his condolance at Fort Pitt and direct-
 ing [] the remain^s £1200, in a present for that purpose
 [] as to leave it in his power to take up these Goods
 [] less he will, & I have ment^d. it in my Leter seeing
 you have a Cargo, at that [] ob]liged to you for
 your offers of Negotiating the [] time was so short,
 Great part of the [] obliged to take the present up on
 my own Credit [] the commiss^{rs}. []
 []¹
 that []
 of my represen[]
 will send me this []
 Yesterday I opened [the congress?] []
 and more are coming in, I am hopeful []
 much desired by the Cherokees, & also to []
 undertaking any thing rash in consequence []
 Cruelty, by a proper disposition of the pres[]
 your Province, and the Steps I shall take to []
 Conduct and sentiments in the most advantag[]

¹ Lines burned off.

and I think it Lucky that the []
 to be here to meet the Cherokee Deputys, for []
 down on purpose on the Province accot £1300 []
 Little figure or impression on them.

FROM JOHN BLAIR¹

*A. L. S.*²

Williamsburg March 10th. 1768.

SIR WILLIAM

Yesterday I received your Letter of Jan^y. 8th. to our late worthy Lieutenant Governor³ (who departed this Life the 2^d. Instant) which I laid before the Council this day who advised me to lay it together with General Gage's Letter, before our Assembly who are to meet on Thursday the 31st. Instant for their Consideration of what we can do to disposses these bold opposers of the Kings Proclamation and all Orders of Government here in consequence thereof, I am likewise to send you a Power under our Seal as you desire, desired to transact with the Indians under your Department at the General Congress to be held this Summer of all the Matters of their Complaints, and we desire you will assure them that this Government are resolved to keep the Chain of Freindship with them ever bright, and to do them strict Justice to the utmost of our power in punishing their unjust Offenders when they can be apprehended and duely convicted of their Offence.

I am likewise to acquaint you that I have just received a Letter from Lord Shelburne with his Majesty's Orders to run the Boundary Line between us and the Indian hunting Grounds, of which Letter I now inclose you a true Copy, as it was read in Council today. You will perceive that we are directed to ap-

¹ President of the council and commander-in-chief of Virginia.

² In the New York Public Library, New York City.

³ Francis Fauquier, lieutenant-governor of Virginia, 1758-68, died in March, 1768.

point Commissioners and no doubt Surveyors &c. for that Service, in conjunction with your Self and Mr. Stewart Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Southern Department, to whom I send another Copy of his Lordships Letter on this Occasion that you may consider together of a proper time for this Service which requires all possible dispatch. We think too (if you approve of it) it may be necessary that you bring some of the head Men of the Indians concerned to Witness the Just Performance. Upon timely notice of your determination we will be ready with our Commissioners &c. to go upon the Service; but we are under a great difficulty how rightly to understand his Majesty's Orders, As to our begining at Col^o. Chiswell's Lead Mines there is no difficulty; but as Pensylvania runs considerably more Westward than Maryland does, we are at great uncertainty where to End our Line, nor do we know what Course it will be; but the Point for Ending it being known, we must set off by guess and by two or more Lines without marking, compute the true Course and then begin again and run and mark the true Course so found.

I am Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

JOHN BLAIR

P. S.

perhaps you can clear up
our doubt where to End our Line
which we hope is at the South
West Corner of Pensylvania.

FROM JAMES CUSICK

A. L. S.

[*Schenectady, 10*] *March 1768*

[] SIR

The Gentlemen & Traders of this Town is so Good as to tell me The will Write to New York to General Gage To Supply

them With Carriages and keep the Sluices in good Order at Fort Stanwix as the have been Detained very Lately Much in there Passages Backwards & forwards Squire Camble & Mr Farrel in Peticular, As Mr Farrels Father is In New York and Know him to be a good friend of mine he will do to the Utmost of his Power for me

Sr

if you will be so Good as to Give me a few Lines to General Gage I think You will Make me a man [] more as Long as I Live [] God sake Help me with a few Lines [] General Gage Knows me Very Well [] will not be Backward with [] be so kind it
[]¹

FROM ABRAHAM VAN EPS

A. L. S.

Coghnawago Mar 12th 1768

Hon^d Sr.

Have an inclination to Sell my Land or part of Lot number one — There is two or three men has a mind to buy Sum part of my Shere — But I Dont chuse To do it without Giving You the first offer of it — for it Lays Verry Convainunt for You And if You woul chuse to purches all my Part I would Let it go to You Sheaper of [] hundred pounds then to any one Else hope Youl Answer me with the Bearer

I am And Remain Your
Humble Serv^t.

ABRAHAM VAN EPS

ADDRESSED: To
The Honorable Sr. William Johnson
att
Johnson Hall

¹ Lines burned off.

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:35-36, is a letter of March 12th from the Earl of Hillsborough on the boundary line, affairs in Johnson's department that are to be arranged, Chabert Joncaire's treacherous behavior, Rogers' bad conduct, and a map whereon is delineated the boundary proposed by the board of trade. This map is shown in a copy opposite to p. 30 of the above-named volume.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹

New York March 13th 1768

DEAR SIR,

I have been favored with your Letters of the 18th: and 28th: Febr^y and 5th: of March. It's said, but by what authority I can't tell except the Agent of this Province who writes it, that the Appointment of the new Government is for the present laid aside.

The Money you desire will be paid Lieut. Roberts and Managed in the Manner you point out to me. Captain Maturin had the Voucher for the Sum paid at Fort Pitt, and has transcribed the same to you by the hands of Mr. Croghan.

With respect to the Reasons given by the Traders for discharging Major Roger's Draughts, I can't admit them to be valid, No man will give Money or Goods for Bills unless he thinks, or is made to believe, that the Person who draws them is empowered so to do, and the Same Reason may be given for Paying the Bills drawn by every Commander or Commissary at any of the Posts, who shall be wicked enough to defraud the Government, and such an Example would encourage all the Traders to advance them, to an unlimited Credit.

Your Letter of 28th. Febr^y. only acknowledges the Receipt of the Letters sent you by Express from hence.

I now come to your Letter of the 5th. of March and that you

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

may be exactly informed of what Lord Shelburne wrote to me concerning the Boundary I transmit you an Extract from his Letter relating thereto. His Lordship says *the running of a Boundary Line between the Several Provinces which have not yet completed it, and the Indian hunting Grounds.* From hence I have concluded that those Provinces who have not yet done it, should do it in the same Manner as those who have completed it. Georgia, South and North Carolina, are the only Provinces who have yet fixed their Boundaries, but I have not heard of any Gratuity given by the Crown to the Indians for any Tracts they may have yielded at the Settling of said Boundaries. Nor do I imagine that the Crown means any more should be done in this respect, when the other provinces who have hitherto neglected it shall fix their Several Boundaries. But that certain Limits should be fixed by Mutual agreement. I understand that the Indians allow the Province of Pennsylvania to extend some Miles West of the Ohio, but The Lands between the furthestmost Settlements and the Ohio being yet unpurchased, they are not to be Settled till they are purchased. Now if all the Lands still unpurchased within the Limits allowed by the Indians to belong to Pennsylvania are to be purchased, The Quere is, who is to pay for them at the settling of the Boundary? If the Crown admits Mr. Penn's Claim, it is not reasonable to suppose she will make the Purchase and make Mr. Penn a Present of the Lands. and Mr. Penn as far as I have heard, but it's only Hearsay, never designed more than to purchase those Lands by Degrees, as fast as he should find means of Settling them. And as for the other Provinces it was much in the same way. Particulars petitioned to purchase Lands of the Indians tho' within the allowed Limits of the Provinces. Private People always became the Purchasers, I know no Instance except at first settling of a Province, where the Crown has purchased any large Tracts. And I always conceived the Intent of the general Boundary was, that the Indians were to fix the Point to which they allowed the Jurisdiction of each Province to extend, beyond which, they would

not suffer any Purchases to be made, but reserve all beyond it to themselves and Posterity. That the unpurchased Lands within the Limits were to remain unsettled as their Property till they should be purchased and to be sold by them as People should purchase them.

I only give you the Ideas I had formed of the Intention in drawing these Boundary Lines. If you have received Accounts more clear and explicit, whereby the Crown intended to purchase at once all the unpurchased Lands belonging to the Indians to the Points that shall be agreed upon, as the Limits of the Several Provinces, you must certainly be right in your Conjectures on this Subject.

I have heard nothing Since my last worth Communicating. There are Letters lately arrived at Philadelphia from Fort Pitt, but I hear of Nothing Material from thence.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

your most obedient
humble Servant,
THO^S. GAGE

SIR W^M. JOHNSON Bart.

INDORSED: New York March 13th. 1768

General Gages Letter

FROM DRAPER S'N WOOD

A. L. S.

Albany 13 March 1768

SIR.

On Receipt of your Letter of the first Inst which I received on the 4th of the same I immediately applied to Capt Schylor D Q M Gen for six Wag as I cou'd spare six Load of Provisions since which time no Wag^s he has sent to me he says they cou'd not be got I have also wrote presingly to York for more

with them [] behalf of the publick in general & afterwards on that of []vania in particular, and having informed them of the Laws they had [] that Province for removing encroachments and of the other Steps [] taking for their redress, I at last brought them to be better [] tho' I apprehend they are not fully satisfied in their Minds [] the last Murder will be an Introduction to what [] suggested, especially as they had heard of the Rescue []

[] Joined to those I held in public [] to the present []¹

[] &ca since []

Six Nations []

on *Ohio* [] I took care to []

Light to them,—

I have been So hurried [] with their many demands, discourses &ca [] that I have only time at present to add that []

TO JOSEPH GALLOWAY

*Df.*²

[*Johnson Hall, Mar. 1, [14?] 1768*]

[]¹

[] since my last to [] congress being now ended I Judge [] a few Lines on that Subject, tho' the [] trouble which they give previous to their [] and the necessary pacquets which must be prepared [] delay will not permit me to be particular.

The Northern Indians have at Length given peace to the Cherokees []pied Some days of the Congress, the re-

¹ Lines burned off.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

mainder was spent [] pub]lick and private Conferences and
 in condoling with them [] reconciling them to the Late
 Murders &ca committed in [Pen]sylvania My public Trans-
 actions & private discourses [] their Chiefs have at
 Length produced as good an effect as [] had any reason
 to hope for, and I believe that they will take [no] rash
 Steps in Consequence thereof provided care is taken []
 to remove any remaining Grievances and prevent [] like
 for the time to come, otherwise their engagements cannot
 [] on. As the Spirit of resentment will take fire with
 the [] it receives hereafter from the discontent they dis-
 covered [] the late Act of Cruelty, Such deeds tho' they
 may [] being seldom forgotten by persons of their
 [] dis]position who at bottom apprehend the
 Worst things [] with some difficulty (considering my
 present [] an Extract to L^t Gov^r Penn, of the
 [] Transactions relative to the affairs
 [] him for £1300 — the
 [] best manner
 []¹

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[New York, March 14, 1768]

[]¹
 [] Mr Roberts tells Me he has
 []
 [] power to get your 2 Patents
 [] but in Vain, the Drafts were immediately
 [] attorney Generales Clerk, but it Seems Mr Duane
 [] to transact all kinds of Business of this sort by
 [] before the patents are engrossed, there is to be a

¹ Lines burned off.

[] Copy from Duane that they are just & right, but Mr [] has been so very busy from Monday to fryday Night here [] the Election that He has not had an Opportunity of examing [] drafts over till Saturday & that is the Sole Cause of his [] which I hope you will excuse, for I am really uneasy least [] shoud imagine the Delay is owing to Some Negligence in our [] which I assure you upon my Honor is not the Case; but is wholly []ing to Mr Duane's not examing the Dfts of the Patents before [I believe] tha it will be the best way for me to putt them in a little Box [] send] them by Pemberton or Van Allen who both sail this Week for [] great Seal is to be put to them, they will be too bulky for [] press to take up —

We have hed the Strangest piece of work with Our Election [] knew — I Suppose you have heard that Scott was a Candidate [] by the Whole presbyterian Party, the Seceeders,¹ & the [] Dutch English Scotch partys Assisted by his 2 Brothers [] Smith² & Livingston,³ with all their Influence; Every lowlive [] scheme was made use of in Scotts favour when everything [] in an alarm that there was an Intention of [] that Scott & nobody but him coud prevent it, his [] the End they proposed, that it Spirited the [] them their Disapointment in [] other Schemes full as improper [] enemies but []
[]⁴
by []
from a Dangerous []
Influence which I am pretty con[]
In Short the Lawyers are nonsuited []
egregiously outwitted themselves & may []

¹ A sect of the Presbyterian Church.

² William Smith.

³ William Livingston.

⁴ Lines burned off.

Same Opposition & Spirit against them; I dont []
 the people in generale look as if they had got into []
 or rather, as if they had got quit of Fetters, by which they []
 Chained down by fear of opposing any Schemes which those []
 bears, Mess Smith, Scott & Livingston, took it into their
 Heads [] Through in this City; On the Other Hand
 you cant conceive th[] in the Countenances of them-
 selves & their party, they hang th[] confounded &
 ashamed & I hope, nay I am pretty confident []
 reputable part of the People here, will Very Soon associate
 [] them in their present humiliating Circumstances —

I have at last met with a Negro Wench who will []
 Suit you very well, but £70 is the price of her, her Child []
 is ¹ with, if you are willing to give So much []
 you woud let me know by return of the post; She Can Cook
 [] Any kind of House Work & has really a very good
 Charac[] Can find deserves it well; the Sole Reason her
 Master [] is because she breeds too fast —

My Wife joins me in best Respects to you []
 I shall be Glad to receive your Agreeable Commands []
 Truth —

Sir Your most Obed^t

JOHN [WETHERHEAD]

TO THE EARL OF SHELBURNE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 390, is listed a letter of March 14th to the Earl of Shelburne, expressing gratification at the King's approval, relating the murder of 10 Indians in Pennsylvania and treating the subject of Indian relations and the projected boundary (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:36-38). Much injured by fire. On the same page is a letter of the 14th to the lords of trade, reporting the murder of 10 Indians by an inhabitant of Pennsylvania, the congress with 760 Indians, the peace between the Six Nations and Cherokees and steps toward fixing a boundary between Indians and settlements (printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:53-54). Injured by fire.

¹ Illegible.

JAMES DOWNE'S RECEIPT TO JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. D.

[] 5th March 1768 of Mr. John Wetherhead the Sum
 [] due to John Tabor Kempe Esqr. as
 [attorney general¹] of New York for a Draft of Letters [Patent
 to John Brackan for 280 acres of¹] Land in the County of
 Albany

[]

JAMES DOWNE'S RECEIPT TO JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. D.

[15th March 1768] of Mr. John Wetherhead the Sum
 [of £54] Fees due to John [Tabor Kempe²]

TO JOHN PENN

Df³

[Johnson Hall, March 15, 1768]

[] I have had the Congress
 [] and I have the pleasure to
 [] the pains I took amongst the Indians
 [] has produced a more favorable disposition in
 [] than before, which is as Much as I could possibly
 [] to remove their discontent totally when we consider
 [] Nature & Number of their Grievances was more than
 could [] done, nor cant it be expected 'till they Experi-
 ence the change in us,— I inclose you that part of the proceed-
 ings which relates to the affair in your Province the rest containing

¹ Words supplied from the Johnson Calendar.

² The patent was to Michael Byrne and 17 others for 18000 acres of land.

³ In Guy Johnson's handwriting.

[] proceedings on behalf of the Cherokees having no Connection [] it.—

The disagreeable news of the late Murder reached the [] Nations on their way hither as well as that the Murderers had [] rescued, which had Like to have occasioned them to return [] on their arrival their discontent was but too Visible, and [] affair was considered by them as an Introduction to something [] which their Natural Jealousy has long caused them to [] but the pains I took in private with the Chiefs to whom [] ned the Acts lately passed by the Province & the Steps []

[] where taking for the future prevention of Murders [] together with the Light in which I placed the [] Province, produced as good an effect as I [] and brought them in the end to a [] I am hopefull they []

The Number []¹
besides which 70 []
to the deceased, these []
laid out the Sum intended in such pres []
their Wants it has proved a very agreeable []

I now draw on you in favor of
the Ammount being ² and Suppose that []
this time enabled to proceed to Fort Pitt agreeable []
I have sent him to treat with the Ind^s. in that Qu[arter] []
to put a period to that disagreeable business which []
to the utmost of my power & Influence to conclude []
manner for the peace of the province.—

I am so hurried at this time in sending of the Cherokee Delegates by the way of Fort Pitt & []
large Number of the Six Nation & Canada In[dians who]
are to escort them Home, that I have only []

¹ Lines burned off.

² Blank space.

You of my readiness to Serve Your Family []
 & that I am, Sir & ca.

P S. A Gentleman from Connecticut []
 with me yesterday, told me that that []
 determined to Send an Agent Home []
 Sollicit the Susquahana Affair.

FROM GUY CARLETON

L. S.¹

Quebec 16th. March 1768.

SIR.

I thought it needless to trouble You with an Answer to your Letter of 21st May last, untill I could transmit the Sentiments of the trading People of this Province upon your Regulations for the Indian Trade, which for that Purpose had been Communicated to them, the very instant they came to my Hand; it was some Time before I received the Observations thereupon, which are herewith inclosed,² and tho' they contain some improper Expressions, which I by no Means approve, yet I thought it more expedient to convey the same in their own Words, that you might the better Judge of the Arguments used by themselves —

The Point, they seem principally to rest upon, is the Restraining of trading at the Forts, and 'tis indeed the very general Opinion of all those I have conversed with that the Trade to the Upper Country must inevitably be ruined, if that Regulation be continued; it is confidently Asserted, the number of Canoes, to be sent up this Year will fall very short of what was usual in former ones, and are likely still to decrease, so that probably in a short Time, that valuable Branch of Commerce will dwindle to Nothing —

¹ In Burton Historical Collection, Detroit, Mich.; collected and published by C. M. Burton.

² Dated January 15, 1768. Destroyed by fire in Capitol. See extract from Johnson Calendar.

The People here are also very desirous as you will observe by the annexed Petition, that the Vending of Spirits to the Savages, Destructive of their Species, as well as of the Trade itself, should be restricted within the most moderate Bounds; And herein I am perfectly disposed to concur with the neighbouring Provinces, in every Measure, You may Point out as necessary to bring about so desirable an end, as agreeable to natural Justice, with Respect to the Savages, to whom this Trade is destructive, as it is to the Common Interests of the Colonies, for the Preservation of the Peace and general Tranquility of the Country, as well as of the very Trade itself —

In Justice however to the Merchants and People concerned in the Trade of this Province, I am to assure you, that I never heard one of them cast the least Reflection upon You, or speak of you otherwise, than in terms of the greatest Deference and Regard; they readily believe those Regulations have been made with the best Views to serve the Public, but they are Confident the End proposed thereby has not been answered, and therefore Request, as all Human Institutions savours of Imperfections, this, which was intended for a Benefit, may be carefully revised, and that if experience, of which they consider themselves as the Examples, Demonstrates the same to be erroneous, that they may be rectified and amended —

With Respect to the Canadians, when I make use of that Appellation, it is entirely confined to those who inhabit the present Limits of the Province and in no Shape regards those, who, encouraged by the French Government, have settled at Detroit, the Illinois, or other Places, for the Sake of Colonisation, and by the Peace are become the King's Subjects;— or those extra Provincials, who have expatriated themselves, to give a Loose to their own vitious Inclinations, against whom from Time to Time very severe Ordinances have been issued by the French Governors and Intendants, proscribing them as a Nuisance to Society, and Directing them to be seized and imprisoned, wherever met with, and of this Class, are the Bandits

whose Names you transmitted to the Commander in Chief, at least, as I am here credibly informed; That loose and disorderly persons, like these, may prove the Authors of Mischief, I no ways doubt, but living without the Bounds of my Jurisdiction, it cannot lie with me to Remedy the Abuse Should any actually belonging to this Province seek to excite Troubles, or to promote Confusion, Upon proper and well authenticated Proofs of such evil Intention, every legal Method shall be employed, whoever they are or may be, to bring them to condign Punishment, in order to deter others from treading in the same Steps —

Before I leave this subject, I must further assure you, that as I never heard Sir William Johnson's name used, but where some Mention has been made of his Services to the State, You may rest Satisfied, that in whatever I have had Ocassion to write thereupon to the King's other Servants, or Yourself, my sole View has been to promote this Service and the public Welfare; I thought it a Duty incumbent upon me to point out a Mistake, at least as it appeared to me, which bears hard upon that Part of the King's Subjects committed to my Charge; after all the best and wisest of Ministers have erred, and Points that wear the fairest Appearance in Speculation, when reduced into Practice, are found inconvenient, To the aforementioned Motives, I am therefore persuaded, You will only impute whatever I have said or done here in, and not to any want of that perfect Regard and Esteem for Yourself, with which I ever am

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

GUY CARLTON

Honble. Sir Will^m Johnson Bart.
Supert. for Indian affairs etc.

INDORSED: Quebec 16th March 1768
From L^t Gov. Carlton
with an inclosure

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[16th] *March 1768*

[]¹
 [] Accompany Bill
 [] send you what remains
 [] who will Sail in 2 or 3 days from
 [] one or both of the Patents, if I can but get
 [] carried the Certificates to Mr Banyar yesterday
 [] at Home, shall call upon him today in order to
 [] his Clerks to finish the Engrossing as speedily as
 [] the mean Time I take the Liberty to Send you the Enclosed
 [] I have already paid — the Surveyor Generale has not
 [] with his Account, nor indeed I have not Seen him Since
 [] as Soon as it appears I shall pay as likewise all the Rest
 [] is but One Person in the City can make the Letter Press
 & he [] has been Sick in bed for these 2 Months past, but
 is now better [] he will do yours the first Thing he shall
 undertake, So that [] Send it you next Week — For the
 Mean Time you will give [] to Subscribe myself with
 great Sincerity & Truth

Sir Your most Obed Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

[] shall be punctually &
 [] you will do me the pleasure to Send — Pray Sir
 William have you No more [] &^{ca}.
 [] JOHNSON B^t

¹ Lines burned off.

ACCOUNT OF JOHN WETHERHEAD

D.

[March 16, 1768]

[									^{1]}
			¹	11.7					
				2.6					
				£113. 3.1					
				8					
				£113.11.1					

[] board Captain Pemberton's Sloop, except the Wax
 which [] to the Care of Richard Cartwright []
 will bee Sent by the Next Sloop the Man I was to have it from

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[New York 17th] March 1768

[] a little
 [] I have
 [] you ordered me to
 [] The Account of which you have
 [] which you will be so Kind as Give me
 [] Now I have nothing further to send except
 [] all of Muscovedo Sugar, which as yet I cannot
 [] with to my Satisfaction, all I have Seen in Town
 [] horrid bad, I dont think it worth the Carriage
 [] I can purchase any tor'orable good I will not fail
 [] Send it you — Inthemean Time shall be happy

¹ Matter burned off.

[] your further Commands & in the Mean time
 [] remain most Sincerely
 Sir Your most Obed Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

[]	Oyl 5/	£1. 12
[]		4
[]	whiting	6
		£2. 2

ADDRESSED: To
 the Honorable Sir William Johnson B^t
 Johnson Hall
 P Capt Pemberton
 with a Jugg of Oyl &
 a Kegg of whiting

INDORSED: []th 1768
 [] heads Letter

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

L. S.

[*Philada. March 18, 1768*]

[] was favoured with your Letter
 []ng your Instructions to proceed to Fort Pitt,
 [] Letters I have received from Thomas
 [McKee & ?] his Son,— no Time Ought to be lost, before I
 arrive [] shall therefore this Day leave this Place.
 [] your Instructions I waited on Governor Penn and
 []al Commissioners and strongly urged the Propriety of
 [] Commissioners, to represent the Province at the Trea-
 [] I am informed by the Speaker, That the Gentlemen
 [] named by the General assembly, for that Service
 []rday, and chose rather to submit the whole affair
 []

[ducting this Conference your Honour may be as-
] that I shall in every Respect, pay the strictest Atten-
]ur Instructions and use my utmost address, for
] his Majesty's Interest;— as well as placing the
] this Province, in the most advantageous Light.
] least Doubt, But as so many Indians have
] Congress was opened,— You will be able
] entirely to your Satisfaction and
] chiefs were arrived from Canada;—
] Y^r advice, *back* the Mohocks,
] the six Nations for the Good
]
] Shawanese and
]
 It gives me great Pleasure []
 from Lord Shelburne, To the Representatives []

FROM WILLIAM LUPTON

A. L. S.

[*New York, March 19, 1768*]

SIR/

The inclosed (from Col^o. Massy) Is Just Come to
 hand, from Cape fare, Captⁿ Eaton in a Schooner from
 Dublin being obliged to put in there in Great distress
 [] left Dublin the 10th. Nov^r. Was Eight weeks on this Coast
 [] during their Distress & want of provision I am
 [told] the Lives of the Whole Crue was preserved by a hh^d
 [] Beans, which I suppose are the Beans Col^o. Massy Mentions
 [] my letter for you the Captⁿ. is Expected in from the
 [] Every day and should it be otherwise than Above
 [] write you the first opportunity, Believe he
 [] for Dublin in about five Weeks, and Shod you []

¹ Lines burned off.

com]mands for Col^o. Mass'y, it wo^d give me a pleasure

[

]

I am Sir

Your Most Obdt. Humble. Servt.

WILLIAM LUPTON

FROM CORNELIUS GLEN AND A. C. CUYLER

A. L. S.

[Albany, March 21, 1768]

[] the Bills of Cap^t. Rogers are
 [] Suppose will be included in Your
 [] therefore must beg the favour of you, with a
 [] as wee are greatly Distress^d. for Some Money
 [] on our Departure for Michelmakina and
 [] glad if our Bill could be Settled before wee Lieve
 [] will be About the first week in April, when wee
 [] waite on You for your Commands on our way up
 []try.

Wee Remain with Esteem Your Most Obidie[]
 Humble Servants

CORNELIUS GLEN
 A C CUYLER

[]the you Last
 [] to promise
 [] Mr. Gerrit Van Santie
 [] In Lue of two
 [] Capⁿ. Claus which
 []r Memory Should
 [] will please to
 [] Opp^y. for
 [] Occasion
 []idge me

FROM SAMUEL JOHNSON

A. L. S.¹*Stratford, N. E. Mar 21. 1768*S^r.

It was a long time after the Date of your very obliging Letter of Dec^r. 1. before I received it: upon which, I immediately wrote your unhappy Case to D^r. Hull, (as he is here called,) from whom I have had no reply, till this week, his Son was here, who tells me his Father has ever since been unable to write, by reason of a long disorder in his Eyes, but by him he assures me your Complaint is of the same Nature with that he has been used to Cure. M^r. Kilby when he was as here had the like Disorder, & was at length, after all other means failed, to his great surprize cured by this uncouth old man.— I hope you will find your self cured by D^r. Magra's means; if not, perhaps it may be worth the while to try this man. I pray God you may find some effectual Relief from that tormenting Disease!

D^r. Gale is vastly obliged to you for your kind Letter relating to the Medicine he inquired after, which I conclude he has before now very gratefully acknowledged.— M^r. Nichols also desires me to express his humble thanks for your inquiry about his Negro.

I am very glad you so well approve of D^r. Chandler's performance, which, one would think no reasonable man could find much fault with: It is however most furiously & venomously attacked in parker's paper, by some who hope to gain their point by meer dint of Clamour.—I hope however D^r. Chandler's good Sense & good Nature will finally gain the victory over Madness & Malice; especially under the powerful patronage of S^r. William Johnson.—

The Clergy & every good Churchman are under inexpressible Obligations to you for pleading our Cause with the Secretary of State, (in which I humble hope you will persevere,) & especially,

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

for the truly generous & noble Donation you propose & offer by Dr. Auchmuty.— May God Almighty abundantly reward it with his choicest Blessings both on you & your's!— I humbly beg your candid Acceptance of a little English Grammar & a couple of plain Sermons I lately published. And with my hearty & thankful Complements to Sr. John, I remain, Sr.

with the greatest Esteem & Gratitude,
 your most obliged &
 most obedient humble Servant

SA. JOHNSON

To the Hon^{ble}. SR. WILLIAM JOHNSON.

P. S. A worthy young Clergyman who was Chaplain to the Regiment at Cape Britton, has been with me, who travelled round by Quebec & Montreal & down thro' the Country by Lake George. He says the Condition of multitudes in all those large Countries is deplorable for want of Clergymen & a Bp to preside & take Care of the Affairs of Religion.— I wish to Heaven it may be possible for you to influence the new Secretary of State & Lords of Trade &c. that might induce the Govern^{mt}. to provide for the Interest of Religion in all those parts, where a Bp might be introduced with the least Clamour: who however, I imagine would be best situated for the whole, near you at Albany or Schenectady.

INDORSED: Stratford March 21st 1768

Doctor Sam^l Johnsons

Letter

TO JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.¹

SIR

I take the earliest opportunity (by this Express) of acknowledging the receipt of your favour of the 4th. Ult^o. together wth the

¹ In British Museum, Additional Manuscripts 21678. fo. 100, London, England.

Several letters accompanying it, all of which I have forwarded by Post &^{ca}.

I was a perfect Stranger to Mr. Magra having never seen him before he called at my house, when he told me that he was obliged to leave York with y^e. greatest Expedition to avoid being arrested for Debt, and that he did not know where to go out of the Way of Danger, unless to some of the Posts, upon w^{ch}. I told him there were then Ind^s. at my House who would for a Small Matter conduct him to Osswego, or Niagra. he chose the latter, as he said he was acquainted wth. Cap^t. Mac Leod, so left this. of late I find the Genr^l. has been informed of Something, which has induced him I believe to send some directions concerning him to You.— I must request the favour of y^r. sending the Express back as soon as you conveniently can.

I enclose You the last Philadelphia paper for y^r. amusement, the X^{br}. Mail is arrived & brings little or no news, I am so hurried by Numbers of Indians ab^t. me, and 4 different Expresses to dispatch that I have only time to assure You of my good Wishes

& that I am truly

Your verry Humble Serv^t

W JOHNSON

CAPT. JOHN BROWN —

INDORSED: Le^r from Sir
Wm Johnson no date
rec^d 26 March 1768
Ans^d 28th
Relative to a Magra —

TO JOHN BROWN¹

A. L. S.²

Johnson Hall March 23^d. 1768

SIR

Yesterday a Seneca Indian, (who accompanied that unaccountable Man Magra as far as Conajohare where he gave him the slip) delivered me y^r favour of the 17th. Ulto, on asking him y^e reason of his being so long by the way, answered it was Magras fault, that they could with great difficulty get him along.

I sent you a pacquet of letters by one Johnston the beginning of this Month, w^{ch}. I hope y^u. have received Safe 'ere now, I beleive you had thereby directions concerning Magra, As he is come away, you are rid of any further trouble concerning him,

The Bearer tells me that he see him destroy a Pacquet of letters which he brought from Niagra, at y^e house of one Dygert a Publican near to the German Flatts, w^h, I think with the rest of his conduct whilst with you plainly shews him a bad man.

As the Jan^{ry}. Pacquet has been some time expected & by her some thing Interesting, I purpose detaining y^e. Express a Couple of Days in hopes of being able to send you something new, for here we have nothing of moment to write our freinds.

24th. My letters by the Post are Just arrived, but no Pacquet, so that I have only to conclude with my hearty wishes for y^r. Welfare, & to assure you that

I am

Sir

Y^r. most Obedient

& verry Humble Serv^t

CAPT. BROWN —

W JOHNSON

INDORSED: Sir W^m. Johnson

23^d March 1768

Relative to a Magra

¹ Captain in command of Fort Niagara.

² In British Museum, Additional Manuscripts 21678. fo. 98, London, England.

FROM SAMUEL WHARTON

A. L. S.

[*Philada.*] March 23^d 1768

I am much obliged to you for your kind Favor of the [5th] this month; and for your friendly Hopes, That my Partners [] “may make advantagious Returns from the Indian Country,” [] Manner in Which your Honor has divided the Grant [] this Government, is perfectly agreeable to both Branches of [] Legislature—; and They are confident, That their [Do]nation to the Indians, Under your Auspices,— will have [] happy Effect, of conciliating their Regards to the Province, [] Your directing Mr. Croghan“ to lay Out the remaining £1200 [] a *Present*, in such Manner, as to leave it in his Power [] take up the Goods from Me, Is a very strong additional [ins]tance of your Honor’s favorable Disposition towards my [par]tners and self.

[] am very thankfull to you for your information respect[ing] the Boundary and I trust the January Packet, will [] you ample Orders On that Head.

[] to your Desire, I inclose you the Copies of the [] which passed between Mr. MacLane¹ & Dr. Franklin [] dary as mentioned in the Doctor’s Letter to Me— Which [] That in the constant Mutation of Ministers, [] had been forgot.

[] I would present his Compliments [] That as soon as the Packet arrives, He proposes to do Himself the Pleasure of writing to you [] Himself, He shall have an agreeable Subject to write On.

If your Honor should have any thing decisive by the next [] respecting the Boundary.— May I presume to ask the []

¹ Dr Lauchlan Maclane, an under-secretary to Lord Shelburne. He had lived in Philadelphia.

a few Lines from you relative to it?— I am going to [] soon and therefore must request, if you will be so condescending to honor me with Them,— That you will be pleased to inclose [] Letter to Thomas Wharton, Merch^t. In Philadelphia.

I took the Liberty of writing to you On the 20th Instant [] Then sent a small Box, directed to the care of Mr. Wetherhead [] *forwarding* — inclosing *Grafts* of the best Fruits in this Prov[ince] Such as. The Carnation,—May Duke & very rich Red Heart, [] The best *Christian*, Cheshire & a variety of other choice Pears, [] Newington & Other Peaches &c.

I hope Mr. Witherhead sent the Box by the first Sloop to [] as I persuade myself a Collection of such extraordinary Fruits [] acceptable to You.

Our Frontiers are again in the greatest Commotion and D[] after Mr. Croghan had left the City, He received Letters by [] Some of his Friends in Cumberland County, informing [] *Black Boys*¹ had associated and resolved, [] should be suffered to go to Fort Pitt,— That [] should be held With the Indians, and [] Violence would be offered to his Pers[] Upon Receipt of those Letters, [] Wilkins and inclosed Him []

[] Time acquainted Him That as Lieutenant Batt.² [] to proceed in a few Days with a small Detachment to Fort Pitt, He would tarry [] Lancaster for Them. [] soon as Colonel Wilkins got the Letter, He communi[cated] it to Governor Penn and On Friday Morning next, Mr. Batt, with a Party of 35 men, set off for Pittsburgh. Should the *Black Boys* be so rash, as to attempt any Injury to Mr. Croghan. The Conflict must be fatal, as They are so Numerous

¹ A lawless company, formed by James Smith, which destroyed the traders' goods near Fort Loudon in March, 1765.

² Lieutenant Thomas Batt, of the 18th Regiment.

and Mr. Batt's Detachment so small.— But I trust, the more sober & discreet Inhabitants, may influence Them to Quietude.

I am with great Truth & Respect

Sir

Y^r. most Obedient And

faithfull Servant

SAM^L WHARTON¹

P S

[] bespoke a Dozen of the best Cotton
 [] They shall be well bleached and
 [] Every Respect for you.
 [] to Mr. Witherhead, in about ten
 [] SW
 [] Johnson

FROM THOMAS BARTON

*A. L. S.*²

Lancaster, March 25th. 1768—

WORTHY SIR,

I acknowledge, with much Gratitude, the Favour of your polite Letter of the 5th. of January, which I did not receive till very lately. I deem myself peculiarly happy in being honoured with your Friendship, & shall make it the Study of my Life to improve the good Opinion you are pleased to entertain of me — Would to God, I had it in my Power to evince, by more than Words, the Sincerity of that Affection & Esteem, which I feel for you! My Prayers & good Wishes are the best Offering I can make you; And this, poor as it is, I have the Pleasure to think, will always be acceptable to a generous Mind.

I am sorry that William should be the Bearer of this Letter —

¹ Samuel Wharton, of Philadelphia, was an active figure of the Revolution and member of the Continental Congress in 1782–83.

² In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

But ever since the turbulent & disordered State of the Back Counties, occasioned by the Murder committed upon several Indians by one Stump, & the Rescue of that Villain, & the lawless insolent Behaviour of some of the Inhabitants, in Consequence thereof, he has relaxed in Application to Study, been uneasy in Mind; and from the most diligent, contented, happy Lad, is become the most dissatisfied, sullen, careless Creature imaginable — He immediately sollicitted Leave to return Home — I used every Argument to prevail with him to remain here for Six Months longer, as he had begun the Elements of *Geometry*, in Order to learn *Surveying*, which I thought might be of Advantage to him; & which he would soon have understood — But notwithstanding his Situation in my own Family (which I hope he will do me the Justice to own, was comfortable & easy) I could not succeed with him; And having an Opportunity of consulting with Mr. Croghan, who is here at present, we have judged it prudent to indulge his *Caprice*, & to let him pay a Visit to his Friends & Native Home—Colonel Croghan thinks he will be glad, after some little Time, to come back — Should that be the Case, he shall again have free Admission into my House, & be welcome to every good Office I can render him —

Mr. Croghan, who ordered Mr. Simon, upon William's first Coming, to furnish him with Necessaries, has received his Bill for Cloaths, Books, Schooling &c.— As for his Boarding & Lodging there are no Demands — I could wish to have him restored to you a little more advanced in Learning; but at present he seems to think that he is got to the *Ne plus ultra* of Science, & that he is most learned Man in America — Had he staid a little longer, he might perhaps have been at the Head of his Nation — He takes with him his Copper-plate and Books, which I hope he will make Use of, that he may not lose any Thing of what he has acquired.

Mr Croghan tells me you intend to send little Peter Abroad for his Education — If you will commit him to my Care, he shall be treated as one of my own Children — And I have no

Doubt of being able to answer your most sanguine Expectations with Regard to Morals & Learning — I should be glad, if by this, or any other Method, I could evidence with what Sincerity, I am,

Worthy & dear Sir,
Your very affectionate, and
Most obedient humble Servant

THO BARTON

The Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED: Lancaster March 25th 1768

Mr. Bartons Letter

TO HORATIO SHARPE

*L. S.*¹

Johnson Hall March 25th. 1768

SIR

The Bearer Cap^t. Ogden has made me a Visit on the Subject of your letter of August last concerning the disposal of the Lands of the Mantrickes² lying in your Province. Since the receipt of which letter I find that these Indians have an inclination to dispose of their Rights there, and as they are for the most part removed, and that it will be for the Advantage of the Colony, I cannot but greatly approve of it, as I do of Cap^t. Ogden as their Attorney to transact that business, So that you will please to lay the Same before your Assembly agreeable to the proposal contained in your Letter.— I need not to recommend y^e making them a handsome Compensation for the Sale, as doubtless it will, be dusty³ attended to.— But in answer to your Queries must add, That such sale may be made by Cap^t. Ogden at Annapolis in the presence of such Persons as you shall direct,

¹ In the Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Md. A draft in the New York State Library suffered considerably from fire.

² Nanticokes.

³ "Duly" was written presumably.

at which time the purchase Money may be paid to him in trust for the Indians, Whom I shall direct to Assemble for his return at Otseningo, or some Convenient place, where He shall in the presence of the Whole Tribe, & an Officer of my Department distribute the Money Justly amongst them, taking two Setts of proper Receipts, The One to be sent to you, & the other to be lodged in my Secretarys office, After which, they can never think of laying any future Claim to the Tract.

I have now furnished Cap^t. Ogden with a Short power in my name for Negotiating this Matter, and I shall take such further Steps herein as may be necessary, so soon as the purchase is made.— I am with great truth

Sir

Your most Obedient
& Very Humble Servant.

W. JOHNSON.

The Honorable

L^T. GOVERNOR SHARPE —

INDORSED: Sir W^m. Johnson 1768

Given to me in 1833 by Horatio Ridout Esq. of
Annapolis in 1833

R. Gilmor

FROM BENJAMIN KISSAM

A. L. S.

[28] *March 1768.*

[]cluded to give Mr. Peter Remsen a Power of [attorney] to settle the Disputes with the Indians concerning [] Kayadorosseres, which he proposes to do sometime the next Month, and we are now getting full Powers signed by the Proprietors to enable him to compleat it —

As we would gladly save as much time as possible in forwarding the Division of the Patent, so the Proprietors have concluded in the mean while to publish the proper Notices in the

the Old partners of our Syde are Dead, and gone out of this World and none alive but one of the Calvinist Syde, Named John Snell he is going on in Such a Shameful Manner to Destroy our Religion of the afore Said place, with Writings where we never was told of we never had any Such Thoughts Since the Land was Divided and lots drawn by both parties, that there could be any difference afterwards, Since the Land was given by the 28 partners of the afore Said Stone-raby Pattend for Church Land to both parties forever now there is but 4 alive of our Lutherian Congregation which have been present this Twenty Years ago when John Snell and Some of our Congregation jointly agreed and employed Hend^k. Frey Esqr Dec^d to Survey the land, and Accordingly it was done to both parties Satisfaction, now this insurrection Arrived of the above Named John Snell, and therefore we the Whole Congregation beseeching His Excelency to Grant us this humble request in what Manner in this Hour of Temptation we ought to behave, and if it will []

[]
 INDORSED: []
 [] by the 29th of March
 1768

FROM SAMUEL WHARTON
 A. L. S.

[*Philad^a. April 3^d 1768*]

Mr Croghan sent the Bearer from Lancaster to my Care; and as He was very desirous of [] Our City, I kept Him a few Days here. [] returns to the Mohocks County by the Way of New York and He goes from Hence in the Land Stage [thither] where, I have recommended Him, to the Care of [] Deems & desired Him to procure Him a passage in [] first Sloop to Albany.

I am Sir with great Respect
 y^r. most Obedient & faithfull Servant

SAM^l WHARTON

[] Baronet

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New York April 4th 1768*

DEAR SIR,

I have received your Letter of the 16th. March and am glad you have got so well thro' the very troublesome Business that must have taken up so much of your time for Months past. The Cherokees who return to South Carolina by Sea are arrived, and I am told very highly pleased with the service you have done for them as Mr. Croghan is gone to Fort Pitt, he will be at hand to treat of the Peace between the Delawares, Shawnese &ca and the Cherokees Deputys who I understand have taken the route of the Ohio from your House.

Our own Affairs particularly since the Murders committed upon the Indians by the German² in Pennsylvania, must doubtless have given you as much trouble to settle and to pacify the Indians as the Peace of the Cherokees. You will have heard of Mr. Pen's Proclamation in Consequence of the Law, passed to remove the Settlers from their Encroachments. Whether it will have the desired effect unless backed by a Military Force is perhaps a doubt, if it has not, I shall certainly push the removing them by Main Force. Mr. Croghan stopped at Lancaster upon Intelligence that some of the Banditti upon the Frontiers threatened his Life, and the Seizing of all the Goods he should carry up with him an officer and 30 Men are marched from Philadelphia to escort him.

You inclosed me two Accounts from Mr. Cole stationed at the Illinois; the one from Sep^r. 1766 to March 1767, the other from March to Sep^r. 1767. making about a compleat year, and

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² By Frederick Stump, near Harris Ferry, Pa.

both together amounting to £10,742 7^s 11^d. This is really so monstrous an Account that I hardly know what can be done with it, I ought to give Some Reasons why Such an enormous Expence should be incurred in one year at the Illinois, when Missilimakinak and the Detroit together, at the time that prudent People commanded there, did not cost more hundreds than the Illinois has cost Thousands and I can see no Reason why Money is to be lavished so profusely at that Place More than at other Places. all the Reason I can procure for it is, that the Savages are numerous and may destroy all the Provisions in the Country, of which the same may be said respecting the Situation of the Detroit. I wish you could furnish me with some good Reasons to serve as a just Pretence in the Warrant to be granted, to answer Mr. Cole's Draughts for the granting so considerable Sums for the use of one single Post.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,

THOS. GAGE.

Be so good to give the
Inclosed for Cap^t. Spicemaeker, to
Mr. Roberts, to carry with him to
Missilimakinak. He set out from hence
for your House some Days ago.

T: G:

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: New York April 4th. 1768

Gen^l. Gages Letter,
wth. one for Cap^t. Spiesmaker

TO JOHN WATTS

Df.¹

[Johnson Hall, April 5, 1768]

[] favor of the 7th Ult^o for several
 [] severe Attack of my old Disorder
 [] Answering sooner, I am now a little, and
 []tter. The Cold I got during the late Congress
 [] brought on my Complaint for as there were near 800
 [] was frequently obliged to Sit with them for sev^l. hours
 together [] the Snow in my Court Yard -- but their
 Affairs are [] You had been a Letter in Arrear but you
 Judged []ht in not being on punctilio with me, who
 never am so [] friends.—

I have given Mr. Wetherhead orders [] the Money
 transmitted by Mr. Allen, which please [] his hands.—

The Embassy he mentions to have sent to me
 [] boundary Line, is (I believe) a Mistake, that
 [] not take place 'till I receive farther orders, which []
 [] next pacquet as the Secretary of State writes me
 [] once settled to mutual satisfaction will be a
 []enting many Land disputes if strictly adhered to
 [] I can do for you at any time concerning
 [] command me in, Its a pity such a Tract
 [] remain unsettled.

[] would offer for the final
 [] I have used much
 [] Apprehension
 []²
 safely as a public []
 strict Integrity amongst []
 take upon me []

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Lines burned off.

I N O W by the Grace of God of Great Britain France &c. Ireland Sweden &c.
 King of France do all to whom these presents shall come send greeting
 In which greeting We recd our loving subject Hanning, Hansense, Johann
 Cockmaul by van dan van Bids, man called Peter Saucoume
 Adrian Hooghland, Johannes Ecker, Jan Peter Joris Hooghland, Jan
 Steven John Calhans and James brought in their Petition presented to me
 Right Trustee and we received therein word & request for that they
 and their heirs in fee of our Province of Maryland and Territories thereof
 therein in America and our admiral of the said Province have
 Crayd our Grant and confirmation for all that part of said Province
 lying and being in the County of Albano called Kayaderosseras alias
 Queen Anne's Beginning at a Place in the said River about
 three miles distant from the Mouth of the lower of the bounds of
 the said Province the said place being the southernly corner of the said
 Land granted to Hanning, Hermann Peter Saucoume and others thence
 along the said River westward to the southeasterly corner of a certain
 Land granted to William ap Rice thence along the easternly boundary
 of the said William ap Rice's Patent down to the above said thence to
 the southeasterly corner of the said Patent on
 the said River so along the easternly northernly westernly bounds
 down to the said River again thence along the said river up westerly to the
 southeasterly bounds of a certain Land granted to Ebenezer Willson
 thence westward and so along the said Patent round to the southeasterly
 corner thereof in the said Province of Maryland thence continuing

sev^r. Proprietors (some of them now []
 Lay any Claim to what is released. Th[]
 point, & ought to be so with any Man in []

I know there are people capable of placing []
 tho' a very false light, which has given me less []
 had in endeavoring to compass the ends of the []
 now no longer an *Affair of the Mohocks* alone, []
 Nations interest themselves warmly in it, and at []
 Meeting have made it a public Grievance in []
 Nevertheless whatever is about to be done for the []
 of the *Affair* in any consistent manner I shall []
 in to the utmost of my Influence —

I Expect the pacquet will bring []
 News, and hoping to hear from you remain []
 and Esteem D^r. Sir

Yours ever/

TO HENRY MOORE

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, April 6, 1768*]

[] with near 800 Indians so occupied my
 [] not attend to any business 'till it was over, and
 [] Sitting out in my Court Yard in very bad Weather
 [] me a Painfull Disorder which as yet confines me to
 [] I have given the Colonel & other field Officers their
 Commissions, and [] Preparing of the Captains and
 Subalterns to be recommended [] Excellency for Com-
 missions.— On Examination I find that [the bo]unds of the
 Albany Regiment was too limited, and Should [] beyond
 the Libertys of that City as far North as Halfmoon []
 of Coll Schyler,² Which may require the alteration of two
 [] Words, I was not, nor am I as yet acquainted with the

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Philip Schuyler, who was to command a new regiment.

[] of that Gentlemans Regiment, or of any you may have
 [] to the Southward of the City of Albany but have wrote
 for [] of them &ca To Express the particular divisions
 occasioned [] Situation of Some of the Regiments so as
 to admit of no [] dispute would have required more Words
 than the Commission [] I think it best that the Colonels
 Settle this which I shall [] General Orders fully
 explaining it.

[] I beg Leave to recommend Hend^k M. Roseboom for
 [] Majority of Albany, and Peter B. Vroman Jun^r. for the
 [] just Vacant in the Scohare Regiment, and at the
 [] Extremely Necessary to recommend to your
 [] tment of an Adjutant General for the
 [] as I
 [] properly conducted without
 [] Liberty to mention
 []¹
 concerning []
 should be but two to a Reg[]
 the Custom of a pair []
 but amongst them, and creat []
 is drawn up.—

My bad State of health []
 to take a Journey Shortly to the Sea Coast for the benefit of []
 gladly have avoided if possible,— As I have h[]
 Seeing You here this Spring I wish it could be []
 departure.— I shall return as quickly [as Circumstances]
 Permit and during My Absence Col[]
 who will manage the Affairs of the Indⁿ Department []
 receive your Commands, and Execute your Orders. Should It
 so happen that I am deprived of the pleasure of a personal []
 with you I must request that you will do me the honor to make
 use of my [] Coll Johnson will attend you, But it
 would afford me a more sensible [] to render you my

¹ Lines burned off.

personal Services if the state of [] would permit as I am
with the most perfect Esteem

Sir &ca

TO JOHN PENN

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall April 6, 1768*]

[] Extracts from the proceedings at
[] Indisposed occasioned as I believe
[] the Several Congresses which from the
[]ians was obliged to be held out of Doors in the Snow.
[] drawn for the Ammount as by my last I now
[] a List of the Goods & Presents delivered to the Indians
[] satisfaction, and I hope they will be found to have been
[]plyed.

The Tuscaroras who came thro' your Province in
[] 1766 to Joyn their people to the Northward have
[] as well as before applied earnestly for some reimbursement
[] Horses &ca which were taken from them by the frontier
[]bitants of Pennsylvania concerning which I formerly
[] You — Mr Tho^s. McKee is well Acquainted with the
[] particulars of that Affair so that he can give any
[] Information towards their obtaining some restitution
[] Losses.

ACCOUNT OF JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. D.

[*New York, April 6, 1768*]

[]	Wetherhead	
[]		£3.14.
[]		15/ 1.16. -
[]	Candles Viz ^t	
[]	42½ — 10¾ Tare	

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

[	]	45 $\frac{1}{4}$ — 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ to		
		<hr/>		
		87 $\frac{3}{4}$ 22 65 $\frac{3}{4}$ N ^t . a 2/6	8.	4. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
		2 Boxes a 2/6		5
[	]	Tallow Candles Viz ^t .		
		to		
[	]	1 Box Mold 67 17 50 N ^t a 11 ^d	2.	5. 10
[	]	1 D ^o . dipt 69 17 52 a 10 ^d	2.	3. 4
		2 Boxes 2/6		5
		C d ^r		
		c q ^r .		
[	]	Barrell Muscovado Sugar 2.1 9 a 54/	6.	5. 10
		Barrell 2/		2
[	]	Barrells Molasses 96 Gallons a 2/3	10.	16
		3 Barrells a 4/		12
		Cartage 1/6		1. 6
[	]	Setts Oval Dishes 6 to a Sett a 20/	2.	
[	]	doz Soup plates to Suit a 6/	1.	10. —
[	]	doz flatt d ^o 5/6	1.	13. —
		Tureens a 12/	1.	4. —
[	]	Doz Wine Glasses a 8/	2.	8. —
		Crate		1. 6
[	]	Doz of the most fashionable Glasses a 17	4.	5. —
[	]	Doz of plain d ^o a 12/	12.	—
		Box		3. —
[	]	large China breakfast Cups &		
		Saucers a 40/	2.	—
[	]	Slop bowl 8/ Teapot 16/ Milkpott 6/		
		Sugarpot 7/	1.	17. —
[	]	Cupps & Saucers with Handles	2.	10. —
		Teapott	1.	—, —
[	]	bowl 5/ Milkpott 7/	1.	—, 6
[	]			3. —
[	]		5.	5. —
[	]			.10
[	]		1.	15

[	]	1. 6
[	]	3.10.
Box for the pap[]	
Cartage		
Paid (1/2?) for a Box from Phil[]	
	[]
I Sent a Letter Press for you by Capn Van		
Allen wch I forgott to Charge it		6
		<hr/>
		£80 []

ADDRESSED: The Honorable
 Sir William Johnson B^t
 £80 — 10 1/2
 On board Capt Philip
 Lansings' Sloop

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[New York, April 7, 1768]

[] ulto in Consequence of which
 [] yet ready, according to the
 [] you will find right & the Rect of
 [] on board Pemberton, who will go very Soon
 [] had the Patents, which the Governor has
 [] ready — As Lansing is just agoing off []
 [] to assure you that I am most Sincerely
 Sir Your Most Hble servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED: To
 The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart
 Johnson Hall
 p Capt Lansing

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹*Johnson-Hall April 8th 1768*

DEAR SIR

[Since] my last of the 14th ult^o I have had [a very sev]ere attack of a Disorder something different from [any] I felt before which confined me to my bed for several days as it does still to my Room I attribute it to the severe Cold I caught during the late Congress, being obliged as the Indians were near 800, to meet them & Sit for several hours together amidst the snow in my Court Yard,— This indisposition prevented my Answering your favor of the 13th ult^o sooner.

I now inclose you an Extract of the proceedings at the late Congress² and also transmit my Acct of pay, [& of such] Disbursements &ca as are come to hand to the 24th of March, for which I beg you will favor me with a Warrt.

Whenever the Traders apply to me again concerning Major Roger's Draughts I shall acquaint them with your reasons for not admitting them.

I thank you for the Extract of Lord Shelburnes [Letter] concerning the Boundary Line which corresponds [a good deal] with that to me; I do not know how they [have settled the] Carolina & Georgia boundarys, but You [will find in the] Proceedings I send you that the Chero[kees have complained to the] Six Nations at my House [that the Line was very disadvantageous to them which induced the others to speak to me about the boundary to be settled for them, in manner as you will find in the Extract.] As the Indians inte[nd to cede Lands to the Provinces they] will certainly expect a handsome [return.

¹ In Guy Johnson's handwriting. Burned portions supplied from a copy made before the fire, printed in *Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library*, 16:237-40, ed. C. W. Alvord and C. E. Carter.

² In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:38-53.

they have no thought of doing with^t a Gratuity & Indeed from all I could] discover this was intended [& Mr Croghan on his return from] England mentioned it as declared to [him by the Lords of] Trade. Mr Penn will I am certain make [them a] reasonable acknowledgment for what they [add within] his Limits, as for the rest of the Colonies concerned which are all Royal Governments (Maryland excepted & that can be little concerned) The Government need [not be] a Loser by purchasing for them, as it will be afterwards readily paid by the People who will take it up, besides, [that] by purchasing at once all within certain Limits, mu[ch trouble] and Confusion will be saved in future, and the Transact[ions of] Individuals for Small Tracts often attended with disputes [will cease.]

I have a Letter from Lieut Governor Carleton¹ [with] a Petition from the Traders to him, and their remarks [upon the] Regulations I made for the Indⁿ Trade. The Petition [sets forth] What they call their rights, the Proclamation [for the free] open Trade & that the Regulations are equally [hurtfull] to both themselves & Indians, That the Comd^s [Officers, or] Commiss^{rs} ought not to presume to stop or alter [the intent of a] Pass, their Remarks are contained [under sev^l Articles] amongst which they find great [fault with giving an accot] of their Goods &ca to the Commiss^{ys} That the same Reasons] by which the Permission [is given to go North of Lake Huron &ca will hold good South of L. Erie, &ca That every person with a Gov^{rs} pass ought to be permitted to go where he pleases without Molestation &c. This is the Substance & is as much as to say that every Trader be at Liberty to go where, & do as he pleases, for in the first place the Proclamation for the Free Trade] Subjects them never[theless to Certain Restrictions to be] made for that purpose, which [have been fully approved] of by his Majesty and myself directed [to persist] therein, In the Next place the indulgence to those Northward of Lake Huron, arose from their own Representa[tions,] of the Peculiar

¹ Letter of Carlton to Johnson, March 16, 1768.

circumstances of those Indian nations often in [Want] in a Co[untry] covered with deep Snow, which must greatly retard their marching & often render it impracticable, Circumstances by no means attending the rest of the Indians, and as to Governours passes they were designed to Express the post for Trade & the permission for Leaving the Province, & can by no means Extend In my opinion to protect them in a Country where his Majesty has thought proper to Subject them to restrictions as the very Tenor of the passes Exp[ress.] The fact is that if Traders are allowed in the Indⁿ Country the same Libertys enjoyed by Commerce in established Governments & with Civilized Nations it will often be productive of very different Consequences, to the destruction of Liberty & property too, arising from the Peculiar circumstances of the Indians the defects in our Laws for their redress, & the impracticability for them to obtain [it] in case the Laws made that provision for their relief which some of the most Learned of that Profession declare they do not.

But as extravagant Gain will often tempt people to overlook [Consequ]ences, & run all hazards I have long thought it best to [Wave every] part wick co^d possibly be dispensed with, and [Last fall] Signified my thoughts & Resolutions thereon to [the Secretary] of State, and indeed they have no reason to [Complain for at the] time they first represented these as Grievances [there was no Commiss^y or other officer of] the Department [Established at Michilimackinack, and since Rogers arrival there they have had free Liberty to go where they pleased. In consequence of what I wrote home on this head I have so far moderated the Regulations as to Admit their going into the Indian Country as in the inclosed Extract On which I sho^d be glad to have your Sentiments as well as] with regard to the Pro[hibition of Rum beyond the posts, or the] Limitting the Quantity for [each Canoe, which the Traders are in generall very desirous to have settled, and [indeed I believe it would be for] the best, if the Ind^s. agreed to it.

The very extraordinary Expence attend[ing the Commissary-ship] at the Illinois, & the Assertions of the Commiss^y that [he cannot] retrench them, inclines me to withdraw that officer [from] thence, Leaving proper Interpreters with the Command[ing] Officer which will prove a saving, at least tryal [can be] made whether we cannot do without a Comiss^y at [that place] please to favor me with your advice & direction theron.

Mr Magra mentioned in a Note from you some time ago, [is now] in this Neighbourhood being returned from Niagara [in a very] distressed condition & talks of goin to Canada. I am [a Stranger] to his Affairs and do not know what to do with him.

The Bad State of my health makes me agreable [to advice] to resolve on taking a Journey to the Sea Side, in order to try what [effect that] Air may have towards restoring it.— As my stay will [be uncertain] Lieu^t. Johnson, Dep^y for this District will receive your [Commands] & discharge the business of the department here in my [absence,] I would willingly avoid this Journey did it not appear [absolutely] necessary & that I have hopes of returning [with a larger] share of health.— L^t Roberts tells me he took [the liberty to] mention his Losses & Expences to you, on which occasion you was pleased [to referr it to me, I] therefore insert them in mine, and hope you [will find them reasonable.]

[His Excell^{cy} GEN^l GAGE]

INDORSED: [Johnson Hall 8th April 1768

Letter to Gen^l Gage

wth sundry Enclosures.]

TO HUGH WALLACE

*Df.*¹

Johnson Hall April 8, 1768

[] you for your Last favor, which my
[] me Congress with about 800 Indians, and

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

[] ever since prevented me from Answering
 [] Major Gorham has since rectified his Accot of
 [] nts for the ballance of which I now give you a Draft
 [] I add £16 for the Marble Slab, I am ashamed to have
 [neglected?] [] thank you for the acctot you have given
 me of the [vessel] you send to Dublin, and am Obliged to Mess^{rs}
 Grey [] ningham for the Compliment they made me of the
 freight [] Picture—As to the Election affairs you wrote
 about [] now entirely Settled. I have some reason to think
 [] could have carried it for this County without much
 [] ty, but neither myself or Sir John had the least
 [] of his Setting up as a Candidate. I expect
 [] News by the Pacquet which is to bring me some
 [] dispatches, at present there is nothing new from
 [] ttled all Affairs between the Northern Indians
 [] not without much difficulty, the former being
 [] Success & their known Superiority in War
 [] settled the affair of the late barbarous
 [] Pennsylvania, which would
 [] frontiers in a Sudden War; but
 [] the Snow & Wet of my
 []

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[New York April 11, 1768]

[] send you the pickled oyst[ers]
 [] Account of which you have enc[]
 [] Long to excessive Cold that Now
 [] Seems Settled & appears as if it woud be
 [] Send you the Lobsters in a few Days — the Man
 [] Bucketts & as soon as they are finished I will Send them
 [] Sent the Spices under the Care of M^r Cartwright who
 [] to you by a Safe hand least they shoud be filched

¹ Lines burned off.

[] is excessive Scarce in town, all I could get is 3 to which
 [] when the Ships arrive from London I will Send you more
 [] think it necessary —

The Enclosed Letter for you has been sent me by Doct^r Auchmuthy [] much oblig'd to you Sir if you will be kind enough to give the Enclosed [] Byrne who I am told is at Johnson Hall, should He be gone [] be so kind as Send it to Him by the first Oppertunity [] Packetts for the Ministry Still lay by me; as there is no Packett [] People seem to think she is driven by bad Weather to the [] there is a fine Ship agoing to London on Wednesday Next [] a good Mind to Send them by Her, but as you ordered me to [] the Packett I dont know what to do —

[] mind to send your 2 patents by Pemberton, I have just now [] the Secretarys office, but the Clerks have not yet registerd them [] that Business this Day or tomorrow morning & that I may be [] ready by tomorrow afternoon, I wish to God they were [] will appear to you as if I was trifling about them [] for you on Wednesday Morning, by [] Time I remain with Sincere Regard

[] most Hble Servant
 [JOHN] WETHERHEAD

ACCOUNT OF JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. D.

New York the 11th April 1768

[]	Johnson Bar ^t .		
	Bo ^t . of John Wetherhead		
[]	Oysters with the Keggs	£4	—
[]	on a 30/	1	2 6
[]	ggs a 20/		10
		<hr/>	
			£5.12.6

[] berton

upon their return hither informed me Your Excellency still wanted one, and as I know his Lordship does not like writing unless when he is in some measure obliged to it; I flatter myself Your Excellency will pardon my having presumed to take the liberty of acquainting you myself, that I should be extremely proud of the honour of coming over into America under Your Excellency's Patronage and of serving you in the capacity of a Clergyman, either in your own family or elsewhere as you shall chuse, and upon such terms and conditions as you shall graciously be pleased to propose.

It may perhaps be agreeable to Your Excellency to be informed of the following particulars relating to me: viz that I am in my thirty second year, have taken the Degree of Master of Arts at the University of Cambridge am very active and healthy, have been married above seven years but have had no children; that I do now, and have for more than nine years last past, taught the Free Grammar School in this town, and should this Proposal so far meet with your Excellency's approbation as to induce me to come over, I would, if required, open an Academy for the Instruction of young Persons in writing, Arithmetick and, such as desired it, in the Classics, the most useful branches of the Mathematics and Natural Philosophy; sending over before hand such Testimonials from Persons of Learning and Rank, particularly Lord Adam Gordon, as I hope would satisfy Your Excellency both with respect to my Abilities and Character.

I beg at the same time to inform Your Excellency that the only motive for my making this proposal is the uncertain Prospect I have of Preferment at home, for want of Friends, and the excessive dearness of every necessary of life in this Country, which renders it necessary for me to undertake more Duty than I shall be able to perform many years longer, in order to live agreeably to the Education and Character of a Clergyman.

Lord Adam Gordon from the report the two abovementioned persons made of the situation of his lands, and their great distance from a navigable River, apprehended his making a Settlement

upon them, as he proposed, would be attended with too great an expense; and therefore entirely dropped the design, notwithstanding the great numbers of persons who declared themselves ready to embark. As I was the person concerned for his Lordship on the occasion, I can affirm with certainty, that above fifty Persons out of this neighbourhood chiefly Husbandmen, Hemp and flax dressers &c &c with their Families, would have embarked in his Lordship service upon very reasonable terms; and are yet desirous of doing it in that of any other person of Property in America, who should chuse to engage them; all sober, honest, industrious people; induced to such a Proposal merely by the distress of the times, and the intollerable hardships the laborious people in this country are obliged to undergo to get a Living.

Tho' foreign to the Subject of this Letter, I hope Your Excellency will excuse my mentioning it, as perhaps either Yourself or some of your Friends in America may think it worth while to give encouragement to these People to come over and settle in the country.

Should Your Excellency be pleased to deem this Letter deserving of an answer by honouring it with one the first opportunity, you would highly oblige

May it Please Your Excellency

Your Excellency's

Most Obedient and

Most Humble Servant

THOMAS BATEMAN

ADDRESSED: To His Excellency

Sir William Johnson Baronet

At Johnson Hall

In the Province of New York

North America

Single Sheet

Paid Postage

INDORSED:

April 14th 1768

From the Rev^d. M^r Bateman

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:57-58, is a letter of April 15th from the Earl of Hillsborough announcing the King's concurrence in the opinion that Johnson's plan for the regulation of trade should give way to management by the colonies, a resolution to break up unnecessary military posts, and an increase of salary for Johnson and Superintendent Stuart.

EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH TO THE GOVERNORS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 392, is listed, under date April 15, Whitehall, a circular letter of Hillsborough to the governors in America, informing them that the regulation of Indian trade will be left to the colonies. (This copy is addressed to the Governor of West Florida and marked: Duplicate.) (Printed, somewhat abbreviated, in *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:55-56.)

FROM GEORGE PHYN

A. L. S.¹

Mobile 15th April 1768

SIR

I would much rather [be thought] troublesome, than deficient in showing [and] acknowledging that Respect and attention, [which] your goodness and friendly behavior to me, so much deserves. From that motive therefore, you have now the trouble of this Letter, which, from the circuite I have taken in joining my Regm^t might, *from a more able pen* be filled with entertaining & perhaps usefull subject. However without ceremonie, I shall take the liberty to give you my sentiments of the very extensive Country I have so latly passed through.

That the lands on the Ohio River are generally Rich & beautifull, covered with variety of fine timber, is indisputable; and they are likewise plentifully watered by a number of com- modeous Rivers & creeks: But notwithstanding these advantages

¹ Words burned away supplied from a copy made before the fire, printed in *Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library*, 16:242-45, ed. C. W. Alvord and C. E. Carter.

of nature, I cannot reconcile [to myself] the propriety of making [settlements] there, were the Indians even to [admitt] of it. The River Ohio can really only [be said to] be navigable from the braking up of the Winter to the month of June, except with very small canoes, and the Prodigeous land carriage to the sea coast from Fort Pitt, must, but bring a very small profit to the Planter. Should they take the Port of New Orleans, *for by no other communication can we carry produce to sea*, the distance is too great, as the whole summer months would be employed in such a Voyage, besides it is a forreign Port.

The acquisition of the Country of the Illinoi I am affraid will turn out to be but of small advantage to us; we by no means command the Indian Trade there; as the French & Spanish Subjects can go & does, without interuption among the Indians every where, in the Country; owing to there not being Posts made at the mouths of these Rivers leading [to their Towns] particularly the Illinoi [River & Ohio: But] really at present it is not very [material, for as] long as New Orleans is in the [hands of an]other Power, the whole produce of [that country] must center there, For our Merchants [will] always dispose of their Peltry or whatever the Country produces at Orleans, because they get as good a price there, as if they were to ship them off. So little attention has been paid in order to render the Country in any means serviceable to us, for the expence it costs in keeping it; that you would emagine pains had been taken to enduce the Inhabitants to remove from our side. There is no settled administration of justice, but the whole depends upon the mear will & fancy of the Off^r Commanding the Troops; and whose disposition is displeasing to all Ranks under his command, as well as an ensaciable desire to get money by any means ever so low. It's displeasing to me to give such a Character of [a Man of his] Rank,¹ but I am affraid it [will be found to be too]

¹ Lieutenant Colonel John Reed, of the 34th regiment, in command at Fort Chartres.

just, and from the treatment [the] French inhabitants there received, [most of them] has left us; And those who remains [seems] to be in a state of suspense whether to go off, or waite for a more favorable change. About Fort Chartres, where there was on our taking possession of that Country, a very pretty settlement, there is not now three family's, & them wretchedly poor At the Village of Kaskaskia there is indeed several, who supports themselves chiefly by Hunting & in performing Voyages to & from New Orleans, but none of those would I believe, remain, if their property & interest were not so materially concerned The Inhabitants of the Village of Cahoe which lyes about forty miles above fort Chartres are circumstanced in the same manner: But sure I am had that Country fallen under [the Command & inspection of a sensible] & moderate Man, [we would have had, many] of the French settlers [come over to us] in place of Deserting us.

In general the lands of the [Illinois are] pretty good, and no doubt capable [to produce] many necessary articles, if proper [attention] is paid to the Climate; yet perhaps there is not a River in the World, *for its extent*, [less] supplied with water falling into it; which induces me to believe it will never be thoroughly settled unless on the banks of the Rivers. And that will never happen with any advantage to England, unless we can procure the Ideal Island of New Orleans; I call it Ideal, because we have never yet been able to find water enough along the North East side of it, to transport a Canoe into Lake Ponchartrain, Except for about two months of the Year when the Mississippi overflows its banks, and furnishes many [Gully's of the same sort with Water. Yet could we find a] passage, *for even small craft*, [to go to sea, the] Country of the Illinois would [be worthy of] attention: But had we the [Island of] New Orleans, that Country in a [very] short time would I believe be equal to any of our Colonies. At present we are allowed the free Navigation of the River Mississippi, but the Spaniards may prevent us from Landing & we cannot Anchor a Vessell in the River,

but is obliged to make them fast alongside the Bank to trees. And from the Ibberville where the *Island of Orleans* begins, to the Town, it is near two hundred miles.

From the above confused scetch you may easily conjecture what the Illinois will turn out to be. The only Port for exportation, a foreign one, lyable to be put under many regulations to our disadvantage, besides the encroachments they have it in their power [to make, to the pre]judice of our Colonie. [On the other hand] were we in possession [of New Orleans we] would have a fine har[bour in the Bay] of Mexico, & secure to ourselves [the produce] of a large & Extensive Country, [happy in a] Luxurient Soil, and which would [not] fail to be cultivated from the River Illinois to the Sea,; And by the cultivation of the Fertile lands of the Mississippi, the Sea coast of this province would be of consequence and y^e. Ports of Pensacola & Mobile would become I do believe flourishing places of Trade when on the conterary, they will remain inconsiderable in every Respect, and only a Reseptacle for Men of broken fortunes.

But I have dwelt too long on this subject, to one who knows these circumstances much better, and who can judge with much more accuracy & perspecuity, than I dare pretend to. [The Court Martial] for the Tryal of Major Far[mer]¹ has been sitting ever since my arrival in the [Province.] I heard the whole prosecution when [I was at] Pensacola, And there was not one [Evidence] said a thing in support of any of the many & heavy charges exhibited against him. And if I may be allowed to judge, I think Major Farmer has been greatly injured, by the mear surmise & chimera of a mans brain.

Give me leave Sir to congratulate you on the safe arrival of Sir John, to whom I beg you will present my most Respectfull Compliments, as also to Cap^t. Claws and Cap^t. Johnson and their Families.

General Haldimand is well and made very kind enquiry for

¹ Major Robert Farnar, tried in West Florida on charges of malfeasance, was acquitted on all counts.

you, and expressed the satisfaction he had in hearing from you.

I am sure I have tired your patience & ought to be ashamed for troubling you with so long a Letter, but your known Goodness embolden'd me. Who has the Honor to be Sir your much Oblieged and very Obedient Serv^t.

GEO PHYN

[INDORSED: Mobile 15th April 1768

From Lieut Phyn to S^r W Johnson.]

FROM EDWARD COLE

A. L. S.

Fort Chartres Apl. 18th: 1768

DEAR SIR

I have this day wrote to M^r. Croghan incloseing my Accounts for the last Six months which he doubtless Will forward to you and to which I refer you,— I think there is an absolute Necessity of Establishing a Post, at Post Vincennt, and to have Some one there in the Indian department its being the great path throu which all the Northward Indian pass, and a great place of Trade.

There is now here M^r. Rumsey who was formerly in the 42^d. Reg^t. and came with Cap^t. Sterling when he took possession, he is now a going to Post Vincennt, I hav desired him to make all the observations he possible can with regard to the Trade being Carried on there, and the behaviour of the Indians, I doubt not he would gladly accept of any Employment for that place — from his Knowledge of the Country and being well Acquainted with the Manners & Customes of Indians [] benefit might arrise from [] Certain Intelligence and puting [] to the Illicit Trade carryed on [] Ouabach and preventing bad people Sowing Sedition among the

Nations by haveing Such a person there. My Compliments to
Sir John and your Family and belive me to be

Dr. sir

With the Utmost Respect

Your mos^t

Obe^t. Hum^e. Serv^t.

EDW^D: COLE

INDORSED: Fort Chartres 18 April 1768

Comis^{ty}. Coles Letter —

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹

New York April 18th 1768

DEAR SIR,

I return you Thanks for your Letter of the 8th Ins^t in which came the Proceedings of your late Congress², an Acc^t. of Disbursements during said Congress & from Sep^t. to March. Also an Acc^t of Pay to sundry off^{rs}. of your Department and Disbursements at the Posts. Warrants will be issued to discharge the two Accounts.

The Perusal of the Proceedings I must confess has given me some Pleasure. The Indians have set forth their Grievances with sense, Firmness and Temper, and I am so convinced of the Justice of many of their Complaints, that I most sincerely hope they will meet with the Redress that is so justly due to them and I will do every thing which depends upon me to obtain it for them.

It will not be possible to make Regulations Necessary to be adhered to in carrying on the Indian Trade which shall coincide with the Humour or views of every Trader, Such as the King has thought proper to make must of Course be observed, whatever

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² With the Six Nations, Canadian Indians and Cherokees, March 4–12.

may be the opinion of the Canada Traders respecting them. The orders you have given to Mr. Roberts are certainly very proper, and will be of use if properly executed, Tho' we must expect Complaints of Partiality to some People more than others, for every Trader will conceive himself equally entitled to the Benefit of the order, and that his Conduct and Character are as irreproachable as his Neighbours. It was this that occasioned Mr. Walker's Complaint to the Secretary of State, some of his vagabonds being refused Permission to go into the Indian Country, when Cap^t. Howard had permitted a few Traders upon the Application of the Indians, to winter amongst them. If you can get the Indians to agree to it, a total Prohibition of Rum beyond the Posts, would undoubtedly produce very Salutary Effects. If that can't be brought about, a Limitation is the next best thing that can be done, and if the Indians can be induced to desire it, and fix the Quantity they would have Sent in each Canoe, the Measure in my opinion should be immediately adopted and as soon as you shall settle it, I will Send orders to the Commanders accordingly.

I have already acquainted the Commander at Fort Chartres that I should not longer pay regard to his Certificates for Indian Expences, and therefore to be cautious of what he certifies and if you please to withdraw the Commissary from thence I shall protest the Commander's Bills if he does not retrench, the Expences and that very considerably. I have ordered Colonel Reed up to Fort Pitt and the Command there will be left with Captain Forbes. Affairs go but ill on at such an immense Distance, and I have found it Necessary also to order the Commissary of Provisions to be removed. The Indian Expences of that Place equal the rest of your Department without any visible Cause for it. At first taking Possession of Posts extraordinary Expences may be necessary, but there is no Reason to continue them.

The Sooner Mr. Magra goes to Canada the better, a very indifferent Subject, and I am glad he was Stopped at Niagara for

he might have done Mischief in going forward. I am certain he would have done no Good.

Tho' pleased with the Expectations of seeing you in these parts, I am much concerned at the Cause of your Journey. You will do very right to try every Experiment you are advised to towards the Restoration of your Health. Bathing in the Sea has in many Cases done wonders and I hope you will meet with all the Benefit you expect from it.

I am Dear Sir with great Regard

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE.

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^l.

INDORSED: April 18th 1768

From Gen^l. Gage

N. B. a Second rec^d. of the same date.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*¹

New York April 18th 1768

DEAR SIR,

Since writing my first Letter of this Date the Packet is arrived with the Jan:^{ry} Mail after an extraordinary long Passage and I send you by Express a Letter from Lord Shelburne which came under my Cover, on the subject of the Boundary Line to be run between the Provinces and the Lands of the Indians. As the Letter from the Lords of Trade to Lord Shelburne point out the Limits of this intended Boundary, of which you have no doubt a Copy inclosed in your Letter from His Lordship, I need not trouble you with it in this Letter. I am only now to trouble you for your advice and opinion concerning the best and most expeditious manner of putting this general Plan into Execution, and as I am directed to convey the Necessary Intelligence to the

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

several Governors as soon as possible, that they may cooperate in a Measure so essential for the Security of the Provinces with Cordiality and Dispatch, you will be so good to acquaint me if there is any thing essential which you are desirous I should recommend to them in general, or to any particular Governor.

I conceive that New-York, Pennsylvania and Virginia are the only Provinces concerned in this Business, but that we are not to settle what Parts of these new Lands are to be assigned to this or that Province. That would be a work we should never End, for we could never bring the Governors to agree to any certain or fixed Limits between their respective Claims of Territory.

Nothing further occurs to me at present so I will not detain the Express

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: April 18th 1768

From Gen^l. Gage

with a Pacquet from the Ministry

N B. another rec^d. of the same date

FROM HENRY MOORE

A. L. S.

New York April 18^h. 1768.

S^r.

I am this Moment favor'd with your letter of the 8th Ins^t. & shall order the Commissions mention'd in it to be made out immediately; Whatever new Regulations you shall think necessary to be made for the new Plan we have adopted, I shall readily consent to, & as I expect no assistance from any other quarter I beg the favor of you to communicate your Sentiments freely to me.—

I am extremely concern'd to find that your health is so bad, & beg that your Journey to the Sea Coast may not be deferr'd on my Acc^t.; If I can make my Expedition to the Mohawk River & return again by the latter end of June, it is all I propose, I would therefore contrive to take such an opportunity as to meet you then if it would suit your conveniency; I must therefore beg you will let me know, at what time you propose to come this way, & that you will command any Services I am capable of offering, for the conveniencies either of your Journey or Residence among us: Mr Wetherhead desir'd I would inform you that your Papers & Patents should be sent up by Pemberton, but I understand that he is saild without them, notwithstanding they have been ready for some time; I only mention this that you may see the Delay has not been occasion'd by the Offices through which they were to pass. I am with the greatest Regard & Esteem

S^rY^r most Obed^t. & hum^{ble} Ser^t.

H: MOORE

INDORSED: N York Ap^l. 18th 1768

From S^r Henry Moore Bart
Gov^r of N York.
Ans^d April 23^d.

TO JOHN BLAIR

*Df.*¹[*Johnson Hall, April 23, 1768*]

[] your Letter of the 10th ult^o. in
[] your late Worthy L^t. Governor whose death
[]
[] glad to find your resolutions in consequence of
[] persuade myself they will be attended with the wished for
[] nces and thereby the dangers with which the frontiers
[] reatned thro' the Violence & misconduct of a few, happily

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

[] to Effect which all my Efforts and Influence shall be employed, [] Last Month I Accomodated matters with the Indians in the best []er I could on account of the late Murder of Ten of them in the []vince of Pennsylvania &ca and also procured a peace for the [Cherokees?] Which was subscribed to in my presence [] who attended Exceed^g 800 Indians, but my fatigue with the Cold I caught upon that [] threw me into a severe fitt of Illness which obliges me to go [] Side for the recovery of my health, I am hopefull that I [] able to return before any steps are taken regarding the [] should it prove otherwise Col. Guy Johnson my Depy, [] act all Indian affairs during my absence, has directions [] [] affair of the Boundary seems not rightly understood, [] I received from the Ministry long since, & from [] of my Depy^s. from London [] boundary sho^d. be settled in such Manner [] Ind^s. in addition to that already [] Cession they were to have a [] only terms the Northern []¹ the Ind^s. [] troublesome business [] I find by the Extract [] Line run between Maryland & Pennsylvania [] That line being a private affair between [] no Connection with the Indians they [] Apprized of it Least they might entertain unjust Suspicions [] I have not heard [] Stuart as yet about it but imagine from the [] Claims of the Northern Indians that they will [] those under that Gentlemans direction to ha [] Northw^d of North Carolina, at Least [] I shall do my utmost to procure the []

¹ Lines burned off.

Line for your Province so as to terminate at the []
of Pennsylvania, but from the difficulty of Explain^s these []
without a thorough knowledge of []
the Country I should be glad you would Send me []
Survey at least of the frontiers from N. Carolina to Pennsylvania
[] cannot be procured here, th' very necessary []
Affair, as to the time & manner of which []
Lord Shelburne []
receive full Instructions by next []
shall be made acquainted []
delay I had []
Dispatches from which []
Amongst which []
[]
[] the Lords of Trade will []
[] very far to the Southwd Yet as the Cherokee
[] way Riv^r. to which they have Extended
[] best not to Extend the Claim of the Northern Ind^s.
[] that River Seeing it is Liable to some dispute of which
[] write M^r Stuart accordingly who will take such Measures
[] for within his District—I shall Endeavor to get
[] the most Advantageous Manner
[] from thence to the S. W. Corner of Pennsylvania
[] & the Ind^s. shall be
[] Advised to come to the Treaty,— The Anguish occa-
sioned by an [] a variety of Complaints arising from
former fatigues &ca force me by [] Physiⁿ to go to
the Salt Water but I hope to be able [] within 3 Months,
before which the Ind^s. cannot be Assembled [] the mean-
time you will please to Communicate any points necessary to
Coll. Johnson to whom [] you will transmit the Map
or Survey before mentioned.—

I am,

&ca

¹ Lines burned off.

I think the Govern^{ts}. [] are those you have
 [] no concern in it) should be
 [] consulted on such points as may affect them &
 [] may if they
 []¹
 will be avoided and afterwards []
 the Limits so agreed []
 Province may Enact Laws []
 making it felony to any who []
 encroaching beyond them, I cannot []
 to be done by the Colonies []
 be Transacted by the SuperIntendant []
 doubtless Write upon these heads to the Govern[]
 concerned, as I purpose to do, I have already rece[]
 from Mr Blair who at present holds the []
 of Virginia relative thereto wch I have answered []
 And desired a Map or Survey of that frontier, as I sh[]
 of the rest, it being Extremely necessary at the Set[]
 the Affair with the Indians;— that Province is desi[]
 its Line terminate at the S. W. corner of Pennsylvania []
 will be agreed to, as to determining the parts to []
 to this or that Province I am intirely of your opinion []
 be very difficult to bring it to a Conclusion, however if the Vir-
 ginia [] where I have Mentioned, it may be adjusted
 with [] taking the parts which fall witin their
 respective []
 The Provinces can be soon Consulted but []
 Least three Months to Assemble all the []
 which time I am in hopes I shall be []
 it, if not my Dep^y here w[]
 Likewise transact all other []
 At present I cannot []
 necessary Excep[]

¹ Lines burned off.

[]¹
 [] much of the []
 [] of your Opinion that []
 [] tions for the Indian Trade agreeable to []
 [] Trader. The General Interests of
 [] the Security of Peace on the frontiers is what alone
 [] sued. My Deputy has directions to address you
 [] heads, and is acquainted with all the Affairs of the
 Departmt.

Mr Cole's account is great indeed, and since I find by one [] Letters that there is no Prospect of his re-trenching I think it best to withdraw him, as to what may be given as Reasons [] admitting them unless the Securing the Numerous Tribes in that Quarter to our interest, preventing them from withdrawing, and receiving & entering into Treatys with So many Nations who [] before strangers to us, or something like that may be Considered [] such and the Governmt. may be advised that such Expences [] will Abate for the future.

I am advised to go by way of N England for the benefit of Exercise in travell^g by Land, & so to the East [] of Long Island, or some place that way in order to enjoy [] the benefit of the Air as well as some Ease & Retirement It [] be a real pleasure to me could I wait upon you, but in case [] deprived of an Opportunity, The Affairs of the Department [] such a Manner in the hands of Coll Johnson that I [] myself nothing will be neglected, and you will be pleased [] this or on any other Subject to signify your thoughts [] Be assured Dear Sir, that I am always [] Regard

Your &c

¹ Lines burned off.

FROM THOMAS GAGE.

A. L. S.¹*New York 25th April 1768*

DEAR SIR

You will receive some Letters from Missilimakinak, which came here last Night by way of Fort Pitt. I find by my own from that Quarter that Major Rogers is apprehended. and as he must be tryed, Mr. Roberts should have notice to appear as an Evidence against him in Support of what he accused Him of in his Letter to Mr. Guy Johnson Copys of which have been transmitted to the Secretary of State. He should also endeavor to procure all other Evidence that can in any Shape tend to prove Major Rogers's Designs of Treason by abandoning and Deserting his Post and retiring to the French and Indians, after plundering all the Traders. Also his Intrigues and mismanagement of the Indians, and Disobedience of his orders and Instructions. The Bills he has drawn of which a List may be got will prove the last part.

I have a Letter from Cap^t. Turnbull² of which I mean to send you some extracts by next Opportunity; The mail is making up for the Packet and I have not time to say more at present, but that I find the Indians on the Lakes are troublesome and something must be done to make them quiet. Major Rogers lays strong accusations against Mr. Roberts. I hope he will have no more Quarrells with the Commanders of the Posts.

I am with great Regard

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

THO^s. GAGES^R: W^M JOHNSON Bar^t.

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² Captain George Turnbull, of the 60th regiment, in command at Detroit.

INDORSED: New York Apl 25th 1768

From Gen^l. Gage
with inclosures concer^s M^r Rogers

TO HENRY MOORE

*Df.*¹

Schenectady April 25th 1768

[] this place on my Way to the sea
[] favor of the 18th inst and am much obliged
[] Approbation of my Choice of Officers, and for your
[] New Arrangements to me.—

My present hurry will not permit me to write fully on
[] points Col. Johnson who is apprized of my sentiments will
[] communicate any thing necessary and will inclose
[] a List of those Capts, & Subalt^{ns}. whom I beg leave to
recom^d. [] to your Excell^{cy}.—

My Indisposition has reduced me so low that I am
Ordered to lose no time in going to the Salt Water, with which
[] necessitated to Comply tho' it deprives me of the pleasure
[] you for sometime as my Rout will be thro' N England
[] Islands about New London, where I shall endeavor to be
[] as possible, in order to relax after the hurry & fatigue
[] lately undergone, I shall probably be absent 2, or 3
[mon]ths, and it would afford me singular pleasure if I could
meet [] my return, but if this is inconvenient Col Johnson
will [] thing needfull on your Excell^{cy}s arrival
[] wise Write you forthwith Concerning the Boundary
[] my Dispatches Just received his Majesty orders me
[] will please to signify your thoughts to him on the
[] before you.
[] Mr Van Ranslaer has had the promised
[] from your Excell^{cy} to Consist

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

[] of Horse will be Vacant
 []
 far North as the []
 the Colonels Commissions, []
 Necessary, they had best []
 which I shall Issue & hope you []
 On these and all other Subjects []
 Your Excell^{cy}, I have only to regret th[]
 at present as not only to deprive me of an op[]
 enlarging upon them. but also of the pleasure []
 Myself from Your Excell^{cy}s. Visit about this time []
 Permit me, Sir, to assure you of the Sense I []
 Obliging favors which I would gladly acknow[ledge] []
 every opportunity that Offers, and that I am []
 utmost Esteem

Sir, &c

Route to New London

	Miles
From Albany to Fitchs	8
Kinderhook Mills	
— Hogebooms	
Lovejoys at Nobletown	
Then over the Taconick Mountain	
to Capt Spurrs at Egremont, but	
Barrington which is near it is	
a better Stage.	
Thence to the No[]	
Sheffield []	
[]	1

¹ Lines burned off.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New York May 3th— 1768*

SIR,

I have received your Letter of 23^d. of April from Guy Park where you received the Express with your Letters by the last Packet with the Jan^{ry} Mail.

Sir Henry Moore has seen Lord Shelburne's Letter to me with the Report of the Board of Trade to His Lordship on the subject of the Boundary Line to be run to divide the Limits of the Provinces from the Indian hunting Grounds. And is of opinion that the Province of New-York is not concerned in it. The Line as described in the Report is to begin at Owegy. No mention is made about the Western Boundaries of New York Province or hinted that it extends to Owegy. and I believe there is no doubt that the whole Line from Owegy to some Miles below Fort Pitt will fall within the Province of Pensylvania and if Maryland has nothing to claim within the Tract to be ceded by the Indians on the Settlement of the Limits, it appears that the whole Tract will be divided between Pensylvania and Virginia.

All Nations who have Pretensions should certainly be consulted and treated with on this occasion which may prevent Disputes with any of the Nations in time to come.

Tho' there may be Differences between the Provinces about their respective Limits, with each other, yet with respect to the Indians, the Line is so bounded by Rivers, that there seems Nothing left to Dispute with them unless it may be in the Line to be drawn from the West Branch of Susquehanna to Kittaning unless some Natural Marks shall be found to describe that part

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

of the Boundary in such manner as not to admit of Doubt or Chicane. Disputes may arise about it hereafter. Whether the Provinces will enact Such Laws as you mention to make it Felony for any Persons to encroach beyond the Boundary Line, is doubtfull particularly with respect to Virginia, Pensylvania has already done something of the kind and may do it again, but if they do not put the Laws in Force, they had better make none and all the good I can foresee from the present Boundary is, that it will stop the Clamors of the Indians for a short time. The Crown will be put to an immense Expence which the Provinces should bear. the wound is only skinned over and not probed to the Bottom. If means are not fallen upon to protect the Indians in their Persons and Propertys, it matters little where the Boundaries are fixed. The frontier People have now transgressed them, have neither been effectually removed or punished for their Encroachments. and when the proposed Limits shall be fixed, I despair not of living long enough to hear that they have transgressed them also.

The Provinces concerned I imagine will not hesitate to send Commissarys to attend the running of the Line and to ratify the Agreement in such Manner as shall be required As to the Line of Virginia terminating at the S: W: Corner of Pensylvania, I apprehend that to be a Matter between the two Provinces, the Indian Boundary is to run down the Ohio as far as the great Kanahwa, and the Country between that River and the sea I understand is to be ceded by them, to the English in general. it matters not to them to which Province it is to be distributed.

It would be proper to make some Conjecture of the sum that will be wanted to finish these Transactions before it is immediately demanded, as the Contractors should have notice to prepare for Such a Demand and it may be worthy Consideration whether the Indians should be paid at once or in different Payments we must expect a great deal of Debauchery amongst them as long as the Money lasts, and little hunting. And I fear that we shall find it difficult to restrain the Traders from going

amongst them, who will be tempted to risk every thing as long as the Indians have a Penny left to spend.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

THO^S. GAGE

SIR W^M JOHNSON Baronet,

INDORSED: May 3^d 1768

From Gen^l. Gage with
a pacquet from the Sec^y of State.

A RETURN OF OFFICERS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 393, is listed, under Burnets Field, May 6, Colonel John Jost Herchheimer's return of persons chosen for officers of his battalion (erroneously dated May 6, 1767; printed in the Third Annual Report of the New York State Historian, p. 848.)

REPRESENTATION OF THE LORDS OF TRADE

D. S.

[May 7, 1768]

[] King's most Excellent Majesty
May it please your Majesty,

In obedience to your Majesty's Commands, signified to Us by the Earl of Hillsborough, One of Your Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, in his Lordship's Letter of the 20th of February last, we have taken into Our Consideration the humble Petition of certain persons, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, praying for the Reasons therein contained, that your Majesty would be graciously pleased to make a Grant to them of all Mines discovered, or to be discovered in the Country adjacent to [Lake] Superior; and having been attended by [] and heard what they had to [] their petition we beg []
[]¹

¹ Lines burned off.

Article of great [] Manufactures and Com[] Kingdom; and as there is gr[eat reason?] to believe from the Reports [] the Country described in the peti[tion] that it does abound with Mines [of] Copper Ore of a very rich and valuable Quality, we are of Opinion, that [] would be very adviseable to give reasonable Encouragement to the discovery and working of such Mines to persons of Substance and Ab[] under such Restrictions and Reg[ulations] as shall be judged expedient for [your] Majesty's Interest and Adv[] But as the System, adopted [] Majesty's Proclamation [] October 1763, does [] Establishment [] Country [] []¹ []pear, from the Represen-[] of the present Temper and []tion of the Indians, to be in a precarious state, and to make it prudent to avoid all Measures, that can possibly operate to encrease the Jealousy and Discontent of the Savages, we are humble of Opinion, that any Determination upon the prayer of this Petition should be suspended for the present, and that Copies of it should be transmitted to the Commander in Chief of your Majesty's Forces in America and to Sir William Johnson,² with direction to make a full Enquiry into the Facts alleged and the practicabilty of the proposals made in the said Petition, and to report their Opinion, what Effects the Execution of this Measure would probably have as to your [] Interests with respect to the [] biting that Country, and by []ght be induced to [] []¹ would be nec[] the Advantages []

¹ Lines burned off.

² See letter of Johnson to the Earl of Hillsborough, December 20, 1768, *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:920-23; Q, 2:533-34, and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:140-42.

the Proposals made by [] in Case your Majesty should [] further Consideration think [] advisable to comply therewith. [] Which is most humbly Su[]

Whitehall } CLARE¹
 May 7th. 1768 } SOAME JEN[YNS]
 J. DYSON
 W^m. FITZ[HERBERT]

INDORSED: []
 of Trade dated May 7th.
 1768. on a Petition for
 a Grant of Copper Mines
 near Lake Superior.

FROM BAYNTON, WHARTON & MORGAN

A. L. S.

Philad^a. May 8th 1768

One of us expected to have been in New York immediately after the Receipt of your last Favor, In Respect to [] Coles two Accounts,— But He was taken very ill and [] Ever since been confined to his Chamber;— Wherefore We [] to Mr Marturin, The General's Secretary, to know Whether his Excellency the General would be pleased to give Us a Warrant for the Amount of Them, as We were in extreme Want of [Money.]— Just Now, We have been favored With an Answer [] Mr Maturin, Wherein He is pleased to inform Us [] upon Receipt of your Letter addressed the General Upon [] Subject and He seems inclinable to grant a Warrant [] William Johnson for the Amount of those Dis[burse]ments,— You must Therefore settle With Sir William [] the availing yourselves of the Warrant, When [] For as the Money is made payable to Sir William [] signs Only, The Authority for receiving it, Must [] Him.”

¹ Robert Nugent, Viscount.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York 10th May 1768

[] your kind favour of the 4th April, but
 [] this month: The Contents of which have
 [] I have Sent your Letters which Came by []
 [Cartwri]ght, desiring him to keep them till you returned
 [] to Send them with all possible Expedition
 [] Hall; The Packett arrived here on Thursday Morning
 [] thence forward in a Sloop with a fair Wind, & I
 imagine [] Albany — if I have Erred in this particular,
 I am sorry for it, but I assure you Sir I acted for the best & New
 [] what to do about them; I will write up to Capt Guy about
 [] Post — They Seem to be Letters from private hands by
 the []; there were but 2 of them; One from the same person
 you [] from by the last packet, & the other was directed
 in a [] Manner to you, so that I hope neither of them are of
 so much [] as to make you Uneasy for the Want of them—
 [] have this Day Sent me the Enclosd Letter from the Post
 office where [] I cant learn from the Office; but least it
 should have come from [] the Liberty of Sending it to you
 according to your Directions [] Sir William you will not
 be Angry with me, your 2 pattents are [] but not yet Sent,
 they go by Capt Farrell, who I have for Some [] for that
 purpose, the Old Gentleman positively Says he will go []
 Days — it is very true they have been ready for Some Time
 past [] Sent to you immediately; but the Cause of
 the Delay, I will [] as I can, even to my own prejudice —
 it has however neither [] Governors, nor that of Any of
 the Offices; I will however [] it to your Satisfaction, when
 I shall have the [] bee on your Return to Johnson Hall,
 till [] to think Evil of me, for I really do not []
 [] last week, & have at last Met



JOHN WILKES

[] I have purchased
 []¹
 because the Woman []
 to Run an imprudent Risk of []
 On Fryday I received a Letter []
 had Sent you Accounts to the Amount of []
 into my hands as soon as possible as he has []
 of the Money; I shall therefore be very much obliged []
 his Request as Soon as Convenient, in order that I may []
 my own Acceptance for the Above Money — I wish with []
 was done, I have Bills upon² for £1000, all payable the []
 of what has been laying in my Counter ever since January []
 of them away & have been obligd to pay them all myself []
 hard, However the Colonell could not help the Disappointment
 [] blame him in the least; He tells me he is very well &
 will []

There is not a Syllable of News by the packetts, only that
 [Wilkes] is pardoned by the Interposition of the Duke of Bolton
 or Bedford [] which — I forgott to tell you that I received
 a Letter from M^r[Kempe] which I likewise Sent enclosd to
 Cartwright on fryday last [] doing excessive well &
 doubts not but He Shall Succeed in [] beyond his
 Wishes; Lord Hillsborough has behaved to him [] & has
 really espoused his Interest, so that I think he is []

I am afraid of being too late for the post so must []
 wishing you most Sincerely all imaginable Advantages []
 to the Eastward, I am only sorry we are not to See you []
 Ourselves — I remain most Sincerely

Sir Your most obliged []

JOHN [WETHERHEAD]

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t
 to the Care of M^r Chew, post Master in
 New London

¹ Lines burned off.

² Croghan is the name omitted.

FROM J. DE BERNIERE

A. L. S.

New York, May 13th 1768

As I am shortly going to leave america [I take] this opportunity to return you my [sin]cere thanks for the civilitys you were pleased to shew me I go directly to London [] should be happy to execute any commands [you] may please to honour me with.

As I find it is vain to search longer [for] the lands I am entitled to by his Majestys mandamus, I propose representing to my [] Hilsborough (who was so kind as to get [] my disappointment, oweing to the [] any value being already occupied; [] authority would be with his Lord-[] able I should take it Sir [favour] that you would write him a few lines only to assure [him of] the truth of that assertion, & of my [inability] to profit by the favour he was pleasd to [] on me, as I have reason to hope his Lord[] will make me amends by other means. Sir as you are most capable of judging of [the] propriety of my request to you, I have [] to beg that you will pardon my [] if its improper, & if not the favour of [] compliance. I have the honour to

Subscribe myself [with]
the utmost [Respect]
Sir Your Very []
& humble Ser[vant]

J D^E BERN[IERE]INDORSED: N York May 13th. 1768 —

Mr. Berniers Letter rec^d. by
Mr. Croghan June 14th. 1768
on Fishers Island
I would answer it but heard he
was Sailed

LIST OF PERSONS RECOMMENDED FOR OFFICERS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 393, is entered a list of persons recommended for captains and subalterns in the new regiments of militia foot raised for the western parts of Albany county (printed in *Third Annual Report of State Historian of New York*, p. 890-91). The original was much injured by fire. The indorsement is as follows:

May the 14.th 1768
 Return to Sir H: Moore of
 officers for Col. Vanderheydens
 Vanslyk's Johnson's & Claus's
 Regim.^{ts}—

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[*New York May 14, 1768*]

[] from New London & in Consequence
 [] addressed to Mr Chew, least you Shoud
 [] Vessell arrives — I have Sent you 2 lb Rappee
 [] Constable tells me you will remain Some Time
 [] a good Deal of Difficulty I have got you 2 Doz Old
 [Lisbon?] a private Gentleman upon Condition I replace it with
 [] Madeira, wch I have agreed to do rather than you
 Shoud be [] I think it darnd extravagant at the Same
 Time [not] help myself, as there is no Such thing in this City as
 old Lisbon [] Very few private Gentlemen have it.—

I am very glad to hear from my Friend Constable, that we
 may have hopes [] you this Way on your Return; I shall
 be happy to See you Sir William [] insist on your
 remaining with me all the Time you stay here; I am told []
 been a little frightened at the Thoughts of being plagued with
 a great [] & living too fast — do not be afraid Sir
 William — I live like [] You shall have every thing
 your heart Can wish for; but no [eat] or drink what you do not
 chuse — & I think if you Stay with me [] be teazd with
 any Company but Such as you will like to See it might []

you Suspect at a publick House or at Lodgings; but while I write [] of your extreme Delicacy you will probably be making Some [] about Trouble &c^a — Shoud this be the Case — permitt me to tell [] that too with the utmost Cordiality — that my House is at your [] that I shall Consider it as an honour to have you with me; my Wife [] I shall not be happy if you go any where Else — If this [] confute your Scruples — Come & See — I know well your presence [] to Sevrall of your friends, who wish you as well as they do [] Jaunt on the Sea Bass banks & all that [] Clergy say it will be for the Good of your soul [] Thoughts of Business for as long a Time as you [] kind you have yet amongst a parcell of [] will hinder any Benefit you []¹ in endeavouring your Cure [] think of spending all your Time amongst [the “canting, hypocritical Yankys”] a little of it for a few men & Christians [] yourself —

I yesterday Saw Colonel Robinson, He tells [me the govern- ment is] going to Send over a Regiment of Light Dragoons in [] Riots, which are expected; it Seems the Bostonians threaten [] of Sport, provided the Duty Acts are not repealed immediate[ly] the Remonstrances they have already Sent home to the Throne [] See the Consequence & if it does not turn out to their Satisfaction [] informd they intend to Ship all the Commissioners home to England [] Mr James Otys, who is at present a presbyterian Moderator, will [] of the Boston Forces, in order to putt the above Quicotism in Execution

There is a Certain Mr Peter Remsen here who teazes my [] where you are and what you are doing it Seems he is Attorney for the [] great patent, he goes up to Settle that Matter with the Indians [] Governor, he has been bother-

¹ Several lines missing.

ing my head this Morning with a [] Plans — He Says
 He yesterday met with a prize — Viz^t a patent [] the
 Great One, which expressly mentions the Canada Creek or Kill
 [] Tweghtoninde Creek which makes the Bounds of their
 Patent Virtu[] where that Creek empties itself into the
 Mohawk, So that now [] their bounds indisputably
 Ascertaind; between the forementioned [] the whole
 Mchawke Nation & that they will not give up an [] they
 have all along claimed from the Head of Saraytoga Creek []
 of Canada Creek, which they insist was always calld Twegh[]
 in their Patent, So that he has Settled the whole Matter []
 I believe I shall go up with the Governor on about the []
 what I can make of the Affair of the Vac[]
 provided the Indians will be Steady in []
 I have already wrote up to have the []
 they should be agreed with about the []
 the Governor has all along prom[]
 they will not Sell it to []
 []¹

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

[] a Letter for you at the post office Charged £2.18.2
 from some part of the [] I have ordered them to Send it
 up by this Post to Johnson Hall

TO JAMES DUANE

A. L. S.²

New London 15th. May 1768

SIR

Your favour of the 9th. Ins^t. I received at this place, and am to
 inform You that the Ill State of my health for some time past,
 oblidged me to leave home in hopes of recovering it in some

¹ Several lines missing.

² In the New York Public Library, New York City.

measure by a Relaxation from business, Exercise & change of Air, Diet &^{ca.}, and as I cannot (with any prospect of Success) think of returning soon enough to procure You the necessary Evidence in the Affair of Klock, I must request that the Trial be postponed till the next Court, when, I shall be properly prepared, and appear myself as an Evidence against him in such Matters as will shew him not only a bad Man but a verry dangerous Person. If you have anything farther to add on that Subject, or on any other, I shall be glad to have the pleasure of a line from You.

As I am Sir, Your Welwisher
& verry Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

JAMES DUANE Esq^r.—

FROM JOHN STUART

A. L. S.

[Charles] Town 17th May 1768

[] I am to return you my Thanks for your favour
[] March with a Copy of such Part of the Congress
[] late to the Bussiness of the Cherokees and Duplicate
of the Treaty signed by the Parties, all which were safely delivered to me by Mr Watts, who with Ouconnastotah and Corrinnah arrived here the 28th Ultimate and proceeded on their Journey home the 5th Instant.

Ouconnastotah expressed a gratefull Sense of your kind Treatment, and is throughly convinced that his Nation is indebted to your Influence for the Peace which they have obtained from the Six Nations and Seven confederate Tribes of Canada. and here permit me to acknowledge an Obligation for the Civilities shown him and my Friend Attakullahkulla [] the Latter will be successfull in his Negotiation [] the Shawnese Delawarrs & Mingos; espescially [] accompanied by an Escort of his new Friends, [] treat under the Media-

tion of Mr Croghan. []h Inhabitants of all the Pro-
 vinces [] governable and blind to their own []
 Rupture with the Indian []ed & the greatest
 []¹
 do not attend to []
 It is but very lately that []
 the Province of Virginia, []
 to the Cherokee Nation for []
 Murthered in cool Blood, without []
 of Provocation by some Inhabitan[]
 of that Province in 1765, and you m[]
 how difficult a Matter it has been to []
 Indians from taking Revenge in that []
 unprovoked and inhuman Murther of ten []
 Indians by Stump must have given you []
 but I hope the Measures you have pursued []
 the bad Consequences, which otherwise might []
 been expected from it.

The overhill Cherokee Towns contin[]
 harrassed by Parties of the Western Indians []
 & piankishaws and other Tribes from []
 and western Lakes, who kill red and []
 indiscriminatly. On the 17th ultimate []
 and scalped two Traders & wounded []
 say that those Indians have killed in[]
 in the Woods.

The small Hatchet, wh[]
 mentioned at the Congress []
 has killed and taken []
 They also []
 []¹
 [] I received a Letter from John [Blair the
 President] of Virginia, covering Copy of a [] Earl
 of Shelburne, containing His Majestys []tive to

¹ Several lines missing.

the Continuation of the boundary Line [] to the Westward of that Province, and for to [corres]pond with you and me upon that Service. I [im]mediatly despatched Directions to Mr Cameron Commissary in the Cherokee Nation to make those Indians acquainted with his Majesty's said Order and to agree upon a certain Time to meet the Commissioners of Virginia at Colnel Chisswell's Mine in order to proceed upon said Service, when I receive an Answer from Mr Cameron I shall communicate to you their determination with respect to the Time. I acquainted the Cherokee Warriors of this Matter at their return from New York, which gave them great Satisfaction.

The Letter you mention which you did me the Honour to write me of 24th April 1767 never [] to Hand. If in future you will be pleased to address [] Letter for me to Mess^{rs} Reade & Yates Merchants at N York [or Capta]in Maturin the General's Secretary, it []ly be safely forwarded to me

[] Honour of being
 []
 [] most obedient &
 [] Ser
 []

FROM SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

*A. L. S.*¹

New York May 21th. 1768

SIR

I was in great hopes I should before this have had the honor of delivering you the inclosed with my own hands; but being disappointed, I now deliver them to our Friend Mr Witherhead, who promises to forward them by the first opportunity.

The Letter from the Society I dare say will be agreeable to you. If it should contain any determination concerning the late

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

D^r Barclays House, you will oblige me by letting me know what it is. The Secretary in his Letter to me is silent on that subject.

I hope Your Tour to the Eastward has intirely restored your Health; for the continuance of which you have Sir, the sincere prayers of Your much obliged &

Most Ob^t humble serv^t

SAMUEL AUCHMUTY.

SIR W^m JOHNSON

INDORSED: N York May 21st 1768

Doctor Auchmutys Letter

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[New York,] 22 May 1768

[]

[] pleasure of receiving your very Agreeable [orders] to which you may be Assurd I will [] Post & desire him to Send me down Mr [] may transmit them to You — Tho' As I wrote him [] the same purport. I am in hopes I Shall hear from [] Affair in a few Days — I am a good deal Surprisd [] Received the Articles I Sent you, they were putt on board [Capt. Lattimers] Sloop 2 Days after I received your Orders & He told me [] sail immediately — they were directed to Mr Chew, to whom [I a]l]tter desiring him to forward them to you immediately provided [you did] not happen to be at New London at the Time of his Arivall [] taken Notice of your Orders by this Letter, you may be [] every Article Shall be Sent you by the Very first Sloop, which [] Day look about —

[The] Governor is gone up to Albany this Morning by Land along [with Billy] Bayard — He Stays a Day or two at

Albany & then goes up [to Johnson] Hall, He will finish his Business there & from thence go up to [] in order to take a View of the Country on both Sides the [Mohawk] river — He Seems to be very happy to think He Shall be able [to settle the] Affair of the Kaiaderosseras patent, but hinted to me [] the Patentees must moderate their Lines & not make them [] so farr, however Will Smith has been very busy with him & [] He has influenced the Governor Something in the favour of [the patentees by] what He Shewed me upon the Map. He means to let them [] from Canada Creek to the Head of Sayondaga Creek [] Small patents already settled, Viz, Wi[] from the Head of Sayondaga Creek [] North & so go to the falls on hudsons [river] will be a large Vacancy to be [] This I find is [] [] very well pleased to have [] but He made me no Reply.

I have a packett from your friend [Doct'r Auchmuty] I will Send it by the Sloop, as it is [] Postage — So till I write you again with [] to Subscribe myself with great Truth

Sir Your most Obed^t Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart^t
at Mr Chew's posmaster in
New London

TO BAYNTON, WHARTON AND MORGAN

*A. Df. S.*¹

New London May 23^d 1768

GENTLEMEN

Your favour of the 8th Cur^t was delivered to me yesterday by an Express from Johnson Hall.

I am extremely sorry for the Disappointments you have met with in y^r dealings with M^r Cole, owing chiefly to the Irregular method he at first pursued.

I now flatter myself, that, as his last Acc^{ts} were Vouched by the Commd^s officer, there will be no objection made by the General to the Granting a Warr^t for the Amt of both but depend upon it that such large, Acc^{ts} will not be allowed of for the time to come.

I shall write the Generai again by the Next Post from Hence, for a Warr^t, w^h, according to the Form kept up by him must be made payable to me or my Assigns, then the Warrant, with Sets of Receipts will be sent by M^r Mortier to me to Endorse & Sign, & as that will occasion some delay, & Probably a disadvantage to You (which I would by all means in my power prevent, I now enclose You an order on M^r Mortier, & Shall write him also on the Subject, So that I am hopefull You will not longer be disappointed but receive the Money as soon as the Warrants are granted, which would afford me much Satisfaction, as I am with much Esteem

Gen^t Y^{rs} &^{ca}

W J.

BAYNTON, WHARTON & MORGAN

INDORSED: N London May 23^d 1768

Letter to Baynton Wharton & Co

& Abr^m Mortier Esq^r wth Copy of an order on the latter

¹ From a copy made before the fire, printed in *Collections of Illinois State Historical Library*, 16:290-92.

TO ABRAHAM MORTIER

*A. Df. S.**New London 23 May 1768.*

SIR

Mr Edward Cole Comis^{ry} for Indⁿ Trade at the Illinois Drew upon me some time ago favour of Messrs Baynton Wharton & Morgan Merc^{ts} of Philadelphia, for the Am^t of two halfyears Acc^{ts} to the 25th Sept^{br} last, these Acct^s are now in General Gages possession As Soon as he passes Warrants for the payment of them, I shall sign one & the receipts here. As the above mentioned Gentlemen must have Suffered a good deal of incon-
veniency by the Detention of so considerable a Sum for so long a time, I have (in order to enable them to receive it as soon as possible) now given them a Draft upon You for that Sum, w^h I hope You will soon be enabled to discharge. I shall be glad to hear that my last letter from hence got safe to y^r hands, and also that You provide the most portable Cash for paying to my Son the Ball: of my Acc^t wth you. I am with the most cordial Esteem

Sir Y^{rs} &^{ca}

W J.

ABR^m MORTIER Esq^r

least I should fall short here of money, I have drawn upon Y^r fav^r Mr Wetherhead for £100 w^h Please to Send me in York Bills

ORDER ON ABRAHAM MORTIER

*Copy¹**New London, May 23^d 1768*

SIR

Please to pay unto Mess^{rs} Baynton Wharton & Morgan of Philadelphia, or to their order, the Amount of Mr Edward Coles two halfyears Acc^{ts} of Disbursements to Ind^s, His own

¹ In Johnson's handwriting.

Salary as Comis^{ry} there, & that of the Smith Interpreters &^{ca} to the 25th of last September, & that, as Soon as convenient, after General Gage has granted Warrants for the Same; & charge it to Acc^t of Your Humble Serv^t.

W J.

Copia Vera
ABR^m MORTIER Esq^r

FROM JOSEPH GALLOWAY

A. L. S.

Philadelphia, May 24 1768

[I] have received your Favors of Feb. 29th. and [March 11th.?] giving an Account of the Disposition of [the Indi]ans and the good Effects which the Presents of [con]dolance from this Government Produced. The Pains you have taken in convincing them of our Friendship and Generosity towards them are very Obliging and I am in Hope, that through the Means of your friendly Influence and Endeavours, they will be prevailed on not to resent the many Injuries done them by the rash People of this Province, notwithstanding the extreme Inactivity of the Government to do them that Right which Justice and sound Policy so manifestly dictate.

I rejoice much to hear from D^r Franklin that Orders are transmitted to you for immediately []ing the Boundary Line. In his Letter of Mar[ch 13th he] says. "On the Receipt of your Letter of Jan^y. [Mr] Jackson¹ and my self waited on Lord Hillsbo[rough the new] secretary for American Affairs; and [] the contents, pressing the necessi[ty] [the orders] already sent to S^r. William [settling] the Affair of the [his Lordship] []² and urge the Executive []

¹ Richard Jackson, agent for Pennsylvania in London.

² Several lines missing.

In the same []
 Government begins to grow []
 of Indian Affairs, and of main[taining []
 Indian Country, and it is now [talking []
 Measure to abandon the Posts, demo[lishing []
 such as the Colonies may think fit to []
 own Expence, and also to return the Ma[nagement of] []
 their own Indian Affairs into the Hands [of the respec] []
 tive Provinces as formerly. What the R[] []
 is uncertain, Counsels here being so continu[ally] []
 I have wrote my Sentiments on the Subj[ect] []
 Extract to Dr. Franklin, Suggesting many [inconven]iencies []
 which will attend abandon[ing the posts] []
 in the Indian Country and leaving the [Indians] []
 the Influence of the French & Spaniards [] []
 among and near them; and Reasons to [] the pro- []
 bability of the Colonies maintaining [] []
 of their several Limits. And as to [] []
 I must fear, whatever Share there [] []
 by the Respective Provinces, There [] in- []
 conveniencies attending the ta[king [] []
 from under a general Di[rection] []

As to [] []
 ment in Regard to [] []
 I beg Leave [] []
 [] Lawrence Esq^r to whom [] []
 []] sed.¹ [] []
 [] sincerely wish you all the Success [] []
 [] the important Affair of Settling the [] []
 [] and am [] []
 with Real Regard & Esteem [] []
 Sir [] []

Your most Obedient
 & very humble Servant
 JOS. GALLOWAY

¹ "Mentioning the payment to Thomas Lawrence of Johnson's draft on the province" (of Pennsylvania), *Johnson Calendar*, p. 394.



THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

FROM WILLIAM NEWTON

A. L. S.

New York 30^h May 1768

Your letter of the 14th Instant, did not reach me [] 18th I now acknowledge the Receipt of it with the warrants Granted by General Gage in your favor with [] Receipt for the same.

Your favor dated the 23^d of this Month from New [Lon]don I recēd Yesterday Your draft on me to Mess^{rs} Baynton &c will be duly honoured.

Your Son when he calls for it, shall be Paid the Ballance [] your Account with me in Paper Money, As to Cash in Specie [] has been remitted here since the New Contract all the [Mon]eys I receive on Account of the Extraordinarys of the service []ed by the Contractors agent by Bills of Exchange, and Paper []y is the Chief received for the Bills they draw, and that very [] the whole in Jersey Bills, Your bill for £100 to M^r Wetherhead [] this Morning in Ten Pound Bills agreeable to your desire

I am with the greatest respect and Esteem

Sir,

Your most Obedient & most

Humble Servant

M^r Mortier going into the Country this Morning has [] Letter but I would not let the Opportunity [] awarding it to you, as also of Enclosing you three Receipts for the general [] come to my Hands in your favor for £10 [] Currency, Equal to £6266:7:11¼ for M^r Cole []

I have the Honour to be with great Re []

Sir,

Your most Obedient []

most Humble Servant

W^m NEWT[ON]

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[*New York, 30] May 1768*

[] kind favour of the 23^d. Instant, covering [a draft on M^r Mortier which] I shall get Cash for today & dispose of it as [] you ordered me to Send you by Cairport, new [] Store & will be Sent by Capt Kelly who Sails the [] as also] those you now order; I must be obliged to wait [] no other vessell here for New London, by him I shall also [] all which I hope will Come Opportunely —

[] Cartwright finding you were to Stay Some Time at New London [sent] me down the Letters which Came for you by the last packett, [I will] take the Liberty of transmitting them to you by this Opportunity. [I] am a good deal Surprisd I have not had a Line from Guy Johnson [] Col Croghan's Accounts — M^r Wharton is come to Town with Bills drawn on [] Consequence of More Accounts) to the Amount of £1197, which I am sorry [it is] not in my power immediatly to Answer until I have an Order for the Money [] M^r Wharton Seems in Some distress for Want of it; however Sir dont let that [] for As M^r Wharton assures me the Coll^o must before now be Safe [at] Johnson Hall, a few Days will Certainly give me & M^r Wharton relief [] particular as I fancy M^r Croghan will take Care the Matter is met. [] M^r Wharton has taken all the pains in the World to persuade M^r [] & the generall to pay the Money, which they Say they have laying [] it would be irregular, they will not do it without an Order from [] Johnson, either of which will do —

[] part of your Letter in which you Say you will Come to York, [gave us great] pleasure; but as you go on, you disapoint us again [] tion why you Shoud not Come, I do not nor will not accept [] therefore insist

on your Coming this Way & if possible I [] Albany —
 My Wife is in the Powts about it & says [] Trip,
 She dont belive you will Come att all [] you & in
 the Mean Time remain

[] Sir Your most Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WEATHERHEAD

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t
 at Mr Chew's postmaster in
 New London
 † Capt Kelly

FROM JOHN WEATHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[*New York 31 May 1768*]

[] post Yesterday — The present is to
 [] ordered me to Send, except the White
 [Beaver] so short Notice it will be finished on Thursday
 [] Opportunity for New London — I hope all those
 [] opportunely & be to your Satisfaction — My Wife
 has putt [] you of which She begs your Acceptance,
 She tells me She [] your own Eating — Good
 Glocester Cheese is Scarce at present [] imported in
 the fall — I have Sent you 2 half Cheeses of different []
 of which are very extraordinary, but they are the best I can meet
 [with. There] is a Vessell below from Bristol, with Cheeses
 on board, but I can't [] Enclosed you have a packett
 I mentiod to you before from [Doctor] Auchmuty who desires
 his Respects may be made agreable to you, he [would have]
 Sent you the Letter it contains before, but that He did not
 think it [] to putt you to the Expence of Postage &
 besides he flatterd himself [he would have] the pleasure of
 Seeing you here, as He wants Very much to enjoy []
 private with you — I have given him Hopes that he will enjoy

that [] pray Sir, do not let us all be disapointed—
 I have enclosd you [10 pound] Bills, the Rest are all Small
 Curry Bills I therefore do not Send them [] likewise
 2 Books & some Medicines I receive from London last week
 [] in great haste but with the most Sincere Regard
 Sir Your most Obedient Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

FROM ELEAZAR WHEELOCK

*A. L. S.*¹

Lebanon May 31. 1768

SIR

May it please Your Excellency, accept my Apology for so long neglect to wait upon You at New London, as Duty and Gratitude required as a Testimony of Respect due to Your Merit from our Whole Country and especially from me.

My Son on his late Return from Mount Johnson, informed me of Your proposed Journey, and raised my Hope & Expectation of the Honour & Pleasure of Waiting upon You in Your Passage. Soon after, I heard that through Your Mistake of the Road, you had passed thro' Hebron; on which I determined, as Soon as My Hands could be discharged of Some important Affairs, to Wait upon You at New London; but before I could get ready for it, a Report was current that a Post had been With You, on an Affair which required your Speedy Return; and also that You had actually returnd, and before that Report Was contradicted, Mundins, one of My onoida Boys, (who has been very infirm ever since he has lived with Me) was taken With Vomiting Blood; and for several Days, Physicians were Apprehensive he would bleed to Death, however that was Stoped, but it has left him in So low a state that his Life is now almost dispaired of. Not-

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

withstanding, Yesterday I had determined to prosecute my Design to pay My Respects to You at New London; but before I Was quite ready to mount my Horse, a Gentleman came in and advised me that you had left New London, and Was gone to Fishers Island. And Now, whether I shall have more than the Pleasure of desiring to do You Honour in Your Tour into these Parts, must dpend upon its consistancy with Your Plan. And however that May be, I pray Your Excellency to beleive, that the Recovery of Your Health (which I understand your Excellency had chiefly in View in this Journey) The long protracting your Important Life for glorious Purposes to the Kingdom of the great Redeemer, as Well as to the Crown of Great Britain, And that a Glorious Reward of all your toil in Your important Station of Life, may await your Excell^y beyond Time, is the sincere, and ardent Wish & Prayer of, May it please Your Excellency

Your Most Obedient,
and Most Humble Servant

ELEAZAR WHEELOCK

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baron^t.

INDORSED: Lebanon May 31 1768

Doctor Wheelocks letter

WILLIAM ALLEN TO JOHN WATTS

A. L. S.

[*Philadelphia ?*¹]

Our Quakers are not a little offended with our [] Sir W^m. Johnson, and are drawing representations again [] England, which, though they will not contain truth, yet [will] be full of Malice and scandal. If you could give him [] of this affair that he may be inabled to confute their [] matter, it will be a friendly and kind part, for our

¹ Entered in Johnson Calendar under May, 1768.

[] will indeavor to raise the whole nest of Hornets
 [op]position, at home, again him, I always, am Dear Sir,
 Your Very Affectionate &ca

W^M ALLEN

FROM THOMAS BARTON

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 394, is listed a letter from Rev. Thomas Barton, supposed to have been written in May, 1768, concerning William (Johnson's) studies, the spirit of violence in the colonies, and the devastation of the Indian town of Conestogo; asking to be appointed overseer of the Indian plantation (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:381-83; Q. 4:240-41).

MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO HORATIO SHARPE¹

Copy²

[May, 1768 ?]

To His Excellency [Horatio Sharpe Governor]
 Over the Province of Maryland

The humble Address, of The [House of Delegates]
 May it Please Your Excellency

We have Tacken That Part
 of [your Excellency's Speech with the] Papers which have
 been Laid before Us relative to the Maryland Indian[s and
 from thence and on the] Best Inquirey We have been Able to
 macke We cannot discover That any of Them [except those who
 petitioned are] Desirous of removing from This Province —
 We find, That by an Act of Assembly maid in The Y[ear
 1704 reciting that] It Was just that the Indians should have
 A convenient dwelling Place, A Tract of Land on Na[nticoke
 River was] Appropriated to the Use of the Nanticoke Indians
 Their heirs and Successors forever Under a [Provision "that it

¹ Inclosed in letter of Horatio Sharpe to Johnson, June 27, 1768.

² Much matter burned off is supplied from a duplicate in the New York State Library, a paper which is likewise considerably injured.

should] Be Lawfull for any Person or Persons That had formerly Tacken Up and Obtained any Grants from [Lords Baltimore] for any Tracts or Percels of Land Within the boundaries Thereof Upon the Indians Deserting or [leaving the said] Land to Enter, Occupy, and Enjoy the Same"—That by an Other Act, Passed, in The Year [1711 three thousand] Acres of Land, on broad Creeke in Nanticoke river Were directed to be Laid Out by Commissioners, [valued by a Jury] And Paid for by the Publick, and "That when the same should be Laid out and Paid for by the [Publick as aforesaid the same should] be to the Use of the Nanticoke Indians So Long as they [should occupy the same and afterwards] Should be disposed, of as the Generall Assembly of this Province should direct"—That the [Commissioners appointed] By the Last mentioned Act caused the Three thousand Acres of Land to be Laid out, and Valieued, and [] of Their Proceedings, into the Provincial Court, Office Where it now remains of record, by Which it Appears the[] Several Owners and Proprietors and Was Valued, in the Whole To 60,000^l of Tobacco, Which Together [] Eight hundred and Eightey Pounds of Tobacco for Improvements Maid on Part of the Land, and Expen[ded in the] Surveying and Valueing Thereof Was as, Appears by the Assembly Proceedings, in the Year 17[11 allowed by] And Assessed, on the Public. by the Papers Laid before us it Appears the reversion in 1664 acres [Part of the Land described] In said Act of 1704 is Claimed, by the heirs of Coll Ryder Under Grants made many Ye[ars before said Act;] But it does not Appear in any Manner That he or any Other Person hath Ever received any [Satisfaction therefor] And, That the reversion in Sume Other Parts of the Nanticoke Tract, is Claimed [under Grants to Col^o. William Emall] Maid Since the Year 1704, We conceive, it to be clear, from the Purview of the said [recited Acts and of one other Act of] Assembly maid in The Year 1723 for quieting the Possession of the Indians [inhabiting on Nanticoke and Choptank] Rivers,

That the Intention of the Legislature was Nothing More Than [to provide for and secure to those People] A Dwelling Place and the Means of a Comfortable Subsistan[ce so long as they should incline to remain] Among Us and Therefore [to permit such of them as are now left, who appear to be very] Few to Sell the Land¹ Wold be directly Contrary to the Intention of Those [Laws not] Be for the Intrest of the Indians Themselves, to be Purmitted to do so, nor [] To the Public and to Individuals —
A Coppey

ACCOUNT OF THE NANTICOKE INDIANS WITH AMOS OGDEN

D.

[May, 1768?]

[
		For 60 Days Service [
	Sept ^r .	25.	For Expences To Maryland [
			For 15 Days Service @ [
1768	March	15	For Expences To Sr. W ^m . Johnson [
			For 19 Days Service @ Pr. Diam [
	Apr ^{ll} .	8	For Expences To Maryland [
			For 26 Days Service @ Pr. Diam [
	May	21	For Expences To Maryland	17	[
			For 35 Days Service @ Pr. Diam					
			Amounting the Whole					
			to 155 Days at 5/ Pr. Diam	38	15	[
							£96	9 7
			Expences coming up here	4	-	-		
							£100	9 7

INDORSED: Nanticoke Indian
Acc^t

¹ See *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:119.

LIST OF OFFICERS

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[May² 1768]

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[]		thunes swart
[]		marthunes Zihle

[]	man	9 th .	Isaac Vroman
[]	Dicks		Jones Vroman
[]	hauck		Adam Vroman
[	]	thuenes Vrooman		adam Kreiselin

johanes Becker J ^u	4 th .	Jacob Cahl
Johanes Schefer J ⁿ		Jacob hence
William Enders		Johanes Werner
[] Dominick J ^u .		Jacob Weithman

Christian Schefer
 pitter Sneedon
 Johanes Lawyer J^u
 [Joh]annes h. Lawyer

[	]	nes Camp J ^u
[	]	Schefer
[	]	Laucks
[	]	braun

[David] becker
 []ker
 [] J^u

¹ "List of names, being apparently a return of the company officers of Col. Jacob Sternberger's regiment of Albany county militia; all the entries have been crossed out except the companies of David Becker and Isaac Vroman."—Johnson Calendar, p. 395.

A MEETING OF PETITIONERS

D. S.

[*London, June 2,¹ 1768*]

[] petitioners for a Grant of [mines about Lake Superior in North] America at the Crown and []

[] Wednesday the 4th of May in the Evening

Mr Samuel Touchet

Sr John Lindsay

Mr Henry Bostwick

Mr John Townson

Mr Joshua Readshaw

Mr Alexander Baxter Jun^r

Capt. George M^c Doughall

Mr Alexander Baxter

Mr John Cruikshank

Mr Martin Kuyck Van Microp

Mr Francis Eyre

Mr Touchet read a Letter from Mr Chace Price empowering him to act for him —

Mr Cruikshank read a Letter from Mr William Neate empowering him to act for him

Mr Touchet also declared he had Authority to answer for Sr Edward Walpole Mr Thomas Allan, and Mr Baker John Littlehales

Mr Bostwick also declared that he answered for Mr Cadot Mr Chin and Mr Henry his Associates in America —

Resolved

That a Supplemental Petition be delivered forthwith to the King in Council —

¹ The meetings were held on May 4th and June 2d, and the minutes attested by the chairman, Samuel Touchet, on June 12th.—Johnson Calendar, p. 395.

Resolved

That it is the Opinion of this General Meeting that a Committee be appointed for Solliciting the said Petition and []ment of the Petitioners other Affairs —And the following [] were appointed for the Purposes — viz — Mr Alexander [] Francis Eyre, Sr. John Lyndsay, Mr Samuel Touchet [] Little]hales, Mr. Martin Kuyck Van Microp [] John] Townson and Mr Joshua Readshaw [] them be a Quorum.—

[]¹
 the hands of Messrs []
 their said Subscriptions []

Resolved

That Mr Samuel Touchet []
 Committee untill it shall be resolved []

Meeting

Resolved

That the Names of the Committee []
 writing be given into the said Bankers and the []
 Money be signed by the Chairman and two more G[]
 the Committee

Resolved

That the above Resolution be Copied and []
 the Committee or the Quorum and sent to Each Member

Adjourned till Summond []

Chairman of the Comm[]

[]¹

- Mr Edward Walpole
- Mr Samuel Touchet
- Mr B. I. Littlehales
- Mr Francis Eyre
- Mr William Neate
- Mr Robert Hunter
- Mr Henry Bostwick

¹ Lines burned off.

Mr Alexander Baxter
 Mr John Tounson
 Mr Tho^s. Law for Ch: Townshend Esq^r¹
 Mr Alexander Baxter
 Mr George M^cDoughall
 Mr John Cruikshank
 Mr Thomas Allen
 Mr Joshua Bradshaw
 Mr M. K. Van Microp

The Minutes of the 4th of May were read and confirmed Mr Eyre and Mr Touchet reported that they had waited upon Lord Gower with the Supplemental Petition to the King and Council, and that the same was referd to the Lords of Trade Mr Touchet having read the Resolutions take the 4th of May relative to the Deposit it was unanimously resolved that Twenty five pounds on Each share be paid into the Hands of Mess^{rs} Biddulph and Cocks Bankers at Charing Cross within one Month from this date in the Names of the Committee, and that Mr Touchet be desired to send a Copy of this Resolution to Each Member —

A Sketch of Instructions to Mr Bostwick being read [and] approved it was referd to the Committee to draw up a []ingly, and that they be called together for that [] as Mr Bostwick shall have Engaged his

Adjourn'd till Summoned

[] foregoing Minutes are attested to []

INDORSED: Resolves of a Com[]
 concerned in the M[]
 of Lake Superior
 May 4th. 1768 —

¹ Charles Townshend, the English statesman and originator of the tea tax, died September 4, 1767. His estate may have possessed an interest in the Lake Superior copper enterprise.

SUPPLEMENTARY PETITION

D. S.

[*London, June 2, 1768*]

The Kings most Excellent Majesty in Council —

The Humble Petition of Henry Bostwick of the Province of Canada in North America Merch^t but now of London Merchant on behalf of himself and Twenty others whose Names are hereunto Subscribed

Sheweth

That Your Petitioners lately presented a Petition to Your Majesty humbly praying that Your Majesty would be Graciously pleased to grant unto Your Petitioners, all Mines Minerals and Metals already discovered and hereafter to be discovered in about and under Lake Superior in North America and the Islands therein and the Countrys all round the said Lake within the Distance of Sixty miles thereof, and of any and Every part thereof. And that Your Petitioners might be incorporated with all the usuall Powers or such Powers as to Your Majesty in Your Royall Wisdom and Goodness shall seem meet

That Your Majesty was pleased to referr the said Petition to the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations and the Merits of the said Petition coming on to be heard before Their Lordships on the 21st day of this instant April the further hearing thereof was adjourned That Your Petitioners desirous that so valuable a Discovery should not be lost to Your Majesty and Your Kingdoms by way of Supplement to their former Petition hereby submit to take such Grant under such a reasonable Reservation of a Share of the Ores to be raised, and under such Regulations and Restrictions as to Your Majesty shall seem proper —

That Your Petitioners are also desirous and submit to take such Grant under the particular Proviso or Condition that if any Person or Persons shall hereafter Really and Truly discover any Mine or Mines within the said District of Sixty miles, and not part of any Mine or Mines, discovered or to be discovered by Your Petitioners or their Successors or Agents or lying or being within Four Miles of [] thereof, that then it shall and may be lawfull to and for [] Person or Persons to work the same upon such Tenor and Conditions or in such way as Your Majesty shall by any Grant Deed or Instrument think proper to Grant or Declare of or concerning the same.

Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray Your Majesty that You woud be Graciously pleased to Grant to Your Petitioners all Mines Minerals and Metals discovered or to be discovered round Lake Superiour within the Distance aforesaid under such Reservations Regulations & Restrictions as aforesaid or in such other Way and Manner as to Your Majesty shall seem proper —

And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever pray &c

Signed by

		HENRY BOSTWICK
	}	JOHN CHINN
HENRY BOSWICK for		BAPTISTE CADOTT
		ALEXANDER HENRY
		ALEXANDER BAXTER Jun ^r
		GEORGE M ^c DOUGHALL
		EDWARD WALPOLE
		JOHN LYND SAY
		CHAUNCEY TOWNSEND
		CHACE PRICE
		SAMUEL TOUCHET

JOSHUA READSHAW
ALEXANDER BAXTER
WILLIAM NEALE
FRANCIS EYRE
THOMAS ALLAN
JOHN CRUIKSHANK
JOHN TOWNSON
B I LITTLEHALES
MARTIN KUYCK VAN MICROP

REILAND for a share reserved

Persons admitted since the above was presented

LAILAN MACLEAN
ROBERT HUNTER
CHACE PRICES Brother

INDORSED: A Petition to His
Majesty from Henry
Bostwick & others —

FROM MARK FEELY

A. L. S.

New London Sunday 5th. June 1768

As Mr. John W. Smith (for whom I Transact business in New York (with becoming Character) since I had the Honour of seeing you) has not at present business sufficient for him to incourage me any longer. I therefore upon hearing of your being at New London made bold to come to see you. And at same time most humbly request your Interest or Recommendation to my Employ'm'. [] my part of the Continent or Elsewhere. Otherwise I am Inclined to go Shortly on Board a Vessel at Norwalk, few miles off, which is bound for Liverpool,

from thence to Dublin where [Sir] W^ms former friendship shall be forever acknowledged by

Your Honours much obliged & most
humble & Obed^t. Serv^t.

MARK FEELY

please to excuse
New London Ink

ADDRESSED: To
The Honble Sir W^m Johnson
Bart.
Present.

FROM FRANTZ RUPPERT

A. L. S.

[Philadelphia] June 5th. 1768.

[] here and found Col: Croghan gone to new
[York] Baynton and presented my Papers but as the
[] was sealed, Mr. Baynton advised me to send the papers
[] New York And Mr. Baynto wrote to Mr. Croghan and
[papers], but I have not yet heard what is come of the Papers
[] you, if you please, to send me a Bill for the 145 Pounds
[] Captain Noarth in Philadelphia, who is to transmit the
same [] Carolina if the Bill don't come during my stay
here but I shall [] White before I go on Account of the
Money. I have considered about [] and I think Daniel
Feil should stay and instruct the young [] better. My
Book will soon be done. Pray Sir be as expeditious [as
possi]ble in sending the Bill. I am

Sir

Your most humble and
mot obedient

Servant

FRANTZ RUPPERT

[] JOHNSON Bart.

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart
 at Mr Chew's postmaster
 New London

Tr Capt Kelly

INDORSED: June 5th. 1768

France Ruperts Letter

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 6th June 1768

[I must] Acknowledge the Receipt of your favour of the
 [] Inclosing me your Bill on Abraham Mortier
 for £342.17.2 out of which have paid Mess^r Phyn & [Ellice]
 £125.9.5½ which pays them the full Balance due []
 for what Indian Goods you had from them this [spri]ng — I
 should have done my Self the Honour [to] have Wrote you
 Sooner but for want of an Opportunity [] had the
 pleasure of hearing Several times that you [were re]covering
 your health fast — I wish Sincerely from [heart] that — you
 may benniff much by this Jaunt —

I Expect Shortly to Set out with [my] Wife — for the
 Spring — which you was at last Summer, [for the rec]overy
 of my health I hope we Shall have the []
 of Seeing you there. at your return Comeing [] I shall
 not truble you about any news from [] — Inform you
 then what I Could [I] must beg leave to return you []
 the Promotion you gave [] to Add that []
 []

INDORSED: Major Campbells Letter
 June 6th. 1768 —

THOMAS GAGE TO JOHN BROWN

*Extract*¹*New York, June 6th. 1768*

I thank you for the Copy, you have sent me of Mr. Chabert's Letter, which I shall forward to Sr. W^m. Johnson. He has some Suspicions of that Gentleman's Conduct, with regard to Indian Affairs, and knows best in what light to look upon his Intelligence of those Matters.

I hear Belts have been sent to many of the uper Indian Nations, to hold themselves in readiness to Act, some of them so remote that we have little or no knowledge of them, and I have reason to think these Belts were sent from the Six Nations; (Your Neighbours the Senecas) at the head of them in League with the Shawanese and Delawars; but I beleive matters have been so well managed, that there is little fear of things coming to any length, and almost a certain prospect of all remaining quiet.

INDORSED:

Gen^l Gage

New York 6 June 1768

on hearing Belts have been sent to many of the upper Indian Nations, to hold themselves in readiness to Act, but believes nothing will happen, Of Mr. Chabberts Letter, that Sr. W^m. Johnson has some reason to suspect that Gentlemans Conduct That Major Rogers is secur'd in Irons at Mich^{nac}: to be sent down &c:— Of Colours &c.

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21678. fo. 108. London, England.

FROM EDWARD CHINN

A. L. S.

Montreall June 10th: 1768

I received a Letter from M^r Henry Bostwick dated London March the 24th: 1768, Wherein He says He had wrote You and desired an Answer may be sent, directed for him to my Care in Montreall.

As I have received no such Letter from You, and it may turn out an Affair of Consequence I thought proper to write You, fearing the Letter may have miscaryed.

I Expect M^r. Bostwick will soon be in Montreal, on his Way to Michilimakinac and shall be much obliged to You, if You will Enclose Him a Letter under Cover to me by Return of the Post.—

I have the Honour to be

Sir

Your most Obed hble Ser^t.

EDWARD CHINN

FROM L. MACLEANE

A. L. S.

London 10th. June 1768

I beg leave to recommend to your good offices the Bearer of this letter M^r. Francis Bostwicke, Agent for several Gentlemen in an Adventure which if thought for the publick Advantage in general must be of great Service to the Back Settlements of America in particular. I mean the Discovery and Working of Mines on Lake Superior.

I should be extreamly happy to be honoured with your Commands, if at any time fortune should put it in my poor power to be of the least Utility to You in this part of the World; being with the utmost truth and Esteem

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

L. MACLEANE

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:74, is a letter of June 11th from the Earl of Hillsborough, conveying the King's satisfaction with Johnson's success in the peace congress held by him in the preceding March.

FROM ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. L. S.

New York 13th, June 1768

[] of the 7th Instant is Just come to
 [] three Receipts for your draft in
 [] actory, Your Son Sir John Called on me
 [] and I immediately paid him the ballance
 [] account, and delivered him up the several Bills
 [] your Account,

I inclose you your draft in favor of Mess^{rs}. Baynton
 [Wharto]n and Morgan with their Receipt thereon. I must
 [] you with the Inclosed Third Receipt, which I
 [] beg you will please to sign and return me.

I am with great Regard and Esteem

Sir

Your most Obedient and
 most Humble Servant

AB^M.. MORTIER

Just now paid your

[] ril last in favor of
 [] for £100 — Cur^y
 [] Charged to a New Acco^t.

ADDRESSED: On His Majesty's Service
 To Sir William Johnson Baronet
 at
 New London

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

N London Wens'day 11 oClock [June 15, 1768]

[Your missive] got over Very well in abt. [] and
 I Send Powers back this [] that you may have the
 Advantage []ing over when it suits you tomorrow --
 [] shall send to M^r Harris and let him know [that
 you] are Coming over — and am sorry his house [is] not more
 Convenient — you know mine & [I am] sure tis Clean and
 we have two Rooms [] and two Chambers above
 stairs where [by] the Assistance of your Matrass we Can [put]
 up two Beds which is intiraly at [your] service and you Cannot
 make M^{rs} Chew [] so happy as to use it in the
 same [] as You would your own — and sorry
 [] Very Sorry I am with that, its not in [my
 power] to offer and Provide you with [] the Products
 in of my Garden — however [] your own stores you'l
 be at no [] Confident youl be more Comfortable
 [] be provided in the House [] will
 be no disapointment to [] today to get []
 so happy as to see you [] to Recover your health
 [] and Respectfully —

Dear sir

Your most []

most Hbl^e S[ervant]

JOS CHEW

ADDRESSED: To
 The Hon^{ble}. Sr. William Johnson Bar^t.
 at
 Fishers Island

ACT FOR GRANTING COMPENSATION TO THE NANTICOKE
INDIANS

*Copy*¹

[*Annapolis June 18, 1768*]

An Act for granting To the Nanticoke Indians []
 Whereas, the greatest Part of the Tribe of the Nanticoke
 [Indians have] Deserted the Lands in this Province, Apro-
 priated by former act of Assembly for their [use and ceased?]
 [to Occupy the] Same, and the few that Remains by their Peti-
 tion to this general assembly [Prayed that they might have]
 [permission to] Dispose of their right to the Said Lands or that
 Some Compensation Should be maid [thereto as] They are
 desirous of Totally Leaveing this Province and Going to Live
 with [their Brethren who have incorporated] Themselves with
 the five nations and that they have Given A Power of Attorney
 to [a certain Amos Ogden to dispose] Of the Said Lands for
 them and to Execute a release and Acquittance therefor which
 Power Appears [to be Confirmed and] Approved by Sir
 William Johnson, his Majesteys Superintendent of Indian affairs
 for the Northern de[partment, And Whereas] Robert Darnall
 and Sarah his wife Henry Steele and Ann his wife and, John
 Henry and Dorothy his wife ([which said Sarah] Ann and
 Dorothy are the coheirresses of Coll^o John Ryder deceased) have
 by their Petition Set forth to this [General Assembly] That one
 Tract of Land Called the reserve originally on the fifteenth day
 of May 1665, granted to [a certain John Anderton] for Eight
 hundred Acres another Tract Called Handsell on the Thirteenth
 day of July, in the Same Ye[ar Granted to a] Certain Thomas
 Tayler for Seven hundred acres and one Other Tract Called
 Bartholomews Close [on the th Day of Novem]ber 1695
 granted to A Certain Thomas Hicks for 164 acres Lies within

¹ Inclosed in letter of Horatio Sharpe to Johnson, June 27, 1768.

the boundaries [of a large Tract of Land laid out for the said] Indians by Virtue of an act of Assembly [made in the] Year 1704, entituled an Act for Ascertain[ing] The bounds of a Certain Tract of Land to the Use of the Nanticoke Indians So long as they Shall Occupy [and live on the same] And that, the Said Three Small Tracts of Land, Became by Purchis and Devise the right of the S[aid Collonel John Rider] and the Reversion thereof is now in the Said Petitioner and Prayed the Said Lands had been heretofore [] Ancestors for the Publick Account that the Publicke money might be now Applied to Purchase a [] Clame to the Said Land for their Use, which this Generall Assembly have thought reasonable [to grant]

And, Whareas the Said Amos Ogden hath in behalf of the said Indians Off[ered to take the Sum] Of Six hundred and Sixty Six Dollars and Two thirds of a dollar for a Release of right and [of Claim] of the Said Nanticoke Indians as Will to the Aforesaid Three Tracts of Land as to Three Thousand [Acres lying on Broad] [Creek] Somerset Countey, by an act maid in the year 1711 Entitled an act to Impower [Commissioners to appoint and Cause] To be Laid out Three thousand acres of Land on Broad Creek in Somerset County [for the Use of the Nanticoke Indians] So long as they Shall Occupy the Same Which Said Three Thousand acres having [been paid for by the Publick] When the Said Indians Shall Cease to Occupy, is by the Said Last Recited [Act to be disposed of as the General Assem]bly Shall direct and Appoint

Be it Therefore Enacted by [the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the Advice] And Consent of his Lordships Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of As[sembly and the Authority of the Same that] The Committee Appointed This Present Session of Assembly to inspect the [Accounts and Proceedings of the] Commissioners Appointed by Virtue of the act for the Payment of the Pub[lick Claims]

for emitting Bills of Credit] And for Other Purposes Therein mentioned, are hereby directed and required to [pay to the said Amos Ogden for the Use of] The Said Nanticoke Indians the Said Six hundred and Sixty¹ Dollars and [two thirds of a Dollar out of the Bills] of Credit now in Office belonging to the Countury in full Satisfaction for the Said Tribe of [Nanticoke Indians] Their Clame to the Said Land and to Tacke his receipt for the Same Which Payment Shall to all [] Vest the Said Robert Darnall and Sarah his wife Henry Steele and Ann his Wife and John H[enry and Dorothy his] Wife with the Same Right of Entry in and Claim to the Said Three Tracts of Land Called the [Reserve, Handsell] [and Barth]olomews Close as if the Said Indians had totally Deserted and quitted Claime to the Same, any Other act of Assembly to the Contrary Notwithstanding²

And be it further Enacted [] Allen, Levin Gale and Henry Steele are [] and they or any two of them are impowered to make Sale of the [aforesaid Three] Thousand Acres of Land lying on Broad Creek as aforesaid by way of [] to the highest bidder (giving at least two Months Notice of such Sale [in the] Maryland and Pensylvania Gazettes) the whole together or divided into parcels as shall best Suit the Purchasers and make a Conveyance or Conveyances thereof; the said Sale to be made at twelve Months Credit if required by any of the purchasers, they paying Interest from the Time of Sale and giving Bond or Bonds with Sureties to be approved by the said Commissioners, to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore for the Time being for the Use of this Province which Bond or Bonds or Money Arising [from] the Sale (if any of the Purchasers should Choose to pay the Money) the said Commissioners shall return and pay to the said Treasurer and take his receipt for the same, and shall also

¹ This should be sixty-six.

² To this point missing portions are supplied from a duplicate. From this point the duplicate alone exists, and is therefore used.

the English And in all Matters Obedience to the government
 [] And deligates of this Present General Assembly,
 tharefore do Pray That it May be Enacted.

And be it Enacted by The Queens Most Excellent Majesty
 by and [with the] Consent of hir Majestys Governor Council
 and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of []
 The Land, Laying and beaing in Dorchester County and on
 the North Side of Nanticoke river, butt [] followeth
 begining at the Mouth of Chickawan creek and running Up
 the Said creek bounded, Therewith to the head Of the Same
 and from the head of Said Main branch With a Line drawn to
 the head of a branch issuing West fork of Nanticoke known by
 the Name of frances Andertons branch bounded Tharewith to
 the Mouth of [] It falls into the Said Northwest fork
 and from thence down The afforesaid northwest fork bounded
 [] River and so down the main river to, the Mouth
 of the Afforesaid Chickawan Crick — Shall []
 and Assured Unto Panayash and []
 And Chearge and Their heirs and Successers for ever any Law
 Usage Custom or Grant to The Contrary [notwi]thstanding to
 be held of the Lord Proprietary and his heirs Lord Proprietary
 or Lord [] Province Under the Yearly rent of One
 beverskin to be Paid to his Said Lordship and his hars []
 This Province by the English Used to be Paid Provided always
 that it Shall or may be [] Person or Persons that
 hath formerly Taken Up and Obtained any Grants from the
 Lord Ba[ltimore] Grantes or Parcels of Land Within the
 Aforesaid boundaries Upon the Indians, desert [] Said
 Land to Enter Occupy and injoy the Same any Thing in this
 Law to The Contrary

An Act Declaring That the Grantees of Lands Lying
 [] Action of Trespass Against, Such Persons as
 Cut Timber off Their Lan[ds] Same of the Indians October
 3th 1704 —

Be it hereby Enacted, and Declared by the Queens most
 Excell^t [Majesty] That the falling Mauling and Carrying away

of Timber or [] Person or Persons Upon Pretense of having bough[t the] Unlawful Pretence Whatsoever on or from off any Lands [] Any Other Person have in him her or them The fee be Judged, Deemed [] ever Shall Purchis and receive fall maul or carrey away Timber as Aforesaid [] Trespassers and Shall be Liable to Action, or Actions of Trespass and [Tried] Their Damages Accordingly as if The Grantee or Patentee Aforesaid Did Ac[tually] Land, and had Improved it any Law act of Assembly or Usage to The Contrary N[otwithstanding]

FROM THOMAS GAGE

L. S.¹

New York June 20th 1768.

SIR,

As Major Rogers is ordered down to Montreal, in order to take his trial upon several accusations preferred against him, in which number, that of "Disobedience of his orders and Instructions during the time of his Command at Misilimakinak, and lavishing away money amongst the Savages contrary to his Orders" is comprehended; I am to desire of You, to forward as soon as you conveniently can, to M: Cramahe Deputy Judge Advocate in North America, a Copy of your Instructions² to Major Rogers, for his guidance in his transactions with the Indians, as likewise a List of the several Bills he has drawn upon You. And I wou'd be obliged to you at the same time, if you wou'd ascertain what you recollect relative to the actual delivery of Hopkin's³ letter to the Major, and any Conversation that

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² See "Instructions etc.," June 3, 1766, v: 238-39.

³ Colonel Joseph Hopkins, of Hispaniola, who had quit the British service for the French. The letter in which he invited Rogers to follow his example is printed in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 7:993-94. Other documents relating to Rogers' designs appear in 7:988-92.

passed betwixt you at the time. Which particulars You will be so good to note down, and send them, with the other papers, to Mr: Cramahe at Montreal, or Quebec.

I am with great Regard

Dear Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

THO^s. GAGE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON B^t.

INDORSED: New York June 20th 1768.

From Gen^l Gage to Sr. W^m.
concerning Maj^r. Roger's Trial.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[*New York 20*] *June 1768*

[] the Enclosed Letters, one of which
[] Enclosed to me from John Van Allen of Albany [
Mr Roberts] On Saturday night by the post, you will be
[pleased to let me know] whether I must pay the Bill Roberts
has drawn on me [] You will See he Says you are
indebted to him a Balance [] he Supposes you have
paid me for his Account which is £167 [] was to have
paid me before he left York, but afterwards wrote [I m]ight
depend you woud Send me an Order on the Generall for, but
[I am a]pt to Suspect that was a little premature, Since I find by
[a] letter from my Friend Col Guy Johnson, that you had only
Recommended [the] Account of Mr Roberts's Expence to the
Generall, but that the [] could not be paid till the Generall
shoud Signify his own [ap]probation of the Accounts — I Shall
however be greatly obliged [to] you Sir to acquaint me whether
you have heard any thing from [the] Generall about the Allow-
ance of those Accounts — but I flatter [myself with the belief]

I shall have the pleasure of Seeing you here yourself, I []
 you Mr Roberts's Letter in Case you Should resolve to [return]
 immediately without coming this Way — which I hope will not
 [be the] Case, for I want much to See you & I doubt not but if
 possible [you will] give me that pleasure

In the mean Time I remain with Sincere Regard

Sir Your most Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

[Sir] John — I hope to Come to see him — this []
 asking for him & will wait 2 or 3 Days [] Way —
 He Says He wants very much []

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{ble}. Sr. William Johnson Bar^t.

at

Fishers Island

DANIEL CLAUS TO JOSEPH RAYMOND

Copy

[*Montreal, June 21, 1768¹*]

[] principaux Chefs du Saut St [Lous plein]
 pouvoir et autorise le sieur Joseph [Raymond] a Montreal,
 de faire Un Exacte recensement] les habitans qui sont dans [la
 Seigneurie] des sauvages Iroquois prenant de la Chute []
 lieux de profondeur et Sur la ligne parallele [avec] Riviere,
 toujours a distance de deux lieux de [profond]eur du lac, et
 mesurer les Terres qui Seront a propos[] leur avantage &
 le sieur Raymond me Donnera [une] copie dudit Ressensement
 & sera satisfait de ses peines [et] Soins, de plus je L'autorise
 de se faire Donnera tous les habitans leur Contracts et derniere
 quittance afin de me Rendre Comte de leur revenus par an, et
 Retirera leur rentes & lots et ventes tout les ans quand elles
 seront dans [] il sera payé a Deux Sols par livre C est

¹ The date when the document was delivered to Sir Guy Carleton. The date of authorization to Raymond was October 9, 1767.

a dire a dix pour cent [] approuvance En tout Ce
 quil pourra faire de juste & equitable pour leur avantage. fait a
 Montreal Le 9^e 8^{bre}. 1767

Signé Sur l'original qui a eté delivré a Son Excellence Monsieur
 le General Carleton Le 21 Juin 1768.

DAN. CLAUS

Depy to Sr W. Johnson

[] Deliberation of the principal Chiefs of Sault St.
 Louis [fu]ll Power & Authority to Mr. Joseph Raymond
 Sworn [of] Montreal to make an exact Roll of all the Inhabi-
 tants [of the] Seigneurie of the Iroquois, taking (running) from
 the Rapids [leagues] in Depth in a parallell Line with the
 [river] [keep]ing the Distance of two Leagues in Debt [from the
 lake] and River, & so lay out such Farms as may be []
 & proper for their Use, Mr. Raymont will [give me a copy] of
 said Roll, for w^{ch}. Trouble & Care he [will be repaid] And I
 do further Authorize him to in- [] Lease & their last
 Receipt, so that he may [] pay And to give me
 Acco^t. of their [] their Rents & Lots et Ventes
 [] w^{ch}. he is to be paid 2 sols P []
 of every thing he []
 []

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t

THOMAS GAGE TO JOHN BROWN

*Extract*¹

New York 21st. June 1768

I am to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 24th.
 May; And I am Obliged to You, for the information You

¹ From a letter to Captain John Brown, in command of Fort Niagara.
 In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21678. fo. 110, London,
 England.

therein gave Me, relative to Indian Affairs. I am entirely of your Opinion, that it is much for our Interest, that Jealousys Should be kept up amongst the Indians; by which we may be Umpires in their disputes, and probably they will be fearfull of Attempting anything against us, as long as they continue distrustfull of Each other; The Letter You mention concerning Chabert's proposals, is in the hands of Sir William Johnson, who I doubt not will pay due Attention to it —

INDORSED: Rec^d 31 July & Ans^d

2^d Aug^t 1768

Gen^l Gage 21 June 1768

That the Brunswick may call at Ontario, if not retard her too long to take in Stores & Artillery for Oswegatchie. Of Carpenters at 10^s a day being sent up to Cut Ship Timber, Of Contracting the Fort, Demolishing the other Works, of Returns, Abstracts of pay &c.—

FROM HORATIO SHARPE

L. S.

Annapolis [June 27, (22?) 1768]

SIR

The General Assembly h[] 24th of last Month I communic[ated] two Letters You were pleased to fav[] the first of May 1767 & the 25th of March [1768] together with a Petition subscribed by the Tribe called Nanticokes desiring that an Act might pass impowering them to sell the Lands which were heretofore appropriated by the Legislature of this Province to the Use of that Tribe. In Consequence of my recommending this Affair to their immediate Consideration the Lower House of Assembly appointed a Committee to examine into the Nature of those Indians Claim & on their

making a Report presented to Me the [How]ever on my sending them [in] favor of the Persons who had a [reversionary right to] part of the Land in case the [Nanticokes should] relinquish it interesting themselves []ness the Members agreed to accept an [offer] which Mr Ogden had thought fit to make on behalf of the Indians & a Bill was accordingly framed for granting him the Sum he required which was a few Days afterwards pass't into a Law & I herewith send You a Copy of it. The Assembly agreed likewise to defray the Expence which had been occasioned by Mr Ogden's & the Indian's coming down last Year from Otsiningo to treat with those that lived in this Province. I intended to have wrote to You by Mr Ogden but he was so impatient to get away immediately after the Act pass't & he had received the Dollars, that I had not leisure at that time, but I presume that [] advised You of his Proceedings [] in what manner the Business [] hither was concluded — I am

Sir

Your most ob[]
humble Servant

HOR^A. SHARPE

The Honble S^R WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED: Maryland 22^d. June

1768 —

Gov^r. Sharps Letter

wth. Enclosures —

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

[New London, June 29, 1768]

[] last at the Town of Windsor
[] Assembly of the Sons of Liberty
[] summons Joshua Elderkin before them

[I made Doctr. Moffatt Very
 [by] Col^l Hamlin of the
 []

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson Bar^t
 at
 Johnson Hall

To The Care of the
 post Master at Albany
 who will forward it
 where Sir William is

INDORSED: Mr. Chews Letter
 July 1768

FROM WILLIAM KELLY

A. L. S.

New York June 30th. 1768

Since I had the pleasure to receive your [] letter of the 18th. of December in Answer to mine of the 24th of November [nothing has] occur'd of consequence enough to trouble you with, and I always [] it was a Species of persecution to address letters merely [] a Gentleman whose time is so very much taken up with public [matters]; Therefore permit me to tender you my hearty wishes for a [] the recovery of your health and at same time to request as a [] will not give yourself the trouble to acknowledge the receipt [] no more than to convince you, that I wish to keep the [] bright; And that the Man who will write to his friend [] say is not lazy, tho' he may be troublesome. [] long in expectation of the pleasure of seeing you [] it mean to disappoint your Friends. When you [] and but a small Family; And when I assure you Sir, that nothing can afford myself and it,

[] than your taking a Bed with us, during your stay; I shall hope [] Let me request the favor that you will present my best Compliments [] Sir John, Col^o Croghan, Cap^{tns}: Johnson and Claus, being with [] regard.

Dear Sir
Your most O[]
most []

[WILLIAM KELLY]

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 30 June 1768

[] acknowle]dge the Receipt of your kind favour [] from] New London & am Sorry to find we [shall not have the] pleasure of your good Company as we [] I flatter myself it will not be long before [] that pleasure—I am glad to find you have [] Mr Wharton as to his Demand on Col Croghan, but [I am a go]od deal disapointed the Colonel has not wrote me [when he] will be here as I have engagd for the payment of a good deal of Money on his Account on the Strength of What He wrote me by Sir John; but as I have heard nothing from him Since, imagine he is upon the Road hither —

I am to acquaint you that I have last week receivd a dft upon you from Mr Michael Byrne at Ontario dated the 9th Instant at 6 D^s Sight ꝑ £92.1.3 for which Sum I will debit your Account if you please to give me Orders for so doing & shall be much oblig'd to you Sir to mention it to [me] by the first Opportunity, in order that I may write Mr Byrne accordingly—As to your two patents, they are gone up already but notwithstanding all the fees were paid Some Time Since, they are delay'd Sealing, on Account of Some Mistakes about Peter Sarvis's patent, which Mistake has been Set to Rights since

the Governor's Arrivall — if you remember Sir you desired me to present a petition in the Names of the Sundry persons [me]ntiond in your Letter to me, which was accordingly done. [The peti]tion was passed & the Survey has been returnd into the [it] Seems everything is now ready for the Offices to proceed [] that Nobody has orders to pay the fees — the Governor [con]founded this patent with the other two & they [] till such Times as they Shoud be Satisfied [] which I never had any Orders about from you [] paid fees for those two first patents as you [w]as explaind when the Governor came [] Seald — However Sir Harry [] you have Sent me [] a Syllable said about paying [] of Sarvis belongs to; the Man [] £20,000 of your's in my hand I woud [not pay] untill I receive your Orders for that purpo[se] you will let me know what I am to do about [] glad you would let Sir Harry Moore know that [] about it, for If I may be allowd to judge [] he certainly thinks I have both Orders & money [for] for he insists upon it that you have wrote him So & that [] to me for what was necessary, by which I Suppose he means [] He sent for me this Morning to know how he was to direct [] He Seems a little displeas'd about your having So long [] to Send him the Names for the patent of One Mr Lawyer [] purchased at Schoharrie 2 Years ago, I think I remem[ber that] purchase—He tells me Lawyer lodged the Money in the [] Mr Colden a long Time ago & that he made a formall [] to him at Johnson Hall about the Delay, which he [] was owing to your Neglect in not furnishing the [] Says you are concerned in that & all other patents [] from the Indians—I told him I must write to you [] might depend I woud mention it to you & that I [] it woud not rest with you—Sir Harry

(en[tre nous]) greatly dissatisfied with Something or other [at Johnson Hall (?)] he Vows he will never more go up when you [are away (?)] that when he arrivd neither the Indians nor any [] that the Indians were prevented from Settling [the Kaiaderosseras dispute] by means of undue Influence — He Says []
 Come down & that he will have the Ind[ians] []
 they may be brought to just [terms] []
 He has a right to do, as the [Ministry (?)] []
 Indian Department into []
 the While of the []
 them []
 []
 [the Indians] woud not be persuaded to Sell [the Intervening Lands to persons] who went up with him to purchase them [] Resolutions &c^a being a little surprisd [] of his own Accord mention those Matters to me [] of Saying my Sentiments very freely to Any Man [] in my Side—I told his Excellency that as to the [Kay]ad^s patent I was no further acquainted with it than [] ^sthat as to the Intervening Lands I knew of no body who [has a] right to purchase them but myself & that I woud att all [times endea]vour to Support that Right — for that upon his own Recommendation [of] that Affair to you 2 years ago, the Indians then gave me [a prom]ise that Nobody but myself Shoud have them — that I had [] understood they coud Sell their own property to whoever they [or] coud let it alone at their Option — that As they lookt upon [themselves] as bound in honour to Sell to none but myself — I shoud always [] myself as bound in honour to my Associates & in Interest [to myself] to purchase them whenever they Shoud think it good to Sell [] should take every fair Method to prevent their Selling to others [] I flatterd myself his Excellency woud not consider any Influence [] which I shoud consider as necessary to Support my own Right [shoud] be happy if He coud prevail on You to come down at the

[time] that He Shoud issue his Orders to the Indians to come down [] He might be convinced that the Indians were not influenced [] but their own Deliberations as a Nation of People [] was in their own Disposall, for that I was confident [] the Same people either at New york or Johnson Hall [] — I likewise told him, that if any person was [] Indians as to the intervening Lands, it must be [] done, was to remind them of their promise [] ould be able to prevail on them to keep their [] down or not — this is the Substance [] will please to keep to yourself [] think proper

[JOHN WETHERHEAD]

BILL OF FREDERICK VISCHER

A. D. S.

June 1768

Sir William Johnson Beronet Dr.

To Fradrick Veshes

To going Express to New London by Order of	
Cor ^l Guy Johnson	£ 8 0 0
To one Day Detained there	0 10 0
To the hire of a Horse 2 Day at 4/	0 8 0
	<hr/>
	£ 8 18 0

FRADRICK VESHER

INDORSED: Frederick Vischers

[Acc^t.] going as an Express
£ 8. . 18 -

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London July 13th. 1768

The inclosed Letter Came in the last [mail] from New York I suppose by mistake.

am just Returned from Windam where I went in order to Execute the matter with our Good friend Col^o Fitch which was Committed to my Care by Mr Wharton to whom I have this day wrote and Returned the Papers left with me.

On my Arrival at Norwich last Monday on my Way to Windam I found Col^o. Putnam [] and several others — they were pretty Cautious [] however I was informed they were in a few [] to be joyn'd by Cap^t Little and Some others [when] important matters were to be taken into [con- sider]ation we dined together and I gave them []ning but there was not much said Except by [Colonel Putnam] who declared he would not yet give up [] as the Poltronns in Boston had — after I [] I] fell in Company with one of the Lieut [Gov. Trumbulls sons] who told me the Cause of [] was that they were well Convinced I was one of s^r William Johnsons [] who was the greatest Obstacle to their [His] interest with that of his friends had [over set General] Lymans Plan and Pre- vented any new Colony [] Granted — and many other things which would be [] to trouble you with — this Person young Mr [] and I was formerly well acquainted and Riding [a] few miles together Bro^t him to inform me that [Colonel] Putnam had some thoughts of going to England [] did not know but he would determine that after [] & Sail with him three or four days in [] Ship belonging to Norwich which ship is []

Loaded and tis said will sail tomorrow — []
 the same Vessell that Brought over the English []
 Mr Trumbull was Violent against a []
 Commiss^r Cust^o House Officers &c and []
 himself when I mentioned a Bisshop []
 them who had wrote in Favour of that []
 I told him I hoped he would not []
 wished well to it as I thought []
 the thing two far — no [he]
 I wish I had the []

[] fact and the sentiments of the Country
 [] other matters but it would far Exceed the
 [] of a Letter—at Windam Col^o Dyer made
 [] inquiry when & how the line was to be Run
 between the Indians and the Colonys to all which I [in]formed
 him I was intirely ignorant—Col^o Fitch tells [me] that Dyer
 says if the Susquehanna & Delaware [Com]panys Purchaises
 fall within the Line now to be Run he is for making no more
 applycations for Grants or Charters — but Directly settle the
 Land by Virtue of the Indian Deed and in this way he shall
 give his Advice — but I did not hear that the Col^o had Resolved
 to move with the first party [or] be otherways Concerned then
 by Advice —

Col^o Fitch desired me to present [his] best Respects to you
 and sincere wishes for your [hea]lth — M^{rs} Chew and my
 Little Family are [] Except the Little Boy who has
 had a smart [] this day or two wch Doct Moffatt says
 is owing [to his] teeth — if he Could speak he would I am
 [the] wishes of the Rest of us for the recovery [] and if
 our Fervent Desires are [] the springs will Compleat the
 [the Almi]ghty of his infinite Mercy Grant I Sent you
 by the last post [] so every week the Boston Papers—
 from [] Great township we have had no intilgence
 [] last Post — I beg the Favour of my []
 Respects to s^r John and Col^o. Croghan [whom I] have as much

Esteem for as one man Can [have for] another and am with
heart filled with [] Respect and Gratitude

Dear Sir

Your most Obed[]

most Hble servant

JOS. CHEW

The Hon^{ble} SR. WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED: Joseph Chew's letter

July 1768

FROM JOHN MORIN SCOTT ET AL.

L. S.

New York, July 13, 1768

We are sorry to find that the [trea]ty with the Indians for
setling the Dispute between [them] and the Proprietors of
Cayoderoseras Patent, provd []; and that their Claims
were such as our Agent [Mr. Rem]sen could not think himself
at Liberty to accept of [] as we are sincerely & heartily
dispos'd to make every [reasonable] Concession that can be
desired of us to accommodate [the differ]ences relative to said
Patent: we do not yet [] meeting with the Success which
the Uprightness [of our inten]tions may appear to merit.

[] not indeed conceive ourselves in the Situation
[] for the Purchase of a Right; but as
[] Gratuity to extinguish an Indian Claim
[] esteem to have been long since out
[] mean in Short to be at perfect
Peace with the Indians by procuring []
public Release of all Claims & Pretences to []
within the Limits of our Patent according to our []
so that no Controversy may remain concerning []
unless the Crown should think proper to dispute []
Extension of the Patent; which we cannot imagine []

ever be the Case. — Nor can we help flattering [ourselves] that the Indians, whatever may be their Conception [] the Point of Right, will, from innate Principle[s of] common Justice, prefer those who already es[teem the] Lands to belong to them, to any other Purchaser [] this View Mr. Peter Remsen (assisted by Mr. Isaac [Low]) returns to the Treaty with full Powers to strike [a] Bargain with the Indians which he sha[] proper.

As we conceive the Success of [] Attempt will depend greatly upon the [] Friendship with which you have [] honor us on the Subject we [] to you for an Exertion of your [] over the Indians, to enable Mr. Peter Remsen to [a] Bargain with them, as favourable to us all as [will be] consistent with your own Ideas of Justice.

We are

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Hblt. Servants

[New Yor]k July 13th 1768 }
 Sir William Johnson }
 Baronet }

JN^o: MORIN SCOTT
 BENJⁿ: KISSAM
 JOHN OGILVIE
 DIRCK LEFFERTS
 EVERT BANCKER
 RICH^d: BANCKER
 ADRIAN RENAUDET
 ANTHO VAN DAM
 JOHN BEEKMAN
 CORNELIS TIEBOUT
 THOMAS CLARK
 ADRⁿ: BANCKER Jun^r:
 CORNELIUS CLOPP

INDORSED: From []
 & the rest of the Committee
 for Kayadarosseras ☩
 Mr. P. Remsen their Agent.

THOMAS GAGE TO GUY JOHNSON

*A. L. S.*¹*New York July 18th, 1768.*

SIR,

Your Letter of the 5th: Inst: confirms many Reports that there has been Commotions amongst the Savages in all parts. No doubt Belts have been sent amongst them by French and Spaniards, and those Sent last Fall by the Senecas or others of the Six Nations have operated greatly to incense them against us. By Letters just arrived from Missilimakinak, they had received advice from the Ottawas of Arbre Croche² that a Number of War Canoes had been discovered; and they suspected that the St Joseph, Chippewas and other Indians with some French &c. were on their way to do Mischief, and that the Six Nations were expected up there. This last I conclude proceeds from the Belts and Messages sent last Fall. The Cherokees in their war Excursions on the Ohio and ouabache have killed some People, And brought in Eight white Scalps and two French Men Prisoners. Some of the Scalps Supposed to be English.

The Behavior of the Traders with respect to the Chippewa Chief is a vilanous Instance of their Rapacity and little Care what Mischief they do for the Sake of a little present Gain. you may depend upon all the Assistance in my power to give you towards bringing them to Punishment; but the Laws in these respects are so very deficient it is always a difficult Matter to punish them.

I have Spoke to Mr. Leake concerning the Provision who tells me that he Sends it only to Schenectady from whence Sir William Johnson orders it to be carried on as he wants it. You

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² An Ottawa village on the northwest shore of the lower peninsula of Michigan.

will therefore be so good to order Such Quantitys to the German Flatts as you Judge there will be occasion for.

I am with great Regard,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

GUY JOHNSON Esq.,

INDORSED: N York July 18th. 1768.

From Gen^l. Gage to
Coll Guy Johnson D. Ag^t.

FROM SIR HENRY MOORE

L. S.

Fort George July 18th 1768

SIR

I have lately had another application from the Patentees of the Kanyaderoseras Land, who have delegated two Persons from hence with Power to treat again with the Indians concerning the settlement of the dispute between them; They expect that the Survey which I order'd to be made will be compleated by the time these Deputies arrive at Albany by which means the contending Parties will be able to fix their lines with more certainty [] of course to enter into an Agreement which [] be lasting.

They desire that I would recommend [matter] strongly to you and hope [] Assistance in your Power [] [] of what has been men[tioned in the Secretary of] State's letter to me, for (after [the disappointment (?)]) I have so lately met with), I sh[all [] to send home a satisfactory Acc[] proceeding which I am sorry to [] my power at present,

While I was at Your Ho[use] ask'd for the Indian Records, but [was told that] they theywere lock'd up, which I th[ought a] little extraordinary as there were no [] motives for this last excursions of m[in] transact Business with the Indians [] I desir'd to see was the Result of [] which was held upon this very [dispute] years ago, and beg the favor of you [] have an Attested Copy of that []

The Meeting [] at the time M^r Living[ston was secretary for] Indian Affairs [] of this city []

[Your pres]nce here is thought absolutely [necessar]y, and I shall be very glad to assure you personally, that I am with great truth and Esteem

Sir

Your most Obedient and
humble Servant —

H: MOORE.

INDORSED: Sir H. Moore's Letter
wth. an Enclosure —

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 396-97, is listed a letter of July 20th to the Earl of Hillsborough, reviewing Johnson's course under the plan of 1764 for Indian affairs,¹ considering the proposal to commit to the colonies the charge of Indian expenses, stating the causes of increase in expenses, including French liberality toward the Indians, English ill treatment and the spread of English settlements, also the cause of the war in 1763, promising to work under any plan and pointing out the need of an ampler allowance for expenses in the northern department than in the southern. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:896-904; Q, 2:520-24 and *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.* 8:82-87.)

¹ See *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 7:634-41.

Goddard when put [] office at Boston on Monday
 & go by []
 The Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM []
 INDORSED: []
 Jos. Chew []
 wth. Sundry Papers

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall July 20th. 1768

I arrived here the 15th Inst after almost three months absence, and whether owing to the Change of Air or Exercise I find myself much improved in health.—

I often wished to have had it in my power to have seen you at N, York, but the plan I had laid down & the rest & retirement which I so much Wanted would not admit me to that pleasure & induced me to take the Springs in my Way back, to try their effect on my Legs, which I do not find much better.— M^r Johnson has communicated Your Correspondence during my absence and I am very glad to find that what has been done proves agreeable to you. Your favor of the 11th of this Inst to him came to hands to day, as also that from M^r Blair concerning [] Boundary. I think I have only to do with the [gener]al Line between the English, and Indians, & that all [] of a Provincial Nature must be Settled in the Manner [] Observed,— A Mistake has been made by which the [] pro]posed by the board of Trade to the Northward of [Owegy²] far as I can See has been occasioned by its not [] Settled at the Congress in 1765 (as I find M^r [Blair]) The Indians did not meet me at that [] I only took that opportunity [] I might [] []

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² See above To Thomas Gage, April 23, 1768.

'The Indians will not be []
 Boundary will be defeated []
 must be so obvious that an Explanation []
 did not think it was requisite with regard to [] & if it
 was [] that it should not restrict this Province in
 pur[chasing] he will alter this Opinion, as it is contrary to the
 [] Boundary.—

I have received Letters from the [] with a Reform
 of the Indian Department which Mr [] has Mentioned
 to you on which there is Subject for [] It places
 the Management of the Indian Trade in [the] the Colonies,
 with a View to a saving and [] that
 they were guilty of Notorious Errors at a time when [the
 Indians] had reason to, & did actually fear them. It Supposes
 the [] period when their opinion is so much Changed
 into a [] security that they will take more pains & be
 at more expence than []

This was always a troublesome part of my []
 present Change has originated with the Merchants []
 the Hardships of Restrictions &ca the Government before the
 Last War do not [] of Attention to Indian Affairs,
 & are now tired of the [Expenses] for Trade, but the Necessity
 of a [] under [] connections with
 them were enlarged & []
 The moderate Expences of Former []
 Connection with Ind^s & th[]
 of the Colon[ies]
 []

After the reduction of Canada the []
 formed with so many powerfull Nations [] us
 rendered the Department more necessary

I cannot help observing that besides the Limitting [expen]ces
 in the present Reform, the Extent and business of [the] Two
 Departments does not appear to have been duly weighed The
 Northern District was always considered to Exceed the other

Very Much as it really does, and whilst the Sec^y of State writes me to retrench all the Establishments &ca regarding the Indⁿ. Trade I do not See any provision made for My Deputys sallaries, who had their Offices without a View to the Trade & Antecedent to it, and who are so necessary to the Department that it cannot be carried on without them, Neither is there any mention made of Smiths or Interpreters, and the £3000 ^p Ann is a Sum too Small for presents & Incidental Expences to pay them out of it, an Addition of £1000 ^p Ann might as the Affairs of Trade are placed in other hands, have in some Measure Answered & defrayed the [sa]llaries of the Officers Necessary and this might be taken with the [strictest] reason & propriety from the Southern Districts allowance, I [] be much Obliged if you will represent what you think best [] to the Sec^y of State that something may be done, for if I am [to continue] in Office, or do any service I would pay the people out of [my own sa]llary rather than want those Assistances that are absolutely [] necessary, and I hope to hear from you on these Subjects & to know whether I sh^d not remove the Comissarys [] an Acct of Pay & Disbursemt^s, which co^d. not come down in time [] order payment for it,— I have made out a [] it will be necessary to give the Ind. for their [] Moderate as I could in the [] he is a very good Judge of [] [] Cheap purchase for such []

The people about Canajoharie [] taking away the Materials of that Fo[r]t [] applied to me requesting Liberty to remove [] to serve them as a Church, I hope you will have [] Indeed, I told them when I had that fort built [] the Garrison was Withdrawn, & that we had no [] might apply it to their own Use.

The Cheweigh Chief with his party (who Mr Johnson Wrote you co^d. not get a passage from Niagara) is however Since come

here, & has buisness of importance which he will Speak upon Tomorrow, There are Likewise arrived Sev^l. Ind^s. from the Upper Nations, on all which Subjects I hope to write you by next post.—

I shall send the papers you require to the Judge Advocate in Canada.

TO HENRY MOORE

L. S.¹

Johnson Hall July 20th. 1768

SIR

I have been favoured with your Excellencys Letter of the 2^d. Ins^t., and am very sorry that y^e. retirement so necessary to the restoration of my health, & the Rout which a Swelling in my Leggs induced me to take in my way back has deprived me of the pleasure of Seeing You at New York.

Before my return I received sundry dispatches from the Secretary of State, & amongst them a report of the Board of Trade,² of which doubtless you have a Copy, with an Arrangement which I apprehend proceeded from the representation of the inutility of Comissarys of Trade (According to the Plan of the Board when Lord Hillsborough presided at it) from its being in some respects impracticable to establish them in such a manner as would have answered the End of their Institution. The Management of the Trade is therefore committed to the Colonies, from an expectation that they have profited by the Experience of former misconduct, w^{ch}. seems to be well known to Government, and which I heartily wish may no longer exist.

As I shall carefully avoid invading a Province Committed to Others, I flatter myself there will be no danger of any interfering or clashing of Authority. The Concerns of Trade being entirely seperated from the powers & Dutys of the Superintendants over

¹ In British Museum, Additional Manuscripts 22679. fo. 42, London, England. The draft of this letter much injured.

² *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:19-34.

Indian Affairs & Transactions, which are distinct in their Nature, and under such peculiar Circumstances as to be only executed by an Officer on the part of the Crown On one Uniform & General System according to y^e. repeated Sense of Government. Whatever Matters require the Provinces to be consulted, it shall be done, and as in these, and all other particulars I never did, nor ever shall lose sight of the general intentions of my appointment, so I shall direct my Care, Influence & Experience to the general good, at the same time that I shall be always happy in serving the Interests of this Province. It would give me great pleasure to Attend your Excellency in Council at this time & to Communicate my thoughts on the Management of the Indian Commerce, but as absolute necessity compelled me to go abroad during a Summer when not only the Affair of the Boundary & y^e. many discontents to the Westward required my presence, but also when an Important Embassy from the powerfull Nation of the Chippawacs was Expected on Matters of the greatest consequence, and as the Cheif of that Nation is here at my House, I must of course despair of Attending. Did not this last circumstance demand my Attendance, the uncertainty of my health, but above all the preparations necessary for so Important a Congress, & the Steps to be imediately taken to appease the Disorders to the Westward must of course deny me the pleasure of paying you my personal Respects.

I am very sorry to hear you mention that the most material Objects of your late Journey have not answered your Expectations, as I find that the Land purchases have been all perfected, & persuade myself that Co^l. Johnson would have given you, or have received any information preparatory to the Boundary, which was all that could then be done, as that is to be settled at a General Congress with me, which is only delayed by the distance of the Shawanese, Delawares & Ohios, when due regard will be paid to all Titles, & when I think it would be necessary that New York send Commissioners to be present, as the rest of the Colonies purpose to do, some of whom are now on their way.—

As to the Mohawk dispute about Kayadarosseras I had at the repeated desire of the Patentees promised my Assistance & Influence with the Indians to have the same Settled in an Amicable way, as I persuaded myself the Government would be verry well Satisfied if the Indians were so, which I signified to his Majestys Secretary of State, & in conformity thereto, I instructed my Deputy to give Mr. Remsen¹ the Agent from the Patentees all reasonable Countenance & favour towards Settling that Matter in the way most desired by the Owners, but I find that neither they nor he could agree, & that he declined any farther terms 'till he had consulted the Patentees. The other affair regarding Klock, as it was in the Attorney Generals hands, I did not conceive that any thing could be done in it at my House, & therefore the papers relative to that affair were not left out. I observe that Your Excellency called him down there, & that he has brought an Extraordinary charge against Mr. Livingston.

From the tenor of some of yr. Excellencys letters I had some reason to doubt of your coming up at that time. Ever since I came home I have been verry much, & verry necessarily occupied on other Matters but from what little attention I have been able to give those Affairs I realy cannot discover, the management you hint at, but find every thing done which I expected, possible had I been at Home that Influence which I think I have, might (without having been unduly exerted) have operated more in favour of the Patentees. I shall therefore be extremely glad that you would clear it up to me. In the mean time I am much oblidged to your good opinion of my intentions, which I am confident will always appear Consistent with the Dutys of my Office, & the strictest disinterestedness & integrity.

The Indians of Stockbridge have been with me during my late Tour, and are verry earnest to have their Land Dispute enquired into in pursuance of his Majestys Order² You may

¹ Peter Remsen

² See letter of Sir Henry Moore to the lords of trade, August 12, 1766, *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 7:849-51.

recollect that the Land was Judged to be comprehended within the Bounds of the Massachusetts Bay, but since claimed by Mr. Ranslear. I have told them that I would mention it to Your Excellency, & let them know your Answer.

I am with perfect Esteem

Your Excellencys

Most Obedient

& verry Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

INDORSED: Sr. W^m. Johnson July 20
1768

FROM AMOS OGDEN

A. L. S.

[Reading Town, New Jersey, July 20, 1768]

[]

I have disposed [of Nanticoke Indian lands to the amount] of Two hundred and fifty Pounds and [] at Johnson hall Within four or five [] Will admit at which Time shall [] My Proseading on this Ocation.

I am

With the Greatest []

Your Honnours

Most Obedent & verry hum[]

AMOS OGDEN

To SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED: On his majestys Service

To Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: Readingtown Jersey

July 20th. 1768 —

Cap^t. Amos Ogden —

TO JOHN WETHERHEAD

*A-Df. S.**Johnson Hall, July 20th. 1768*

[I ac]knowledge the receipt of y^r. last, []
 to Understand that you purpose paying us a Visit []
 will always be verry agreeable to me & my Family & Wish [we
 may at] the same time have the pleasure of Mr^s. Wetherheads
 Company.

I arrived here 3 days ago, & finding the intended gen^l.
 Congress [] near, have sent Mr. Adems (who is well
 acquainted with the [prese]nts I shall want) to purchase as soon
 as possible the Quantity of Goods w^h. I shall want, & I directed
 him to take from You all that [you] have or can spare of Such,
 but I fear y^r. Absence may prove some [] disapoint-
 ment.— The 2 Patents are at length come to hand []
 be glad to receive from You the Acc^t. of Expences w^h. attended
 []ing them, as also the State of my Acc^t. with You.—
 I shall [] Gov^r. soon on the Subject of the other Patents.
 The list of Names [sent] you to insert in the Petition of w^h.
 Number Peter Servis is princ^l. [] the 5th. part of that
 purchase made by me of the Oneidaes, when the []
 came here, & of w^h. he, the Gen^l. Mr. Hasenclever &ca were to
 have [] I am ready to pay my Share when called for,
 or y^e Patten^t is finished. [As I advan]ced the purchase money
 for the Whole, also for y^e. Survey, of w^h. [part] near Six Hun-
 dred Pounds due to me, there will be but a [] to
 advance.— I would have You deliver in the names w^h. []
 that purpose imediately, that no delay may be pleaded for []
 tho I am hopefull that has been done already, when y^r. presented
 [] behalf, as this may probably miss you, I shall not
 add [] I am

Y^{rs}. &ca.

W J —

[] Adems £197 Cur^{cy}. being y^e. am^t. of Lt. Roberts
 [] to deliver up to Mr. Adems, when he pays y^e. money
 [] discharge of w^h. I now Send You £92.1.2 Cur^{cy}.

as I apprehended [would have] been a Sufficient Caution to him to Avoid S[uch Expenses] and I make no doubt he had the like from the Commander in C[hief] As I [could not accept] of his Bills, I Did not keep them in my hands, [consequently] I cannot be Exact as to their Ammount, but [to the] very best of my recollection the Whole of his [drafts] upon me for Indian Expences Since May 17[66(?)] is abt. £5000 N York Curry wch were chiefly [said to be] incurred in the Months of June & July of that Y[ear] As to the Information which the Gen^l desires I should [give] you concerning the delivery of Hopkins's Letter¹ and [the] Conversation that passed thereon, I am to tell you that Major Rogers was at that time gone to [his post] That I inclosed the Letter to him, [] [] has been such as to bring him into [his present] situation.

I am

HECTOR THEO^s. CRAMAHE ESQ^r.

ACCOUNT OF LOSSES

D. S.²

[Philadelphia, July 23, 1768]

[]³
 [] Oath which he took on the Holy Evangelists of A[lmighty God] depose and say, That the Goods Charged in the above [account] Hundred and ninety four pounds Eleven shillings and s[] Indian Country under the Care of Hambaugh Vandervelden and [] amounting to Two Thousand One Hundred and eighty five Po[unds] farthing which they have given in the above Account is the whole [] therefrom Whereby a Loss of One Thousand

¹ In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 7:993.

² "Losses sustained by Abraham Mitchel, James and Thomas Dundass & Co. by means of Indian depredations."—*Johnson Calendar*, p. 397.

³ Several lines missing.

four Hundred and [eight] one penny Farthing did arise thereon by the Indians seizing th[] Country And this Affirmant & Deponent further say that it is out of [his power] exact Account as the Indians seized all the Books and Papers [] Prisoner And further this affirmant & Deponent say not []
 sworn at Philad^a. the Day & Year aboves^d []
 Witnesseth my hand & Seal

IS. JONES MAYOR

ACCOUNT OF SALES

D. S.¹

[Philadelphia, July 23, 1768]

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[]		90 10	-
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[]	company to Detroit	833	- -
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			£3594	11 4

[] 1768

[Errors] Excepted

Abr^a. Mitchell

James & Thomas Dundas

AN ACCOUNT WITH ABRAHAM MITCHELL

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 397, is entered an account of Isaac Vandervelden & Frederick Hambugh & Co. with Abraham Mitchell, dated Philiada., July 23. Destroyed by fire.

¹ "Sales of the skins of the company [Mitchel, Dundass & Co.] brought from Detroit by Isaac Vandervelden."—*Johnson Calendar*, p. 397.

² Several lines missing.

TO JOHN GLEN

A. L. S.

Johnson Hall July 27th. 1768

[] y^{rs}. concerning y^e. provisions, and am
 [] that I purpose holding the Gen^l Congress at
 [Fort Stanwix], to which place I would have Sixty barrels of
 [flour] 50, of Pork, & Six of Rice Sent as Soon as y^u. please
 [the] Remainder to be left at Co^l. Harkemers until farther
 [ord]ers, & that under Cover.— and let that which is left
 [at] Fort Stanwix be put under Cover at the Fort.—

I shall want a good tight Boat to carry []
 Myself & Company up there as I cannot ride on horseback
 [] there will also be a Number of tight boats wanted
 to carry [] up the Present, which as it will be very
 large, will take [] a good many Boats, these Should
 all be ready by the [] Middle or 20th. of August at
 farthest.—

Y^{rs}.

W J —

[To MAJOR] GLEN

INDORSED: July 27th. 1768 —

Letter to John Glen Esqr
 concerning Boats
 & Provisions

TO SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall July 28th. 1768.

SIR,

I owe you many Apologies for my remissness in Not Answer-
 ing a former Letter of yours besides your favor of the 21st of

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. In handwriting of Guy
 Johnson.

May which last I received whilst in New England, and neglected Answering till my return home, as I did many others, having dedicated that Journey to the recovery of my health, to retirement and relaxation from buisness which I wanted, and am likely to want So long as I live, — A Severe Indispositon occasioned by Cold Contracted in attending the Congress last Spring to make peace between the Northern Indians and Cherokees, occasioned My Journey to New England & prevented my Answering your former Letter. —

I am Sorry to observe that the Letter you sent me from the Society did not contain any thing concerning the late Dr. Barclay's house, they Express however a great desire to establish the Missionaries which they Expected would have some Success here when as they say the Clergy "had some kind of Assurance that a larger Sallary than usual would have been allowed on such an Occasion", and desire My Information concerning the Allowance proper for a Missionary for this Department. I shall Write them as soon as possible being at present greatly & Necessarily hurried in preparations for the Boundary which by his Majestys Orders I am to settle between the British Colonies and the Sev^l. Indian Nations, but at present must observe that with regard to the Mission at the Mohocks, having the Care of that and the Conajoharee Village, I think a Glebe & £70 Ster ^ƒ Ann would do, and would encourage a Worthy Man in the Discharge of a Duty, which would, have for its Object, much More than the Indians — When D^{rs}. Barclay & Ogilvie were there, I know they had a large Number of Regular Church People (if not Communicants) part of Whom now are without Divine Worship & the rest go many Miles to attend the Service with other Denominations of Christians, at present the Number of Whites are greatly increased, and did not the Subject exceed the bounds of a Letter, I could Sufficiently demonstrate the absolute Necessity there is for Seizing upon the flying Moment, the only one which may ever offer. —

During my late Stay in New England I met with sufficient reasons for Justifying my Opinion, — the Superior Zeal of all

Dissenters would make them formidable were their Numbers less, I don't mean to find fault with Modes of faith but I plainly perceive that under a Mask of a very different Nature many are endeavoring to Weaken & hope to Annihilate the Church of England, which I think deserves, and demands protection and Indulgence, should they Succeed, their present principles, and the History of former times furnish us with suffict authority for Judging what may be Expected both by the Clergy & Professors of that Religion especially in such a Country as this is. — Albany is I find provided for, And the same Arguments which I have made use of in fav^r. of the Speedy Establishment of a Mission for the Mohawks will in a great Measure operate in favor for Schenectady & Johnstown, as to the last, it is a place where there are Sev^l. Indians constantly & many hundreds Occasionally, — Schenectady indeed will not have for its Object the Indians, but it is hard that people whose Zeal has induced them to lay out the Utmost they can in purchasing Ground & building a Good Church Should meet with so Severe a disappointment, when in a very few Years, they will be enabled to defray the Whole Expence of a Clergyman — As to Johnstown besides the Church w^{ch} was built at a large expence I have Just finished a Snug house for a Clergyman, but have heard nothing lately of [*M^r Seaberry*¹] One. I wish you wo^d.

¹ Erased. In a letter of October 1, 1768, to Dr Daniel Burton, Mr Seabury wrote: "With regard to the mission at Johnson Hall, Sir William hath not sufficiently explained himself. The greatest allowance that he hath proposed is £30 Sterling per ann, besides a House and 20 acres of Glebe; this with the Society's Salary, would be insufficient, considering the great numbers of Indians, that must be occasionally entertained by the Missionary, if he would acquire or support any Influence among them. It is moreover uncertain what Provision would be made in Case of St. Williams Death. . . I have a Wife and five Children." Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. B series. Vol. 2. New York, 1759-82. Part II. Transcript in Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

Inform me about him. and also concerning the School Master you proposed for the Mohocks, as they ardently wish for them.—

The Offer I made regarding Lands for the Service of the Church would I persuade myself if its Value was Justly known in England have been Seriously Considered Any other proof which I can give of my Zeal on so laudable an Occasion shall not be wanting — At present I can only Express my desire to hear from you on these Subjects and My Assurances of being always

D^r Sir &ca

INDORSED: July 28th 1768 —

To the Rev^d. D^r Auchmuty

GORDON FORBES TO THOMAS GAGE

Extract

[Capta]in Forbes¹ 34th Reg^t: to General Gage.

Dated Fort Chartres, Illinois 28th July, 1768

I have the honor to acquaint Your Excellency that I have just recieved a Letter from One of my Correspondents at S^t: Vincent, in which he says that the Indians of the Village were just arrived with Nine English Scalps, and Eight Horses Loaded with Peltry &ca &ca They Attacked a Hunting Party upon the Shawanese² River that left that Place in April last, killed and Scalped most of them, and on the 3^d. Instant Attacked a Party of Virginia Hunters upon the Green River which empties itself into the Ohio about Thirty Leagues below the falls. Killed One Man and took another Prisoner, who made his escape and came to this place; I hear their Chiefs intend coming here to beg Peace and forgiveness; I shall detain them Prisoners till Your Excellency's Pleasure be known, or they deliver me the Men that committed the Murders.

¹ Captain Gordon Forbes, successor to Lieutenant Colonel John Reed as commandant at Fort Chartres.

² The Cumberland river.

TO WILLIAM FRANKLIN

In the American Antiquarian Society, printed by C. H. Lincoln in *Transactions*, 11:48-49, is a draft of a letter of July 28th to William Franklin, mentioning Johnson's return from the seaside, examining the new system of management of Indian trade, based on colonial control, and hinting that New Jersey should be represented at the treaty for settling the boundary line.

TO JOSEPH GALLOWAY

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall July 28th 1768.

Mr Wharton delivered me your kind favor of [the 24th] of May whilst I was at the Sea Coast of [N E]ngland to endeavor to recover some health and Strength after a dangerous indisposition which reduced me to the lowest Extremity, and as Ease, Change of Air, & retirement from that Bustle which I am here always involved in were the principal Causes of my Journey, I omitted answering any Letters till my return, which I dare say will Apologize for my Silence

I have received Ample Orders Concerning the Boundary Line; which only waits the Arrival of those Indians from the Southward, who from their Vicinity to the Settlements &ca should be partys to the Treaty [As] for the Subject of the rest of your Letter you must [] since have heard that amongst other American [manage]ments, the Management of Trade is Committed [to the] Care & Charge of the Several Colonies, the Superintend[ents' salaries are] Encreased and a Small Limited Ann^l Allowance fixed [] paying the Expences of Indian Affairs, part [] Expected, according to the Extracts [] trans]mit me, and your [] with Mine, that []
 []
 Confined to the di[rection] []

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

with regard to the Trade, []
 will be found to require an Atten[]
 and Expensive a Nature, that there []
 apprehend the Colonies will hardly be []
 Unity of Measures, and proportion of Expen[ses]
 which the whole may be thrown into Con[fusion.]
 INDORSED: Speaker of Pennsylvania
 Assembly

TO PETER MIDDLETON

Df.

Johnson hall July 28th 1768.—

I did not receive your favor of the [] till three days ago, owing to its having [] by the Way of New London. —

I have heard often of Mr Upton, who if I mistake not was to have had some Concern in Lord Hollands share in the Tract purchased by me 2 years ago for some Noblemen & Gentlemen on the N Side, of the Mohock River above the German flats, or else, in one made at the same time South of that River, A Large purchase was lately made When the Gov^r. was at my house of a Tract Lying between the Delaware [and] Susquehanna, perhaps his Concerns may be there. — [I am] really at a Loss where it lies, — The Governor, or some [] N York (perhaps Mr Kelly may be able to give [you the In]formation concerning it, which when I am [better acqu]ainted with, I shall Gladly give you any [] Information regarding the Soil, or []ary to Mr. Uptons interest. — [] I should have of not get enough even [] & Relaxation from Business, [] Vain endeavoring to obtain, — [] Seemed the most private, but those [] Soon found me out, and I could not [] Tho Visited by Numbers I did not see []

he was probably afraid my Morals might []
to Loose for him —

I Shall be always glad to See []
from you, as I am

Dr Sir &ca

FROM ANDREW LEWIS¹ AND THOMAS WALKER²

L. S.

[Shamokin, July 29, 1768]

[]

[In consequence] of your Letter of the 23^d. of April to John [Blair the] President of the Council of Virginia, we were direct [] as Commissioners at a Congress therein appointed to [] this Time & Place. As we could get no further In[telligence] concerning this affair either from white people or Indians (for of the latter we have seen several) we thought [it] expedient to consult you & for that purpose have wrote [] the Post, but as we thought it not improbable that that Letter might miscarry or be long on the road we have concluded to send this by express. We purpose to stay about this place till we receive your further Instructions which we hope will be [so] on being under an absolute necessity of attending at a Congress [to] be held with the Cherrokees at Chiswell's mines on the borders [of] north Carolina about the 25th of Oct^r. If you should think [] other place more convenient for this expected Congress, [than] Shamokin we had rather attend at it than return [without] carrying some satisfactory account to our President [], provided we can be discharged from this [] Business by the last of September. The bearer our [] Cap^t. John Doudy was here preparing for his [] hunt; & we not being able to find

¹ General Andrew Lewis, of Virginia, a celebrated Indian fighter and revolutionary patriot.

² Dr Thomas Walker, of Virginia, explorer.

any other [] agreed to send him with this letter
 [] the Journey have given him sixteen []
 that you will generously []
 []

To The Hon'ble SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON B[]
 INDORSED: Ans^d. 18th Aug^t. by a Letter
 to Mr Tho^s. McKee —

ACCOUNT OF JOHN DE PEYSTER

A. D. S.

[July 30, 1768]

Sr. W^m Johnson Dr To Jⁿ De Peyster
 1767

[] 1	To fyles by Andries Wimp	£1	7	0
July 30	To 50 of Lath Nails	2	10	0
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		£3	17	0

Sr. above you have a Small Acc^t.

I am With Respect

Sr.

Your Humb Sarv^t

J^N DE PEYSTER

ADDRESSED: To

Sir W^m Johns[on]

Att

Jo[hanson Hall]

INDORSED: John Depeysters Acc^t

£3..17..—

PRESENTS TO INDIANS

Extracts of a letter to General Cage from the Illinois

July, 1768

The immense Expence attending the Indian Department must be a considerable Burthen to the Crown if all the other Nations,

¹ Apparently written by the commandant at Fort Chartres, Captain Gordon Forbes, of the 34th regiment.

on the Continent are so plentifully Supplied as those in this Neighbourhood — I have for some time observed that the more Presents they receive, the oftner they Return, and are less contented; and that their chief dependance rests more upon his Majesty's Bounty, than their own industry; for while they are supplied with Necessary's, and Provisions, they never move from their Village, but beging and hanging upon the Inhabitants, which gives them such a habit of Idleness (particularly the four Tribes in this District) that they are by the constant use of Spirituous Liquors become Effeminate and Debilitated: so much that nothing can be apprehended, from such a Dasterdly Race of Cowards, who impute, the bounty they Receive, [proceeds] from fear not of Love.—

The Commissary I believe Acts for the best, and takes [] the greatest pains to keep them in our Intrest, which is [easily] as the French at present have no occasion for their Service, [and] gives them Presents but of small Value.—

As it may be necessary to give them presents Annually, [] should be purchased at the lowest Prices, and could be bought considerably under the price, the Government is at present Charged with. Viz^t. Lead that is Charged 25 Sols p^r: wt [could] be had for 17, Spirits Issued at fifteen Livres could be procured at eight or Nine p^r: Gallon, Blankets, Strouds, and all other Articles in proportion, which would considerably reduce [] Publick Expence.— Please pardon this [which] I would not have offered, but the distance we are here from [the] World, conceals many things from your knowledge [which] cannot be divin'd without some Information, [] my duty to discover Abuses, that I hope to be [of] without falling under the Character of an In[former]

INDORSED: Extract of a Letter from
the Illinois, to Gen^l. Gage

unfortunate Concern [] will begg Leave to remind you of the patent I mentiod to you [] the Name of Peter Sarvis & his Associates — please [] Governor that you had not orderd me to pay for it & [] your Government these are the ffees —

[]	£12.10	⌘ M	£312.10
[]	£ 4	⌘ M	100 -
[]		⌘ M	125 -
[]			75 -
[]			

Mr Banyar will not be paid for [] of Brackens, he Says you promised [] you Concerning the Matter — I have p[] he had long ago & the other day demanded [] So that I took a fresh Receipt & now Send it you [] to be paid £5 for the Small patent, which he tells me [] pay him no more than £1.10, which is the proportion of [] for As the other offices dont charge more — I see no Cause [] him a present of £3.10 for nothing — this I have insisted [] I shall force him to comply with my own Terms¹— I have paid [] for the other patent of 18000 Acres a £5 —

I remain with Sincere Regard & Esteem
 Sir Your most Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson B^t
 att

Kinderhockspaw

⌘ Capt Trent

¹ It is shown by the Johnson Calendar, p. 398, that this discussion relates to Mr Colden's charges.

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. L. S.

Montreal 3^d. Aug^t. 1768.

[]

[] last of 22^d. Ult^o. I have been at Quebec to
 [] Gov^r. Carleton ab^t. some Indⁿ Matters concerning
 [the bound¹]aries of their Lands, which I hope now will by
 [the Sep^r.] Sess^s. be settled in their favour. The Gov^r. asked
 [me at] the same time whether you did not give me any
 [papers] relative to Maj^r. Rodgers Aff^r. I told him you was
 [not] returned from the Seacoast when I left home, he is an
 entire Stranger to his last Plot with the Frenchman [and] I
 could give him no particulars as I knew but a little [about] it
 and y^t by hear say. Chief Justice Hay told me [that] in Com-
 mon Law the Affid^t. could not hurt him.— [R]odgers wants to
 prolong his Tryal upon several pre[tences] and desires to be
 tried by a civil Court, which [Mr.] Hay told me he would
 endeavour to evade by having [his cr]ime changed Mutiny (he
 standing now indicted [for hig]h Treason a Crime under the
 Cognizance of the [civil law]) and the former under that of the
 Military [] The Governour asked me if I knew ab^t.
 the late Alterations [in the Dep]artment I replied I did some-
 thing, he told [] be very glad to continue me in his
 Province [] persuade M^{rs}. Claus to live here. I told
 him [] thing ab^t. it as yet expecting to hear
 [] as being but just arrived before []
 I am confident he knows but [] the whole Managem^t
 []
 And I am told S^t. Luc Le Cor[ne] this Spring in his
 Jaunt up the [] River told it in Confidence to an
 [] that the King had thanked you for your []
 dis]missed you, and gave the Managem^t to [others]. I told the

¹ Words supplied from an extract in *Journals of Major Robert Rogers*,
 p. 250-51.

Ind^{ns}. that spoke to me ab^t. it (one of them [] that so far from that the King confirmed you [in your de]partm^t. augmented your Salary, and thinking [matters of trade(?)] too trifling & incompatible when compared with [] Affairs of the Ind^{ns}. committed the former into [the] of the Provinces, which only they were to con[cern them]selves ab^t. and by no means interfere with the [] which pleased the Ind^{ns}. to hear.

One of the Gov^{ts}. Confidants told me, that the [expenses] of that Trip amounted very high (Perthuis [] 100 Doll^{rs}. by it:) and he having lately received [] General Gage by no means to incurr any Ind [expenses on] the Crowns Acco^t. as they would not be paid, [] him to a Stand how to get them paid, his provi[] wretchedly poor as to defray them; His pr[esents] are generally very improperly bestowed, [] he gave last year to a parcell of Lazy [vagabonds] great Jealousies of the better deserv[ing] Trouble to make them easy. St Luc[] formerly in the Indⁿ. Service, [and] expect I believe to be employ[] but they will find themselves [] cant lavish away [] []

[] Master; There is now a general [] The upper Indⁿ. Nat^s. as well as the [] the French will soon retake this Country [] dustriously spread by some french Emisaries [] with an Acco^t. of the Disturbances at Boston [] the flighty Frenchman in Canada cannot con[ceal his] inward Satisfaction those Riots give him when [he] asks the Detail of them of an Englishman, notwithstand^e. [they] are published every week in the Quebec Gazette in their [own] Language.

Mr. Gale the Bearer of this who hurrys [down] on Acco^t.

his Companion Mr Livingston who is going [] try
 for Mr. French' place, obliges me to send this with []
 writing to any Body near the River where fore must []
 you will remember me to all and that I intend to []
 by next post. I could wish Sr. John would take the []
 of Canada this fall. By a Letter recd last Saturday []
 Majr. Dan^l Campb^l of 22^d Ult^o. I saw with the utmost []
 your Return from the springs in health, w^{ch} I hope to []
 confirmed from home by next post.

[I rem]ain with Duty & tenderest Regard

Hon^d. Sir

Your Obedient Son

DAN. CLAUS

[	]	ab ^t . Potters	}
[	]	relating to	
[]		
[	]	with Ind ^{ns} . in great parties,	
[	]	never Saw white people before.	
[	]	find he will be down	
[	]	ported in his []

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London August 4th. 1768

[]

I have a Letter from our Friend Mr Wharton [which tells]
 me you had Reached Albany the 14th of July [] I hope in
 a Better state of health than when [you] left new London which
 which gives me the most [] pleasure — I was in great
 Pain & Really [feard] Very much for you on Acct. of the Con-
 tinual [] you have] had and the Dismal accounts I heard of
 [you on the] road — but God of his infinite mercy be praised
 [] you have got over them, and I hope he will

[] of my Earnest Solicitation for the Perfect
[restora]tion of your health —

When I wrote you last I was not able []
Particular with Regard to the Sons of [Licentious]ness in
Boston — it seems those Gentry [] Easie at seeing
any Branch of the Customs [] of Commissioner
Remain in their Great [] on the 11th. of July they
made a [] the house] of John Williams Esq^r Inspector
[general [] a Probability of more []
inspected they Summon'd him to appear before them the Next
day [] morning had printed Bills of which [the
enclosed is a] Copy put up in Every Part of the [town []
it seems this Couragious band did not []
at the Place appointed and Mr. Williams []
Spirited behaviour prevented their []
insolence to him — I also inclose you []
Print or Carractature of the 17 Gentlemen¹ []
for Complying with the Kings Requisition []
you'l plainly Perceive how those per[sons are] treated who
would be Loyall & Decent.

Mr Harrison the Collector []
his Lady Son & Daughter arrived here []
Mr Harrison is not Recover'd from []
Received in his Breast by a Brut[]
Assault on the Officers of the Customs []
it is imposible to point out []
matters thier when Government []
an End and where Every one []
Neighbour — where it []
scoundrill or Villian []
[] a Bell Crying Fire &ca and then direct

¹ Seventeen members of the Massachusetts House of Representatives had voted to rescind the circular letter of the House to the assemblies of the other colonies sent in protest against the revenue acts and the method of enforcement. See *Narrative and Critical History of America*, 6:42-45.

[] what object he Pleases—a Fine
 [] tion this and from which Some of
 [] Very Gentry who have encouraged these things
 [] not free from the Terrors of — yet all
 [] in the Clammour against Acts of Parliment
 [] —I have not heard how the Sons of
 Liberty in this Colony Propose to behave when matters Come
 to a Period which surely they will soon but am informed one
 smith of New York has [] his Letters
 amongst them on Religious affairs [] the Dismal
 Consequences of a Bishop — I hope Soon [] be able to
 tell you which of the Smiths this [is]

[Mr Harrison desired me to present [] Respects to
 you and Sir John and wishes [] been so happy as to
 have been in New [London] while you had been here — I
 have [] the Boston Papers Every week and
 [] to do so — Mrs Chew who is []
 desires her best Compliments [] hear your health is
 better than when you left us — I hope after you []
 over the great Bussiness your absence fr[om
] must occasion I shall have a Line from []
 will only just say my whole & intire de[pence is] upon your
 kindness and goodness, and that []
 I will be the most Greatfull Person Living []
 things Could I say on this subject but am []
 to trouble you — have just heard that []
 Arrived last Wensday at New York — the []
 her you will have before this gets to hand []
 my best Respects to Sir John Col^o. Johnson []
 Croghan and our other Friends, and am []
 most dutifull Regard & most sincere wish []
 health and happiness

Dear Sir

Your []

[]

The Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

Boston July 16th. 1768

[This] is to inform the Publick that John Williams Esq^r (who tho Born in America [has] taken a Commission for Inspector General [of] his Majestys Customs in America, and thereby become an Actor in the Conspiracy [form]ed against his native Country) has promised to meet the Friends of Liberty this [] at 12 °Clock at the Town House where Every person is desired to attend who has any [con]cern for the Public Welfare.

God Save the King

[] with the News Papers

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson Hall Aug^t. 5th. 1768.

DEAR SIR

Since mine of the 20th ult^o. I have received your favor of the 18th. to Mr. Johnson. The Chipweigh Chief who notwithstanding the Obstructions given to his Journey, at last found means to come down has had sev^l. Conferences with me, the purport of his Journey was to inform me of the discontents to the Westward & of Belts which he declares have come from the Misisipi thro' all their Nations, that some had already accepted of them, & that the Chipeweights waited his return to know what Steps they should take. I have given him sev^l. Speeches to deliver to his people, and a handsome present to carry Home to them — According to my accounts The Western Indians seem afraid & apprehensive of the Six Nations, & this corresponds likewise with Mr. Chabert's Letter which you transmitted, tho' I do not place much Confidence in his Opinion, or proposals, because I cannot help thinking that his Wishes are unfavorable to us, as I know

¹ In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in the handwriting of Guy Johnson.

the Attachment of these people to their Countrymen, & besides have rec^d. so many accots of his Infidelity, which surely cannot all be groundless, — The time begins to draw near for the Gen^l. Congress to Settle the Boundary as I presume the Shawanese &c (if they come at all) Are now on their way & as I hear that the Commiss^{rs} from sev^l. of the Governments are Set out. There are some points I would willingly settle previous thereto — In the first place whether for the reasons I have given in a former Letter I ought not to continue the Line from Owegy, so as to form a Boundary between this Province & them, & whether those Provinces, (viz^t. N Jersey & Maryland) who are not actually concerned in it, ought not to send Commissioners, as it may be necessary that all the Governments Enact Laws for preventing any of their People from Transgressing the Line, invited by the Quality of the Soil, &c altho' some of them may not border upon it & also with regard to the Sentiments of the Governors which seem to be that the Boundary of each Province should be particularly settled altho' I think it is Inconsistent with the Original design & impracticable at the Congress — please to favor me with your advice & thoughts hereupon — The long dispute ab^t Kayadarosseras is at Length brought to a Conclusion, the late Attempt to Settle it when the Gov^r. was here in my absence having proved ineffectual, Their Agent not agreeing to the offers made by the Ind^s & Not having produced any Original Deed — The Patentees therefore Applied again & Sir H Moore Wrote ab^t it & the Ind^s. Wearied out in Waiting for redress from home, & having had the Deed I ment^d. produced to them have been at length induced to Relinquish their title to that patent, the Attorneys paying them 5000 dollars.¹

His Excellency

GEN^l. GAGE

¹ In the Library of Congress is a Force Transcript of the letter sent to Gage, which, with slighter points of difference, has the following:

I am dear Sir

Your most obdt humble servant,

WILLIAM JOHNSON.

TO HENRY MOORE

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall August 5th. 1768*

SIR

Amidst a great deal of hurry I have Just time to acquaint Your Excellency that in consequence of the Arrival of the Patentees Attorneys & agreeable to your Letter of the 18th. Ult^o., I called the Mohawks, & again laid the Affair of Kayadarosseras before them, and having just received the Survey of the Creek Which has been returned by y^e. Surveyor upon Oath, and the Attorney having brought up with him an Original Indian Deed not before produced. I was enabled to recommend the Matter to the Indians in such a light as at last produced their consent to relinquish their pretensions to the Patent^r, according to the Survey made by which the head of Kayadarosseras does not appear Scituated so much to the Advantage of the Patent as was Supposed, And the Indians accordingly executed a Release. The Patentees paying them 5000 Dollars, & Releasing such Tracts as were affected by the Patent.

The Attorneys having requested a copy of the Proceedings, are now furnished with one, which, I suppose You will see, the Hurry in my Office now, & the Absence of my Clerk, would not afford time for a Copy, that, w^{ch}. the Attys. Got, was taken out of the Records by themselves, and Examined by my Deputy, but Should you want one, I shall send it as soon as possible, — I hope this Dispute is now happily terminated, as the Indians appear Satisfied thro' my Assurances, by the producing an Original Deed & by being able to Judge with certainty of the head of the Creek.

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 22679. fo. 44, London, England.

² The patent of Kayaderosseras is preserved in the office of the clerk of Saratoga county at Ballston Spa, N. Y., according to A. W. Holden's *History of the Town of Queensbury*.

As to the papers &^{ca}. locked up, I really did not apprehend that they would have been wanted, I should have been glad that they were better known & more publick, I locked my study without any particular Motive, it is my constant practice when I go from Home, (w^{ch}. is but Seldom) and I did not conceive that any old Transactions were necessary to an Amicable Settlement. Complaints were formerly exhibitted against Kayadarosseras One of which, I remember was in 1754, at Albany, but since y^e receipt of Your letter I have not been able to make a thorough search in the Commissioners Minutes, who then had the Management of Indian Affairs, which, I had then for some time declined, & did not reassume 'till I had the Royal Appointment, and I must Observe that their Minutes were in general kept on loose sheets of paper, not entered fairly in Books, that many of those Entrys were so Illegible, & the Orthography &^{ca}. so bad that some of them are at present unintelligible, & altho' I collected all that I could & had them bound into Volumes, I have never been able to find the Whole, so that there are Chasms of above a Year in some places, but if you mean this Meeting of 1754, As it was before the Governor & Council, it will doubtless be found on their Minutes.¹

The Mohawks (greatly alarmed at a Survey made thro their low lands at y^e. time y^r. Excellency was up here) have most earnestly requested that some Method be fallen upon to Secure their Village & planting grounds to them & their Posterity, So as it may not be in the power of any of them to dispose of property therein, I judge it necessary to recommend this to Your Excellencys Attention, as in case it can be done, it will prove highly agreeable to them, & ease their present doubts.

¹ Johnson resigned the Indian agency on July 5, 1751. Wraxall's abridgment of records of Indian affairs ends with records of that year. In 1752 Wraxall was appointed secretary of Indian affairs. In 1753 he was secretary of the meeting at New York, June 12-16, between Governor Clinton and Mohawks, and in 1754 of the Albany congress, June 19-July 11. From May 15, 1755, until his death in 1759 he prepared the records of Indian affairs with little interruption. Johnson received the appointment of superintendent of Indian affairs on April 14, 1755,



JOSEPH BRANT

In my last I gave You the reasons which prevent my Attendance in Council, & I persuade myself they will be deemed a Sufficient Apology, but, whatever may be Judged necessary with regard to my Opinion on the Subject You have mentioned shall be freely Communicated by me, as I am with much Esteem

Sir
Your Excellencys
Most Obedient
& Verry Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

I am so hurried at present that I wrote the first page of this letter before I discovered that I had begun on y^e. wrong side. —

His Excellency

Sir HENRY MOORE Bar^t.

INDORSED: Sr. W^m. Johnson

Aug^t. 5th. 1768.

Sir H M's writing.

FROM JOHN BROWN

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 398, is listed a letter of the 5th from Jno. Brown, Schonactady, inquiring about Mr Murray, saying that the congregation would be willing, if he be suitable and approved by Johnson, to pay him £40 a year and mentioning the rivalry of the Presbyterians. (Printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:383; Q, 4:241.)

FROM ROBERT ADEMS

A. L. S.

New York 7th. August 1768

[DEAR] SIR

I was honored with yours of the 27th. & 31st. Ult^o. last Night, and shall make it my study to fulfill your Orders in every particular as far as in my power lies — At the same time am afraid

I shall not be able to Compleat your Mem^m. of Goods for the Congress, owing to the Scarceity of some of the principal Articles viz^t. Blankets, Aurora, Fuzees, Silver Lace for the Coats & Hatts, the rest of the Articles have almost ready. I Expect the Answer of a Letter from Philadelphia [] last Wednesday) to morrow, and if any [disappoint]ment in procuring the above Goods shall imediately sett off, and you may [be] assured Sir, that I will not delay an [] than is necessary. The Pacquet is not yet Arrived tho' Sail'd above 12 Weeks. I desired [Mr] Phyn to send 30[℥] Black & 15[℥] White Wa[mpum] which hope you have received, & am with [the] greatest respect.

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

sir

Your Most Obed []

Humble servant

ROB^t. ADEMS

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹

New York August 7th: 1768

SIR,

I have received your Letter of the 20th July with the Account inclosed. Mr Croghan should confine himself to his own Accounts, and not have Dealings with other People's Expenditures. A man nothing more than a Canadian Vagabond sends in an Acc^t: of £900. which belongs to Mr. Croghan & Mr. Cole. Col^o. Reed² has also certified it, as he has done every thing brought to him: I formerly told you that I should recall that

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² Lieutenant Colonel John Reed, of the 34th regiment. For a brief description of his rule while in command of Fort Chartres, see *Great Britain and the Illinois Country*, p. 60 by C. E. Carter.

officer from the Illinois, He is now on his way to Philadelphia and Since his leaving Fort Chartres, People have talked and wrote. I send you an Extract of a Letter which I lately received from thence concerning Indian Expences, and the Prices paid for the Goods.

Captain Maturin will settle with Mr: Adams the Cash wanted for the Purchase of the Presents for the ensuing Congress, and also your Accounts transmitted. The Contractors Agents have not a sufficient Quantity of Cash in hand to answer these Demands, but will draw as fast as possible for it.

The Board of Trade forgot this Province entirely in their Report concerning the Boundary with the Indians which if fixed, must not be passed either by Purchase or otherwise and I apprehend also that Sir Henry Moore will soon be of that opinion.

The Noise and Complaints of Indian Expences have been so great, that the Reform made in that Department does not surprize, I have some time expected that the whole would have been laid aside, and every Post withdrawn. The only Posts now to be maintained are Missilimakinac, Detroit, & Niagara with Forts Pitt and Chartres. The two last yet under Consideration whether to be abandoned or not. The Posts are the great and constant Drains of Cash for Indian Presents. The two last I have mentioned, equal the Expences of half the rest of your whole Department. There are no Posts to the Southward and much is saved from that Circumstance; but the Nations there are very Numerous. I should think it best that a new staff Necessary for your Department, agreeable to the present Reform, should be made out, and then transmitted home, with proper Remarks on the Necessity of such an Establishment, omitted in the Report of the Board of Trade. This would be thought more regular at home and agreeable to their Forms of having Estimate of Expences.

With respect to Fort Hendrick, it is best to let the Indians do what they please with it, as you formerly promised them, when the Garrison should be withdrawn.

I am glad the Chippewa Chief has found his way to you notwithstanding the Efforts of the Traders to prevent it. They are a vile Race, and we shall see soon how finely the Provinces will manage them.

The Commissarys for the Trade ought certainly to be removed; as soon as the Service will permit. I don't find that any Resolutions have yet been taken here respecting the affairs of the Indian Trade. They will probably be postponed till the Meeting of the Assembly which has been, for certain Reasons it's supposed prorogued till Setpember.

I am very glad to hear your Health is Mended by the Tour you have lately taken. Another Jaunt to the Springs May reestablish you quite. They are not far from you, and you would be always within Call.

I am with great Regards,

Dear Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE.

SIR W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: N York Aug^t 7th. 1768

From Gen^l. Gage

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New york the 7th August 1768

[]

[] your very Agreeable Favour the Contents
[] very much Obliged to you for the Money []
to pay me, the Dfts & receipts Shall be Sent you [by
Adems] to whom I shall deliver them the Instant the Money
[] but I am Sorry to tell you there is Some Difficulty
about [] Its of a Frenchman wch are included in Col
Croghan's Acc^t. [for] which Reason the Generall has not yet

Use of [] which He tells me He has purchased at Detroit in order to [] with Larger Remittances in good Bills — however I shall [] have the pleasure of Seeing you & in the mean Time rem[ain] with the greatest Sincerity & Truth

Sir you most Obliged Hble Ser[]

JOHN WETHERHEAD

I Sent you a Cask of Sea Water by Mr Phyn, who promised me to take Care & forwar[d]
I took it up myself at a distance from the [Land]
fancy you will find it exceeding good — I w[]
but was afraid they woud be []

I will be much obliged to You Sir, if you []
a few Days ago — Moses M Hays & []
Notes of hand of the []
I remember right []
[]
[] remitt me the Money to pay []
[I under]stand they did not return the Notes [] the
payments please likewise to let [] Mr Graham will
wait till he comes to town [] for his protested Bill —

TO ANDREW LEWIS

*Df.*¹

[August 8, 1768]

I have had the favor of your & Mr.² [] Letter from Harris's ferry, and am sorry to find that you have through some mistake been misled with regard to the time & place for holding the Genl. Congress. It was intended to have been held about the latter end of July but the Dispatches to Mr. Croghan for Calling the Shawanese and Delawares upon that occasion, having missed of him on the Road, the Message to the Indians was

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² The other Virginia commissioner was Thomas Walker.

greatly retarded So that it will be [] Weeks yet before they can come to the place of [] which will be at or about Fort Stanwix on the [Mohawk] River, as the most convenient place for the [] of those Nations of Indians who are interested [] Line, & who only wait the Arrival of [the Shawanese in] order to come to the place appointed: [] My House, I expect [] hand, after which I []

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. L. S.

Montr^l. 10th Aug^t 1768

[]

[] will have delivered you my Letter of [] wth. one inclosed from Gen^l. Carleton, I [] in my first forgot to mention that Mr Chinn on my Arrival [] Enquired of me whether you had this Spring rece^d a Letter from [Henry] Bostwick then in London *who with one Baxter came from Michilimackc. last summer and went to England last fall* concerning a Mine in Lake Superior I told him I heard of such a Letter but knew not the particulars, he then said he wrote to you ab^t. it from hence as being one concerned in s^d. Affr. & would be very glad to hear your Sentiments ab^t. it & beg^d of me to mention it in my Letter. Said Bostwick with one M^r. Baxter from London came last fall from the upper Countries where the latter had been since the Time Rodgers went there, & as its said sent by the Board of Trade to make some Remarks ab^t Indⁿ. Trade &ca. At the same time took a View of a very rich Copper Mine on Lake Superior, a Sample of w^{ch}. Ore I showed [] 3 or 4 year ago with a near guess Estimate of Expences that [] attend the working & Transporting it to Market [] Baxter took a Sample of s^d. Ore home with him and [] by a Letter from Bostwick To Chin it was found [] be very rich and no Less than 16 Gentⁿ. most [] entered] into a Society to carry on the work []

among themselves to advance any Sum [] purpose,
 desiring at the same time [] the same and taking a
 Share [] at arrived from London but [] or
 by New york he is [] approved immediately
 []
 []
 and that it must []
 Bostwick & Chinns Bro[]
 Henry his Son in Law []
 the Ind^{ns}. thereabouts & are to be [] have been []
 discoveries ab^t. the Mine last wint[]
 are very favourable & encouraging []
 doubtless belongs to the Gang as he []
 Cadot I hear will be down this Fall []
 give some Acco^t. ab^t it, I wish it may []
 in the young Mans way; I hear he und[erstands the] Indⁿ.
 Language prittily every one that [] gives him an
 unexceptionable Character [] sincerely attached to
 the Engl^{sh}. Interest [] several proofs.

Many Politicians here will have it [that Rogers] could not
 be touched & that Roberts [] brought into a Scrape;
 they [] to know how Hopkins letter was []
 Rodgers in his Grinning way makes []
 his Confinem^t. & tells the Merch^{ts}. []
 him he would soon retun to his []
 his Crime I hear is now changed []
 for Mutiny, Embezzelling His [Majestys (?)]
 Suspicion of correspondng with []
 Goddart is subpoena'd to be a []
 Second Crime and a heavy []
 more ab^t. Rodgers []
 Expence than he does []
 his being de[]
 his []
 []

[] influence with the Indians abt. Lake Michigan
 [] think ought not be passed unnoticed. [he¹] being certainly the only Englishman allowed [by] Every Body to be best beloved & regarded by those Nations, & he flatters himself to keep them in our Interest with as little Expence as any Body whatsoever w^{ch} he says must be done in appearing among them in the Character he hitherto did when with a little Rum and Tobacco he woud do more than others with Loads of presents, but was he to appear in a public Character the Expence certainly must be great as those Nations were more sanguine in their Expectations from a person representing a Nation than any Ind^{ns} he knew.

L^t. Pauli of the Roy^l. Am^{ns}. told me in Confidence when at Quebec, that he took a Notion of making some Discoveries towards finding out a Northwest passage by a Journey to the westward of Lake Superior, having made it his study for some time past to make himself acquainted with the Discoveries made by several Nations at Sea particularly those of the Russians w^{ch}. latter gave him great Encouragement & in a manner promised him Success; I could not pretend to give you all his Reasons of succeeding in his Scheme but I thought them plausible enough, he would certainly be fitter and more adopted for such a thing than Rodgers being more able [] observations & sketches of a Country hitherto [] than the latter. He said he would soonest [] it with your Approbation & Sanction [] Body else's as being most compatible with [] such a thing in case of Success [] immortal honor to the Encourager [] such a Discovery & he said he woud [] if he did not find a passage [] confining Roberts upon [] him, where upon Gen^l. Gage [] inclosing the Crime must have [] as it only came lately to his []

¹ James Stanley Goddard.

would have kept Roberts under an []
to stand his Tryal, but as soon as Roberts [came] down he
would order it to be done im[]

I find wont have time to take a Copy [of] this Scrawl Mr.
Wade being ready to embark so beg [] excuse my
sending it as it is; My Compli[ments] wait on all the family &
remain with [all due] Respect & Duty

Hon^d. Sir

Your Obedient []

DAN CLAUS.

To

The Hon^{ble}

S^R W^M. JOHNSON Bar^t.

&c^a. &c^a. &c^a.

FROM THOMAS PENN

A. L. S.

[Margate, August 11, 1768]

SIR/

I am now here with my family some of whom are []
to bath in the Sea, but could not let the Packet sail without
informing [you] that, a meeting of the Attorney and Sollicitor
General was appointed to [con]sider your Grant the Sollicitor
never came, being engaged to attend a [] ution on some
of Mr. Wilkes affairs, but the Attorney told me he [was at] a
loss what to do with your associates, as they stood interested in
[the grant], and proposed its being granted to you and them. I
told him I could [not resolve] him, and desire you will immedi-
ately inform me, whether [] contented to receive it
so, or have any conveyance from them, that [send] me an
authentick copy of, when he will advise a grant to be []
[] intend to take notice of any Indian right, nor any
customs [] are to be observed in granting Lands, but

those names [] face of the Deed he could not avoid
taking notice of them [] thanks for the good offices
you have done us with the [] refer you to my next
for an answer to your Letter []

Dear Sir Your most affectionate
and obedient servant

THO PENN

ADDRESSED: For

Sir William Johnson Bart.
at Johnson Hall
New York

FROM NORMAND MACLEOD

A. L. S.

Niagara 12th August 1768

[]

Yesterday I receiv'd your disagreeable [] which
has intirely spoiled all my Schemes and left [me] destitute of
Bread. Yet I hope if Sir William, can in any way employ me
so as to aford a Comfortable Living for my Wife and Family
that he will not forget me, and I hope that is still in his power,
if not, I am to be pittyed.

As to Indⁿ. News there's none, the Commandant and I have not
put up our Horses well together and he is very happy at being
rid of an Indⁿ. Commissary but sorry for the loss of his
Interpreter.

M^{rs}. Mac Leod begs her best respects may be acceptable

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

NOR^d. MAC LEOD

[] JONSON bart

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York 12th August 1768

[]

[] of writing you on Monday last & Now Sitt down
 [lines] to accompany the Enclosed Memorandum, wch
 Mr [] of this Town has wrote in my Counting house,
 the Meaning of [] Easily find out — it greatly hurts
 me to hear any Man Say [] able Things about you —
 because I know you dont deserve it from [] person —
 M^cAdam Swears you and H Wallace have Used him very ill
 about this Bill for £200 etc. He is now gone to the Generall to
 make a Complaint of it to him & He further tells me He will lay
 his Complaints before the Lords of the Treasury at home
 if he Cant get immediate redress here, for that you have
 received the Money long ago & Unjustly deprive him of it —
 M^c Adam appears in a Hell of a Passion about this Affair —
 but I believe He is a very passionate Man — I can say no more
 about this Matter than that allowing it to be true — I was very
 confident Hurry of Business — your Indisposition — a perhaps
 Inadvertancy might be the Occasion of no Answer being received
 by Hugh Wallace — but that I insisted there was no Design
 in you to delay the Payment of that Bill provided Mr. Gorham
 had a Right to draw it — As a Stranger to the Transaction [I]
 coud Say no more — I am pretty confident you know how to
 justifie [your]self about it — I shoud be glad (if you think it
 proper) to receive [] Answer concerning this Affair
 & in the mean Time remain with Sincere [] to Truth
 Sir Your most Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

[] Philadelphia

[] the Generall, but I am told it will be paid

INDORSED: N York 12th. August 1768

Mr. Wetherheads Letter

ab^t. M^c. Adem

Ansnd. 22^d

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London Augst. 15th. 1768

[]

By the master of a Vessell who arrived [] Day
 from Halyfax we here that two Regiments [] there
 imbarquing for Boston; where they [] Come into
 many Resolves &ca one is not to import any more goods of any
 kind whatever from Great Britain untill the year 1770 and never
 to be concerned in importing any that are lyable to a Duty —
I Suppose this Resolve only means English Goods w^{ch}. are to
pay dutys those of France, Holland are I daresay out of the
 Question as they are [pre]judicial to Great Britain — another
 Resolve [is to] print 500 Copys of the Commission Granted
 [] Board of Commissioners — which are to be
 [] thro the Colony, that the inhabitants
 [] what acts the British Parliment take upon
 [themselves to p]ass — as I have Regularly Sent you the
 [] papers] by Every Post you will there see
 [] spirit of the people — in the last
 [] you'l see the Great &
 [] attacked from Several
 [] he will declyne the
 [] be joyns the
 []
 Submissive as any well Taught [] we are Very
 long without any [] it Cannot be Long now
 before we [] they will Receive the news of the
 Commis[sioners being] drove from the Town of Boston

[] not heard how the Sons of Liberty in this [] behave upon the Report of the troops going [to] Boston — but make no Doubt but I shall In [] or two — I was not very well when I be[gan this] Letter which I was obliged to lay by untill [] the 17th on account of a most Violent pain [in] my Ears & head so bad as to Confine me to [my] bed for two days — the Post will be in, [in] Hours and I will inclose the papers & [] if he Brings any thing Private —

I find these land schemers [] Colonisers, Sons of Liberty; or what you [] to Call them seem to take hold of some pieces of Intelligence in the papers about [Indian] affairs — and not only Lessen the Con[sequence of] the Nations but the usefullness and [] those who the Crown have most [] & Charged with the Care of [] plainly that I know [] are Glances at you [] worth Consequ[]

[] [] I hear open against you or that [] which looks like it — tho I am more [] you do not want or stand in need [of an] Advocate or Defender of you or your [ac]tions — but I Should never bear with my [] let them pass unnoticed —

I was detirmined to have wrote to Col^o. Croghan by this post but being Very unwell and Mrs Chew making a muster last night Prevents me She was this morning put to bed with a daughter and tho. Very unwell I am sure if she knew I was writing to you She would present her Compliments — I will write to the Col^o. by the Next Post to him and all our Very good friends I beg my best Respects and hope [you]’l Accept the Same and Every wish I am [capa]ble of for your health and hapiniss and [am] with great truth

Dear sir

Your most Obed & Most

sincere Hble serv^t.

JOS CHEW

FROM JOHN WATTS

A. L. S.

New York 15th. Aug^t. 1768

DEAR SIR

Welcome Home again, why did you not call & see us in your return — Are you shy of Head Quarters & Governors your friends I am sure you need not be shy of

Mr. Allen has apply'd to me & I have applyd to the Gov^r. to know the time appointed for the Indian Boundary Congress, the Gov^r. thinks it the latter end of this Month, Mr Allen some time in Sept^r., for my part I am totally ignorant of the Matter, Can you inform me in time when the Philad^a. Commissioners ought to be up that I may communicate it to one enquiring friend — I wrote a few Lines to Cap^t. Johnson in your absence to have an Eye on Northampton, to keep it clear of the immense Jaws of the Kayaderoseros that will otherwise devour all — pray Thank him for his answer with my Compliments — The May packet just arriv'd but Nothing New, Mobbing & Confusion are no more News, [] is come, well

Y^{rs}. allways

J^N^o. WATTS

ADDRESSED: To
 St. Will. Johnson Barr^t
 Johnson Hall, Near
 Mohawks River
 to the Care of
 Mr. Monier

Rec^d forwarded
19th Aug^t 1768
J. Monier

management of Indian trade, Major Rogers's Indian policy, the Kay-adarosseras settlement, the New York-Indian boundary, the need of deputies and interpreters and a proper allowance for them. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:904-8; Q, 2:524-26 and *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.* 8:93-96.)

SPEECH OF PUANT CHIEF

The Speech of the P[uant Chief at Missilimackn]ac the 20th August 1760 —

Father I live at a great dista []
 Eighty Leagues, But far as It is I have under []
 to renew my friendship with my Fathers the Engl []
 Let them know that the Jaring Nations at War []
 The Country where I live, have Tryed to get some of []
 Men to Joine them in a war, not Only Against each other
 [] Against you, which I have always prevented, And
 which [] the cause of some blood being spilt, And I
 desire no Trad[ers] Be Suffered to go into their Country (mean-
 ing the Pottowa [] & others about St. Josephs) by
 which means they will be br [] to know their duty, and
 Bring in their hunt to this place a [] (There I lost some-
 thing for want of an English Interpreter, as [the] French
 Woman I was Oblidged to Employ Would not Say [anything]
 to the Disadvantage of the French, But by what [I could make]
 out It was this that the French and Spaniards are []
 every Method, in their power, not only to draw all []
 trade to the Missisippy, but to set them at War again[st] Be
 asured that none of my people will ever be un []
 Father, and he never Shall have reason to Comp[lain]
 this you may Depend on) But I am Sorry to Say []
 deceived by some of our Fathers Commanding [] prom]
 ised, not only by Word, but by Writing []
 Lied, but was as Sacred as this []
 the Great Chiefs) meaning []
 and the four other []
 []
 [] them, We would be glad to []

[]s, And what We may depend on the English
 [] Character of not telling lies I hope We are
 not [] to be Deceived by our Fathers who are their
 most dutfull [chil]dren (he then Deleivred the Belt —

My answer was as follows

[I am] Well Pleased to find that the Great King beyond
 the great Lake your Father and mine has Such Obedient Chil-
 dren & good Subjects as you are, And he shall know it as I will
 write to the great Chiefs the General and Sir William Johnson
 what you have Said, And as to the presents promised you, it was
 very possible they Might be lost coming over the Great Lake
 or [] Cannoes Coming over those little Lakes which
 sometimes has [] Happened, as I have met with
 losses of that kind myself, B[] shew you that your
 Fathers never told lies Intentionally but [] your
 Beeing deceived was Occasioned by the above Accidents []
 Altho I was a Stranger to all those promises, as well as to
 []ntry, Yet I woud as far as was in my power make
 those promises Good And you must be Contented with what
 things [] able to buy at this time (which they ware
 well Satisfied [] thanked me kindly

[] her Chiefs who brought the letter with the belt from
 [] chiefs] stood up and made a Speech much to the Same
 [] sen]sible as the former Which required much the
 [] a]ddition only, He wanted to know if I wo[]
 []ly in the Spring as they want []
 [] what my Opinion []
 []

FROM ROBERT LEAKE

A. L. S.

New York 22^d Aug^t. 1768

HON^{BLE} SIR

I have the honor of Yours of the 13th Ins^t, and if it be faulty
 few are less ceremonious or Punctillious with friends or strangers

vided I was certain that the Encouragement you may meet with would ans^r. your Expectations, to Explain this Matter I am to inform you that this New Country tho' it improves fast is as yet poor — That the Dissenters compose the Majority of the people, tho' they would not long remain so could those of the Church of England afford to maintain Clergymen.— The Mission at Albany is lately filled up, & others intended for Schenectady The Mohocks, and my Settlement,—at Schenectady the few Members of our Church purchased a piece of Ground and have built a good Stone Church, but are not able as yet to maintain a Clergyman The Society therefore will give one £30 ster p Ann & they will add to it a House with about £40 p Ann N York Money — As to my own place I have already laid out So much on Improvements, and for the encouragement of Tenants, that it is not in my power to do as much for a Clergyman as I could wish, Such as it is I shall tell you.— I have built a neat Stone Church at a new Village within half a Mile of this place, and have Just compleated a Neat Snug House for a Clergyman at a Small distance from it, to which I shall add 50 Acres of good Land mostly improved — The Society's allowance will be £30 ster p Ann, and I shall contribute as much to it as with Fees &ca will make it up £60, Ster. or thereab^{ts}. which will increase within a little time, and with the Glebe may Make it a tolerable foundation, and probably the Society may be persuaded to Augment it.— Thus have I fairly told you what maybe Expected, at prest If either this place, or Schenectady will Suit your purpose I shall be glad to hear from you, very soon or to see you

I am sorry to hear from you that L^d. Ad^m Gordon has dropped his design of making the Settlement to the Westw^d. of this place as the Lands are good, in Gen^l. and the Situation not so inconvenient as may be imagined from a Cursory View at an Improper season other Tracts having been Purchased within these few Months adjacent to it Which begin already to get Settled & will make it Valuable & indeed the whole Country encreases very fast in population & Improvem^t. My Lands here are generally

Let in fee at a Shilling an Acre, or £5 Str ⁷ Ann for 100 Acres, the first five Years rent free, such parts as I have sold, I have had from £100 to £200 N York Money for each hundred Acres, One part of my Estate has above a hundred familys now upon it, and should some of your industrious Neighbours, (Men who could come over & Settle at their own Expence) offer themselves, I would to encourage the Settlement, Let the first 20, or 30 familys have Lands on the Most reasonable Terms, or should they be incline to purchase I would sell them some very good Lands from £12 to 20 ster ⁷ hundred Acres. Some of These Lands are Situate within 5 Miles of the Mohock River & 25 of the Town of Schenectady to which they can carry their produce on Sleds in the Winter within the Compass of half a Day.— If these proposals Sho^d. Suit any of your Neighbours they may be assured that I should give them the preference to many who offer themselves,— I shall be glad to have your Answer on these Subjects as Soon as possible and am Sir,

&ca

The REV^d. MR. BATEMAN

INDORSED: Aug^t. 26th 1768 —

To the Rev^d. Mr. Tho^s. Bateman

A. M. at Boston in

Lincolnshire England

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson-Hall Aug^t 24th 1768

Dear Sir,

[Since] my last of the 5th Inst I have had the pleasure of receiving yours of the 7th and 14th. The Accot you mention produced by Mr Croghan for £900. I sent down by Mr Adems, & do not positively recollect at present, farther about it than that

¹ Burned portions supplied from a copy printed in *Collections of Illinois State Historical Library*, 16:383–86, ed. C. W. Alvord and C. E. Carter.

the Frenchman who brought it was employed by Croghan & Cole on Sundry Messages & Services.

The Extract you transmitted me contains in Gen^l a very Just State of the Affairs at the Illinois. The more Indians get, the more they will Expect nevertheless there is a necessity for Expences, and nothing Can be done with them without it but, in that point Judgment is required, when it shall be incurred, and how favors shall be dispensed. I have taken notice of Coll Reeds Certifying Expences, and Cannot but observe that Gentlemen whatever their sentiments of Indians are previous to their going to the Outposts, seem to alter them when there, & to Consider [all] Expences incurred as Extremely necessary to the Publick Service. [Major] Roger's Accots having been most Amply Certified by [all the] Officers as absolutely necessary, tho contrary to the [private] opinion of some of them as Signified by Letters to me [has furnished] the Traders concerned with many Arguments for [their being paid,] and makes some very clamorous on that [Subject. The heavy] Expences incurred at the Illinois at a time [when the strictest Oeconomy was] recommended induced me to [direct that Mr Cole should be removed had no Reform taken place. From our present Extensive Alliances & Connections with the Indians, from their own Natural disposition & prejudices] and from the proceedings of our [Artful Lurking Enemys, it is necessary] that some men should remain in different [quarters over & besides] the Deputys to transact Indian [Affairs, & to Counteract] those disturbers of the peace whether Whites or Indians. [It is as] Certain that they cannot be there to any purpose [without] Expence, but it should be moderate, arising from the [nature &] Absolute Necessity of the Service, how long the present [Reform] will for the reasons I have given be deemed safe, or Elligible every man, acquainted with these matters can Judge. I [have] sent the necessary papers to Canada, tho' I apprehend they will not be of much Importance, as I gave Rogers but few Instr[uctions,] and had no Conversation with, or opportunity of Seeing him [since] his departure for his post. I find it is presupposed that

[he cannot] be hurt, if so, and that means are not fallen upon to [prevent] him from having it in his power to prosecute his designs, [we] shall probably find him in a little time realizing his [plan] on some of our Frontiers, for the Indignities which [(as he takes it)] he has met with Will but Whet him on to obtain [Revenge.]

The Commiss^{ys} have all received Orders to [make up their] Accots to the 25th of September after which [they are to be] discontinued, but on a farther consideration [of the matter I] apprehend it may be necessary to keep [them to the March following,] least anything might happen, [which might give the Provinces] occasion to say that they [had not suffict time to fall] upon a plan for Sup[plying their places. If you think I am] right please [let me know.

I have likewise taken notice to the Sec^y of State of the omission of the Province of N York in the boundary, & Shewn why it ought to now be settled, but as an Answer cannot be expected in due time, I think it best not to omit the opportunity which will so shortly offer for settling it, Submitting it to his] Majesty for confirmation. The [Season being now] far advanced, and the Virginia Commissioners [obliged to] Attend a meeting on the borders of N Carolina, the [latter] end of October, and no news of the Shawanese & Delawares I think it best to direct the Messengers, who waits their arrival in the Senecas Country, to come down with the Six Nations & any others at hand, so as to meet me at Fort Stanwix about the 16th of September, Indeed I very much doubted from what I had heard of the coming of the Shawanese &c as their Chiefs went from Mr Chrogan at Fort Pitt amongst the Misisipi Nations, and altho' I should have been glad that they were present, I can see no particular necessity for it, as the Six Nations are the undoubted Owners, and as such Considered by all the rest, who at a former meeting with me promised to pay due submission to whatever the 6 Nations sho^d agree upon regarding it.

The Chipeweigh Chief Spoke of belts lately sent thro' the Nations, and of French & Spanish Officers as he Called [them]

who actually came amongst them gave large presents [to the] Indians with the Strongest Assurances of a War [in the Spring] and that such persons were busied in [persuading the] Indians to go over the Misisipi, where they were [Assured that the] English were compleatly hemmed in above [& below the Illinois.

I have] now with me sev^l Misisagas [on much the same Er-rand, with] corroborating Intelligence. [I have in a Letter to Lord Hillsborough Shewn the Necessity of an Augmentation of the Sum proposed by an Addition of £1000 Ster P A. for the necessary Depys & other Officers,¹ I therein said that I sho^d Transmit an Estimate thereof to you which I now do, requesting the favor of you to make such use of it as you shall think proper, for there is no conducting the Affairs of the Indⁿ Departm^t with^t the few necessary assistants Included therein.]
[His Excell^y Gen^l Gage]

INDORSED: [Augt. 24th 1768]
To Gen^l. Gage

TO JOHN PENN

*Df.*²

Johnson hall Augt, 24th 1768 —

SIR

I did not receive your favor of the 6th Inst till two days ago, as M^r Johnson acquainted you with the Cause of the delay of the Boundary, I have only to inform you that as the Chiefs of the Shawanese &ca went from Fort Pitt amongst the Misisipi Nations, I apprehend I cannot Expect them at the Congress, I have therefore directed the Messenger who waits their Arrival at Chenussio to Come down forthwith with the Six Nations and the rest in order to Meet me at Fort Stanwix, at the head of the Mohock River, on or about the 18th of September. This is by

¹ In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:93-96.

² In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson.

much the most Elligible & convenient place on many acc^{ts}. and I shall be glad to See the Gentlemen Commissioners at my House previous to my departure which will be about the 15th. of Septbr.—

I could have wished to have had the Shawanese &ca present, and possibly some of them may yet come in time, if not, as they declared to me before that they would pay all due submission to such settlement as the Six Nations would agree to I cannot think their presence very Necessary

The Honble

LT GOV^R PENN.

TO THOMAS PENN

Df.

Johnson hall Aug^t. 24th 1768

[]

The 5th. of Feby last I wrote you a long letter which I hope you received, since which I have had a Severe Illness, and have been obliged to go for 3 months to the Sea Coast of New England for the recovery of my health which prevented me from Ans^g. Your Letter of the 13th Feby till now —

As to the Affair of the boundary of which you speak, it was allways my Intention to endeavor to obtain that Tract between the Forks of Susquehannah Northward & across to y^e. Delaware on a Supposition that the Government would have no objection to it provided the Indians can be brought to agree thereto.

In your last letter speaking of these Lands you Say “which neither myself nor the Indians could wish to take from you” I do assure you Sir this hurt me a good deal, as it seemed to suppose me an opposer of your [inter]ests The Reverse of which has been my conduct on many occasions insomuch that I have acquired many Enemys thereby particularly in N England, which however cannot Shake my [] Notwithstand^g the pain I felt from the perusal of that part of your letter I am [] to Judge of it more favorably and [] be

persuaded that every consistent proposal [] meet with
 my Strongest recommendation [] my best endeavors
 in all points shall be [] which will be held at
 []
 for me to add to them []
 out the Grant &ca I leave []
 if his Majesty does not incline on []
 &ca to Mitigate the fees, shall th[]
 you whatever you may advance upon []
 The Bounds agreable to the Survey last []
 is what I wish for, the former Survey being []
 which I before Explained, but in this as in every [] pray []
 you think best which will add to the ma[n]y []
 Obligations already conferred on Sir &ca
 As you are well Acquainted with
 the Reform of the Indian Departm^t.
 with regard to the Management of Trade, I need
 only Express my Wishes that it
 may answer the Expectations of
 Govt — Tho' I have great doubts abt it as this is a very critical
 Period & our Opponents at the Misisipi
 are busy all over the Country in drawing
 the Ind^s. into their Interests —
 I shall Write you so soon as the Line
 is settled, & in the mean time beg to
 hear from you —.

FROM ADAM GORDON

A. L. S.¹

Preston Hall August 25th 1768

MY DEAR SIR WILLIAM —

As I find, that severall Letters, from my friends in America,
never come to my hands, I conclude that many of mine, to them,

¹ In possession of Hall Park McCullough, Hall Farm House, North Bennington, Vt.

share the same fate — I am therefore glad, of a sure and safe method of conveying this, to New York, by the Hon^{ble}: Major Bruce¹ of the royall Americans, whom I beg to make known to you, and your family; and to recommend him, to your good offices, and kind Protection.— He is Brother to the Earl of Elgin, who has made it his request to me, in a very warm manner, that I should give the Major, some Letters to my friends on Your Continent: and in presenting him to your family, & John Watts's, I do him *speciall* service.

The last letter you have favoured me with, is dated in Nov^r 1767 — & I have ans^r: of the 26th Oct^r same year— My last from your Son is 21st Nov^r 1767 — I return you my best thanks for all of them — and I am most particularly in your debt — for the clear, candid and sensible state of the Carrying Place — & what might attend a settlement there in the present situation of things — which are really so confused, & aukward, I confess, I lose hopes of seeing them mend in America — & therefore, I drop all present intentions, of doing anything there — and sorry I am to say, I think we are just as bad at home — Lord Hillsboro, to be sure, is a sensible, clear headed, active, painstaking Man — but all that will not do, without a permanent administration, and a settled Plan for America—& I despair to see either. Your last by the men, I sent out, I received in Course — but the Confusions in America, & the Expences of fitting out our Colonists, have *scared* both the Duke of Atholl & me — and we are determined, to suspend for some time, any Plans, or intentions, either of us had formed, in that quarter of the Globe — at same time, I would wish to continue in Possession of the Land, you procured for me² — if it can be held, without any imediate very considerable outlay — other ways, I will dispose of it, to whom, & in what manner, you shall like best.

Lord Botetourt, an old Peer, with a demolished fortune, has gott the Government in Chief, of Virginia; and comes out,

¹ Major Thomas Bruce.

² Near the German Flats, in the Oneida county.

to reside in Person, without any L^t Gov^r named — which makes it an excellent income —. But, the taking it away, from General S^r Jeff: Amherst, has made great noise, as well amongst civill, as the military men — to the last of w^{ch}., it has lately, been usually given to:— Troops are on their passage to Boston — absent officers, all under the rank of General ones, are ordered to their posts — and things wear the face of confusion —. God knows only, how they will end — I for my share, am not sorry, my Corps is in Jamaica — and as I have given up Parliament, and am settled to my mind, in the Country, with a Woman, I love and honour — I believe, I shall sitt still *quietly* here, till I am called upon — in which Event, I shall *always* hold myself ready, to move, to whatever corner, or climate, my Duty, in my station, may call me to.¹ I have given the Major a few lines, to your Son — for him, I shall *ever* retain, the most cordial friendship — I never knew a better hearted young man — and if ever in life, I can do him any service or procure him, or his friends, any satisfaction, He may freely command me — and if it has been my fortune, to have done anything obliging to him, his gratitude, and sensibility of it — has more than overpaid me—.

I am exceedingly sorry, to hear, of the accidents which ²d befallen, Capt Clause & honest Guy, & hope they have gott quite over them — & that their Ladies, & young folks thrive, & enjoy all the blessings, I sincerely wish them—.

A paragraph from new London, intimating that you had lately been ill in health, alarmed me, and, I shall not be intirely easy, on that score, untill I hear from yourself, or Sir John — that you are recovered — Your health & preservation is of much Publick utility; but like other good things — your Value will never be justly estimated till the Want of your assiduity, uprightness, exertion be *severely* felt — by those, who may survive you — & judge by comparison — of past men, & past measures.— the

¹ Lord Adam Gordon became a major-general May 25, 1772, a lieutenant-general August 29, 1777.

² Manuscript blotted.

seeds of the different forrest trees, you sent me, are all come up above ground; and if I wanted a Memorandum, of you, would *daily* afford me one — for I am seldom a whole day without visiting them — I beg of you, to send me some every year — particularly evergreen — & hard wood of any species.— any ship from N. York — to Glasgow or Leith, will bring them me — I amuse my self, very well here — I never will ask for any thing in America — but if I was pitched upon, I would accept any office, where I could believe, my attention could be of use — I should not much relish any military employ there at present.—

The Dutchess of Atholl,¹ tho unknown to you, desires her best wishes — to you & Sir John — do lett me hear from you soon — my direction is at this place, near Dalkeith North Britain,— having now no house in England,— & no intentions of leaving my farm here soon.— pray remember me Kindly, to all your family, & to any body who asks after me — and believe me, my Dear Sir William, with the utmost truth and regard — Yours most faithfully & warmly, whilst

AD: GORDON

Hon^{ble} Sr. W^m. JOHNSON B^r.

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon:^{ble}
Sir William Johnson Bar^t &ca &ca
&ca

Johnson Hall
N: York

p^r favour of
The Hon^{le} Major Bruce.

INDORSED: Lord Adam Gordons Letter
Aug ² 25th
1768

¹ Lord Adam Gordon's wife.

² Torn by seal.

FROM HUGH GAINE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 400, is listed a letter of the 26th from Hugh Gainé, New York, offering to complete the work undertaken by the late Mr Weyman, of printing the Indian prayer book and saying that the Rev. Mr Ogilvie will assist. (Printed in *Doc Hist. N. Y.* 4:384-85; Q, 4:242.)

EXPENSES OF INDIAN DEPARTMENT

D. S.¹*Johnson Hall, August 27th 1768*

Estimate of the Sallarys of Officers whose continuance are absolutely necessary for the Management of Indian Affairs in which is included the Super Intendants Sallary, and the Contingent Sum lately established.

The Sallary of the Super Intendant as now established £1000 Str ₹ Ann. with £3000 Str ₹ A for presents to the several Confederacys and other Contingent expences of the Department is Annually.	£4000	—	—
Three Deputys to be continued, One for the Northern, Another for the Middle, and a Third for the south ⁿ . District of the Department, at £200 Str ₹ A. each is.	600	—	—
Five Interpreters of the different Languages at £60 Str ₹ Ann is.	300	—	—
One Gun, and Blacksmith with Assistants.	100	—	—
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Annual amot of the whole.	£5000	—	—
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N. The Secretary which is a most necessary Officer is not included herein, as he has been usually paid out of the Rect of the Quitrents of this Province. One of the Deputys has been

¹ In Public Record Office, C. O. 5.86. p. 351, London, England.

always in the Department.— The others were found indispensably necessary after the reduction of Canada extended our Interests & encreased our Connections & Alliances, & the Multifarious dutys of the Indⁿ. Department in the different Quarters cannot be conducted without them.— The absolute necessity there is for the few Interpreters proposed is as Obvious, And were Smiths allowed at the principal posts it would greatly contribute to the satisfaction of the Indians, tho' by this Estimate Only one is mentioned with proper Assistants to remain in the most convenient place.— The fourth Deputy for Nova Scotia not included in this Estimate was a late Appointment in consequence of a Letter from his Grace the Duke of Richmond, the necessity of continuing this Officer is however humbly Submitted.—

W. JOHNSON

INDORSED: List of Officers proposed
to be kept by Sr. W^m. Johnson
as necessary for the Indian
Department, according to the
late Reform made therein —
In Major Gen^l. Gage's
(N^o. 13) of Sept^r. 9th 1768.

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.

Schonactady, 27th of August 1768

[]

as some business calls me down to New York [sooner] than I Expected, makes me take the liberty [of] writing this Letter, that when it Suits your Honour, I shall be extremely glad to receive your recommendary Letter to Doctor Auchmuty, and any other Commands which Your Honour

pleases to Send me I shall Obey with the greatest pleasure and am with the Most Grateful respects —

Hon^d, Sir

Your Most Obliged Hum:^{le} Servant

JN^o: BROWN

[] that Lives on the Land of Colonel Broadstreet Land
 [] which he will Sell them at 15/ Sterling p^r gun
 [] Sorts if [] shall go down and get them
 [his] man as been here since and says he may Let them go

ADDRESSED: To the
 Honorable Sir William Johnson Bar^t
 at
 Johnson Hall

FROM HENRY MOORE

L. S.

Fort George August 27th 1768

SIR

I have taken the first opportunity which has offer'd of writing to you since the Copy of the Minutes of the late proceedings concerning the Kayaderosseras Patent has been shew'd to me, and I have seen with some surprize as well as concern, that I am there represented in a very different light from what I could possibly have imagin'd any Person could have view'd me in, who was a Witness to my late Transactions with the Indians at your house —

The *confusion* I am tax'd with [] into the debate on Account of my [] Falls at Fort Miller [] since I came [] unfaithfully interpre[] answerable for the designs [] of other People, When Mr [Remsen] upon the line of the Patent being [] head of the Kayaderosseras Creek, and [] thence continued *due North* instead of [] as it is mention'd there, an objection was [] by the Indians

on Account of such a line [taking] in too great a quantity of Land, and they [] propos'd another line, Upon this I desi[red to] know to which of the Falls the Indians [] the line should be drawn, giving it as [] opinion that I apprehended there wo[] very little difference between a line [] from the head of the North line [] Mr Remsen to Fort Miller, and [] drawn from the Northerly line [] in the Patent to the F[alls] To this a reply was [] that the In[dians] [] [] which was then Apprehended [] every Step in my Power to bring this matter to an Amicable Settlement, and my Journey was no Secret to any of the Inhabitants of this Province — As You were so polite as to offer me your house although the ill State of your health oblig'd You to be absent at the time I should be there, I wrote to Coll Johnson to inform him of the day I propos'd to set out from this Town and stay'd five days at Albany before I proceeded farther, and having agreed upon a Day with him for our meeting the Mohawk Indians at Johnson Hall, I went on to the little Falls at Canajoharie, You may imagine how much I must have been surpriz'd in passing through the Indian Village at Canajoharie to find that none of the Indians [] of my Arrival in that part of [] receiv'd any notice [] at Your [] directed them to []-ing to the Village of the []-ed to meet them; when I a[rri]ved [] Hall I found that I was likewise [an] unexpected Guest there, but by [the] Authority You had given me, I took [pos]-session of Your house together with [the] Gentlemen who accompany'd me, but [] acknowledge to You that I could not but [be] very sensible of this additional mark of disrespect to me, and was in the first emotion it occasion'd tempted to set out again for Albany and send direction [to] the Indians to meet me there, Noth[ing pre]-vented it but my Apprehensions [that an] ill natur's World might [censure you for] an indignity offer'd me at [your house

in] Your Absence, and sup[pose that it was] done by Your
dir[ection] shewing the []
[]
[]ing my question propos'd to them
[]dently appear'd not only to me but to all
those who were present that the Indians did not come there to
hear proposals made to them, but to require a Compliance with
certain demands, and from that moment I saw it very plainly
that no agreement would take place, But as I was no way
interested in this dispute than as a public Officer, I thought it
incumbent on me to have my proposal made to the Indians,
after having first desired Coll Schuyler to draw the line in
question upon the Map, that my intention might be sufficiently
explain'd, (and it did not appear to make a difference of more
than 4 or 5000 Acres according to the Plan then before us,
which was not an Object of any consideration in a contest for
so large a []d) This was done and upon the []
that they were ready to [] to Fort Edw[ard]
[]
relative to the People [] part, Nothing more
was [] they Sollicited in the least on []
but the Negotiations went on in [] they had at
first propos'd; This is a [] matter of Fact and can
be attested by [] that were in the Room; I must
beg the[erefore] that You will let me have some explana[tion]
of the Confusion since said to be introdu[ced] for there was
not the least mention of any whilst I was present, This I can
averr[] upon Remsen's leaving the Room in [the]
Rude manner You must have heard, [] to know
of the Indians (as I could [] that he was gone
away) what Sum [they] demanded for the purchase of []
ation requir'd, to this they [answered that] they would leave that
[] and myself, and [] whatever []
[]
[] many thanks for the pains I had []
to settle this matter, and for the regard [I] had express'd for

their Interests, which they desir'd strongly to recommend to my Protection and hop'd that I would on every other occasion shew myself as much their Freind as I had done in the present case; Can it be suppos'd after this that the expression here made could proceed from them? or that they would be induc'd to thank me for the disappointment they had just Suffer'd? The Reflection which must naturally arise on such a question is too obvious to stand in need of any Comment —

I have been likewise under some difficulty to explain what is mean't by the Indians *being now call'd in a* [] *manner* to settle a dispute which [] subsisted, and should be [] pointing out the impropriety [] Occasion [] [] for many Years past [] this province have always [] get it Vacated here if they [] Notwithstanding the [] now acknowledge the justness of the [] Claim, and that the purchase was [] regularly made from their Ancestors, whi[] they were desirous of Confirming, You [may] Remember that when I was at Your House two Years ago the Indians made a form[al] Complaint to me in Your presence of [] injustice done to them, by a Claim be[ing] set up to so large a Tract of Land, wh[ich] they declar'd their Ancestors had [] nor would they consent to the se[tling of] it by our People as they had [] a Consideration for it; The [se] were immediately tr[ansmitted to the] Secretary of State [] an Answer [] had [] [] [] entirely to ourselves for some [] after we came there, neither did any of the Indians belonging to the Mohawk Castle make their Appearance till some time next day notwithstanding their Vicinity and the Appointment made which I have already mention'd —

This treatment I believe You will allow to be not only *improper* but *indecent*, and it was thought so by those who were with me;

— If therefore the *impropriety* mention'd alludes to any of these transactions, or to my having been oblig'd to give notice to the Indians of Canajoharie personally for the approaching Meeting I shall readily joyn with them in acknowledging it; if it is intend[ed to] convey any other meaning, I should [] to have it explain'd, because [] the highest Authority, [] the Indians to Ass[emble] [] his Service, which [] be call'd together either [] any other part of the Province [] can be so weak as to impose on [] making them believe that such a [] would be improper takes the most [effica]cious steps to create a disaffection a[mong] them, and to prejudice that Service which every good Subject is bound to support.

I am with great truth and

Regard

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

[]

THOMAS GAGE TO JOHN BROWN

L. S.¹

New York, 29th: August 1768

SIR

I Am to acquaint you, that a New Plan has lately been adopted at home relative to the Management of Indian Affairs upon this Continent, the chief alteration which it is necessary for you to be acquainted with, is that the Management of the Trade is taken from the Superintendant, and is put under the direction of the several Provinces, who are to bare respectively

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21678, fo. 114, London, England.

the Expences attendant thereon. This Regulation which seems intended to lessen the Expences of the Indian Department, will render the Residence of the Commissary's at the Forts unnecessary, as they were appointed thereto for the better Regulation of Trade only, and puts an end to all Articles of Expence there, as none can well offer, but for the purpose of Commerce, with which the Command^r Officer has now nothing to do, further than to give Protection to the Traders, to keep up Order, and Regularity, and to prevent the Indians meeting with any ill treatment; You will be pleased to pay Attention to this; And tho' I Am to suppose that Sir William Johnson has acquainted those acting under him, of these New Regulations, yet I think it necessary to explain this matter to You, in Order that no Expences whatever, may for the future be contracted at the Fort under Your Command, and that you may not be led to certifie any, As from this Period no funds being assigned for such Expences, they must of course be rejected.

I Am,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant,

THO^s GAGE

CAPTAIN BROWN
or Officer Commd^r
Niagara

Rec^d at Niag^a the 22^d Oct^r. 1768

J B

INDORSED: Gen^l. Gage
29 Aug^t
1768.

That a New Plan is adopted
for the Management of Indian
Affairs, by which the Residence
of Commissarys at the Forts
become unnecessary &c:—

SPEECH OF LA FORCE AND OTHER OTTAWAS

D. S.

Speech of Le Force, And all the Ottaway Chiefs
delivered at Michilimackina 30th August 1768

Father no doubt but you have heard that this fort was taken and some people killed Some years ago, but that the Officers with the most of the Garrison was Safely Carried to Montreal & Delivered to the great Man there by us He Treated us kindly & used us like Children and we have ever Since been Treated by our fathers, in the Same way, and we are Sensible we have had much kindness, more then any other Nation We are now Come to tell you that as Long as you remain here you and your Garrison Shall always Sleep in Safety, that we will watch over you, And If any bad news is hered amongst any of the Villiages you shall be informed of it Immediately as we are a check to all the Nations, whose harts are not True to the English, we do not think that they ever will Attempt any thing against you as It will be deficult to do It without our knowledge therefore, as we are your Obedient Children, we expect to be used as Such, And that you will give [us] from time to time, when we Come to see you Some Rum [] sion Pipes Tobacco & Ammunition, We dont expect [] But your Children must not go away dry or [] they Come Out of pure Affection to See their father [] that our Commander has don any thing to displease [], we hope that you will behave in Such a [] continued here for a long time, it is very disa[greeable] as soon as we Become Acquainted with our fathers he is taken away from us, and we [] wish & pray, that this may not be the Case as we are [greatly] Pleased & Satisfied with your Behavior to us, and wish y[ou to] Stay Amongst us a long time —

Delivered their belt —

My Answer was

That the great men below was very sensible []

of their good behaviour with respect to the Garrission they con[veyed] to Montreal, And their Attachment & obedience to their fathers every[where] And that I was ordered to look upon them as dutiful childr[en and] use them Kindly, And had it not been my orders I was incl[ined] to do so, for I was in Montreal when they came there with [] And knew the whole of that affair, And that their conduct [] since has merited the esteeme of their father, But they m[ust not] expect he cou'd maintain them in time of profound peace [] his Childern were at liberty to hunt, And none to mol[est them] That the great trouble & expence in bringing stores [] Over the great lake And Accidents & losses which [often] makes them not only dear, but sometime very [] which was the case now, And that their [] That they wou'd take as much care [] However I will give your child [] them hungry, And the great [] [] Honour, And should have the things which they required [] me, And something to drink in their castles when they gott [ho]me. —

When they display'd their colours at parting I gave them a Salute of five Guns, after which they went off with the greatest Satisfaction and well in high spirits what is very remarkable, though they had liquors enough, there was not one of them drunk during the three days the staid here, I must Observe upon the whole, that the Indians in general which I have seen here, behave much better than our own Six Nations. —

B. GLASIER

FROM THOMAS FLOOD

A. L. S.

[August 31, 1768]

HONRD SIR

I hope you will pardon the [] Libertys I take in trubling you w^d Not a [] it but my hard fortune brings me to it althow I Never Expectd it in these parts how

Ever as there is know prospitt of any thing to be done in this Said of the water & tow toyelsem to my Best benefacturs which is present Death [] me & yu my Insure y^r Silf this Shall be the la[st] Recurse to y^r Honrd— Althow if fortun feavers I shall Once More I hope have the happy [] of Seeing yu & y^{rs}. in Health & Prosperity—I am Very bear in Close at present by & [] M^r Camble in Shinecody took my Close for [] had them Made up for him Silf while I was [] Fort Edward while y^u wear away I brought M^r [Adems?] Acct: to him & to Dunkn^s but w^d. Not pay the B[al]]^{ce} of the Acc^t at the first Reat Under M^r Adams h[and?] because they thought I was out of y^r Imp[loy] I hope by god & y^r Assistance to Seett of about the End of Sep^{br}

from y^r Ever will wisher &

Dutyfull Sv^t

THO^s FLOOD

ADDRESSED: To the Honourable Sir William Johnson Bar^t
Johnson Hall

INDORSED: []
Thomas Floods letter
August 31st 1768

FROM HENRY MOORE

A. L.

Fort George August 31, 1768

SIR—

The Boundary line between the Colonies and the Indians, having been already settled as far to the Northward as Owegy, I apprehend that there will be no obstruction to the Confirmation of that line at the approaching Congress, but nothing has as yet been determin'd on in regard to this Province; I could not learn from Coll: Johnson what Plan you had form'd for our Western Boundary, and as he seem'd so little prepar'd [on] the Subject

I said but little to him and [assur]’d myself that I should have a
 [] Interview with You at New York []’d
 and that we might then [] Sentiments to []
 []
 Jurisdiction of [] extend as far as the []
 run into the Ocean yet no line [] any Lands within
 those Boundaries [] have not actually been pur-
 chas’d [from the] Indians, I should therefore imagine []
 must be a matter of indifference to th[em] [] where that line of
 Jurisdiction should [be] run, if no Claim is founded on it to
 [] Lands it will comprehend, and at the [same] time
 it will be of advantage to Indians [that] the Legislature of the
 Province should [be] able to take cognizance of Crimes com-
 [mitted] within those Limits, which would [be a] further pro-
 tection to them; I would [] observe that if the divid-
 ing line [] to near to the purchases of []
 made, it must necessarily [be detrimen]tal to the Indians
 [] Province will []
 make p[]
 []
 [] with the Geography of that part [of the] Country,
 to propose any particular line, neither have I any Charts that I
 could depend on, and can therefore only recommend it to You
 from the knowledge You have of the Country and the People
 with whom you are to transact Business to get the best terms
 You can for the Province, Our Communication with Lake
 Ontario, must be settled in such a manner as to allow of no
 disputes or interruption hereafter, The Kings Service absolutely
 requires it, The meeting of our Assembly having been fix’d for
 the beginning of September, and the Congress (as I was in-
 form’d) to be held the latter end of August, No Commissaries
 could be appointed by them to assist at it, nor do I imagine they
 would have nam’d any, if they [] Setting; My health
 will not [] present there, neither do I []
 would be any neces[sity]
 []

absence, which []
 under Your prudent []
 make no doubt but that y[]
 Majestys Service, and regard for [] advantages
 which the Colonies in [general] and this province in particular
 [may] derive from the intended meeting, we engage you to
 exert all the influence You have among the Indians on the present
 occasion;—The Members of His Majestys Council have
 desir'd me to apply to You f[or the] Plan You had laid down
 for the Indian [trade] & Your Observations on those parts of
 it [which] had met with the greatest Success, [] be
 glad to have this as soon as yo[u conveni]ently could send it,
 that I may [] opportunity of laying it before
 [] of Assembly as early as []
 with great truth & []
 INDORSED: Augt. 31st 1768

From Sr H Moore
 Bart.

TO PETER REMSEN

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Sept 1, 1768

The Proprietors of the Patent of Hansen² have []d
 to me, representing that they are apprehensive they may be
 [deprived?] of their Lowland or of part thereof which would
 greatly Suffer by a Line drawn from fixed points on the Mohawk
 River, & as it is the only Valuable part of their Patent.—

This not having been effectually done whilst you was here,
 The release being only in general Terms, altho' a case so cir-
 cumstanced as to require a particular Mention of its bounds, It
 is therefore my duty to remind you of this in Justice to the good
 intentions of the Indians who have likewise Spoke to me abt it

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² See *Calendar of Land Papers*, p. 101.

& who by all means expect that the Low Land on the River [will be] secured to the people who have so long possessed it, and which you promised to do when here, I have [] that Confidence in the Equity of the proprietors [of the] Kayadarossoras that I make no doubt they will [] Low Land aforementioned as soon as possible to the present [] I remain

Sir

&ca

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹

New York Sept. 3^d. 1768.

DEAR SIR

I am favored with yours of 27th. Ul^{mo}: inclosing a List of Officers Necessary for your Department, according to the New Reform made therein, which I shall transmit home by the Packet which sails in about Eight Days.

Major Rogers' Accounts have been certified in the Manner you mention contrary to the private opinion of some, and by others of whom I shall give no opinion; but the Traders must apply elsewhere, for I can do Nothing with their Draughts. Rogers's Assurance and Cunning I perceive to have gained upon Many People, but if those who have made Affidavits and Declarations against him appear at his Tryal, and make good their Allegations, I can't think he will escape unhurt.

I don't perceive that the Provinces will be able to fix upon any Regulations for the Trade, till their Assemblys meet; and may be proper to keep your Commissarys some time longer till their Resolutions are taken. I observe from the Tenor of your Letter, that you Judge the same expences should be incurred now in your Department, as before the Change made in the Management of the Trade, for you deem it Necessary to have People in the different Quarters besides the Deputys to trans-

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

act Indian Affairs. I must confess that it has puzzled me to find out how the Expences of Trade and Negotiations with the Indians were to be separated and unless the Provinces appoint Commissarys to reside at the Posts in the Manner your's have done to make Presents occasionally to the Indians, Expences will in some Shape be incurred at the Post by the Crown. I wish they were all demolished and the French Settlers at the Detroit and the Illinois sent down the Country.

I don't doubt that your Intentions concerning the Boundary of New York will meet with Approbation, and I wish the Indians of Ohio were ready for the Congress as the more of them present at it, the better it would be. I am surprized the Provinces are so very indifferent about so material a Transaction. Govr. Franklin only whose Province is little concerned is gone up. I don't find that Sir Henry Moore has even thought of appointing Commissioners, and Virginia might have appointed others, altho' those first Nominated are obliged to attend the Cherokee. I have heard Nothing of the Intentions of Pennsylvania in this respect.¹

The Belts Mentioned by the Mississagaes, I should have said Chippewas, is very probable, and I fear that we shall always be liable to such Inconveniences as long as the French are within the Reach of the Indians.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SR: W:^M JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: 7^{br}. 3^d. 1768

Gen^l. Gages Letter

¹ At the proceedings at Fort Stanwix Governor William Franklin, of New Jersey, was the only governor present. Virginia and Pennsylvania were represented by commissioners.

FROM PETER REMSEN AND ISAAC LOW

L. S.

[New York, September 6, 1768]

We have the Pleasure to acquaint you that we the Patentees of Cayoderoseras here, well pleas'd with [] Proceedings, and ready to ratify & confirm the same in [the most] ample Manner. —

We should have sent up the Money to discharge the Note [] was kind enough to take of us for the Ballance due to [the In]dians at once; but being obliged to send a Deed we promis'd [] Lands, quite to Philadelphia to be executed by some [] Parties there; we waited untill we could send that and [the m]oney together; which we now do (at least the Proportion [] Patentees in this Quarter) by Mr. Simon Remsen, who [] on Mr M^c. Crea for the remaining Ballance [] the Patentees in Albany— And we expect that [] will accompany the Bearer, and see that our [] to] you are fulfill'd to your intire Satisfaction [] always entertain a gratefull Sense of your [] us to accommodate so old a Dispute [] the most profound Respect Sir

Your Most Obliged

[] Most Hble, Serv^s:

PETER REMSEN

[ISAAC LOW]

TO HUGH GAINÉ

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 401, is a letter of the 8th to Hugh Gainé about the expense of completing the printing of the Indian prayer book and making 400 copies. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:386; Q, 4:243.)

THOMAS GAGE TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

*Extract*¹(N^o. 13)*New York Sep^r: 9th 1768.*

MY LORD,

I have the honor to transmit your Lordship a List of the Officers, with an Estimate of their Salarys, which Sir William Johnson judges absolutely Necessary for conducting the Affairs of his Department; by which the Expence thereof, will amount to one thousand Pounds, more than the Sum fixed by the Board of Trade. He also mentions, that from our present extensive Alliances, and Connections with the Indians, their own natural Disposition and Prejudices, and from the Proceedings of Artfull and lurking Enemies; it is necessary People should remain in different Quarters, besides the Deputys, to transact Indian Affairs, in order to counteract those Disturbers of the Peace, whether Whites or Indians. That it is certain, they can not be there without Expence, but it should be moderate, arising from the Nature and absolute Necessity of the Service.

It is hoped that the Provinces will be at those Charges, by appointing Commissarys to reside at the Posts and Forts, in the Manner the Superintendant has practiced, without this, Expences will be incurred by the Crown, as long as there are Forts in the Indian Country, The distant Indians accustomed to transact all Business there, will still haunt the Forts, on many Pretences, of Business with the Commanders, whether on the Subjects of Trade or Negotiation, and they are never to be turned away, without some Present. Sir William Johnson will be desired to obviate these Inconveniences as much as in his Power, and when the System which the Provinces shall adopt respecting the Trade shall be known, it seems necessary, that he should form some Plan for the part of the Indian Management committed to his Charge, that shall as much as possible coincide with theirs.

¹ In Public Record Office. C. O. 5.86. p. 343, London, England.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

D. S.¹

[At] a Council held at Fort George in the City of New York, on Friday the Ninth day of September 1768.

Present

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet Captain General &c
 Mr. Horsmanden
 Mr. Watts
 Mr. De Lancey
 Mr. Reade
 Mr. Smith Jun^r:
 Mr. Cruger.

His Excellency was pleased to observe to the Board, that Mr: Penn Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Pensilvania, was expected in this City, in his Way to the Congress soon to be held with the Indians for the Settlement of a Boundary Line between them and his Majesty's Colonies; and that Mr. Penn he was informed, intends at this general Meeting of the Indians to purchase of them, in Behalf and at the Expence of the Proprietaries of that Province, such part of the Lands to be ceded by the Indians, as may fall within the Province of Pensilvania, [which] Mr. Penn supposes doth extend Northward so [far as to include] the forty third Degree of North[ern Latitude, whereas the] Northern Limits of that Province [are by the Charter expressly confined to] the [Beginning of the forty third Degree, and if extended to the End of the said Degree of Northern Latitude, would not only greatly] contract the Limits of this [Province, but by breaking in] upon many Ancient and valuab[le settlements under] this Government, be productive of great [Dissatisfaction] and Uneasiness among the possessors of the [Soil.]

The Record of the Charter or Letters Patent [from] King Charles the Second in the thirty third Year of his Re[ign] to

¹ Words burned off are supplied from the *Council Minutes*, 26:125-26.

William Penn Esq^r. for the Province of Pensilvania [was] then Read, in which the Lands thereby granted, are described in the Words following:

“All that Tract or Parte of Land in America [with] all the Islands therein contained, as the same is [bounded] on the East by Delaware River from twelve Mile[s distance] Northward of New Castle Towne, unto the three [and fortieth] Degree of Northern Latitude, if the said River [doth extend] soe farr Northwards, But if the said Riv[er shall not] extend so farr Northward, then by the [said River soe farr] as itt doth extend, and from the [Head of the said River] the Easterne Bounds are [to be determined by a] Meridian Line [to be drawne from the Head of the said] River [unto the said three and fortieth Degree, the said Land to extend Westward five Degrees in Longitude to be computed from the said Eastern Bounds, and the said Lands to be] bounded on the North by the Beginning [of the] three and fortieth Degree of Northern Latitude, and on the South by a Circle drawn at Twelve Miles Distance from New Castle Northwards and Westwards, unto the Beginning of the fortieth Degree of Northern Latitude, and then by a Streight Line Westwards to the Limitts of Longitude above mentioned.”

His Excellency having required the Advice of the Board thereupon; and the Council being of Opinion that such Purchase, if effected, may greatly prejudice the Rights of the Crown; therefore unanimously advise his Excellency to apprise Sir William Johnson of the Information he has received, and strongly to recommend it to him, as his Majesty's Superintendant of Indian Affairs, to interpose and prevent, if attempted, the Purchasing of any Lands in behalf of the Proprietaries of the province of Pensilvania, to the [Northw]ard of the Beginning of the three and fortieth Degree [of Northern] Latitude, the utmost Extent of that Province; [until his Majesty's] Pleasure shall be known.

Exam^d By

[]

FROM JOHN WATTS

A. L. S.

New York 10th. Sept^r. 1768

DEAR SIR

As no mortal when he begins an intercourse with your Kings Princes & great Men, knows where the Expence will end, I shall take it as a favour (tho I know at the same time the request to be superfluous) if Gov^r. Penn sho'd want any money you will be so kind as to put him a way to supply his Demands either by Bill on this place or philad^a. & I will take care the Money shall be punctually paid agreeable to his Draughts, the only Motive for my mentioning this to you is Gov^r. Penns being an entire Stranger both to the Country he will be in & the Mode of raising Money in it—

I wrote to you a fortnight or more ago about this grand Treaty, but his presence will render any answer to my Letter unnecessary.

I am with great truth —

Dr. Sr.

Y^r. Most Humb^e.

Serv^t.

JN^o. WATTS —

INDORSED: Sept^r. 10th. 1768 —

Mr. Watt's Letter

Ⓕ Gov^r. Penn —

FROM FRANCIS WADE

A. L. S.

Philad^a. 11th Septembr. 1768

[DEAR S]IR

I have taken the oport^y. of Mr. John [Penn's] going your way to send you some of the [ma]gnola seeds, I am told they'l answer to sow this month or next, however you Can try part this fall & part in the spring the low ground answers best for them —

I have procured some of the plants against next spring which

I Can send up in tubs with Earth about them & theyl soon bear
 I have now the pleasure of inform^g. you I found all my famely
 & affairs well at my return I hope by return of the bearer to
 have the pleasure of hear^g. of yours & famelys [we]lfare as well
 as your success in the Intended [Con]gress, if you Chuse to
 have any other sort [of see]ds or plants from this quarter I Can
 [] ready suply you with them & shall [be gl]ad
 of the oport^y. of serv^g. you in that [or any] other matter here
 & am with due regards

Dear Sir

Your most Obligd

& most Obed^t. Hble Serv^t.

[] Baron^t.

FRAN^s. WADE

FROM GOLDSBROW BANYAR

A. L. S.

New York 12th: September 1768

I intended to have wrote you by Mr Harper but he went
 away unexpectedly. His Bonds to French and Brush gave him
 much Trouble French's Creditors at last consented I should
 take in Satisfaction of mine and Mr. Clarke's Debt the 14,000
 Acres he had left undisposed of Mr. Brush sold one half of what
 he was to have to Harper himself, and the other half 8000
 Acres finally came by Purchase into the Hands of Harper and
 my own—I should have had no Concern in it at all, had I not
 been desirous to settle the above Debt in a Manner that might
 be satisfactory to Mr. Clarke However considering the Good-
 ness of the Soil I am in hopes a speedy Settlement will be made
 and the Lands become of some Value I was apprized before I
 engaged in it of the Claim of Mr. Penn, and suspected but did
 not know his Intentions to purchase at the approaching Treaty
 the Lands as far Northward as he construes the Proprietaries
 claim to extend, which is so far as to include [the] 43^d degree
 of Northern Latitude,¹ whereas [the gra]nt itself expressly con-

¹ See letter of Johnson to Thomas Penn, August 24, 1768, also Proceedings of Council, September 9, 1768.

fines them to [the begin]ning of that Degree, which []
 from the Equator terminates [] Degree is
 marked on the Maps [] the 42^d. and of Course the
 [] The Place named
 []
 [] he will [] River. The Governor
 [] of Mr. Penn's Intentions []
 to such Claim, laid the ma[tter before the] Council, who in a
 Minute cont[aining a] Description of Mr Penn's Grant
 [] advised his Excellency to recommend [to] you to
 interpose and prevent (sho[uld it be] attempted) any Purchase
 in Behalf [of the] Proprietaries Northward of the Begin[ning]
 of the 43^d. Degree of Northern Latitude [until] his Majesty's
 pleasure shall be known. It is not likely the Crown will
 indu[lge Mr] Penn in going beyond the strict Con[struction]
 of his Grant, nor is there any Foundat[ion] that I can see for the
 Claim. Tis best [] for Harper and those interested in
 that [] that the Petitions for the whole 250,000¹
 [] are passed the Council, or perhaps they []
 have found some Obstacle to their Gra[nt. Not] that the
 Council are at all dispo[sed] may imagine to favour so
 un[reasonable a] Claim, but they might have ch[osen to] sus-
 pend the Matter, which [] I am of Opinion gives
 into [] Minute on this Subject wi[]
 not that I doubt your dispo[] in your Power, as
 you [] seen the pernicious []
 would ensue from [] so many m[]
 much []
 []
 [] Presents the Indians are to re[ceive] []
 the Design may be to fix a Line of [] Property, and
 at once to put an End to all [] Disputes about
 Lands between them and us Should this be the Case, I cannot
 doubt but some considerable Personages at home have it in
 view to avail themselves of so fair an Opportunity of obtaining

¹ See *Calendar of Land Papers*, p. 464, and *Calendar of Council Minutes*, p. 537-38.

large Grants — and this I think the more probable as the Line however it may be settled is to await the Confirmations of the Crown; you will see then the Necessity of taking Care of yourself in the Purchases you have already made — I wish you all the Success in this Treaty your most sanguine hopes can suggest, which if intended in the Light I view it in will if successful be the most important [] any ever made with that People; [] only to settle a Line, beyond which [] Whites shall not settle, leaving the [] on this side the Line in the Indians, an [] course the old Disputes about irregular [] Purchases, still subsisting, deserves not either the Trouble or the Expence that will [] it. In any Event however I must beg [you] will do all you can for the Benefit of [] erved in the Oriskene & Sadaqueda¹ []

I am Dear Sir William

Your affectionate and obed^t.

Servant

GW BANYAR

ADDRESSED: To On his Majesty's Service
The Hon^{ble} Sir William Johnson
Baronet
at
Fort Johnson or
elsewhere.

INDORSED: 1768
[Banyars] Letter

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df*²

Johnson Hall Sept. 12th. 1768.

DEAR SIR

I am just favored with yours of the 3^d. inst and have directed the continuance of the Commissarys for a little time longer to

¹ Sauquoit.

² In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson.

enable the Provinces to Make some necessary provision of that kind, tho' I very Much doubt whether they will do any thing attended with Expence,— There are so many inconsistencies and such difficulties in the Way to their ever Acting on one proper plan (and no other will answer) That I apprehend the Government will soon be convinced of its inutility.—

I do not mean that the Same Expences should be incurred now that the Trade is to be Managed by the Provinces, all I propose is the Depy^s. and the Very few Interpreters mentioned in the Estimate which I sent you,— The reasonableness & necessity of having some powers besides in the different quarters, will I fear appear too soon, but as the Government have now Settled the Matter, That is as I conceive it left to the discretion of the Colonies with regard to Trade, who ought to see the Necessity there is for their makg such Appointments;—I am however persuaded that all these things sho^d. be under one Gen^l. Super Intendence, and I believe that a proper representative of the Matter, and a due Attention given to the Subject by his Majesty & the Ministry would produce the Same opinion at Court

I am in hopes that I shall meet with at least some of the Ohio's.

Sir H Moore by a Letter I have Just now received desires me to do what I can for this Province & Excuses himself from coming up I have likewise a Letter from L^t Gov^r. Penn; Informing me that he will be here in 2 or 3 days with 4 or 5 of his Council, Governor Franklyn & His Chief Justice have been here some days, and I purpose to set out the 15th Inst, as I Expect the Indians at Fort Stanwix abt. the 20th.—

Rogers appears very Confident of coming off with Success, and Certainly amuses the Trading people with various Storys. He told Mr Gale that like another Columbus, he was confined & illtreated for his services to the Country — Vanity is one his principal foibles.

The Traders think the Governmt will immediately pay their Accots if refused here —

Whatever you may think of farther on any of these or other
Subjects you will please to Write me to Fort Stanwix

I am always,

with great Truth & Regard

Dear Sir, &c

GEN^L. GAGE

TO JOHN PENN

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Sept^r 12 1768

I was favored Last night with your Letter of the []
Inst and am very glad to find that I shall have the pleasure of
Seeing you at the Congress. From the reports I have had since
my last to you, I was induced to fix upon tomorrow for pro-
ceeding on my Journey but altho' it is necessary I should be at
Fort Stanwix before the Ind^s. are met shall postpone my Journey
till Thursday the 15th hoping by that time to have the pleasure
of Seeing You, and your Company, here, if not, Shall give direc-
tions for your accomodation along the Road, in the best manner
the Country affords.—

Your first days Journey from Schenectady should [be] to
Mr. Hendrick Freys near Canajoharee which [] 38
Miles, Your next to Shoemakers [] Upper End of
the German flatts would be about [] From thence
to Fort Stanwix is 40 which [] performed by Water
and I shall See [] for you at the flatts, that will
[] to Fort Stanwix in Two days. I apprehend
[] bedding with you []
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You may easily []
Caghnawaga which is about []
shall Likewise leave directions for []
From hence you can go to John Nich []
House near the little falls, within a few []
German flatts. This last rout you will []

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

take in case You should chuse to come in a []
 or indeed any other Carriage.

I heartily wish you & the Gentlemen []
 you a Safe & Speedy Arrival & remain with great regard
 Sir,

INDORSED:

Septbr. 12th. 1768
 Sent by Mr. Wetherhead

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 12 Sepr. 1768

DEAR SIR

So many people have lately gone from hence to attend you at the Congress that youll learn all the News we have here by them, so I shall not take up yr. time on that Accot.—

We have lately sent us by a Friend [at] Montreal two Bills on you viz^t [Capt] Speismaker's Bill of 1st. August, with an [acct.] certified at Michilimac. annexed

[] Amo ^t .	£413	.11	.8
[Benjamin] Roberts on you same date.	106	7	2
	£519	19	10

[] be so good as to order the [] here
 as soon as you possibly can, if they are not to []
 lett me know it by a Line, that I may []
 them returned properly.

I am with much Esteem
 Dr Sir

Yr. most obedient &
 verry hum^e Serv^t.

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: []br. 12th. 1768

Mr. Wallaces Letter
 with some Acc^{ts}.

April	1	25 Shirts	18/	20	-	-	-
		10 ^{lbs} Vermillion	32/	16	-	-	-
		25 ^{lbs} Powder	8/	10	-	-	-
		50 ^{lbs} Ball	18 ^d	3	15	-	-
		30 Large Knives	2/6	3	15	-	-
		24 ^{lbs} Tobacco	4/	4	16	-	-
		100 Flint	16/	16	-	-	-
		Carried forward..		£54	2	-	£69 11 -
[	[	]	24/	2	8	-	82 18
[	[	]	8/	4	-	-	-
[	[	]	18 ^d	1	10	-	-
[	[	]	2/	1	4	-	-
[	[	]	16/	8	-	-	-
[	[	]	20/	10	-	-	-
[	[	]	12/	6	-	-	-
[	[	]	32/	3	4	-	-
[	[	]	4/	2	-	-	-
[	[	]	40/	2	-	-	-
[	[	]	8/	2	-	-	-
[	[	]	24/	1	4	-	41 2 -
		Tobacco					
		1 Fuzee					
		500 Wampum					
		1 Gallon Rum					

ACCOUNT OF BAYNTON, WHARTON AND MORGAN—Continued

6	1 th Powder & 2 ^{ths} Ball		—	11	—
	1/2 th Vermillion	32/		16	—
	1 quart Rum	6/		6	—
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10	12 ^{ths} Powder	8/	4	16	—
	24 ^{ths} Ball	18 ^d	1	16	—
	3 ^{ths} Paint	32/	4	16	—
	12 ^{ths} Tobacco	4/	2	8	—
	4 Ruffled Shirts	24/	4	16	—
	4 Strouds	32/	6	8	—
	4 p ^r . Leggings	12/	2	8	—
	4 Breech Clouts	12/	2	8	—
	1 Gall ⁿ . Rum	24/	1	4	—
					31
11	12 Stone Rings & 2 Jews Harps			5	—
	1 Shirt	16/		16	—
	1 Stroud	32/	1	12	—
	4 ^{ths} Powder	8/	1	12	—
	8 ^{ths} Lead	18 ^d		12	—
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ACCOUNT OF BAYNTON, WHARTON AND MORGAN—Continued

3 Strouds	32/	4	16	-
3 Petticoats	16/	2	8	-
				35 17 []
15 8 ^{ths} Powder	8/	3	4	-
16 ^{ths} Ball	18 ^d	1	4	-
12 p ^s . Gartering	8/	4	16	-
4 ^{ths} Vermillion	32/	6	8	-
12 Couteaus	2/	1	4	-
4 p ^r . Leggings	12/	2	8	-
4 Matchcoats	20/	4	-	-
4 Shirts	16/	3	4	-
				26 8 -
				£330 17 -
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Carried forward—

[1/2 th] Paint	32/	16	-
2 ^{lbs} Tobacco	4/	8	-
2 ^{lbs} Powder	8/	16	-
4 ^{lbs} Ball	18 ^d	6	-
3 Match Coats	20/	3	-
3 Breech Clouts	12/	1	16
1 Stroud	32/	1	12
4 p ^r . Leggings	12/	2	8
2 p ^s . Indian Ribbon.....	8/	16	-
1 Silver Cross.....	5/	5	-
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25	24/	2	8
2 Callico Shirts.....	32/	3	4
2 Strouds	16/	1	12
2 petticoats	20/	2	-
2 Matchcoats	12/	1	4
2 Breech Clouts	12/	2	8
4 p ^r . Leggings	32/	1	12
1 th . paints	8/	2	8
6 ^{lbs} . powder	18 ^d		18
12 ^{lbs} . Ball	24/	1	4
1 Gall Rum	2/	2	8
24 Silver Broaches.....	3/		18
6 Crosses		22	4
			-

ACCOUNT OF BAYNTON, WHARTON AND MORGAN—Continued

Carr^d. forward..

[			£404	5	-
	6 Shirts []
	6 Breech Clouts	[]
	4 p ^s . Gartering	[]
	30 th . 12 th Powder	8/	[4	16]
	24 ^{ths} Ball	18 ^d	[1	16]
	1/2 th Thread	12/	[	6]
	12 Broaches	2/	1	4	-
	500 Wampum	8/	2	-	-
	1 Gallon Rum	24/	1	4	-
	2 ^{ths} Paint	32/	3	4	-
			42	1	[]
May	4 th . 20 ^{ths} Powder	8/	8	-	-
	40 ^{ths} Ball	18 ^d	3	-	-
	2 ^{ths} Vermillion	32/	3	4	-
	20 Knives	18 ^d	1	10	-
5 th .	1 Match Coat	20/	1	-	-
	1 Shirt	16/	16	-	-
	1 Breech Clout	12/	12	-	-
	1 p ^s . Leggings	12/	12	-	-
			18	14	[]

7 th	2 Shirts	16/	1	12	-
	2 Matchcoats	20/	2	-	-
	2 p ^t . Leggings	12/	1	4	-
	2 ^{ts} . Powder	8/		16	-
	4 ^{ths} . Lead	18 ^d		6	-
	1 th Vermillion	32/	1	12	-
	2 Knives	2/6		5	-
			7	15	-

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Carried forward..

[]	2	16	-
[]	1	1	-
[20/	1	-	-
[32/	6	8	-
[12/	2	8	-
[24/	1	4	-
] Shirt.....				
			33	11	-

[1/2 th] paint	32/	16	-
1 th Powder	8/	8	-
2 th Ball	18 ^d	3	-
19 1 Shirt	16/	16	-

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ACCOUNT OF BAYNTON, WHARTON AND MORGAN—Continued

21	2	Shirts	16/	1	12	-
		6 ^{lbs} Tobacco	4/	1	4	-
		1 ^{lb} Vermillion	32/	1	12	-
25	4 ^{lbs}	Powder	8/	1	12	-
	8 ^{lbs}	Ball	18 ^d		12	-
26	1	Quart Rum	6/		6	18
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29	500	Wampum	8/	2	-	-
[]	1/4 th Thread	16/		4	-
	4	Shirts	16/	3	4	-
	4	Match Coats	20/	4	-	-
30 th .	24	Silver Broaches	2/	2	8	-
	1	Wrist Band	10/		10	-
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June	1 st	5 ^{lbs} Powder	8/	2	-	-
		10 ^{lbs} Ball	18 ^d		15	-
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3	6 ^{lbs}	Powder	8/	2	8	-
	12 ^{lbs}	Ball	18 ^d		18	-
4	1	Match Coat	20/	1	-	-
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					4	6
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			£535	3	-
[Carr ^d . forward..	[]
	3 ^{lbs} Powder	[]
	4 ^{lbs} Powder	[]
11	2 Shirts	[]
	1/2 th Paints	[]
14	3 ^{lbs} Tobacco	[]
	6 Knives	18 ^d	[	9]
17	1 Pipe Tom Hawk	20/	1	-	-
	8 ^{lbs} Tobacco	4/	1	12	-
	2 th Paint	32/	3	4	-
	12 Knives	1/6		18	-
	12 shirts	16/	9	12	-
	12 Strouds	32/	19	4	-
	6 ^{lbs} Gunpowder	8/	2	8	-
	12 ^{lbs} Ball	18 ^d		18	-
18	1 pr. Leggings	12/		12	-
	1/2 th Vermillion, more	32/		16	-
			40	4	-
19 th	3 ^{lbs} Tobacco	4/		12	-
	1 Knife	2/6		2	6
	20 ^{lbs} Ball	18 ^d	1	10	-
	10 ^{lbs} Powder	8/	4	0	-

8 th	16 ^{lbs} Ball	18 ^d	1	4	-
	8 ^{lbs} Powder	8/	2	8	-
	1 st Paint	32/	1	12	-
	3 Best Matchcoats.....	32/	4	16	-
	3 Shirts	24/	3	12	-
	1 pr. Leggings	12/		12	-
	2 Brech Clouts	12/	1	4	-
9	3 Knives	3/		9	-
	3 ^{lbs} Tobacco	4/		12	-
	1 Gall ⁿ . Rum	24/	1	4	-
				17	13
10 th	2 ^{lbs} Powder	8/		16	-
	4 ^{lbs} Lead	18 ^d		6	-
				1	2
11	1 st Powder	8/		8	-
	2 ^{lbs} Lead	18 ^d		3	-
	12 Flint	2 ^d		2	-
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ACCOUNT OF BAYNTON, WHARTON AND MORGAN—Continued

Carrd. forward..

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5 Breech Clouts	[]]
2 th Paint	[]]
2 Ruffled Shirts	[]]
5 plain D ^o	[]]
8 Cuteaus	[]]
3 th Tobacco	4/ []]
3 Petticoats	16/	— 2 8
1 Gallon of Rum.	24/	— 1 4

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13	15 Plain Shirts	16/	12	—
	7 Ruffled D ^o	24/	8	8
	1 p ^s . Stroud.	£16	16	—
	1 p ^s . French Matchcoats.	£20	20	—
	24 ^{ths} Tobacco	4/	4	16
	6 ^{ths} Paint	32/	9	12
	12 th Powder	8/	4	16
14	24 th Ball	18 ^d	1	16
	3 th Beads	5/		15
	2 doz. Jews Harps.	5/		10
	1 Gallon of Rum.	24/	1	4

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ACCOUNT OF BAYNTON, WHARTON, AND MORGAN—Continued

24	5 ^{lbs} Powder	8/	2	—
	10 ^{lbs} Ball	18 ^d		15
	1 Quart Rum	6/		6
26	1 Shirt	16/		16
	1 Stroud	32/	1	12
	1 Breech Clout	12/		12
27	2 ^{lbs} Powder	8/		16
	4 ^{lbs} Ball	18 ^d		6
28	1 Match Coat	20/	1	0
	1 Shirt	16/		16
	1 Pair Leggings	12/		12
	1 Quart Rum	6/		6
	12 Broaches	2/	1	4
	1 Breech Clout	12/		12
				4
				10
				—

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[20 Matchcoats	[
	4 Strouds	[
	24 Shirts	[
	24 pr. Leggings.....	[
	16 Breach Clouts.....	12/	9	12	-				
	22 ^l ls Brass Kettles.....	8/	8	16	-				
	500 Wampum	8/	2	-	-				
30 th	15 ^l ls Tobacco	4/	3	-	-				
	4 Fuzees	40/	8	-	-				
	8 Petticoats	16/	6	8	-				117 14 []
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31	2 gallons Rum.....	24/							2 8 -
August	1 st 2p ^s Stroud	£16	32	-	-				
	12 plain Shirts.....	16/	9	12	-				
	6 Ruffled D ^o	24/	7	4	-				
	4 ^l ls Paint	32/	6	8	-				
	12 ^l ls Tobacco	4/	2	8	-				
	5 Gallons Rum	24/	6	-	-				63 12 -

[	4]	ruffled D°	24/	4	16	-
	1 p ^s	French Matchcoats	£20	20	-	-
	1	narrow Stroud	£14	14	-	-
	21 ^l s	Powder	8/	8	8	-
	42 ^l s	Lead	18 ^d	3	3	-
	12 ^l s	Tobacco	4/	2	8	-
	6 p ^s .	Gartering	8/	2	8	-
	7 th	14½ ^l s Kettles	8/	5	16	-
				74	11	-
	8 th & 9 th	40 ^l s Powder	8/	16	-	-
		80 ^l s Lead	18 ^d	6	-	-
		1 Gallon Rum		1	4	-
				23	4	-
	11 th	12 Match Coats	20/	12	-	-
		2 Strouds	32/	3	4	-
		14 Shirts	16/	11	4	-
		14 p ^r . Leggings	12/	8	8	-
		12 Breech Clouts	12/	7	4	-
		14 ^l s Powder	8/	5	12	-
		28 ^l s Ball	18 ^d	2	2	-
		1 Gallon Rum	24/	1	4	-
				50	18	-

ACCOUNT OF BAYNTON, WHARTON AND MORGAN—Continued

				£1224	12	6	
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			Carried forward..				
	24	Breech Clouts.....	[]
	30	Shirts	[]
	2	Strouds	[]
	4 ^{lbs}	Paint	[]
	30 p ^r .	Leggings.....	12/		18	-	-
	21 ^{lbs}	Tobacco	4/		4	4	-
14	5	Gall ⁿ . Rum.....	24/		6	-	-
	6 p ^s .	Gartering.....	8/		2	8	-
				98	[]
	15	2½ Gallons Rum	24/		3	-	-
	6 ^{lbs}	Tobacco	4/		1	4	-
	12 ^{lbs}	Powder	8/		4	16	-
	24 ^{lbs}	Ball	18 ^d		1	16	-
	1 th	Paint	32/		1	12	-
				12	8	-	-

17 th	7 Match Coats.....	20/	7	-	-
	2 Strouds	32/	3	4	-
	9 Shirts	16/	7	4	-
	9 p ^r . Leggings.....	12/	5	8	-
	9 Brech Clouts	12/	5	8	-
	2 ^l ls Paint	32/	3	4	-
	6 ^l ls Tobacco	4/	1	4	-
	10 ^l ls Powder	8/	4	-	-
	20 ^l ls Ball	18 ^d	1	10	-
	1 Gallon Rum	24/	1	4	-
	4 p ^s . Gartering.....	8/	1	12	-
	2 ^l ls Beeds	5/		10	-
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ACCOUNT OF BAYNTON, WHARTON AND MORGAN—Continued

				£1378	6	6
			Carr ^d . forward..]
[20/]		1	-
[		12/	]		12	-
[		8/	]		1	12
[		18 ^d	]		12	-
				4	12	-
	[6 Match] Coats.....	20/		6	-	-
	[6] p ^r . Leggings	12 ^s		3	12	-
	15 ^{lbs} Powder	8/		6	-	-
	30 ^{lbs} Lead	18 ^d		2	5	-
22	2 ^{ths} Paint.....	32/		3	4	-
	3 Gall. Rum.....					
		32/		4	16	-
23	3 ^{ths} Paint	20/		10	-	-
	10 Match Coats	32/		3	4	-
	2 Strouds	24/		3	12	-
				24	13	-

12	Shirts	16/	9	12	-
12	p ^r . Leggings	12/	7	4	-
24 th	16 ^{lbs} Tobacco	4/	3	4	-
25 th	16 ^{lbs} Powder	8/	6	8	-
	32 ^{lbs} Lead	18 ^d	2	8	-
26 th	21 ^{lbs} brass Kettles	8/	8	8	-
	4 p ^s . Gartering	8/	1	12	-
			56	16	-
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	6 p ^r . Leggings	12/	3	12	-
	6 Match Coats	20/	6	-	-
	6 Shirts	16/	4	16	-
	15 ^{lbs} Powder	8/	6	-	-
	30 ^{lbs} Lead	18 ^d	2	5	-
	1 th Paint	32/	1	12	-
	4 Gallons Rum	24/	4	16	-
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ACCOUNT OF BAYNTON, WHARTON AND MORGAN—Continued

			£1496	14	6
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	Carr'd. forward..				
30 ^{lbs} Powder	[]
60 ^{lbs} Lead	[]
2 Blankets	[]
1 th Paint	[]
Also.					
6 ^{lbs} Powder	8/	2	8	-	
12 ^{lbs} Ball	18 ^d		18	-	
1 Red Stroud	40/	2	-	-	
1 ruffled Shirt	30/	1	10	-	
1 Handkerchief	8/		8	-	
1 pr. Leggings	12/		12	-	
1/2 th Paint	32/		16	-	
			29	4	

64 Gallons of Rum d^d to Captain Forbes for such Indians as he may meet with in Ascending the Ohio and whom he may be under the Necessity to talk with &c.....@ 24/

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Error in casting up 7th Powder 14th

April £2.0.0 over

D^o: D^o: 8ths D^o: 8th July 0.16.0 short

£1 4 0 difference

Deduct 1 4 -

£1601 10 6

[
 [] full for the foregoing Acc^t
 [] and three Receipts of this Tenor
 []

BAYNTON, WHARTON & MORGAN

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of One thousand []
 Currency of New York by which []
 said Baynton Wharton and Morgan []
 of Gordon Forbes Esquire of his Majestys 34th Reg[iment] []
 to different Tribes and Nations of Indians at different []
 his Majestys Service — viz^t.

EDW^d C[OLE]
 Com[missary]

- First To two partys of the Vermillion and Kaskaskia Indians, who [came] the *Black Fly*, in Consequence of a Message Sent to them by Me [] into the Truth of a report which was spread abroad that they had re[ceived] a Belt to Strike their Fathers the English.—
- 2^{ndly} To the *Black Dog* a Chief of the Piorias and Sundry Parties of his N[ation] who came here on their Return from their Winters Hunt to take th[eir Fa]thers the English by the hand agreeable to their usual Custom with [their] late Fathers the French — Signifying — That as they had now brought their Trade to the English, they expected and begged the same Encouragement which they were used to receive from their late Fathers the French
- 3rd To a Chief and Tribe of the Missouri, who returned from their Wint[er] Hunt, and expressed their firm Attachment to their Fathers the English and to Confirm their Speech made in March last, and also to acquaint Us that as Peace was now Established on the Missouri River, they intend []
 []

[] and other Indians living at and around [] their Fathers the English by the Hand, and declare [] Resolution to live in Peace and promote it throughout all the Coun[try.] They begged that as they had brought a Considerable Share of their Trade to this Side they might receive Sincere Marks of our Friendship for them.— To the Piorias living at Pain Court, who had returned from their Hunt and had waited thus Long, knowing the Concourse of Indians which had resorted at that Season to brighten the Chain of Friendship with their Fathers the English — On which Errand, they now also came and to Express their firm Attachment to Us — They also begged a Mark of our Friendship and peaceable Disposition toward them.—

6^{thly} To the Chief of the Osages with a large Party of warriors who came to Trade and ask our Advice how to Act in Consequence of the Spanish Commandant, having demanded their English Colours from them, which they had planted in their Village and were determined to preserve— They assured Us that in Consequence of the Insult offered to them by the Spaniards, that they would return early with their whole Summers Hunt and Bring []

[]
7^{thly} To La luce and Tomar[]
to beg the Means, where with to []
their firm Attachment to our Interest —

8^{thly} To Seven Chiefs of the Putawatamies, with their Sa[] bring back the two Prisoners named Stewart (& his Wife) taken [] Young Men from this place in April last — They expressed a Sin[cere detest]ation of such an Act and to Convince their Fathers the English that [they] had done everything in their Power, to wipe of the Stain, and that [no ill] Consequences might ensue, they humbly implored forgiveness — Promised faithfully that nothing of the Kind should hereafter happen — That in

regard to some former imprudent Acts which their Young [Men] had Committed, they begged that they should be forever forgotten — [] hoped this Instance, will convince their Fathers the English of their Penitence and detestation of the Act And begged to receive a Convin-ving Token of their Forgiveness to Shew their people on their return —

9^{thly} To the *Black Dog* Chief of the Piorias who with great part of his Nation came to acquaint us that they were going out on their Summer Hunt on the Grand Prairie, to provide Meat for their Old Men, their [] []ly those who came to [] Friendship with the English and to [] such trade] with us as might tend to the Advantage [] they were egregiously imposed on by the French and Spaniards [who] came among them.— To a Chief of the Arcanzas and one of his Warriors, who came to know whether or not the Report which the French had Spread, concerning the English Fort having fallen into the River was True, in Consequence of which they had carried their Skins home — But now demanded to know, whether they may hereafter come and Trade with Us on the Same Terms with the rest of their Brethren. For assurance where of they begged a Token to carry to their Nation.—

12^{thly} To Pontiac and his Attendants, who came to Visit his Fathers the English — He had Wintered on the Wabash and had now Come to see all his Brethren the Indians in this Country and to know their Sentiments and Dispositions in General, And that if he found any bad reports amongst them, he might warn them to Shut their Ears against all bad Birds — As he intended not to return to Detroit

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 []intention of []
 between all the Ind[]

13th To the Grand Chief of the Osages together [] agreeable to their [] with a Considerable [] Example of their future Intentions — They say the [] Nations intend soon to take their Fathers the English by [the hand] and for the Future to bring their Trade to this Place. On [] Passage here the Spanish Commandant a Second Time demanded [their] Colours and the Wampum they had received with them [] they left with him on his Promise that he would bring them [to the] English in Person in two days, and there deliver his Speech in [] of Both parties — They flattered themselves that their Fathers [the] English would Consider them agreeable to their Promise in the last Speech, that they would be entitled to their Notice in proportion to the Trade they brought amongst Us. —

14^{thly} To sundry Chiefs and Partys of Ottaways and Chippaways, who came to assure Us of their firm Resolution to Maintain and Promote Peace to the utmost of their Power, betwen all the Indian Nations and the English [] [] different Nations of Ind [] return from War, In [] to divert their Atten [] into any League [against Us] [] Goods charged in the foregoing [one thousand] Six hundred and one p[ounds ten shillings and sixpence] of the Province of N [] by my App [] from Mess^{rs}. Baynton Wharton & Morgan by Edward Cole Esquire [] Affairs and were delivered by him and my Self at various Times [] Tribes and Nations of Indians as particularly Specified in the foregoing [cer]tificate under the Hand of the said Edward Cole Esq^r. — Which Expen[ses were] abso-

lutely Necessary to be made for the Benefit of his
Majestys Service

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand

GORDON FORBES Cap^t.

34th R[egt]

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:91-92, is a letter of August 13th from the Earl of Hillsborough, asking Johnson to examine into and report on a petition for a grant of copper mines circumjacent to Lake Superior, and inquire into the probable attitude of the Indians toward the grant.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹

New York August 14th 1768.

DEAR SIR,

I have just received your's of the 5th Inst^{:.}, whether the Belts mentioned by the Chippewa Chief, to have gone amongst the western Nations, are those which were passed thro' the Nations the Beginning of the Winter, or any new affair, he has not explained. There was no doubt a stir amongst them, and the French Traders will invent Lyes, and excite them to Mischief, as long as they remain Neighbours to us, and that there is a Competiton for the Trade between them and the English Traders. I have ordered all the French Traders to be Seized who are found on our Side of the Mississippi; and have given Notice thereof to Don Ulloa², that he may publish his orders, to prohibit either Traders or Hunters from transgressing their Boundarys, by coming into His Majesty's Territorys.

I have heard Nothing from the Province of Jersey concerning the Business of the Boundary, as I did not write to the Gov^r. of that Province about it. But Governor Sharpe laid my

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² Antonio de Ulloa, Governor of Louisiana, 1764-68.

Letter to him before the Council of Maryland who did not apprehend their Province to be any ways affected by running the Line as described in the Report of the Board of Trade and had nothing to communicate upon the subject. Both the mentioned Provinces ought no doubt to pass Laws to prevent the Transgression of the Boundaries could People transgress them immediately from their Jurisdiction^s, which I apprehend will not be the Case, as they must go into other Provinces before they can reach the Boundary.

The omission of the Province of New-York should be remarked to the Secretary of State, which I mean to do by first Opportunity. And in this affair, which is meant to be general, that Province ought to be included; or more work will remain to be done hereafter, if not finished now. You may depend upon it that no Province will abide by any Boundary that shall be settled at this Congress between the Provinces respectively, tho' their respective Governors should agree upon it. and in my opinion you would give yourself very needless Trouble, in trying to settle more than a Boundary between the Indian's Lands and the Provinces in general.

I am very glad the affair of Kayaderoseras is at length accommodated. Be so good to Send the Papers about Rogers to Gov^r. Carleton as soon as possible. Major Rogers is arrived at Montreal, and they only wait the Evidences from Missilimakinac to begin his Tryal.

I am with great Regard,

Dr. Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

S^R. W^M. JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: N York Aug. 14th. 1768

From Gen^l. Gage

FROM NATHAN WHITING

A. L. S.

New Haven Sep^r 15, 1768

[DEAR] SIR

Tis with pleasure I take the opportunity by Mr Chew to Express the satisfaction I had in hearing you got safe home & found yourself better for your Excursion. It would have given me real pleasure to have waited on you in this Town, had it been agreeable to you to have taken this Rout; I had not the opportunity to spend so much time with you at New London as I intended.

Col^o Fitchs affairs dont admit of his waiting on you at this time. Should you have it in your power to render him any service I am sure you [wou]ld not want any thing I can say [to induc]e you. I am so well convinced [of your] benevolent disposition, that I [] perswaded of your readiness [] Man of Col^o Fitchs merit. after those who have a prior right to Sr W[illiam] Johnsons favour are served by him if tis in his power to oblige me in the land way, I shall gratefully Acknowledge the obligation. I am with real Esteem

sir William

Your most Obedient

humble servant

NATHAN WHITING

S^R W^M. JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: []

Col Whiting's Letter

FROM WILLIAM O BRIEN

A. L. S.

New York, Sep^r. 16th 1768

DEAR SIR,

I take the oportunity of Governor Penn's departure for your part of the World to pay my respects to you.

There is a Mr. Bostwick who came recommended strongly to us from our friends in England, & they beg'd [us] to use our Interest with you to [be] kind enough to assist him in [the] business that he might [] to lay before you — He went [away from] this place before I cou'd [] but I hope this will be [] with you to influence you in his behalf.

I was in hopes to have seen you [in] New York but hope to hear, [as] I was disappointed in the pleasure of seeing you, that your tour [was] of that service to you that Every one who has the honor of knowing you wishes.

Among whom no one can be with more sincere [] & respect D^r. s^r.

Your most []
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[]

INDORSED: [] 1768

[M^r O] Briens Letter

Ⓢ Gov^r. Penn

FROM HUGH GAINE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 402, is listed a letter of September 17th from Hugh Gaine, in New York, sending a memorandum, found among Mr Weyman's papers, on the cost of Indian prayer books and agreeing to finish the work satisfactorily. (Printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:386-87; Q, 4:243.)

TO HENRY MOORE

L. S.¹*Fort Stanwix Sept. 20th. 1768.*

SIR

I am very Glad to find that your Excellencys Letter of the 27th. ult^o. explains the hints you gave in a former Letter of dissatisfaction at the Transactions at my House during my Absence, the Rather as it is in my Power to shew you wherein you have been deceived, and induced to Express your Self so Very unfavourably both of men and measures.

In the first place what seems to introduce the Subject in your Letter of the 27th. ult^o. is a Resentment unjustly entertained from a Misconstruction or misaplication of some words in the late minutes, where the Indians speak of a seeming Confusion that arose from different Opinions and proposals, I do not know how Gentlemen unacquainted with the Indian Idioms and the manner of drawing their inferences may Conceive them, but I do assure you, I did not View them in that Light, nor can I think that they Reflected in the least upon you, they the Indians have indeed sinse Observed to me that they took notice of much heat on Both sides, and as some of them understand a Little English, and that they were never Accustomed to see any degree of warmth on subjects of that nature in publick meeting they were induced to Call it a Confusion; 'tho I am perswaded they did not mean by that any Reflection on you Sir, but I spoke Generally as to the disagreement of Opinion on the Subject;—I do not apprehend there will be Occasion to appeal to any of the By standers regarding the Affair if there is I am under no apprehensions of any thing they can say to my prejudice nor (by all that I can understand) to that of my Officers. but waving this,

¹ In British Museum, Additional Manuscripts 22679. fo. 46, London, England. A draft in Johnson's handwriting, considerably injured by fire, is in the State Library.

I Shall procede to State the proceedings from your Excellencys setting out for my House and doubt not that on Cool Reflection you will be satisfied with my Explanation of these matters unless prejudiced in a manner I Cannot suppose.

On Receiving the Certain Account of your intentions to leave York Col Johnson agreeable to my Instructions sent a string of wampum and a message to the Indians of Oghgaugey to Call them immediately here and to the Conajoharras to Remain at home in readiness to attend on the first Summons, the like directions were given personally to the Mohawks all this was formerly and Regularly done as can (if occasion required) be proved, to have brought them down before you arrived would have been attended with much trouble and unnecessary Expence which the Crown does not approve, neither I beleive would the province incline to defray it besides it was needless as it plainly and fully appears that the several tribes could and actually did attend in due time and in regular succession, the one arriving as the Bussiness with the other was nearly terminated, so that in this Col^o. Johnson acted very Judiciously.

On Arriving at his House you appointed a time to meet him at my house and proceeded to the little falls, the day following he Received an Account that you had not Reached the Stage you proposed and Consequently Could not be back at the time appointed notwithstanding which he set out the day fixed on (altho he had much Bussiness to do did not Expect to meet you) and arrived at the Hall within about half an hour after yourself as the Gentlemen who Accompanied you informed him had he been much later what I have asserted which I believe is the truth might have apologised for it he had the day before sent orders to my Butler to prepare for your Reception, which I am told he did your entertainment indeed might have (from the Circumstances of the Country and our distance from Market) fallen short of your Expectations and my inclynations but this I should immagine you would Excuse

Col Johnson was too well acquainted with the forms of the Indians to bring them to meet you immediately on your arrival,

had he brought them they would have told you that they declined doing bussiness on the day of your Arrival, and you then agreed to meet them the next morning which was according done, it hurt me much to find your Exeellency Observe that you was an unexpected guest at my House I hope that what I have related will shew that you were neither an unwelcome or an unexpected guest there, and that you met with no unnecessary or Other delay when there, on the Contrary every thing was Conducted with Rather too much rapidity on which head I must Remarke that whosoever has any affairs to transact with Indians, must know their forms and in some measure comply with them, and to our Ignorance, negligence and Hauteur in these points we must attribute the little esteem they have for us. I beg Sir that you will not so far misunderstand me as to imagine this a Reflection upon any Part of your Conduct which was very Excusable as you Could not be acquainted with these matters and I think Col^o. Johnson was to blame in not telling you more freely how you should have acted tho I am fully Perswaded that his Respect for your Character Checked him too much throughout the whole proceedings, this Sir every impartial bystander took particular notice of, my Reason for mentioning this is to Explain the Pecular Turn of Indians, who on not finding what they say committed word for word to writing then Read before the Chief &ca with the omission of other little forms might induce them to say since that they were now met in a Proper manner, tho for my Part I only conceive them to be words of Course often made use of as a Compliment to me their Superintendant without any intention of Reflecting upon the character or Conduct of others.

As to the proposal of a line to Fort Miller it had been made by Col. Johnson himself before your Arrival but the Indians Objected to it you had been calculating the Quantity of land within these bounds and Observed that there were Gentlemen ready to purchase the Remainder when the Indians withdrew to a Room upstairs in my house to Consult on an answer to Remsens proposial, you desired Col Johnson to go & Recomend that line to them adding that you declined proposing it in pub-

lick meeting till you knew whether they would agree to it or not Col Schyler was likewise sent upstairs to him to desire the proposal to be made which he did fairly and litterally according to your desire by M^r Butler the Interpreter all which Can be proved upon oath, as well as that the Indians would not agree to it for Very sensible reasons which they then gave, all which Coll Johnson reported to you on his coming into the Council Room, and notwithstanding the light in which the proposing it twice within a few minutes would have been Viewed, it would have been again Repeated had not M^r Remsen declared positively that he would not accept of it a Circumstance which I daresay you Recolect and here I Cannot help Expressing my Concern for the unjust Suspicious you Expressed both at my house before several Persons, at new York and now in your letter concerning the Honesty of my Officers, which notwithstanding any insinuations to the Contrary will appear unimpeachable. I am Perswaded that M^r. Butler acted as a faithfull interpreter he is a Sworn Officer of my department, a man of a Very fair Character, and of as much Integrity as any Person at New York; The Affair of Klock I shall Speak of hereafter, but in this place I have only farther to Explain the two points that seem so disagreeable to your Excellency, and first as to the Confusion the Indians Spoke of which you say "Occasioned none whilst you was with the Indians" I must here observe, that had it created ever so much they would not have told you of it they would have acted accordingly, and Remarked it afterwards, such is their disposition, but I have already assured your Excellency and I again Repeat it that I did not neither do I imagine it as a Reflection upon any Part of your Conduct or good Intentions, but arising from their Observation of the warmth and difference of Opinion produced on their behalf and on that of the Patentees.

As to the words that they were now Called in a proper manner I have to add in Answer that they Could not mean to find fault with your having desired the Conajoharees to come down, as they had been long advised to hold themselves in readiness and

more I have already shewn would have been improper, and at last when they came it was in consequence of a message sent to them by two Indian Messengers Sent by Col Johnson during the time you were engaged about Kayadarosseras and I have before Observed and again assure you that I have heard such things said before and Consider them as words of Compliment which it is natural Enough for them to pay their Superintendants Summons, thus have I as far as time and my present hurry will permit answer'd these points and I hope Satisfactorily Shewn that your Excellency has been under Some Error with Regard to your Reception at my House and that you met with no unnecessary delays there, that the words in the Records did not bear the Explanation you hinted at and that the Conduct of my Officers was unimpeachable and I flatter my Self that my Character and behaviour has been always such as to entitle me to belief, and that my Assertions are well founded and will meet with a favourable reception from your Excellency it only Remains for me to say something generally as to the Affair of Kayadarosseras and Klock, as to the first the Indians always say they were overreached and wronged by that patent and they made several Complaints of it at deferent times but tho often Represented here and at home, nothing was done in it Neither was there any Probability of it from my letters and best accounts. the Indians spoke of it to your Excellency when here in 1766 with a Veiw to your pushing the Proceedings at Law in this case — the like they did in that of Klock there was no Other manner in which you could have served them otherwise perswade my Self they might have relied on speedy relief, His Majestys Ministers (as your Excellency informs me) were doubtless pleased with your Espousing their interests and recommended it to you. In the mean time the Patentees applied to me for the Amicable settlement of the affair, which I thought it my duty to promote, sensible it would be most agreeable to the Crown and accordingly wrote the Secretary of State to that effect acquainting him with my intention from whome I have sence received answer declaring his Majestys Royal approbation of all my Measures.

Mr Klocks affair was in the attorney Generals Hands and His Majestys Minister informed me that you would receive orders to push the Suit. Last autumn your Excellency could not come up to perfect the several Sales of lands as you intended a Circumstance you regreted in your letters and promised to be up for that purpose the Ensueing Spring, Early in which I Received a Letter from the Committee of Kayadarosseras informing me that they would send up Mr Remsen fully empower'd as their agent, I promised him all my assistance and instructed my Deputy accordingly and as to Klocks affair I had not the least Reason to suppose that your Excellency would have had it in your power at a meeting at my house to have brought him to the punishment due to his repeated Villainys, and Consequently that nothing would be done therein.

I Cannot Conclude without Expressing my great concern at finding that you have thro mistake fallen into an Error of which you are desirous of accusing me or my Officers, the Rather as Col Johnson found himself under the Necessity of explaining several of these particulars to you when at my House at which time you assured him, (as he says) you were undeceived. I am not Conscious how or why a difference of Opinion should have arisen since.

If your Excellency has preserved a Copy of your letter of the 27th ult^o. and will Consult the two last pages you may from what I have asserted and from what can be proved by the Testimony of Sundry Persons Conceive how much it hurt me to find you besides your other charges to insist on the impropriety and indecency of your treatment.

Some Prejudice founded on a Misconstruction of words or Actions on your first arrival at my House must have occasioned your Judging so unfavourably and lead you in the End of your letter to suppose me Ignorant of Duty of Office, which I wish Every Officer of the Crown had Equally at Heart, and took Equal pains to discharge as they ought.

I know the Extent of a Governours Authority¹ and wish all men paid equal Regard to it I know at the Same time that the Superintendancy over the Indians was created and designed to be in Indian affairs independant thereof, and for this I can produce good Authority for which good reasons were assigned — Nevertheless should the Service require the attendance of the Indians at any Place on the Continent and that the province will defray their Expences I shall recomend it to them to attend and I hope my Conduct is and has been such that no man can be so weak as to suppose me capable of Creating a Disaffection amongst the Indians nor should I suffer it to pass with impunity from any Subject; I am still unwilling to apply that part of your letter to my Self, tho I think the words made use of require an Explanation beyond any thing of which you have Complained. However Sir you may be assured notwithstanding the severity of your letter the Concern it has given me shall never operate to the prejudice of the publick Service, but that with a thorough reliance on his Majestys protection and the Expectations of your more Favourable Opinion I Remain

Sir

Your Excellencys most
Obedient and
Most Humble Serv^t.

W JOHNSON

His Excellency

S^r. HENRY MOORE Bar^t.

INDORSED: S^r. W. Johnson Sep^t. 20

1768.

¹ Sir Henry Moore's jealousy of encroachments on his authority is illustrated in a letter of March 5, 1768 to the Earl of Shelburne, *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:16-17.

FROM THOMAS MOFFATT

A. L. S.

New London Sep^r. 21st 1768

SIR

If in so considerable a space of time as since You left N London I could have thought myself capable of communicating any thing; material agreeable pertinent or useful I would not surely have been so long in acknowledging the very great pleasure I enjoyd while You was here nor or expressing the desire I have of knowing that your visit upon the Sea Coast has been useful to Your Health so useful that it may induce You to return next July which is the prime season for drinking and bathing in the Sea. Here is nothing moving or engaging but the circumstances of the Province and Town of Boston which really seem now to be brought to a point or the alternative of Resistance or Submission the first would be Phrenzy and the latter after so much bluster would blot the Escutcheon of their Illustrious and very Valorous Atchievements. Every hour brings new rumours and Surmises not worth repeating to You. By a letter of last post Mr Harrison the Collector informs me [that] in consequence of the Distractions there His [] Family embarks for London as Sunday last [] two Reg^{ts}. with a Company and train of [artillery are] every instant expected there from Halifax [] friday at Newport I see a letter from [] that Gov^r Bernard had receivd [] orders to come to London with [] and the Choice of [] returning to Boston or of being otherwise [] and that He would embark early in October [] be at home soon after the meeting of [Parliament] Since this there are Ships of late Passages at [] from London which agree in the adoption of [] vigorous and serious measures — L^d Howe [] two Ships of the Line frigates and

transports [] with three Reg^{ts} from Ireland are orderd to [] Boston. These tidings and steps occasions [many] town meetings in which it is said to have been resolv^d first to seek the Lord by General fasting prayer and Humiliation and then to Assemble the Convention of Ninety two to determine upon what is to be done in the present difficulty and Distress. You will be so good as to excuse [my] covering the enclos^d for Mr Chew and also to offer my Compliments to Sr John Johnson from

Sr

Your most Obedient []
most humble S[]

THOMAS MOFF [ATT]

Sr WILLIAM [JOHNSON]

TO JOHN BLAIR

*Df.*¹

Fort Stanwix Sept^r 25th 1768

SIR

Since my last The Commissioners from your Province² arrived at my House and are now with me at this place in daily Expectation of the Arrival of the Indians.— I at first judged it best to Call the 6 Nations down without delay as fearing that the Miscarriage of a pacquet which occasioned the postponing the Congress from July unto this Month might have prevented my seeing the Shawanese & Delawares, but having now certain accots of their Approach, I Judge it Necessary that Col. Lewis & Mr. Walker sho^d Stay altho' it may prevent their attending the proposed Congress to the Southward, because it might appear odd to the Indians & would defeat the Object of their Journey here.— I have farther to observe that I am pretty cer-

¹ In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Virginia.

tain the Northern Confederacy will insist on their Rights & Claims South of the Kanhawa River, and may possibly (in case such Claims are admitted) agree to a more favorable Line than that proposed by the Lords of Trade to Extend from Carolina N. to the Mouth of Kanhawa that therefore I am of Opinion, it were best to deferr coming to a Conclusion with the Cherokees till we hear what will be done at this Congress which will I hope be terminated within a fortnight, and during which my best endeavors shall be made use of for obtaining an Advantagious & Satisfactory boundary.—

As the Commis^{rs}. Write you by this opportunity I have only to add that I am with perfect Esteem

Sir &c

The honble

JOHN BLAIR Esq^r.

TO JOHN STUART

*Df.*¹

Fort Stanwix Sep^r. 25th 1768

Since I wrote you the Virginia Commiss^{rs}. arrived at my house & proceeded for this place where we are now all Waiting the Arrival of the Indians now on the Road.— The 6 Nations could have been here ere now but as I received Advice that the Shawanese & Delawares were Near at hand I Judged it best to Wait a few days, & thought it best that the Virginia Commiss^{rs}. remained Likewise altho they might be thereby disabled from attending the proposed Meeting to the southward.—

The Miscarriage of a pacqt wch of necessity postponed the Congress from July to this Month, was a little unlucky but I hope it will be Satisfactorily carred on Now. I have the Strongest reasons for thinking that the 6 Nations will insist on their Title to the Lands as far South as the Cheroke River, which if allowed of, it is possible [they] may be induced to grant a

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

more favorable boundary [than] that proposed by the Map from Carolina North to [the mouth] of Kanhawa — This is worthy Consideration [] opinion that it may be better to deferr [] fixed Conclusion with the Cherokees concern^g, [] Event of the Congress here is known [] you my thoughts hereon, [] preparing for the business []

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. L. S.¹

W^{ms}burg 26th. Sept^r. 1768

Upon your favour of the 18th Aug^t. w^{ch} lay in Montreal several days before my Return from Aughquisasne I prepared immediately setting off fr home and acquainted Gen^l. Charleton & Col^o Jones of my going to the Congress you was to hold at Fort Stanwix this Month. And accordingly engaged Philip and 4 Caghnavy. Ind^{ns}. to come with me over the Lakes, & last Thursday evening arrived at my house. I intended to proceed immediately from hence in order to meet [you] at Fort Stanwix, but finding on my Arrival that little [Nan]cy had laboured under a severe course of Sickness this time [] and was still so ill as to be feared she would not be able [] it out much longer, I could not think of leaving [] under such Circumstances, and therefore let the [] were desirous of seeing you proceed without me []ning; at the same time detaining Philip that [] should mend a little I would set off with him [] attend] the Congress, but to my Sorrow I ap[] probability of the childs Recovery [] allmost wore down to a Skeleton [] the Rest & if necessary give his Assistance in any thing he may be want[] return without the rest they having y^e. Boat to []

¹ Words burned off in paragraph 3 are supplied from an extract printed in *Journals of Major Robert Rogers*, p. 251–52, ed. F. B. Hough.

that brought me over. There came likewise with []
 young lad named Thom of ab^t. Twenty who was [Prisoner]
 the Shawanese since a Boy of 5 or 6 years old, he s[]
 Mr. Hay sent him with a Packet for you to Niagara []
 last Spring where he was taken up and sent by []
 to Montreal Pris^r. I released him from the M[]
 there where he was confined as a Vagrant.

Perthuis by his Letter wants to know when he may []
 for the Money Gen^l. Gage ordered to be paid him []
 of Two Frenchmen at Montr^l. who Col Bradstreet []
 some Arms &c^a from in 1764 w^{ch}. he is empower []

The Officers from Michil^c that are [to prosecute] Majr.
 Rodgers were not arrived when I left [Montreal, but] hourly
 expected, If they arrived [the prisoners could] not come before
 the Court having been obliged [to begin a] Salivation a little
 before I came a[way. The principal] paper that is wanted from
 you [is Potter's affidavit, you] having the Original; I [brought
 Hopkin's letter back,] & left Rodgers's original; [acknowledged
 the receipt of it as] none but original [papers may be produced
 before a Court Martial sitting on such] Occasions, Col^l Jones
 promised to take good Care [of it]

The day I left Montreal an Officer was sent [] dr. of
 Gen^l. Carlton to Carillon & Riviera au Lievre [] Leagues up
 the Ottawa River to choose spots convenient for posts to inspect
 Indⁿ. Trade thereabouts as far as the Limits of the Province
 goes; And as to regulating Trade without the Prov^{ce}. I hear he
 has consulted Sr. Henry More ab^t. it.—

I wish you a Satisfactory Conclusion of the Congress & safe
 Return home. M^{rs}. Claus & Johnson join me in Compliments
 to you & Bro^{rs}. Sr. John & Guy And am with tender Respect

Hon^d Sir

Your Obedient son

DAN CLAUS

FROM THOMAS MOFFATT

A. L. S.

[N. London, September 28, 1768]

SIR

As in my last I mentioned somewhat of the temper and Complexion of Boston so now from good intelligence I may add that ten days ago Gov^r Bernard communicated in Council that He was duly advised from White Hall that a Body of the Kings troops were orderd from Halifax to Boston and might be daily expected and would be join'd by several Regiments from Great Britain and Ireland with a Squadron of Ships of war. This intelligence notwithstanding of their Seeking the Lord in Prayer &c and of having voted & resolv^d to resist and fight and of having the Concurrence and Aid of Seventy members of the Committee of Safety who met in Convention last Thursday — The Good and antient Town has determined not to fight but *Taper off as easy and small as possible*. Captⁿ Bruce publicly reports that Otis Rowe and Hancock will be requird to embark in the Rose Ship of War for London.

I hope to hear by Mr Chew that Your Journey upon the Sea Coast and Your Bathing at the mineral Springs in your way Home has been very serviceable to You [If an]y Regular Physician has explord and [analyzd] these mineral waters it would be [] satisfaction to me If I could be infor[med of their] Quality and Contents. I am

S^r Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

THOMAS MOFFATT

INDORSED: [] 1768

[] Moffatt's Letter

TO HENRY MOORE

*Df.*¹

Fort Stanwix Sept^r. 28th 1768

I have had the favor of your Excell^{cy}s Letters of the 31st. Aug^t. and the 10th. of this Inst. which my Journey to this place prevented me from Answering. I wrote you the 20th Inst. from this place and am now to Answer your last Letters —

The Boundary Line so far as Owegy was only talked off with the Indians, but I am hopefull that I shall be able to get that and all other Boundarys advantageously settled at the Congress.—

It was not in Coll. Johnsons power to inform you concerning the Continuation of the Line West of this Province, as I never fixed upon any, it was my Intention to Obtain as Much Land as I possibly could, and agreeable to such Boundary as would be most Advantagious to the Province, and agreeable to the Indians according as the [line] could be best agreed on at the Treaty, this is the [] way of acting with success. As I have always, & [] the Lands on the provinc^l. [] boundary Line were to be considered as []ded to the Crown, without this the [] would be of little utility.—

[] Extended its Grants so far into [] farther West cannot be [] the Grants [] [] best Judgment, and [] It will be at Least as much as [] of.— The Communication to [Lakes [] be undisputed, and Likewise the posts now [occupied [] hope for more that way.—

I have received and perused the [Minute of Council] which accompanied you favor of the 10th [] Stranger

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

to the Subject, and had I never been ad[] It was my intention to take part[icular] Care of the Interests of this Province and guar[d them] against such an unreasonable Claim, being [entirely] of opinion with you and the Gentlemen of [the] Council thereon, and I hope it will appear that [in] this and every other matter, I shall Shew myself [] Friend to this Province, without prejudice to that G[eneral] Interest which is the Imediate Object of my duty

The State of the Carrying place here [] grossly misrepresented to you, The Indians [] do not carry over [] on their backs or with Horses, nor have [] for many years past, There are [Germans] here & have done so for some years [] Horses & Carriages for that purpose than they [] and as a farther confirmation [] Certificate from the [] has committed the [] resided there 15 [months] May []

[] having inquired of me whether [] any Goods or Peltry over the Carrying place [and] desired my Answer in Writing I do Certify that [since] I came to Command and reside at this place which was the 27th [of June] 1767 — No Indians have either offered themselves or their Horses neither have they been employed in the Transportation of Goods or peltry over this Carrying place, but the same have been carried by some Germans who have long resided here & are Supplied with Horses & Carriages for that purpose —

Witness my hand &ca

30th Sept^r. 1768

Galland Lt.

Comd^e at Fort Stanwix

[I sha]ll be glad your Excell^{cy} will Let me know

[] was that gave you the above information as it may be disagreeable to the

[] the []tecting persons guilty of the Like

[] hereafter — The Report can be
 [] Whole Neighborhood if Necessary —
 INDORSED: []
 To Sr H Moore Bt.

FROM JAMES PHYN

A. L. S.

Schenectady 28th September 1768

Last night your esteem'd favour of the 25th came to hand [in] consequence of which I now send You what Part of Your mem^{dm} I [can] procure, the Maderia I have taken from Mr Clinch in [ho]pes it may prove more agreeable than what I have, being at [pre]sent the same as Tices, Neither Taunton ale, nor any kind of [cheese] are to be got in Town, in the leu of Lemons I am obliged to [] Limes & extremely glad that was in my Power, some time [ago I] wrote to N. Y. for a cheese for my own Use, shou'd it come in [I] find opp^{ty} will send it up Inclosed I send a List of [for]ward & Clench being in Albany prevents my making [] not knowing what he will charge [] which comes to hand for you or any of the Gentlemen [] carefully forwarded on receipt likeways any [] the Post directed to my Charge. I have [Respects] to Colo^l. Johnson who I imagine is seldome at a loss for a few jovial friends to welcome in the [] I must likeways trouble You to remember me to sir John, Colo^l [Claus] &ca And I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed^t & Hum^e Serv^t

JAMES PHYN

The Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Baronet

At

Fort Stanwix

FROM SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

A. L. S.¹*New York Sep^r. the 30th. 1768*

SIR

Since the receipt of your last favor of the 28th of July, I have received a Letter from the Secretary of the Society; & now have the pleasure to inform you that they have agreed to purchase the late Dr Barclay's House and Land in the Mohawks Country, "to be applied to such Uses as you shall recommend." No Order for drawing for the money accompany's the Letter, but as there are Monies here due to the Society, I do intend if they can be commanded to procure them, and pay M^{rs} Barclay as soon as possible. I have desired M^{rs} Barclay to Order the present Tenant to remove as soon as he can, as the place is for the future to be intirely under your Care, for the use of the Indians — I conclude if a missionary is not soon to be procured, that you will think it adviseable to fix a sedate good School Master on the Spot. He can make use of the House, till it's wanted for a missionary & then it would be no great expence to build him a small Tenement on part of the farm, & allot him a small Garden & a pasture for a Cow: however these things you Sir, will be the best Judge of. If a School Master should be im'ediately wanted, & you can'ot procure one, upon Notice, I will use my best endeavors to find One.

It gives me great concern that a proper person can'ot yet be procured for your Town: except M^r Murray of Reading who has leave I find to remove either to Johnson-hall, or Schenectady, should be tho't of. I have no knowledge of the Gentleman, therefore can say nothing to it — The People of Schenectady by M^r Brown have applied to me for advise I have told that Gentleman that they must first determine what to do concerning M^r Murray (as he must be approved of before he settles

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

among them) before any thing further can be done. If Mr Murray should not be agreeable, the best thing they can do will be to fix upon a Young Gentleⁿ of good Character, and send him Home for Orders; which, considering the sterling Salary, what the people will give — and the situation of the place, I conceive can easily be procured. Perhaps they might find one already in orders that would prefer their Country, to the Land of Opression & Oliverian Tyranny. When once they come to a resolution concerning Mr Murray, I will serve them to the best of my power. I should greatly rejoice to see their Church in a flourishing condition. I have frequently mentioned their Charter to the Gov^r; he has promised it, but as yet it is not done. I have now sent Mr Brown to him, he will inform you of what passed between them.

We have lost the good Arch-bishop of Canterbury, the best Friend the American Church had Your generous proposal of giving a valuable Tract of Land to the Church, I mentioned to his Grace & begged to be advised in what manner it was best to act in the Affair &c — His Death has prevented an Answer, which I still flatter myself will soon come from his Lordship of London, as the American papers I conclude will fall into his hands.

The Affair of an American Bishop moves very slow. It is however to be hoped that the Eyes of the Ministry will 'ere long be opened; and that they will think both sound policy, Justice, and Gratitude, oblige them to comply, with the repeated request of his Majesty's dutiful, and Loyal Subjects, the members of the Church of England in America; who now, in the Eastern Governments are in a state of Oppression and Danger, because they will not join in such measures as are destructive of all Government, and tend to open Rebellion. I say nothing of our Government, because the Wretches here, who in their hearts are Republicans, can only bark but not bite. I hope the period is not far off when every one will receive their deserts.

I must beg your pardon for intruding so much upon your time — And shall only add, that you have my most sincere prayers for your health and happiness.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your much Obliged
& most Ob^t hble servt

SAMUEL AUCHMUTY.

P. S. Your goodness will excuse the
haste in which this is wrote. M^r
is now waiting for it.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON.

INDORSED: N York Sept^r 30th. 1768
From D^r Auchmuty

Wrote him the begin^g
of Sept^r. & Ans^d. this
the 20th October.

FROM JONCAIRE CHABERT

A. L. S.

du Detroit ce 30^e septembre 1768

MONSIEUR

jai l'honneur de vous asurer de mes respect par lauccation de monsieur st Claire toute parest asée tranquil, m^r hay qui aloit vous voir est arrivée qui a relachéz de niagara, il m avoit promis de sinterreser aupres de vous pour moi pendant mon appsence pour aler vous demender permission de monter au detroit mes canot(ier)s qui matendoit au fort levis menger pour cinquante jour de vivres et deserter il me mouiller cinque et un balot men perdre six et six Baril de marchan[dise] sèche amon retourd a montreal je fus [obli]jai d'acheter des vivres d en gajer des [hommes et] dalers promptement au secour de mes efets [Ils avoient] défaitte le Balot en plein champ et avoit pris ce quil

avoit vouslu malhuereusement pour moi tous mes angajai Etoit payez d'avance je me rendit a niagara ouje trouvée le Bonhomme a guaster hesche avec plusieurs autre chef et guierrier je demande a m^r le commandant sil vous loit me permettre de parlens au chef chez(lui?)il me dit quil aloit parlens a m^r le commisaire il se promener lontemp, je mapersu Bien que sa leurs paresest suspects, cependant je dit a ces messieurs je ne suis que le porte vois de monsieur le chevallier de jonson ils y consentire il fire venir des Espece d interprets pour cent dout voir sije ne parlest pas contre le bien du service, qu'ante jûparlée je dit a ces homme qui Ecouter antandé vous Bien ce que jai dit il me repondire oui je leurs dit dit lée an anglois a ces messieurs il repondit l'on peut pas mieux parlens, je fut aublijai deré[peter] ceque javoit dit au sauvage les chef vou[lant] mareter me barere le chemin disant qu [ils furent] maitre de moy pour me metre a cana[n souagon?] je leurs repondit quil navoit ja ma[is] [d?] autoritee surmoi quil ny avoit [que] le Chevalliers de jonson qui Etoit mestre de moy il fur jusquaux bout du portage pour mareter il me dire quil navoit rien pour ce couvrirre quon ne leurs avoit rien donner a nigara je leur donne dix livres depoudre quatre couverte vint livres de balle quatre chemisse quatre paire de mitasse et vn minot de pois un petit baril d'Eaudevie il me parure bien content jarrivee au detroit le (15?) septtembre toute les afaire Etoit finis il y avoit des francois qui m avoit gardé cent et quel[ques] paquet l'on leur dit que je ne viendrois jamais dans ce poste il prire party de vendre leur peltrie meme m^r tournebot et mr hai il est vrais quil fut bien surprié quant jarivée

Tous ces afaire la mon hach[ev]é deme ruiner je ne pa pu faire de retour cependans monsieur jai anvoyer a plusieurs il ny a cun nomée [J]ohn lees, qui est venu ici qui arriroit de l'ondr que je doit il a cependant Eû vint paquet il y a du [] il est arrivée dans le temp que j avoit tous [] avoit je lui dit que je savoit, qu il Etoit [de L]ondre sil mus marquez

a qui ja [voit affaire?] je lui an auroit anvoyer comme aux autre il menace davoit une ordre de monsieur gage pour me faire mettre an prison a montreal il n'en seroit pas plus avancé quante il aurat hachevée de me ruiner et ma famille je travaille pour payer ces messieur et ne sont til pas content francois ribot de l'ondre qui ma volée seize ceint louis sterlin cela ait prouvée par un mémoir de son asociez quil a sermentee au greff a quebec il se nome jan jennisson vous voyez Monsieur comme je suis écrasse le s^{ts}. lees m ecris de niagara je me flatte encore que apres reflection fait sur la protection que le gouvernement [et] vous aye accordé, vous commencerez de travailler autrement et ne tarderez pas de rendre justice a un sujet du roy dangleterre je nantant pas ce que cela veut dire

je vous suplis de vouloir bien macorder vôtre protection decrire a monsieur le general ga[ge] que cela metroit ma femme et mes anfans davoit un morecaux de pains et quil sero[it] [hon]teux a mon aje de me voir trainer le lo[ng ?] [le] lac e servir de jouette a toute une po[pulation?] jesper monsieur que vous [vou]drez bien le faire par charritée pour ma famille et nous vous an auron une Eternelle au aubligation et ne cesserons de faire des veux pour vôtre conservation le jours que la barque partis m^r lees ettoit anbarquez, sùr les minuit il vint un homme hurtée á la porte la fille lui ouvrit il avoit une couverte an paquet comme un homme qui arrive de voyeage et me demendat la fille lui dit que je dormes il dit quil avoit, des lettre de Consequence a me remettre remeté le moi il ne le voulu pas dissant quil ne pouves pas les remettre a d'autre la fille antras dans la chambre, nous reveilla je dit de mon lit memeté ces lettre a cette fille et vous reviendrez demain il persi[s]tas [dis]a[n]t que non quil ne les donneroit [qu'à] moi alors je sauté an place an [jur]ant, je pris mon Epee et ouvris [la] porte l'homme ce sauvat il y an avait un au dehors et la la voeiture au bors de l'Eaux a ce que ma dit un sauvage qui Etoit campée a cautée je né pas ancorre receu ces pretendu lettre la barque cest amsablée a Cent d'osquez il ont tous sauvée, tous parest Estre

tranquil, sil ny avoit pas d Eaudevie sela seroit ancorre
mieux

jai l honneur destre avec un profond respect

Monsieur

Votre tres humble

et tres obeisant

serviteur

JONCAIRE CHABERT

INDORSED: Le Detroit 30th 7^{br}. 1768

from M^r. Jean Coeur

Translation

Detroit, September 30th, 1768

SIR:

I have the honor to assure you of my respect by favor of Mr St Clair. Everything appears quiet enough here. Mr Hay, who was going to see you, has arrived having stopped on his way from Niagara. He had promised me to interest himself in my behalf with you. During my absence, in the visit I made to you seeking permission to go to Detroit, my boatmen who were awaiting me at Fort Levis ate fifty days' provisions and deserted. They let fifty-one packs get wet and robbed me of six besides six barrels of dry goods. On my return to Montreal I was obliged to buy provisions, to engage men and to set out promptly for the recovery of my property. They had opened the pack[s] in the open field, and taken what they pleased. Unfortunately for me, all my employees were paid in advance.

I betook myself to Niagara, where I found the worthy Guasterax(?) with several other chiefs and warriors. I asked the commandant if he would permit me to speak to the chief at his house. He told me that he was going to speak to the commissary. They walked together for a long time. I easily perceived that it seemed suspicious to them, However, I said to those gentlemen, "I am only the mouthpiece of Chevalier Johnson." They consented and sent for some sort of interpreters, without doubt in order to see that I said nothing contrary to the good

of the service. When I had spoken, I said to those men who were listening, "Did you understand perfectly what I said?" They replied, "Yes". I said to them, "Say it in English to these gentlemen." They replied one could not have spoken any better. I was obliged to repeat what I had said to the Indians. The chiefs, desirous of arresting me, barred the way, saying that they were my masters and could put me [] I replied to them that they never had any authority over me and that none but Chevalier Johnson was my master. They went to the end of the carry to stop me. They told me that they had nothing to cover themselves with, and that nothing had been given to them at Niagara. I gave them ten pounds of powder, four blankets, twenty pounds of ball, four shirts, four pair of mittens and a bushel of peas and a keg of brandy. They appeared to me well satisfied.

I arrived at Detroit the (15th?) of September. All business was over. There were Frenchmen who had kept for me more than a hundred packs. They were told that I should never enter that post. They decided to sell their peltry, even Mr Turnbull and Mr. Hay. It is true, they were quite surprised when I arrived.

All these circumstances there have completed my ruin. I have not been able to make a return. Still, sir, I have sent to several. There is but one named John Lees, who came here from London, whom I owe. He has however had twenty packs, two [months?] ago. He arrived, at the time when I had sent everything away. I told him that I knew that he was from London. If he had informed me with whom I was dealing, I would have sent to him as well as to the others. He threatens to obtain an order from Mr. Gage for putting me in prison at Montreal. He would not be any farther ahead when he had quite ruined me and my family. I am working to pay these gentlemen, and they are not satisfied. Francis Ribot from London, who stole from me sixteen hundred louis sterling — that is proved by a declaration of his partner, which he has sworn to at the register's office at Quebec — he calls himself John Jenison. You see, sir, how I am weighed down. Mr

Lees writes me from Niagara. Still I flatter myself that after reflection on the protection which the government [and] you have granted, you will begin to work in a different way and will not hesitate to do justice to a subject of the king of England. I don't know what that means.

I beg you to grant me your protection, to write to General Gage, that he may put my wife and children in the way to have a bit of bread, and that it would be shameful at my age to see me dragging out my life along the lakeside, to be the laughing stock to the entire rabble. I hope, sir, that you will do it in pity for my family, and we shall be under an everlasting obligation to you and shall pray unceasingly for your preservation.

The day that the boat left and Mr Lees set out, at midnight, a man came and pounded on the door. The girl opened it. He had a blanket rolled up as a man would who had been traveling; and asked for me. The girl told him that I was asleep. He said that he had letters of importance to deliver to me. "Deliver them to me." He refused, saying that he could deliver them to no one else. The girl entered the room, waked us up. I said from my bed, "Deliver those letters to this girl, and you will return tomorrow." He persisted in saying no, that he would give them to me alone. Then I leaped out [swearing], seized my sword and opened the door. The man fled. There was another outside, and their boat on the water, as an Indian told me who was camping on the shore. I have not yet received those pretended letters.

The barge ran on a sandbank at Sandusky. They saved everything. All appears quiet. If there were no brandy, it would be still better.

I have the honor to be with profound respect, sir,

Your very humble
and very obedient
servant

JONCAIRE CHABERT

INDORSED: Detroit, 30th 7ber, 1768
from Mr Jean Coeur

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. L. S.

Williamsburg 30th Sept. 1768

I thought it my duty to acquaint [you] by the earliest opportunity of the Death of [] Nancy your grandchild who expired last [nig]ht ab^t. a quarter after Midnight in as easy and [composed] a Manner as in our Trouble gave us some [sat]isfaction; her Mother bears the loss of her child [with] more Fortitude and Resignation than I expected [] the little one would not be a Moment without her [] if she could help it & in a Manner drew her [last] breath in her Arms, w^{ch} made me apprehend [] the loss of her child much harder than I

We intend to interr the child by [] this noon as Doctor Constable thinks the [] be kept longer on Account of a Swelling [] of her Bowells thro the long [] under.

[] as composed as at pre[] to join you by next Week.— Both [] M^{rs} Claus and M^{rs} Johnson join me [] Respect to You and Love to their Brother.

I remain

honored Sir

Your Obedient []

DAN CLAUS

P. S. Yours & Bro^r Guys
Letters of 5 Inst. came to
hand last Tuesday.

TO THOMAS GAGE

Df.¹

Fort Stanwix 30th Sep^r 1768

My last was of the []² which I []
 you have received, on the 19th Inst I arrived at this place with
 Gov^r. Frankland &ca since which Gov^r. Penn &ca came up,—
 by the Way I had the pleasure to receive an Express with a
 Letter informing me that the Shawanese & Delawares would be
 here and that some of them were actually arrived at Chenussio,—
 this has retarded the 6 Nations who w^d. otherwise have come
 down without them, however I am in hopes that the Whole will
 be here in 5, or 6 days. The Mohocks and a large body of the
 Oneidas, with several from the Susquehanna, are already come,
 whose presence might be dispenced with till all are met as it
 occasions a great Consumption of provisions — about 80 of the
 Stockbridge Ind^s. [] 3 days ago who have no busi-
 ness here, tho' I find [] invited by the 6 Nations, I
 shall get rid of [] as pos]sible.—

[] Way I had the pleasure of your Letter
 [] I sh]all Mention the Withdrawing []
 Ontario in the best manner I can [] have already
 heard of it [] ained at A Garrison

[]
 Of some proper []
 It would not meet with []
 may be occasion for it) and []
 Consumed, or applyed to other []

By a Letter I have Just received []
 I find that the Shawanese had stopped []
 Chipeweighs who were going against the []
 I likewise received some other Informations []

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² A blank space in the manuscript.

the Assurances daily given the Indians that [the French]
 will make War upon us very soon, a Copy of []
 I inclose you, I hope to be able to inform you []
 Arrival of the Whole at this place within a few []
 and remain with the most perfect Re[]

Dear Sir

In the body of the Letter
 I forgot to mention that I
 have recd some Intelligence from
 a Delaware I think I may credit
 the particulars of which I also inclose.

INDORSED: []
 Gen^l. Gage

FROM PETER HASENCLEVER

A. L. S.

New York the 30 Sept^r 1768

DEAR SIR

If it is a great while that I have not had the Honour to pay my respects to you I beg you will not attribute it to my Negligence, but to a number of Fatalitys, & to the Cruel & treacherous Treatment of my [] partners in the Iron works, which Protested my Bills which I drew for their account, to the amount of £9150 Ster under a False & frivolous pretence, that I had not Send them an acct of my Transactions which I can prove I did by every Packet.— however they now See the Unjustice which they have done me, & have payd part of the Bills, [] I have redrawn Those which returnd, with 20prC^t Damages for [] exchange, which they must pay. had my Conduct not been [such] that my Credit had been So well Establishd here, my Situation [] have been very Melancholly for some time; however []ted So that every body has Shewn me more honour [& friend]ship then what I could Expect & Deservd. The []bble which I have

taken to promote trade & [] this Country has been rewarded by my Partners [] ingratitude & Dishonour, they Send out [] by whom they Supercede me,¹ who by his [] part what I had Erected, & that just at [] all the works to perfection & was [] & the profits the works would render I have had this year 4 Furnaces in Blast, 3 of which [] and 12 Forges, I have Kept however a Set of workcs und [] 1 Furnace & 4 Forges, in order to Shew the difference between [] & Capacity. these Workcs are Called Charlottenburg, that [] is Carried on by my Germains & makes every week 28 to 30 T[on of] Pigg Iron; When Two Furnaces under the Direction of the Age[nt whom] the Company has Send, make only 28 to 29 Ton together for w[hich] they Use 7560 Bushels of Shar Coal every week more & 50400 ð ore [] the People under my Direction at Charlottenburg do, my [] will Soon Cry out Pater Peccavi and I hope to Conv[ince] them by evident proves, that they have done me Unjustice, [] it is their duty to give me Satisfaction, they are due [] by Ballance of more acc^t Curr^t. £8535. & £2166 [] Private Expences Since I am in America, & Severall ot [] of the same Amount. & Still they Treat me Ill but [] & Justice will plead for me.— I propose [] of Land On the Mohawk River for the Comiss^{rs} [] rec^d their answer that I can take my Determin[] not do any thing in haste which Should [] but I do not doubt or I shall [] propose to leave this Country Next [] Snow I intend to do myself the [] to you Next Winter. To Morrow [] [] Pensilvania. Maryland [] [] fairs Seem to be embroild much again & the S' of Ly begin [] and again. Some days ago Papers

¹ See *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 7:890 and 8:35.

were Stuck up which [threat]ened to any Person Distruction who Should Let his Ship or [] Ships to transport Troops to Boston. The Major Tore them Down & the Governor & Council issued a Proclamation offering £50 for the Discovery of the writer, & to the Discoverer his Majestys Pardon, Such times as the Present are Disagreeable, the People At Boston are to Violent, More Moderation would perhaps have a Better effect. but our Genius is to Carry every thing by force, it is Just that the Americans Should defend their Prerogative but with more Circumspection, I have told many [] the Convention of importing no dry goods, would be regar[ded in] England as a Scar Crow, & have not the same effect [as] before Since they know to well in England, that America — [is not] Capable to Manufacture her owne Cloaths in Short [we make] ourselves redicolous to endeavour to inspire fear [] none. I could wish that our Great Men [] had a true Comprehension of this Country [] Prophetic Spirit to See by Visions in futurity [] Lodges as well in Palaces as in Cotages [] of what Importances this Country [] Sometimes alone in the Evening [] reflections, & build Palaces and fine Gardens in deserts which are now Covered [] trees and inhabited by Bears Wolfes and other wild Animals [] other night I made a Computation, between the North [American] Trade with great Britain, & the South Ame^r trade. [] Terra Firma¹ & Peru with Spain. I found that the first Surp[assed] the Last in real advantage to the Possessors. altho [y^e] Fleets from the Kingdom of Mexico & the Ships from ter[ra] firma & Peru import annually to the amount of 12 [to] 14 Millions of Dollars in Spain, which are unladen [at] the Port of Cadix. but the greatest part of this Treas[ure] Circulates over the whole Univer[s], which is not the

¹ See map, *La carta universale della terra ferma etc.* in *Narrative and Critical History of America*, 2:223 and p. 169.

Case [] between England & Nth: A^a., her Woolens & Linnens and [] a real Treasure She receives the value & Keeps it, [] Carry on the whole Trade betwixt South Am^{ca} & [Spain] & I may Say near a Thousand Vessels great & Sma[ll are] employ'd in the British trade with Am^{ca}. wh[] of People do not Subsist by it, & what a [] Sailours. This Letter is to Confind to ex[] & therefore will only add that N America is of [impor] tance to Great Britain, then what our [] Can Compre- hend. I beg to Continue [] & Friendship & I am with great []

Dear Sir

Your [] []

SIR W^M JOHNSON B[aronet]

INDORSED: Mr. Hasenclevers Letter
8^{br}. 1768

FROM BENJAMIN PRICE

A. L. S.

Montreal 30th. Sept. 1768

I am Sorry to be put to the disagreeable necessity of troubling you with this and the inclosed from Mr. Joseph Sanguinet of this Place. he at present is disturbed by his Creditors who are not Satisfied that his Bill Drawn by Major Rob^t. Rogers on you is still in Safety for them.

The said Bill has been assigned to me sometime agoe for the benefitt [of] the whole Creditors and if I am rightly inform'd amounts to full as much [as] he Owes, I spoke to Captain Claus when I saw him last at quebec and desired the Bill might returned with Such answer as your Honor could [give] thereto but I fear it Slipt his memory.

I now beg you will be pleased to deliver it to Mr Samuel Stringer [of] Albany with Such answer as you can give to the

same, he will [] here for the peace of the young man
 and Sattisfaction of [] as I aprehend some doubts arise
 in thier Breasts that [] have sold the Bills unknow
 to them In excusing [] will much oblige me who have
 the Honor to []

Sir

Your most Obedient and
 most Humble Servant

BENJ^N. PRICE

TO GUY CARLETON

*Df.*¹

[*Fort Stanwix, October 1, 1768*]

Lieut Roberts Commissary of Indⁿ. Trade at Michilimackinac being ordered to Montreal as a prosecutor of Major Rogers, and having when last there been Arrested at the suit of one Morrison on acct of an Act done in the discharge of his duty which he tells me he Once had the honor to lay before you Which may yet be depending I Judged it necessary to give him a few Lines to you, Sir, to remind you of the Affair and of the promises which he informs me you were pleased to make him thereon.

The Whole particulars of the Case he can more fully Explain, The Sum of it as he has laid it before me is That Morrison traded at Toronto contrary to the regulations, was at the request of all the Traders at Niagara Sent for by him, when he pleaded Ignorance of these regulations gave bond to him to observe them & was dismissed without Loss of Time or property,—notwithstanding which L^t Roberts was Since arrested [] for being the Means of Removing him [I have] only farther to Observe that the Kings proclamatⁿ [] the Trade to all his Subjects Subjected [] restruct^{ns}. That these restrictions were [] Trade when Lord

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

Hillsboro' [appr]oved by his Majesty, as []
 [] which I did in part []
 []
 under these circumstances []
 Deserves undoubtedly to forfeit []
 at a place where no post or Officer []
 papers in L^t Roberts's possessⁿ. will far[]
 Upon the Whole I make no doubt of your []
 L^t. Roberts that Countenance and Support, which []
 the Circumstances & the Authority by which []
 he will appear to deserve.—

I am Waiting at this place, the [arrival] of the Indians with whom I am to Settle a boun[dary] Line between his Majestys Subjects & them, There [] here the Gov^r. of N Jersey, & of Pennsylvania, [the] Commissioners from Virginia &ca &ca in order to give Ass[urance] on the part of their Govts of their Abiding by w^t. [shall] be entered into, — about 400 Indians are already [] and I expect above 1000 more of the Upper Nations with the Shaw[anese] & Delawares in 3 or 4 Days after which the Con[gress] will be opened, when I hope to Settle these m[atters to] his Majestys satisfaction, and the publick [] I shall be always Glad to hear from [Your Excellency] being with perfect Esteem

Sir

INDORSED: []

To Gov^r. Carleton

Ⓢ L^t Roberts.

FROM JONCAIRE CHABERT

A. L. S.

au Detroit ce 1^r octobre 1768

MONSIEU

jai l'honneur de vous représenté que les anglois et francois vont aus commerce ou il leurs ploit il demende a m^r. le commendans

ou a m^r. hai des permission on leurs refuse il parte toujours et fond Bien leurs affaire il revien on ne leurs dit rien je an Eûsse Bien foit au[ssi] mes comme jai toujours sù obeire [je suis] restée constamen tous ces jensse [me re] tire mes credit cela me fait un tres tor [t] [consi]derable, il mes du gros a [Montre?]al perssone ne me paye [et ceux à] qui je doit me demende moi qui voudroit faire honne[ur] a mes dette, je suis bien ambaraass[é]. Monsieur, il ny a donc que vous a qui Joré l'honneur une grace vous seul aurait mestre de me lacorder

si vous jugiez apro[po]s de me permestre dalers au yvernement a sandosquez vous me metré an Etat dans pécher de criez apres et je maquitres prontement si Monsieur m accorde set permission, comme la saison est avancée, je priroit Monsieur de menv[oyer] la permission, par le premier courier p[our] que je peut y allez an traine jai l honneur destre avec un profond [respect]

Monsieur

Votre tres hu[mble et]
tres obei[ssant]

JONCAIRE [CHABERT]

INDORSED: Le Detroit 1st 8^{br}. 1768
Mons^r. Chabert Jean Coeurs
Letter

Translation

Detroit, this 1st of October, 1768

I have the honor to represent to you that the English and the French go trading wherever they please. They ask the commandant or Mr Hay for permission; it is refused, they proceed just the same and do a good business; they return, nothing is said to them. I would have done so too; but, as I have always known how to obey, I have constantly remained here. All those people withdraw their credit from me, which works me a considerable injury. I will wager much that at [Montreal ?] nobody will pay me, while those to whom I owe demand [pay-

ment] from me. I, who would like to discharge my debts honorably, am much embarrassed. Sir, You are the only one, then, from whom I shall have the honor [to ask] a privilege you alone have power to grant me.

If you judged it fitting to permit me to go and winter at Sandusky, you would save me from crying in vain for payment and I should promptly pay my debts. If you give me this permission, as the season is advanced, I would beg you to send the permission by the first messenger, so that I can go there at once.

I have the honor to be with profound [respect,] sir,

Your very hum[ble and]
very obedient [servant]

JONCAIRE [CHABERT]

FROM JACOB W^s. JOHNSON

A. L. S.

Fryday Evening Octobr 7th 1768

I am just now return'd to the Fort I should have come sooner but incidental things prevented — I Shall be ready [] Dei, to wait on your Excellency on the morrow at what [time] & place your Excellency shall please [] order my attendance.

JACOB W^s. JOHNSON

[] JOHNSON &c.

[] know by the

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

[Schenectady, October 9, 1768]

[Your] favour of the 2^d Inst. have had the Pleasure of Receiving [] Friday by Captain Jacobs who Arriv'd here

that day with his party — & yesterday they Set out for Albany. agreeable to your order have advanced them Sixty pounds much to their Satisfaction I applied for the three days Provisions but did not Reci. for above One day — being no more [in] this Town — I wrote to Mr Van sant at Albany to advance [the] Remainder — I mention those Circumstances that [in] Case you might fall short, of Provisions that you [wou]ld write in time to get them from Albany —

I Extraimly happy to know that [the con]gress is like to be Settled so much to your Satisfaction [] be so advantageous to the Publick Good in [] assure you almost Every Body here was greatly [] Indians not Coming So Soon as was Expected [] that the Indians are much displeasd, [] turn out to the Ruin of this [] Trade, & the Settlement of [] all this [] [] this Place is just Arrivd [from Boston] upward of two weeks— he [] being among the better Sort of People [] upon his first Coming to Town, [] high Strain, as if Boston Could frighten all [] but on the News being of the two Reg[iments] from Hallifax being down on the Bay a [] from the Town. those Great Heroes Soon Altered [] Speech & was as Mild as if thy had got a [] Even before the Troops had landed —

Mrs Campbell begs [] Respectfull Compliments to you & Col^r Johnson [] Dear Sir with

Great Respect your

Obedient humble []

DANIEL [CAMPBELL]

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New york Oct^r. 10th 1768.*

DEAR SIR,

I have received your favor of 12th Sep^t., but there being nothing for me to Answer, I have not troubled you with any Letters at a Time when you must have had so much Business upon your Hands.

This will probably Meet you on your Return home from the Congress, and the inclosed Extract of Letters from Cap^t. Forbes² at the Illinois, and Lieu^t. Col^o. Wilkins³ in his way to Fort Chartres, will inform you of the occasion of my writing by this Post.

From the Circumstance mentioned by Cap^t. Forbes of the Indians carrying away some Loads of Peltry after they had Murthered the White People, I apprehend they are the same Murthers of which Mr. Watts the Cherokee Interpreter sends advice: and adds, that the White People instead of hunting Buffalo for the use of the Garrison of Fort Chartres, which he conceives they were only employed to do by Captain Forbes, have been killing Deer Bear and Beaver, on the Indians hunting Grounds. Captain Forbes Design of Seizing the Indians when they come to make Excuses for these Murthers, does not seem to me the proper way to obtain Satisfaction, as it has an appearance of a Breach of public Faith. It Strikes me in that Light, but you will know best in what Sense the Indians look upon Such Methods to obtain Satisfaction.

The Western Indians going to war against the Cherokees, seem to Spare neither White or Red People who fall in their

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² Captain Gordon Forbes, of the 34th regiment.

³ Lieutenant Colonel John Wilkins, of the 18th regiment, commander of Fort Chartres, 1768-69.

Way, — and Some of the war Partys of the Cherokees have acted in the same way. And it is pretty plain, that the Navigation of the Ohio is become very unsafe. The Indians of the Ouabache, Miamis, Pouteatamies, and some Tribes of the Chippewas, which last killed the Boat Crew last year, are those who are princpaly concerned in committing Hostilities upon the Ohio. It is highly Necessary to take every Step that can contribute to put an End to them, and to obtain Satisfaction for What has passed. They make much Noise when any of their People are killed and it gives us a great deal of Trouble and creates large Expences to make them Satisfaction. We cannot let these Murthers pass unnoticed, and I should be glad you would be so good immediately to take Such Measures as appear to you the most efficacious, to bring these People to Reason. Mr. Hay¹ will have informed you what he has done at the Detroit respecting the Murthers of last year on the Ohio, and the killing the Traders at St. Joseph and the Miamis the last winter.

You will hear of the Commotions at Boston, they are a most turbulent seditious People. Two Regiments are landed there from Halifax,² and two more ordered from Ireland. I am obliged to go there to see into the State of Affairs, and propose Setting out from this Place after tomorrow.

I am with great Regards,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

S^R: W^M: JOHNSON Bart:

INDORSED: N York October 10th. 1768

From Gen^l. Gage
with inclosures.—

¹ Jehu Hay, commissary at Detroit.

² The 14th, 29th and part of the 59th, nearly a thousand men.—Justin Winsor, *Narrative and Critical History of America*, 6:45.

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 403-4, is listed a letter of October 12th from Lord Hillsborough, Whitehall, considering the new Indian trade arrangement, requiring adherence to the Board of Trade's estimate of expenses, declaring that, if the expense of running the boundary line is to be £10,000, the colonies must provide for it, agreeing to the extension of the line northward of Owegy to include the province of New York, showing why the plan of 1764 for trade regulation is impracticable and approving that now proposed by the Board of Trade. (Printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:908-11; Q, 2:526-28 and *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:101-3.)

FROM L. PERTHUIS

A. L. S.

[*au Montreal, October 12^e, 1768*]

[]SON general

Comme je doite aler chercher Largean du sr Cazeaux Et adémare jé Lonnhour de vous Marquier Lasomme quilliats a Chaque personne Douze Cents Cinquant trois livre douze sol au sr Cazeaux Et neuf Cents soixent E quelque au sr ademare que jevous prie bien d avoire la bontez de [mettre] dan vos Compt pour nouyork afin que cette [some] vous soite parvenue Lorceque jorez Lonheur [de passer] chevous pour Ce sujay [J'ai] Lonnhour destre avec un profonrespecte

Monsieur

[Votre] Humble E tres obeisen

[serviteur] L PERTHUIS

Translation

[*Montreal, October 12, 1768*]

[SIR WILLIAM JOHN]SON, General

As I am to collect the money owed to Mr Cazeau¹ and Mr

¹ By Colonel John Bradstreet for army stores taken at Oswego August 27, 1763.

Ademare, I have the honor of indicating to you the sum due to each person. Twelve hundred fifty-three livres and 12 sols to Mr Cazeaux and nine hundred sixty and some odd [sols] to Mr Ademare, which I pray you to have the goodness to [put] in your accounts for New York in order that this [money] may be in your hands when I shall have the honor to stop at your house on this business.

[I have the] honor to be with profound respect,

Sir,

Your humble and very obedient

[servant]

L. PERTHUIS

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

[*Fort Stanwix, October 13, 1768*]

My last was of the 30th ult^o. since which [I have] been detained here waiting for the upper Nations [] Nevertheless are still behind, occasioned by the death of a Seneca Chief, on which account they halted to perform the Ceremony of Condolance.— There are however at this time above 900 Indians here which is unlucky tho' an Unavoidable Circumstance, and occasions such a Consumption of Provisions that had I not bought up sev^l head of cattle & a Quantity of Corn &c timelier we sho^d have been distressed on that account, before the Whole could arrive which from w^t. I can hear will be near 3000. The Nations present are the Mohocks, Oneidas, Tuscaroras, Delawares, Nanticokes, Conoys &ca. Those on their Way are the Senecas, Cayugas, Onondagas, Shawanese &ca from Ohio, Col. Lewis one of the Virginia Commiss^{rs}. [is] to attend the Meeting which is to be held on the [borders] of that Province, and Governor Penn [] tired of attending so long talks of going down []

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

Especially as the conduct of the [] render it
 necessary that the [] Government. I am how-
 ever well [] will be come in about the
 []
 Many friends []
 upon a Method for With[drawing the French traders]
 from Amongst the Indians¹ []
 provided he was Authorized by []
 Command of a party of the Militia for that purpose []
 deal with regard to the Detroit Militia wh[]
 think might be made usefull on that & many [other] Occasions
 if under the Command of one of [his Majesty's(?)]
 Natural born Subjects, and I would take the []
 recommending him to you for that Station, shou[ld you]
 think it necessary.— One material advantage [of]
 then under the Command of an Englishman & []
 the Convincing the Indians that they were [bound to] Obey us,
 a Circumstance they now doubt very much and have been
 [taught that] another is, That there are some occasions in which
 [] are better calculated for our Service than other []
 for instance they can be Successfully em[ploved in] bring-
 ing in their Own Renegadoes, which [] of diffi-
 culty to our people & perhaps could not be done []
 with the Indians, who would not be []
 French and altho Sev^l. of the []
 reluctance at first, within []
 A man who has some person []
 they would be reduced []
 -selves on being []
 I shall []
 []

INDORSED: []
 To General Gage.

¹ Lieutenant McDougal, according to the Johnson Calendar, proposed to employ the Detroit militia on this service.

FROM JOHN POWNALL

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 404, is listed a letter of October 13th from John Pownall, Whitehall, informing that Johnson's dispatch to the Earl of Hillsborough has been received and will be laid before the King at the first opportunity. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 2:911-12; Q, 2:528.¹)

FROM HENRY BOSTWICK

A. L. S.

[*Montreal, October 14, 1768*]

[] waited on You to shew You the Petition we have [] the King and Council for a Grant of Mines [] about Lake Superior — Altho' You accepted of one Share therein, the time was so very short You could not Examine the Papers I was desired by the Committee to shew You and You referd me to Captain Claus. Who You Apprehended I should meet at Montreall for further Communication of the same, and of such other Proceedings therein as was thought necessary — I did not meet Captain Claus therefore send You a Copy of the Proceedings and the Meetings held at London, and the Resolutions together with the Names of all the Gentlemen concerned — In the Instructions I have received from the Committee, I am desired to make such Preparations for the Ensuing Year, in this Province, as to carry the Work into Execution without any Retardment.

As I have such a Discretionary power invested in me I wou'd choose to take Every Step for the mutual Good of the Concern — and as it was thought a Reference² may possibly be sent You

¹ The draft of this letter, which is a circular form, in the Public Record Office, shows that the same acknowledgment of dispatches and explanation of delay in answering were sent to General Gage and Governors Moore, Franklin and Penn.

² See Earl of Hillsborough to Johnson, *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:91-92, and Johnson to Earl of Hillsborough, *idem*, 140-42.

before the Grant woud be acquired. if such a Reference has been sent, or should come, beg You woud be as Expeditious as possible in making Your Report thereto, and advising me thereof at Montreall; that I may have every thing in readiness to set off upon the first breaking up of the Ice — so that may avail Ourselves of the next Year

I think it necessary at the same time to assure You []
 [] when I went into Lake Superiour to make those
 [] the Indians were extreamly well Satisfy'd, and
 [] amongst them for that purpose, and
 [] ready and willing to assist me in
 [] to give me a perfect Know[ledge of]
 [] That []
 []
 [] by the first Parties from England to hear
 [] and although we were apprehensive that a
 [reference] woud be sent to You; We had great Expectations of
 [] our Grant Confirmed without that Reference —

As soon as I receive any Letter from the Committee I shall communicate to You their Proceedings —

I beg You woud by the first Opportunity let me know Your Opinion upon the whole, and as some of the Gentlemen concern'd have the Honour of Your Acquaintance, I am well assured They or the Committee woud be glad to hear from You, if You think of writing to the Committee please to send it directed for them under Cover to some other Person who will be carefull in the delivery of it — I shall be glad to hear from You Every Opportunity, and if You can point out any Methods that You think will be for the mutual Advantage of the Concern I beg You woud write them to Me —

I have the Honour to be

Sir

Your most Obed^t hble Serv^t

HENRY BOSTWICK

LAND ACCOUNT WITH GRACE COSBY

D.

[Account current of Oliver Delancey, James Jauncey, Goldb.
Banyer and Peter Remsen with Miss¹ Grace Cosby]

[New York, October 15, 1768]

[bou]ght of Miss Grace Cosby	}	£6000
[att]orney to Sir William Johnson for		
[] Land more Bought of Ditto		500
		<hr/>
		£6500
[bala]nce Over paid Miss Grace Cosby	}	1150. 8. 9½
by [Oli]ver Delancy, James Jauncey,		
Gol ^w . Banyer Peter Remsen		
		<hr/>
		£7650. 8. 9[½]
[]
Aug. 1 By Cash paid Miss Cosby []
By Cash paid to the Indians []
Agreement with Sir [William Johnson]		
By a Defeciency in the 21000 Acres of []
3000 Acres a 5/8½ Curr ^y . ₧ []
By Cash paid for the Quit Rents due on 180[00 acres]		
of Land from 1 st . Janu ^y . 1734 till 1 st [Aug. 1762]		
Being 28 Years & 7 Months a 29/2		
By Cash paid for the Quit Rents due on 2000 Acres		
of Land from 1 st Augu ^s . 1735 till 1 st Aug ^t . 1762		
Being 27 Years @ 29/2		
Aug ^t . 1 By Cash paid for a Mortgage	}	£662. 3. -
due to Sir Peter Warren		
Str.		

¹ The Honorable Mrs Cosby.

Interest on the Above Mortgage } for 11 Years & 3 months } 5 ₤ C ^t . }	372. 9.
	1034. 12.
Advanced a 80 ₤ Cent	827. 1 []

1762

Aug ^t . 1 Ballance Over paid Miss Grace Cosby []	
Mess Oliver Delancy, James [Jauncey]	
Gold ^b . Banyer & Peter [Remsen]
Interest due from Au[gust 1, 1762]	
is 6 Years 2 [months]
	[]

FROM DAVID VAN DER HEYDEN

A. L. S.

Albany, Oct: 15th: 1768.

These waits on you with my sincere regard [] serve to Inform you that I this Day Rec^d: the Enclosed Letters [under] Cover from my son Jacob, at Montreal; who informs me that [they] purport to beg the favour of you to return a Bill which Major Rogers drew on your Hon^r. for £1070 10s. N York Curr^{cy}: Dated at Michel^c: 9th: July 1767. Payable to Mons^r. Sanguinett. and that if you return it "that I will have it Protested & sent to him ₤ first Conveyance; which he says he does for a friend in Quebec." As there is nothing that I can gather from his letter to my satisfaction I forthwith forward them to you, with this Assurance, that if I can be of any service to you either in this, or any other matter none can be more willing than

Hon^d: Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

DAVID VAN DER HEYDEN

INDORSED: David Van Derheydens Letter

8^{br} 15th 1768 —

FROM JACOB W'S JOHNSON AND DAVID AVERY

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 404, is listed a letter, dated Fort Stanwix, October 17, from Jacob W's Johnson and David Avery, missionaries, asking that the Indians may be secured in their lands for the better propagating of the Gosepl among them. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:390-91; Q, 4:245-46.)

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

[*Schenectady, October 18, 1768*]

[
 [] Henry Pecke & John Post I Send you Two
 Battoes [] p^r the Inclosed Invoice Amounting to
 £573.18.6 one [] Gallons is in two handed One,
 I have not Charged the [men's] Wages being Something at a
 loss to know whether it might not be paid as all the Other men
 are — if So you'd [be] pleased to let M^r Adams give a
 Certificate

I was very Happy in having [Some] good English Cheese
 by me which I had for my own, [] & a Barrell Limes,
 & as I had them not to dispose of [hav]ing Still plenty for the
 use of the House) I must Request [the] favour of your Ac-
 cepting them — there is only two Cheep [] Limes
 — if I had, had, them for Sale I Should have Charged []
 the Account.

I was not Able to Compleat the 500 []
 this Place & Albany Could not now make []
 you have got all that was in [] among those,
 28 very large fine [] Sorry I Could
 not get Some [] Ma]deria Wine to be as Good
 [] Used of the Same
 []
 of News here worth mention []
 Through this Town Yesterday by []
 I believe the happies man in the []

tired with the Noise, of Indians at Fort Stanwix]
 all here greatly afraid, that this long Congress []
 means to Impair your health much, as the fatigue []
 Certain must be more than Can well be Imagin'd []
 Sincerely that it may not do you any harm

Mrs Campbell has not []
 got the Young Son — or Daughter — but Expecting to []
 to pieces Every day — You are in fair way of []
 the pipe of Wine — She begs to join in compliments to You
 and am

Dear Sir with []
 Your most []
 []

DAN [IEL CAMPBELL]

P. S. I beg my most respectfull
 Compliments to Governor Franklin
 & all Friends in General

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

Onidea vilidge Tuesday

Evening 1/2 past five [October 18, 1768]

About an hour Ago I gott hear and to My Surprise found
 None of the Great pople had Arrived the Cheeffs of this plase
 Inform^d. Me that they Expected them or the Most part hear
 tomorrow

I then Deliverd your Mesidge to the Cheefs hear & Made
 them Dispatch a Mesinger on horse back with itt to meet the
 Great Body who is to Ride all Night Which I flater Myself
 he will Do, as I have promisd to pay him

I have Infern^d. them that the Cheeffs from Onidea was to be
 att Fort Stanwix Tomorrow by 12 A Clock and that there was
 No Stop to be Made [at] this place Nor Condoling Till the

am extremely sorry you are so much distress'd upon this Account.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant

J^N° BRADSTREET

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Albany the 21st October 1768—

[] SIR

Your favour of the 17th Ins^t: have Just Came to hand by my young man — I was four miles below this Place, on Board of a Sloop going for New York — I have detain'd the Sloop until I Return

In my letter of the 10th. I inform'd You [that] I was not Able to Compleat the first order for the Quantity of Blankets — I have got a few & two pairs of Christian Blankets, which I hope may Answer — Since the [] Could not be had — among the Strouds Sent up there [pair] Black & 4 Red which will make an Assortment I also Send you 1000 Dollars. I have [] young Man strict orders to get Some Good honest [] the Charge of this money & goods & at the [] to give him positive directions to loose [] I hope to be back from [] I be favour'd with any your Commands before my Return I [] person who manages my Business in my [absence].

The Invoice of the Goods [] go by the Battos.—

I am Dear Sir with the []

Respect your most Obed []

Humble Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED: To
 The Honourable Sir William Johnson Baronet
 at
 Fort Stanwix

FROM JOHN GLEN

A. L. S.

[Schonectady, October 21, 1768]

[]
 [] Received your favor a yesterday []
 I immideately sent express to Col. Bradstreet I am Sorry there
 is no more provisions at Albany as I would have []
 it up with the Otmost Dispatch [] am much Oblige to you
 for have letting Co^l Butler Buy the Land for us. & that [you]
 have Spoke to the Indians about [] I would have
 Beg'd the favor of you [] agree with the Indians for
 me. But [] Certain you have To much Business
 [] with Such a Number of Indians.

I am Your Most Obed^t

and Most Humble Servant

JNO GLEN

FROM JACOB W'S JOHNSON

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 405, is listed a letter of October 22d from
 Rev. W's Johnson, at Fort Stanwix, expressing apprehension of injury
 from the Senecas. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:393; Q, 4:247.)

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 405, is listed a letter of October 23d,
 written at Fort Stanwix, to the Earl of Hillsborough, mentioning obstacles
 to the boundary settlement interposed by the French and Spaniards, the
 delayed attendance of Shawanese, Delawares and Senecas, the great con-
 sumption of food, Indian dissatisfaction, work of French and Spanish agents
 and their scheme for a Misisipi congress. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*
 2:912-15; Q, 2:528-30 and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.* 8:104-6.)

FROM JOHN LEVINE

A. L. S.

[*New York, October 23, 1768*]

[] Johnson Hall the 7th Ult^o. which did not [come] to hand till the 17th: when it was in vain [to ex]pect to see you, as you must then be set [out] for the Congress.

you can hardly conceive how extreamly mortifying it was to me to receive so very polite an Invitation at a time too late to accept it, This, Sir, is but one of many such pranks, Madam Fortune has play'd me; by robbing me of happiness intended me by my better Genius, Tho' this I belive will satisfy her, as she cou'd not injure me more than, by detaining yr: letter, deprive me of the Honour you design'd me & perhaps of being encircled in the Ivory arms of some Lovely Princess of the Woods." whose ample [for]tune and lively agreeable conversation [woud] Crown the rest of my days. [] the greatest happiness I expect [] that of continuing in possession [] esteem; which I shall ever [] have the honour to [] great truth

[]

FROM JOHN WOLF BARELETT

A. L. S.

[*Stoneraby, October 24, 1768*]

SIR

[] ve bin acused of Takeing and Stealing of Wheat out of my Mill by William markell he hath bin three times to Justice klock to make his Complant and Justice klock — Sent me Word to com to him Wich I went to his house Amedeatly and he told me that the Said Markell had made his Complant against me that he had fell Several Pounds of flower to Short in a Sack of of Wheat that Was Ground att my mill but he Said that the Said markell att Every Deferent time had told a

Deferent Story and that he had a old Grudg aganst me he
 [sen]t him of Without any Sadisfaction and [still] he Makes
 itt his business to brake my [] and Corrocter as much as
 he Can Sir [Yo]ur Excelence Will Receve this [] my
 Complant hoping to Git []

Your hum^e: Sar^{vt}.
 [JOHN] WOLF BARELETT

ADDRESSED: Mr:
 Sr: William Johnson
 these

THE TREATY OF FORT STANWIX

In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:111-34, are printed the proceedings of Johnson with the Six Nations and dependent tribes at Fort Stanwix from October 24th to November 6th. Pages 135-37 have the deed, signed by six chiefs and representatives of New Jersey, Virginia and Pennsylvania, Johnson attesting, which fixed a boundary between the northern colonies and the Indians. It is accompanied by Guy Johnson's map.

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.

[Albany, October 25, 1768]

[There] is about Seventy Barrells of Provisions arriv'd from New York, which will be forwarded to you as soon as possible; it will be but a small help and I am really sorry for it: I do not hear of any more coming; but if any Should come in time You may depend on its being sent You without loss of time.
 I am

sir
 Your Most Obedient
 humble Servant
 JN^o BRADSTREET

INDORSED: [] 1768

[Brad]streets letter

FROM JACOB W'S JOHNSON

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 405, is listed a letter of October 30th from Jacob W's Johnson, at Fort Stanwix, to Sir William Johnson, Governor Franklin, Colonel Grahon (Geo. Croghan?) and Colonel Butler, asking that the Indians, specially the Onoida's may be preserved in the possession of their lands, in order that they may be reached by missionaries and teachers. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:394; Q, 4:248.)

LETTERS OF JACOB W'S JOHNSON

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 406, are listed two letters, the first of October 31st, the second undated, written by Rev. Jacob W's Johnson at Fort Stanwix. The first is to the chiefs of the Six Confederate Nations, announcing that the Rev. Dr Eleazer Wheelock, of Lebanon, is about to set up a college for the Indians, under the patronage of the King, the Earl of Dartmouth and others and proposing that the Indians furnish a site on or near the Mohawk (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:395; Q, 4:248-49). The second to Johnson, asking that the Indians be informed that illness keeps him away from the congress. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:391-92; Q, 4:246.)

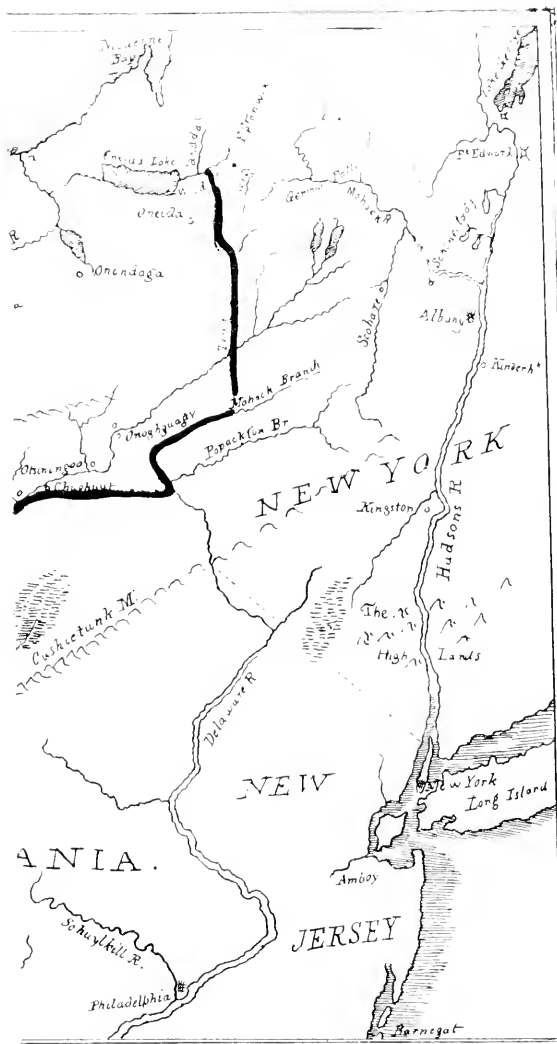
THOMAS GAGE TO LORD HILLSBOROUGH

Extract

Boston, 3^d Novr. 1768

[Your] Lordship has transmitted me a Petition of Henry Bostwick and others to the King for a Grant of some Copper mines near Lake Superior, together with a Representation from the Lords of Trade to His Majesty on the said Petition—

There is no doubt that there are Copper Mines in the Country round Lake Superior, and in some parts large Bedds of rich Copper Ore, very near the Surface which may be dug with great Ease. It is Supposed that these Bedds of Copper would be soon Exhausted, & Notwithstanding they lye so near the Surface, it is apprehended unless the Ore is also strongly Im-



M A P

of the FRONTIERS of the
NORTHERN COLONIES
 with the BOUNDARY LINE established
 Between them and the Indians at the Treaty
 held by S Will Johnson at Ft Stanwix in Novr
 1760.

Corrected and Improved from Evans Map,

By Guy Johnson Dep Agt of Ind Affairs

pregnated with particles of Gold, it would not answer the Ex-
 pence to work them. In the time of the French one La Ronde
 had a grant of Mines near Lake Superior, which ruined him in a
 Short time. And when I was at Montreal an English Mer-
 chant gave me a lump of Copper Ore brought from one of the
 Bedds near Lake Superior, desiring I would grant him permis-
 sion to dig as much as he could of it, and bring it down, The
 merchant was desired to make a Calculation of all the [ex-
 penses] that must Attend the Undertaking, and to See
 [] would answer even on a Supposition that
 [] he should dig nothing but pure [copper
] He returned in a few
 []

INDORSED: [] Gage to L Hillsborough
 Dated
 Boston 3^d Nov^r. 1768

FROM RACHEL WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York Novem^r 8: 1768

SIR

I take the pleasure of writing these few lines which I hope you
 are safe arrived before this time from a tedious and troublesome
 journey which I hope you have got no cold by it I received a
 Letter from Mr Wetherhead a few days ago wherein he desires
 me to send the wench and two children which you spoke for
 some time ago and accordingly i have sent her and she bears
 a very extraordinary character which I hope she will turn out a
 good servant to so worthy a Master I have sent you a half
 dozen of Bottles of Virgin honey which I hope you will accept
 of small as it is and a Barrell of Oysters When Mr Wether-
 head went from home he said he would not stay above three

Yesterday [] with Her Son Joseph
 [] well in Town and was told the []
 was very well at home —

Mr Stewart the Col[lector] Captⁿ Oliver and a few others
 [here] wish You health and every felicity as doth

Sr.

Your most Obedient
 and most Humble Servant

THOMAS MOFFATT.

In commemoration of the popish plot I had some windows
 broke but cannot ascribe it to the [] or Cause of *Liberty*
 as it is gene[rally] resented and prosecution will [be] against
 the Assailants by the []

INDORSED: Novbr. []

Doctor Moffatt
 recd. 23^d.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Novr. 13th, 1768

SIR/

Since the receipt of your Letters of the 10th. ult^o My time has
 been so totally engrossed with the Indians & the Affairs of the
 Treaty that I had Scarcely a Moment To myself, and indeed
 from the many difficultys, delays, and obstructions I could not
 take upon me to Write with absolute Certainty concerning the
 Issue of my proceedings,

The Indians had several belts of a very dangerous Tendency
 amongst them, The distance of time since the first proposal of
 the boundary, and the Artifices practised upon them since, with a
 Variety of other concurring circumstances had made the bound-
 ary to appear in a very [different] Light to the Indians than

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

before, & consequently rendered [it a work] of much difficulty,— The Upper Nations were [] the way, performed several Condolances and [] Meetings together This retarded the [] and greatly incre]ased the expence, particularly in the [] above 1000 of them were Assembled for [] in who together made abt 3100, so that I was necessitated to buy up all the [cattle I could] procure for them also Corn pease flour &ca

As I only returned here Yesterday [] it is but in my power to inform you that notwithstanding the many difficulties and delays I had to Struggle with The Line is at length settled beyond my expectations, & more favorably than was proposed by the Crown, They [have] executed a Deed of Cession to his Majesty, and I have reason to think are returned home in a much better disposition than they came out with — The particulars I am necessitated to deferr for the present, but I shall as soon as possible lay them before you, together [with] the Material part of my Transactions, and [shall] be very happy to find that they meet with your []

I now enclose As many of ye [accounts for ye] half Year, as are come to my hands, for ye [] I will be glad to have yr. Warrant, & I shall [] Post the Acc^t. of Expences wh. attended the [Congress]

INDORSED: Nov. []

To General Gage

THOMAS GAGE TO JOHN BROWN

*Extract*¹

Boston Novr. 13th. 1768.

Sir William Johnson has found it necessary to continue his Interpreters & Smiths some time longer. When he shall dis-

¹ In British Museum. Additional Manuscripts 21678. fo. 118, London, England.

charge them, it will be very proper that one of each be retained at Niagara and some trifling Presents admitted of from the Officer Commanding to the Savages, of which more will be said at a proper time.

INDORSED: 2

Gen^l Gage dated 13 Nov^r.

1768

Boston

rec^d 20th & Ans^d 23^d Janry

1769

Relative to Vessels burnt, that proper Precaution has not been taken, by having a Guard, and that trifling presents from the Commanding Officer to the Savages will be admitted off.

FROM SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

*A. L. S.*¹

New York November 14th. 1768 —

WORTHY SIR

Your two last favors of the 24th Sep^r & the 20th Octo^r came safe to my hand. I am extremely glad to find that the Society's letter was agreeable to you. I am very sure that that venerable & good Body, will do everything that may be recommended by you for the benefit of the Indians your way; and I am very solicitous that some worthy Clergymen may be sent among them, before their ² Religious principles are debauched by the stupid Bigots that Wheelock is continually turning too go among them. The great and cruel Difficulty the Church of England labors under, in regard to Ordination, is a terrible Impediment to the progress and increase of the Church. This the Dissenters well know, and therefore exert all their Interest to prevent com'on Justice being done to the Established Religion of the

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

² A word blotted in the manuscript.

Realm — Policy one would imagine, were there no other Motives, would induce his Majestys Ministers to consent to an American Episcopate; but it seems they are either ignorant of good policy, or are determined not to indulge his Majys best Subjects in their Just & legal requests. History can't parallel a greater or more cruel hardship. Excuse this digression, which flows from a heart deeply sensible of the danger the Church is exposed to, from the cruel treatment it receives from those, whose duty it is to patronize and protect it — The Salaries the Society offer for missionaries I think too small, considering the Services they will have to perform: however, I make no doubt but, that they may be augmented, if proper persons could be found. Since the receipt of your Letters, I have seen m^r Seabury, & D^r Cooper and myself have prevailed upon him to pay you a visit this fall, provided he can in any manner leave his Family. He undoubtedly is the fittest Man I know to begin a mission having sufficient Abilities, Constitution, Zeal and firmness for such an undertaking Should he be induced to settle with you, or at Schenectady, I make no doubt but that his example would be followed by Others soon. I can't yet think that Murray will do for Schenectady — perhaps I may be wrong. I wish their could be a popular preacher found for that place.

In my last, I mentioned to you my Determination to pay M^{rs} Barclay the £500 as soon as the money can be called in. I have since stired in the Affair, and I hope long before the Spring to have the Deeds in my possession. I am glad you approve of my plan for having a School Master fixed on part of the farm & wish that we had one now ready. The person I mentioned to you formerly is, I believe settled for the present at the High Lands — I have some Memorandum concerning him which I will endeavor to find, & will write to him. In the interim shall be looking out for another, as several will be wanted. I wish the Society had also mentioned what Salary they were willing to allow to a School Master; however their silence on this head ought not to retard the settling one or more as soon as possible.

I am very confident that they will give whatever you may think a quantum meruit.

In one of your Letters you are kind enough to mention that poor unhappy man Browne. I hardly know what to say on the Subject. That he has been very imprudent is beyond doubt; and that he owns his failings, & is very solemn in his protestations of amendment is also certain; but how or in what manner to recommend him is a difficulty that neither D^r Cooper nor myself, (his only Friends among the Clergy) can well tell. We Commiserate the Man, pity his Family, and if we can serve him consistent with our Characters we will do it. If therefore some general Character of his late decent behavior, & your hopes of his being useful for the future, should appear under your hand, we will also give him a letter that may be of some little service to him. The poor man is now starving; if he only could procure a Curacy in Virginia it would be bread for him — Upon the whole a few lines from you in his favor will I hope be well bestowed, & they shall be backed by D^r Cooper & myself. The man has Abilities & may yet turn out a useful man. He has bit sufficiently upon the Bridle which it's to be hoped will reclaim Him. I am extremely obliged to you for the account you have given me of one of Wheelocks Cubs — Surely such Wretches ought not to be suffered to go among the Indians. Such independent fire-brands are wicked eno' to kindle a Civil War. With your permission the acc^t shall be transmitted to the Society — They will then see the absolute Necessity of sending Missionaries &c, if they have not already, among the Indians — They will then see in what ma'ner the good people have been gulled out of their money to serve a dirty biggotted ¹ Enemies both to Church and State. I have mentioned the Affair to numbers of Gentleⁿ, concealing your Name, who are amazed at the Impudence & Ignorance of the Fellow, & are of opinion that the Gov^r ought to be informed of it, which I can't take upon myself to do, without your leave.

¹ Word blotted.

Thus Sir, I have hastily answered the Substance of your two last Letters; and most heartily wish that something more material than writing was done. I have great expectation that Mr Seabury will be able, after conversing with you, effectually to serve the glorious Cause, you have so much at heart. Be assured that it is constantly uppermost in my mind, and that no pains nor trouble on my part shall be wanting to bring the proposed Scheme to perfection. I hope you have had a happy Meeting with the Indians, and have agreeable settled all matters with them.—

With most sincere respects & prayers for your Health; I have the honor to be; Worthy Sir,—

Y^r much obliged Obed^t Serv^t

SAM^l AUCHMUTY.

INDORSED: from D^r. Auchmuty Nov. 14, 1768.

TO ABRAHAM MORTIER

Df.

[*Johnson Hall, November 14, 1768*]

I wrote you in September last before I set out for Fort stanwix requesting you would send me a Parcel of Dollars for to pay the Indians with, a long with the goods for the Cession of Land they were to make to the Crown, and as Mr Adams had Received but about £8000 Cur^{cy} out of the £10,000 sterling which I then wrote the General would be about the sum I should want for that purchase, I had reason to Expect you would answer my Demand, but I never had even a Line from you on the Subject, which distressed me greatly and Obligated me to set every Engine to work on my own Credit to get between four and five thousand pounds in Dollars, nay I was obliged to Borrow 3000 Dollars from the mohawks money which Mr Remsen then paid them for Kayadarosseras — By Mr Adams I now send my last half years Acco^{ts}. the amount of which [I] would have paid to Mr Adems as soon as [the] General grants

his Warrant for the same [] that you will be
in Cash to answer [] of the other Acco^t. against I
[] which will be in about a week or []
that of the Late Treaty [] I am sorry to say it
[]

I am []
Your most []
Humble s[ervant]

INDORSED: Letter []
 Ⓢ Mr. Ad[ems]

CERTIFICATE FOR JOHANNIS PETRY AND OTHERS

A. D. S.¹

Johnson Hall Novbr. 15th. 1768

[]	Certify that Johannis Petry			
[]	y ^e . carrying place			
[]	own, 166 loads at 3 Ⓢ	£24	18	—
[]	y 55 load at 3 Ⓢ	8	5	—
[ ]	] Petry 52 loads at 3 Ⓢ	7	16	—
[ ]	] Petry 30 loads at 3 Ⓢ	4	10	—
		<hr/>		
		£45	9	—

[] one riding, was carrying
[] pre]sent for the Ind^s. the Boats,
[] carri]age, &ca. to & from Fort Stanwix
[] ly] my Orders —

W. JOHNSON

INDORSED: July 18th. 1770
 B t the within []
 My Hand
 £45..9..—

¹ Document in handwriting of Guy Johnson; the signature Sir William's.

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 406, is listed a letter of November 15th from the Earl of Hillsborough, at Whitehall, regarding the mischiefs wrought among the Indians by French subjects, an inclosed copy of his Majesty's speech at the opening of Parliament, with the addresses of both Houses, and the birth of a princess. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:916-17; Q. 2:530-31 and *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.* 8:109.)

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

[Albany, November 17, 1768]

[]
 [] yesterday [] []
 [] find as he Lays by the [] [] his
 Backside but M^r Cartwright [] has had a severe
 Fever this I believe to [] and that he now Lays
 the Blame on [] Fundy's horse in Order to Excuse him-
 self [for] not taking the Vomit at the Hall — Our Noble
 [] ident held out untill this morning when he was
 [ob]liged to take a dose and Can you believe me after throwing
 out and Discharging almost half [] Hh^d he settled the matter
 with a Large Glass [] old Nants — and about a
 pound of Fine Corn'd Beef

we sent our horses of this morning to Poughkeepsy by Master
 Jack and Shall go down [] Sloop with Col^o. Croghan
 & M^r. Adams to that [] it being the best Road to
 New London & that [] the Colony — I was this
 day Bro^t to by [] ster who lives near the House we
 used to [] he is I find a great Son of Liberty and
 [] he got nothing from me that will []
 I have heard from New London and [] Family
 were well about fourteen days [] Ill before
 that time Since my [] making
 them Very Happy [] I

Should be a wretch []
 []¹
 grieves and distresses me [] Return I have
 at present [] you are the only
 man of this age who [] distresed under
 your protection from the [] of doing them
 service without any other [] assisting them
 only if Heaven h[ears] Prayers you'l live long
 to enjoy that pleasure [] sure you feel on such occasions —
 and that [] may be the Case no man on Earth wishes
 or d[] with greater Zeal and Fervency then

Dear sir

Your most Oblid[]

& most Obedt s[]

JOS CHEW

P S

Col^o Fitch begs his best
 Compliments to you — there is
 a Little sloop bound from here
 to New London that will sail in
 about 10 days I have desired Mr.
 Cartwright to put the Trunk on
 Board of him —

I have been greatly mo[r]tified over leaving] the Hall without
 wishing m[iss Molly Tell] her so it was Really owing []
 in that time []

ADDRESSED:

To

The Hon^{ble} Sir William Johnson Bart.

☞ Favour Mr Wall

Johnson Hall

¹ Several lines burned away.

FROM JAMES PHYN

A. L. S.

Schenectady 17th November 1768

[]

I had the pleasure of your favour 12th Inst. & imedly on [] went over the Town to try for Dollars, I am sorry to say my [endea]vours have proved but unsuccessfull the people either not [hav]ing 'em or being but little inclin'd to Oblige, altho' I intimate[d the] purpose I was collecting them for, in short I have gote a [pro]mise of ab^t. 300 which will only be exchanged for N Y. C: youll [therefore] be pleas'd to examine your Cash & send me to that amo^t. in [York] Bills. I have desir'd Monier & Cartwright to look out [] Albany when I hear from them will write again that you [] a sum equal to whats expected there, at present we [] out of Cash otherway shou'd apply it on the present [].

[] weeks since I return'd from N. Y & has the [] you that our affairs in the upper Countries [] well as times goes, I imagin few connec- [] more fortunate. I beg Leave to return you my best thanks for so friendly an enquiry [] am sensible your time is engaged to conclude With [] imaginable respect Sir

Your much Obliged & very Hum[]

JAMES PHYN

A Strong S-ly Wind & Colo^l Croghan
Adams &c yet in Albany
The Hcnb^e SIR W^m. JOHNSON

INDORSED: [James] Phyns Letter
Novb^r. 17th 1768

TO SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Novr. 18th 1768.*

SIR,

My last was of the 20th. ult^o. from Fort Stanwix since which I have beyond my Expectations Settled the boundary Line, considering the many obstructions it met with and the humour the Indians have been in thro' the belts they have received from the Spaniards & the endeavors of their Crafty Agents the French,— The new England Mission^{ys}. mentioned in my last were very busy in persuading the Ind^s. to refuse to make an advantagious Cession, but to keep their Lands for the purposes of Religion, They Memorialled me to the same effect & publickly declared they had given & wo^d. give all the Obstruction in their power to it, of which I think I Informed you in my last. —

I hope to hear from you soon on the Subject of my former Letters &ca being at present to inform you that I have set on foot a Collection from the Governors & Gentlemen who attended the Treaty for the finishing Schenectady Church to the Amt of abt £60, which will Sufficiently answer the purpose, and hope your Endeavors will be successfull in obtaining a Clergyman for them —

The Indians of Conajoharee have some amongst them well Qualified to read prayers, & seem very desirous of having a Church, where they might occasionally have divine service when the Mohock Mission is established. With this View they have set aside some Money & purpose to appropriate as much as they can of the produce of their hunting, but as that will be tedious, they have sollicitted Me to endeavor to obtain a Collection for enabling them to finish the Work, a request which I could not refuse & accordingly resolved to mention it to you, that I might

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

I heartily Congratulate you on your Safe return home, & am
Sir, with due Respect, your

Most Humble & obedient
Servant

DUDLEY DAVIS

[] servants to Assist the Bearer

ADDRESSED: To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
Johnson Hall

Memorandum of Indian address on back:

- 1st glad to see me at my fire & bid me Welcome Home
- 2^d letting me know y^e leaves were so long & think they could
not hear w^t. was s^d. at F Stanwix
- 3^d Clear my Eyes to See y^m. Clearly & to open my Ears —
- 4th. to remind me of y^e old agreement, that when Br^s. Met &
Saw a hole on ye others Cloaths he gave him a patch to
Mend it also Some powder to kill birds &ca.
Abraham at Chenagey, Arent, an Elderly Man lives
at Chughnut

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, November 18, 1768*]

[]

[] the desire of the Gentlemen Signified [the
in]closed Letter from Lt. Roberts I send it You []
with the Copy of a Letter from Ensign Robert Johnston to me,
not with a View to his prejudice but to Shew the Sentiments he
formerly conceived of Rogers, I find that *Ainse* the Interpreter,
who I have always understood to be a good Man, of much In-
fluence amst the Indians is now in Jail loaded with Irons, on a
Charge of Mr. Bostwick that he was present & busy in the

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

plundering his goods at Michilimackinac altho' he has (as I am informed) Certificates of his good behavior at that time.— I know there are sev^l. french men Whom the Traders have sworn to be aiding & Assisting in both Robberies and Murders during the Indian War who have hitherto escaped with Impunity, If Ainse is of that number he deserves no favor, but should it appear that at this distance of time he has been arrested to invalidate his Testimony, on accot of the Weight of [his] Evidence agt Rogers, and that people busied themselves [in Rogers] behalf thro' an Apprehension that they should [] Money unless he was acquitted, I think the [] and that the Man deserves Relief. [] favour I take the liberty to [] being only meant to [] that [] [] of this [] parts of my Transactions [] Next post. — My great hurry [from Fort] Stanwix has I find occasioned m[] your Letter of the 10th ult^o. with inclosures [] Illinois &ca on the subject of which I likewise [] Information about the same time.—It is impossible to prevent the Nations about the *Ouabache* from being Guilty of some disorders so long as the Spaniards or rather the French their Agents have that Inter[est] with them which they now actually have, at the sam[e time] Such acts of Violence are not to be borne with, and some Measures sho^d be imediately taken to check them.

As the Chiefs of the Shawanese, & Delawares [attended] the Late Treaty, and as the former in particular [] Much Intercourse & Connection with those you m[ention] I have spoke to them & the rest generally at the [] & now as they return home by this route, I ha[ve] [] Spoke to them on these Subjects, with belts to [] to be Communicated to all their Con[nections in such a] Manner as may I hope be paid rega[r]d to. [] that can occur to me, shall be

[] regard paid to whatever you []
 [] I perfectly agree with []
 apprehend [] to Fort []
 []
 [] unless we are [prepared
 to] put our threats into immediate execu-
 tion. [The Indians, who are natur]ally a Cool people un-
 accustomed to utter [their] Sentiments with much Warmth,
 do usually consider a [threat] as a Declaration of War, & in
 general act accordingly and sho^d we fail of accompanying our
 Words with Actions they acquire fresh Courage & fury from
 the Suppositon that We are afraid, or unable to Attack them,
 for amongst themselves should one Nation affirm they are angry
 with another, hostilities always ensue if the partys are able to
 Commit them & they are too Apt to Judge of others by them-
 selves. [*Common Justice without Aiming at a Compliment
 obliges me here to observe That altho' I wo^d not be understood
 to Condemn Gentlemen whose slender knowledge of these Mat-
 ters occasioned very different sentiments, your conceptions herein
 have been always Consistent with sound policy, and displayed a
 Superior Judgment in these Affairs, the effects of which the public
 feel the benefit of.*²]

I hope you find Matters go on quietly at Boston, I believe you
 know my Sentiments of these people. They never expected that
 the Government would have adventured to [find] fault with their
 conduct & their Mortification is equal [to their] disappointment.

INDORSED: To Gen^l. Gage
 with inclosures concern^s
 Major Rogers.—

¹ Several lines burned off.

² Crossed out in the manuscript.

TO JAMES JEFFREYS

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Nov^r 18th. 1768.*

SIR

I heartily Sympathize with you on the Melancholy event of M^{rs}. Cosbys death, a Lady for whom I had a very high esteem, on whose account as well as from the Amiable Character of her Surviving Connections I shall most willingly do Lady Fitzroy & yourself any offices of friendship within the Compass of my power.

Eight days ago Doct^r Shuckburgh delivered me your favor of May last together with the power of Attorney & other papers relative to the Estate of the late M^{rs}. Cosby of which I shall take due notice, and shall as soon as possible set about the Settlement of your Affairs here, at present being newly returned from holding a Treaty with the northern Indians for settling a Boundary Line which I have at length advantageously effected between them, and the Colonies, and having many dispatches & lists to make up for the Ministry in consequence thereof I cannot be so particular as I could wish, I must however observe that you will find by my Letter to M^{rs}. Cosby of the 12th March 1765 there is a Necessity for your Settling the Affair of the Mortgage & Quit rents, or of paying the ballance to M^r De Lancey, You will likewise find that there was a deficiency of 3000 acres, Returned by the late Survey of the Tract computed to be 21000 perhaps on a ReSurvey the deficiency may not prove so Great, or probably it is made up by the quantity on the other Side of the River occasioned by its bending to the Northward so that the Two Tracts tho' differing in Extent may make 42000 acres, & I see by y^e acc^t. of Fees sent me that the one is larger than the other — If so, & that M^r DeLancey

¹ In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson.

will buy the remainder which he was once desirous of doing it can make no difference, — I understand that the right to the Tract on the south Side, opposite that already purchased by Mr De Lancey, is in Mr. Wm Cosby who is incapable of business, This is the opinion of the Lawyers at New York which I communicated to Mrs. Cosby who in Answer assured me that she had the advice of Council in her favor, — Mr De Lancey in a Letter to me in 1765 says “I am still determined to make the Purchase of the other side but find she [Mrs. Cosby] Can’t make a Title for the same as it is now circumstanced during her Sons Life, nor afterwards unless Lady Augustus & the Duke of Grafton first Convey to her their right of reversion to W^m. Cosbys Lands as one of them is heir to his Estate after his death & she has no Title in them.” I find also by Gov^r Cosbys Will that he Conveyed that Tract on the South side to his Son William. You will therefore please in case it is still meant to dispose of the South side of Cosbys Mannor to do what is needful for making out the Title, and also to inform me as Speedily as possible whether you mean to Settle the Affair of the Mortgage & debts in England.

I have at present only time to add that I shall be happy in Executing any Services for the advantagious Settlement of your affairs in America, & that I am with most respectfull Compliments to Lady FitzRoy,

Sir, Your most obedt
& most humble Servt.

P. S. I find on a second perusal of the power of Attorney to me that in the Recital Mrs Cosby is said to have Made her Will the 4th day of March whereas the date of the Will is the 4th day of May, I don’t know how far this might operate agt the Power according to the Strictness of Law, & shall be glad you’ll consider it.

JAMES JEFFREYS Esq^r.

TO THOMAS PENN

*Df.*¹*Johnson Hall Nov. 18th 1768.*

DEAR SIR

I have had the favor of yours of the 11th. Augt. from Margate and embrace the first Opportunity since My return from holding the Treaty at Fort Stanwix to Acquaint you that after a Great Struggle & more difficulty than can be conceived by those who were not Eye Witnesses I have at length in the Settlement of the boundary Line procured for you a very advantageous Cession, which altho' Less than I could wish was more than I had reason to Expect from the ill humour the Ind^s have been put in by the French & Spaniards who had sent them belts & an Invitatⁿ. to a Meeting at the Misisipi where they were about going when my Message reached them. The New Englanders were very busy in private to oppose this & two Missionarys sent by D^r Wheelock of Connecticut came up & not only delivered me a mem^l. to restrict the Provinces, & not Suffer the boundary to go far North or West but to reserve those Lands for the purposes of Religion, but also busied themselves much amongst the Oneidas whose property the Susquehanna is to prevent them from granting any Lands that way, this the Missionarys avowed in the presence of Mr. Peters Nephew & sev^l. other Gentlemen I need not to describe the boundary as Gov^r. Penn has done it e're now, but I flatter myself that under all the Circumstances of opposition it met with, & from the disposition the Ind^s were in, it will prove agreeable to you.

I have likewise got declarations from them in fav^r. of your Interest, which are inserted in my transactions now sent to Lord Hillsborough, wherein the sum of my publick Congresses are inserted, but the private meetgs. with the Chiefs where most points are discussed & settled could not be entred & if they had it would have been too Voluminous. The rest of the boundary

¹ In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass. In Guy Johnson's handwriting.

I have obtained more favorable for the Crown than was prescribed to me, in the settlement of which I acted to the best of my Judgment and hope it will be approved of — My last to you was of the 24th Augt wherein I entirely submitted the manner of my Grant &c to your Judgment & acquainted you that if the patent fees were not remitted I should most thankfully pay you without delay whatever Expences attended it,—Your last favor mentions a difficulty arising from the number of Associates with me in the Tract. These persons were only named in Conformity to the Practice in this Colony of having a Name for every 1000 acres which a patent is reputed to Contain, & therefore if His Majesty will be graciously pleased to grant it to me alone, I think it will be best, otherwise to me & to my associates. Some of them are dead since obtaining the Deed & some not at present in America, but I make no doubt of obtaining Releases from them whenever I receive the Grant. However, a Grant to myself, or if that won't be done to me & associates without naming them wo^d. I think be most adviseable, but this is entirely submitted to you, requesting that you will do in it whatever is thought best with w^{ch} I shall be perfectly satisfied, and ever preserve in Remembrance your friendship on this occasion. I think I have some little pretensions to be solicitous about this Tract as It is My first Application, & the only Indn. Grant I have ever availed myself of notwithstanding the many opportunitys which offered for acquiring a Large Interest in Lands, & as I have already laid out so much money upon it, as well as upon the establishing people in a Wild remote Country —

I know you will Excuse the freedom of my troubling you still farther on this head as I am fully persuaded of your friendship of which I shall always retain the most Gratefull sense being with the most perfect regard, Dear Sir,

Your most Affectionate,

& obliged humble Serv^t

The Hon^{ble} T. PENN Esq^r.

¹ In the Library of Congress is a Force Transcript of the letter, bearing Johnson's signature.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[Albany, November 18, 1768]

[]

[] the Content of this Letter Surprizes me [Mr. Roberts] complains that I had injurd his Credit & [] Injurd you & the Service, by denying payment of [] drawn upon You payable at my house — I believe Sir [that you will] remember the Circumstances of that Bill — but least you Shoud [not] I will now take the Liberty of relating to You all I know about [the] Matter & shall leave it to Yourself to Judge of my Conduct in the matter — While You was at New London a Gentleman from Quebeck came to Newyork & presented the Said Bill to me for payment; to which I answerd that as I had no Advise either from you or Mr Roberts concerning that Bill, it was impossible for me to honour it, till I had wrote You concerning the Matter, as I thought it imprudent for me to undertake the Payment of Monies on your Account without Your Orders — I accordingly wrote you & the Instant I had your Answer [I] sent to Mr Richard Sharp with whom the Bill was left by the [Quebeck] Gentleman, to Acquaint him that I was ready to pay it & [accord]ingly it was paid to Mr^s. Sharp, in Mr Sharp's absence— This [] I remember about it — Your own Good Sense will easily discover [whether] my Caution was improper or not —

This accompanys the Negro Wench & her Children — also [] Oysters & a Box of Honey, which I begg your kind [] I have likewise inclosd you the Votes of the Assembly [] to Assure you of my Ardent Wishes for your [] that I am with great Truth

Dear Sir Your most Obliged hble Serv^t

JOHN WETHERHEAD

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 407, is listed a letter of November 18th to the Earl of Hillsborough, regarding the claims of the Six Nations and the Cherokees, the policy which he pursued at the Fort Stanwix congress, the continuation of the boundary north of Owegy, the necessity of keeping faith with the Indians and expenses of the congress. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:917-19; Q, 2:531-32 and *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.* 8:110-11.)

FROM HUGH GAINE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 407, is listed a letter of November 19th from Hugh Gainé, New York, mentioning cost of binding and printing Indian prayer book, a set of Hutchinson's *History of Massachusetts Bay*, scarcity of gilt 4to Bibles and the agreement to import no British goods before spring. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:396; Q, 4:249.)

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady 19th November 1768

[]

I am Extraimly happy in hearing that you Are Once More got back in Good health to Johnson Hall, after Nine Weeks long fatiuge & Truble at Fort Stanwix

It is with Inexpressible pleasure that I Can Inform you, that on my Arrival from New York I Found my Wife Safe delivered of a young Son, & God be praised Both Mother & Child in a fine Way, the Boy is much a Cleverer little Fellow than what I Could expect Considering—to be the produce [of a] Shattered Constitution, which has had Some hard Knocks in []

Upon my first Comeing to New [York I] found. Some Invious Persons who Cant for Speen and [] bear that Applause should be given to One whose [] Character is so General & Amiable as that of Sir [] You must that Some People gave [] Congress

that the Indians were much displeas'd & woud [] Ex-
pence] would be great without being Able to Accomplish your
plan [] manner as if they was affraid of a
mis[carriage]

I happened One day to be [] with Mr. Banyar &
we had some private discourse — [] this matter &
when I inform'd him What a great advantage [it] Would be
to the Crown & the Public in General, the [Really great]
Service you was now Being in Compleating — in Settling
[the] Line & the Vast Territory You had Purchas'd from the
Indians it Seem'd to give him great pleasure, as he Said it would
[be] a disappointment to Some who wish'd otherways, I am
[] that Mr Banyar has the greatest Respect Im-
maginable [] by his Seeming So happy at the Inteli-
gence, I gave him.

I Could not help being War[] first Arrival at
York to find how a Report so Void [] should gain
Such Credit & being Consious of [] I took] the liberty
of Inserting a paragraph in [] though it might
be Some little Check, upon [] a Report — Mr
Philip Living[ston¹] of Assembly Inform'd me that th[]
Affairs — I mean that [] []
of the Trade youll find in their Answer [to the Governor's]
Speech where they Say they will make & provide []
for the Regulation of the Trade when Such time [as] they have
before them the Superintendant plans,² you will verry Easily
discover their meaning by this —

Mr^{rs} Campbell begs her most Respectfull Compliments — I
am — Dear

Sir with the Utmost Respect
Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

¹ Speaker of the assembly.

² See *Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York*, from 1766 to 1776, 3d November, 1768.

[] JOHNSON Barronet
 INDORSED: Schenectady Novbr. 19th 1768

Major Daniel Campbels

Letter

Ans^r.

A memorandum on back of letter
 to write Myn[]
 for Damask— []
 Blankets of red []
 & blew y^e. other []
 to perthuit & []

TO WILLIAM ALLEN

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, November 20, 1768*]

[]

[] Public business requiring Gov^r. [Penn]
 [to return home s]uddenly in the midst of my great hurry [at]
 Fort Stanwix I had it not then in my power to answer your favor
 of the 10th September, but the Gov^r. was so kind as to promise
 that he would apologize for it, he will have doubtless informed
 you of the circumstances regarding M^r. Coxe's affair, I can only
 express my concern that it was not in my power to conferr any
 favor upon him suitable to my esteem for your recommendation
 His application being for a restitution for Losses antecedent to
 the Indian War of 1763, which was the only one they could be
 prevailed upon to grant any Lands for, this was all they agreed
 to at the Congress in 1765², nor would they listen to any thing
 farther, in so much that altho' I flatter myself I could carry a
 matter of that nature as far as any Man with them yet had I
 attempted it at the late Treaty it would have given great obstruc-

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² See *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 7:740, Article 9 of treaty.

tion [to] the General Object in View, if it did not produce worse [consequ]ences. Mr. Cox expressed his concern that by [] in a hurry he had not bro^t. Power of Attorney [] necessary papers, Mess^{rs}. Whar- ton & Trent [] were the persons who had formerly [] tained in 1763 properly vouched [] Nature of any private []¹ doubtless [] after a variety of delay [] it a Work of as much diffi[culty as I have] ever experienced— I am happy that [] so advantagious a Grant² for Mr Penn, [] proposed by the Government, I had part[icular (difficulty?)] in Effecting this as it lay in the Neighbourhood [of] many Indian Settlements, and was deemed the p[roperty] of a Nation very Cunning & Selfish, who w[ere] practised upon by many to oppose it, and inde[ed the] Time elapsed since they were first Spoke to conc[erning] a Boundary, had made them all View it in [a very] indifferent and disadvantageous Light.—

Be persuaded, Sir, that I shall be always [stand ready to] offer you, or yours any services within the Co[mpass] of my power, and that whenever your Le[isure will] permit you to favor me with your agreea[ble (company?)] it will afford a Sensible pleasure to []

Your very Aff[]
And Most []

INDORSED: [] Allen Esq^r.

¹ Several lines missing.

² *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:121.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, November 20, 1768*]

[]
 [] off my last of the []
 [] from Niagara with Letters []
 [] inclosed order issued by Capt Brown.

You will please to recollect that Sometime ago I wrote you, that I thought it best not to remove the officers of Trade too suddenly, but to continue them to next March to give the Colonies time to form necessary Establishments, otherwise they might in case of any disturbances alledge that the removals were made before their Legislatures had time to make the Necessary provision, of all which you were pleased to approve, in consequence thereof I directed them to retrench as much as possible but continue in office till farther orders,— Now as they can't possibly stay without provisions &ca I think it best to direct M^r Leod &ca to buy [] flour &ca to give occasionally when Necessary until you will [please] to give Orders for their receiving provisions till March, [] I am on the subject I would desire the favor of you to [] whether you think best that the Commiss^{ys}. Interpreters & Smiths Should be directed to Withdraw [] March, and whether it should be general to Extend [] or not as Some are at a great distance [] fully advised thereof the better. [] very warmly on Some of these Subject [] Cession to the King []
 []

INDORSED: []
 [] the Commiss^{ys}

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

to a starving Condition and Mr Lupton [] that their lives were Solely preserved by the beans,¹ [] it will give you pleasure to hear this.—

Sir John had not the pleasure of Seeing you. [He] would have been very happy to have met with the opportunity, As to myself it would give me infinite pleasure to Visit my friends and I hope I need not [] you, the Satisfaction I should have in seeing you [] My Chosen Ones but besides those infirmities [] to a Life spent in much fatigue, & the Ang[uish caused] by the Shot in my Thigh, which grows daily [more] Troublesome I am so occupied with public [] Affairs that I can hardly Think of going [] and should I undertake such a Voyage [] Connections here would call me [] of consequence part with m[] as it is I still flatter myself [] in one or another []

[] seeing you []
[]
[] ever in securing []
[] and increasing their prejudices against []
[] they now avail themselves in drawing away []
[], and hope to profit still more by it in case of a General Rupture, These Schemes³ give me infinite trouble to Counteract.— The first good opportunity that offers in the Spring I purpose to send you some American Trifles of one kind or another If I can serve you in anything here pray command me In the Meantime I hope to hear from you occasionally which will ever afford a Sensible pleasure to him who is always Dear Massy

Your Affectionate friend
& very humble Servt

INDORSED: Col. Eyre Massy
Dublin —

¹ See letter from William Lupton to Johnson, March 19, 1768.

² Several lines missing.

³ Spanish and French activities among the Indians.

TO THOMAS MOFFATT

*Df.*¹[*Johnson Hall, November 20, 1768*]

[] you during []
 [] apologize for my not answering [your favor]
 of Sept. 28th &ca as my time was then [] intirely occu-
 pied with the Negociation with the Indians concerning the
 boundary & Cession to his Majesty that I had not a Moments
 Leisure

I have since happily effected that troublesome business, but
 being newly returned home & having Many pacquets and dis-
 patches to make up, I am not yet disengaged from business —

I heartily thank you for your agreeable Correspondence, &
 for the particulars you have communicated concerning the Affairs
 to the Eastward, Agreeable to my Expectations by our last
 accots I find that since the Arrival of the General, and the
 Troops, matters go on quietly, You, who are so near them can
 best Judge of these matters, and whether it is likely to
 continue.—

My Journey to the Seaside was of great service []
 I can't Say much for the Spring tho' I have []
 Many instances are produced of its [] effects in
 Rheumattick pains & Sev^l. [] can't reach my dis-
 order, it seems to be [] I believe as yet been
 properly analyz'd, [] there, or wherever
 any [] & that by a regular
 []²

INDORSED: [] Tho^s. Moffatt
 N London.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Several lines missing.

TO WILLIAM OBRIEN

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, November 20, 1768*]

[] Mr. Penn was so suddenly [called away] on affairs of his Government at a time [] I was so greatly hurried that I had it not in my power to thank you for your Letter by him —

I have Since happily effected a very difficult Negotiation with the Indians at the Treaty at Fort Stanwix, and altho some years had Elapsed since a boundary line was first proposed, which Joined to many other causes, had placed it in a very disadvantageous Light in their Eyes, I at length obtained a very advantageous Boundary and Cession to his Majesty.

Mr. Bostwick overtook me as I was proceeding on my late Journey, and I have since had letters from the Secretary of State &ca concerning his Affairs which are now under consideration, and you may be persuaded that I shall pay a particular regard to yr. recomẽdatⁿ. [on] this as well as on any other occasion.—

I am much obliged to your kind Wishes that [] Tour sho^d. prove of Service to me, I really [] benefit from it, but being called upon [] and persuaded to make another [] frontiers deprived me of the happiness [] the Society of my Friends [] []

INDORSED: [] O Brien Esq

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

FROM RICHARD SHUCKBURGH

A. L. S.

N. York 20th. Novr. 1768

DEAR SIR

Your Letter to L^d. Hillsborough I have retaind till advice fm. You whether I shoud put it on board one of the Trading Ships bound fm. hence to London or wait for y^e. Return [of] the Kings Pacquet, there being none here [at] p^sent or any Expected till next Month as by [the] last advice fm. England there was none in [] there being y^e 12 Sept. ult^o.

If Mr. Preston shoud not have inform'd you concerning the Spectacles I sent by him, I [must] Acquaint you that the Division of y^e Glasses [is] not an Accidentall crack, but the original design [of the] Optician who made them, & y^e Light is different []cted above & below, you must take care [] heavy & very wide on y^e Temples that [they do not] fall of to secure them long on the Nose [it is neces]sary to have a piece of double thread [] of y^e Spectacles over ye Nose & secured [] P^uerke—

Gov^r. Carleton is made full Governour [of Canada] Gen^l. Murray tis said is coming over to N [England] with his Reg^t. this is reported, Gen^l. Gage [] Expected every Day with his Staff they are lik[] to] have a desperate Passage if they are in y^e So[und] between Rhode Island & New York this Day being [] Stormy wth. Snow.

You'll find by our Assemblys A[nswer] to the Gov^r's. Speech that whenever his Excellency [] be pleasd to lay before them the Plans pursued [by] the Superintendants of Indⁿ. Affairs, they will [] them their most serious consideration wth. pru[] measures agreable to y^e Circumstances of y^e Colony [] I cant construe this part of their Answer nor [] how much of Indⁿ. affairs are to be put in the[ir] hands as they are to settle boundaries &c by Act of Assembly, Jⁿo Delancy is the member for West[chester] hav-

ing got y^e Superiority over Morris in y^e S[crutiny] which they say makes agst. Scot who is Scrutinizing [] Jauncy one of y^e members for N. York

Be pleasd [] my Compl^{ts}. to Sr. Joⁿ. Col. Claus & Johnson [] familys

I am as ever Y^r. most []
most Obed^t. Serv^t

R^d. [SHUCKBURGH]

P. S. Richards & Kimble are
Expected fm. London every Day

I must refer to Gaine's Paper for News []

INDORSED: N York Novbr. 20 []

Doctor Shuckbur[]

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

[Albany, November 21, 1768]

I am favoured with your Letter of the 19th, in answer to which, I have left about 120 Bushels of Corn more or less, the Price is 4/ I cant let it go under, when I consider my loss in drying, the storage and other charges thereon. should you be determined to take this Corn I will be glad of an answer soon, to prevent the Sale of any more of it here, I am very respectfully

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

J^No. MONIER

On His Majestys service

ADDRESSED: To

Sir William Johnson Bart.

At

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: [] 21 Novbr. 1768

[]iers Letter

[]d

to act as usual, the best I can, til I have your []
 Spring, which I beg you to acquaint [] I am to
 Stand or fawl, if the latter []
 that []
 []

[MICHAEL BYRNE]

FROM R. CARTWRIGHT

A. L. S.

[Albany, November 23, 1768]

[]
 [] baggage belonging to the Wench []
 [] was not quite full I put in 6 hund^d. Oysters []
 and ordered the man to leave 200 hund^d at each of your daugh-
 ters & 2 hund^d. at Sr. Johns, hope the are Come safe to hand.

The memorandum you sent me Could not be got here Sent
 by Capt Bloodgood to New York who promis'd to have them
 Sent imediately. Mr. Adams also ask'd by whom it was Sent
 and promised to hasten the goods.

I told them if they met one Burgher an oyster man not to
 send up any Oysters as I Could get them here Cheaper & better.
 they met him & he is this day Arived. Shall put up 2 hhh^{ds}. to
 morrow and forward them to Van Eps and if I Can get Some
 Opened Shale put up a Cag for y^r. own Eating

Weatherhead and all the rest of the Gentlemen were
 [] the Waggon Set out with the wench and
 [] away till Saturday P. M. Coll^r. Fitch
 [] went by water to Pockeipsie and []
 there

[] manner of respect
 []

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{le}. Sir William Johnson Baro^t.
 Johnson Hall

TO JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall Novbr 24th. 1768*

SIR/

Mr. De Coangre delivered me y^r. favour of the 26th. of Octbr.— Cap^t. MacLeod had my Orders to Discontinue acting in his Office after ye. 24th. of Septbr. which was in consequence of the Secretary of States letter to me, that from the greatness of the Expence, that part of my Department regarding Trade shall be committed to the charge & care of the Colonies, but not till ye. Several Reductions could be conveniently made, however with a view to a saving, I Issued the first Orders You refer to, but on further recollection & consulting the Commander in Cheif. He agreed with me that it was better to continue them longer, to give time to the Colony Assemblys to make some provision in their Stead, As the Lords of Trade particularly observe in their Report that if there appeared any ill consequences in the Change it should not be recommended, I therefore gave the After Orders you likewise refer to, and as some Mistake might possibly have arisen concerning the General Orders depriving the Officers of the Department of Provisions &c^a., I have now wrote to the General about them, and also directed Cap^t. MacLeod to purchase provisions &c^a till his farther pleasure is known, as it would be attended wth. a needless Expence to keep Officers there if disabled from discharging their Duty as must be the case without former Allowances.

I thank you for the Intelligences you gave me I had before heard that a Gentleman received a letter from you, giving him an Acc^t. that the Boston was burned by the Indians, which from y^r. letter to me Seemed a Matter of doubt or an unpremeditated Act².

¹ In British Museum, Additional Manuscripts 21678. fo. 120, London, England.

² See Gage to Brown, November 13, 1768.

I forwarded the letter you inclosed to the Commander in Cheif immediately.—

I am
 Sir Your Most Obedient
 Humble Servant
 W JOHNSON

CAPT. BROWN —

INDORSED: Sir W^m Johnson dated
 24 Nov^r 1768
 Rec^d 10 Jan^{ry} Ans^d 23^d D^o
 1769
 Relative to Cap^t: M^c: Leods
 discontinuing his Offices of the
 Indian Trade being left to the
 Colonies &c: —

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 24th November 1768

I had the pleasure this Morning of Receiving your favour of the 22^d Instant by Mr Brown, and am Extraimly much Obliged to you for your kind Congratulation on the birth of my Son, M^{rs} Campbell & the Child are daily gaining Ground — I Send by the Bearer the piece of Crimson damask — which I bought from Mr Sanders Conditional provided you did not like it to be Returned this is the Only p^s In Town of this kind — there is no Cloth [] Scarlet in One Side & Blue in the other — Neither is there [] fine Blue flennel Such as you wanted to be had in this [] have Sent you White which is fine—.

I have Supper fine Green [] Colour & two kinds mixed Colours — Cloths or [] Imported from England — as Also Some fine Bath [] Used for Settout Coats. I have not had []

TO HENRY MOORE

A. Df.¹

[Johnson Hall, November 24, 1768]

My great Hurry would not permit me to [] your Excellencys favour of the 18th Ult^o. by Col^l. Scott to whom I shewed all the Civility in my power at so remote a place as Fort Stanwix. —

[I have since been favoured with yours of the 13th. Ins^t. concerning the Lands in which Lord Holland has a Share, and have now wrote fully to Mr. Banyar to negociate the Affair for me at New York, as well as that of Lawyers for the Scohare Tract, the part I take in the former will be as you before discribed it on the Map Sent me about 25500 Acres²]

I now take the earliest oportunity I could since my return home to inform You that I have after a Variety of troubles & Obstructions at length settled the Boundary Line and obtained a verry valuable & extensive Cession for his Majesty, a Copy of the Deed I now inclose, as also [of the] Transactions at one of the most Material Congresses [to which] the Deed refers. —

The trouble I had both before & at the Treaty, [(at the open]ing of which was three thousand & Eight Indians [, and more came in] afterwards) was inexpressible, So long [a space had elapsed] between the first proposal to y^e. Indians [and the arrival of orders] for Settling the Line, that they [began to consider it as an Imposition and of] dangerous consequences to themselves. The Subject [] has been] known for some time and the Spaniards [] French Agents have been ever since [] them up to Arms, so that [] and humour, wch greatly retarded the Negotiations []

¹ There is a longer draft in the hand of Guy Johnson, from which some burned portions in the present copy are supplied and by means of which this is completed.

² Crossed out in the original.

a variety of Congresses both [Publick & Private] [] by Day. As the Lands far down [] affect them, they were very bount[iful] but in proportion [] Northward, and approached their own [] the Difficulties increased, particularly as the [] so much interested therein, at the Same time I [] Missionaries came to Fort Stanwix strongly rec[ommended] by Mr. Wheelock of Connecticut and busied th[emselv]es very much on the pretended Score of Religion, to [prevent] the Indians from granting an Advantagious Bou[ndary] and had the Modesty to deliver in a Memorial to me [praying] that the Boundary might not be extended to the Westward but reserved for their Missions & for the purposes of [Religion.] They likewise publickly declared to Several Gentlemen [there] that they had gone to Oneida & given it all the Obs[truction] they could before the Congress, & would continue [to do so] However I got over all these Difficulties, and at [length] Obtained the Line from *Owegy* East to De[laware] and up the Same to opposite to where Tianad[erha falls] into *Susquehanna*, from thence *to & up* the [West side of] Tianaderrah,¹ & its West Branch, & thence [to the Mouth] of *Canada* Creek, at *Wood Creek* [up[] to the enclosed] little Sketch, and as I found that they would [not continue the] Line from Canada Creek [in such a Manner as I could] Wish for the Advantage of this province [] that it should stop there by Mutual Consent till his Majesty's [] is known]

I flatter myself that all things [] the Line will be found advantagious for this [] Least I am persuaded it is as favorable as [] been obtained by any Man under the Circum[stances] mentioned, and as only 2 Nat^s are particularly [concerned] the farther continua[tion] of the Line [] I hope by the time His Majestys plea[sure is signified to have] it in my power to continue [it more advantagiously than] they inclined to at the [Treaty, should his

¹ The Unadilla.

Majesty require] it to be Closed [as the Indians themselves desire]

[
 [] you of the [Mohaw]ks desire touching []¹
 [] and you will now see that the Indians ha[]
 [] reserved their sev^l Villages & Lands adj[oining]
 []h other as happened to fall within the L[ine]
 [The M]ohocks as well as all the Six Nations have expres[sed]
 their earnest desire that these be effectually secured to them
 by Law and I persuade myself that you will take the proper Steps
 for obtaining a Law of the Colony as well for the due observ-
 ance of the Boundary Line as for the Confirming those Villages
 & Lands to the Mohocks & their Posterity which will tend
 greatly to the Reputation of this Province amongst the Indians.

I am with the Greatest Truth & Esteem

Sir

Your Excell^{cys} &ca

INDORSED: [Sir] Harry Moore Bar^t.

Copy of the Deed of Cession

[]tract from the Treaty at Ft Stanwix

Sketch of the boundary Line

proper to Shew to ye. 2 Mohawk

Villages —

TO HENRY MOORE

*Df.*²

[*Johnson Hall, November 24, 1768*]

[]

[] and I now give [that]

[] have this seperate Letter.

The plan for the Management of Trade &ca prepared by the Board of Trade in 1764 & approved by his Majesty, was what

¹ Several lines missing.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

I was principally governed by in that branch but, as this Plan was never fully inforced or established by proper Authority and as Some Complaints came from Canada, & elsewhere concerning some parts I never attempted to put the Whole in force, and softened many Articles which appeared disagreeable here, I gave the Commissaries from time to time Instructions in Writing which Varied according to Circumstances, but as the Regulations which I prepared for the Year 1767, are of the Most general Nature I herewith inclose you a Copy of them which will Shew the principal points I Judged most necessary for attention at that time.

The Restriction of the Trade to the posts was grounded on the following reasons, That it was notorious that Men engaged [in a] profession whose sole Object was Gain, would be more apt [to com]mit frauds when under No Authoratative Inspection [than] otherwise, That Experience had shewn that many of [] Traders (too many of wch are composed of the [] had actually been guilty of the worst [] being very avaracious & Sev^l. of [] ed & w^d. risque not only the public [] []¹ Government but some [] & better esteemed than ours, w[] Confiscated, That we had experienced [] Expect more Instances of the Like nature That [] of insisting on Satisfaction we sho^d. [] tedious to Mention being a Gen^l. War on the [frontiers]

That the Assertion of the Canada Traders that [the Indians] could not conveniently come to Trade at our Posts, [] the same time they Assert that they might come [] to the Capitals perhaps 1000 Miles still farther to Comp[] a fraud was so far absurd, & calculated to Weaken the C[ommissaries'] powers who as Judges on the Spot could best determine [] Matter in dispute & were intended by

¹ Several lines missing.

the Govt. to insp[ect] these matters. That a very few Nations North of [Lake Superior] &ca were so circumstanced as to require Traders at the [] Hyvernements.— That the frame & policy of our Govt. so diff^t from the [French, do] not Justify our granting those Indulgences wch they sometimes did to [their traders] neither are the cases parallel, for sev^l. of their places of Trade were Royal [] & a much greater Numb^r. were farmed out for certain terms at a high rate to [men of ability & of Influence with] The Ind^s. who were answerable for their Conduct whilst others [] paid to the Govt no Less than [] permission for a single Canoe to some places [] command^{ts}. at the Outposts had a power of punishing [frauds] wch at once reconciled the Ind^s. and [which] of our Constitution no British off[icer] Exercise. That it was [] oppressed by a [] 1st [] []¹ [] of the event we might be [] [] little power &] little inclination to punish Offenders, [] less both they expect Justice, and those distant pe[ople having] no other means, & being naturally of a very Revengefull disposition are on the Slenderest occasions easily provoked to an Imediate Retaliation, and as they seldom stop at the first act of Cruelty, an Indian War may be the consequence which in good policy we should guard against, by removing the Cause & Confining the Trade to places of Security where it Can be properly Inspected, and Wrongs prevented or redressed, rather than expose our Frontiers & the Traders in general for the Sake of a few Individuals to the Caprices or Resentment of an Ungovernable Savage people.

These were the Sum of my Thoughts & opinion on that Subject and they were perfectly agreable to the Sentiments of his Majesty & his Ministers, as I believe they will be to every disinterested person who is conversant in these Matters. I know

¹ Several lines missing.

not whether they will be of any use to you but I offer them ingeniously heartily wishing I may have reason to alter them. Besides the Commissarys at the posts, there were Interpreters and Smiths, who worked Gratis [*both very necessary persons, and indeed the Last [in pa]rticular had been kept up by this Province before the [Super In]tendancy, and are always expected by the Indians.*¹] [] yet far from being disengaged from the hurry [] Indians now about me so that I cannot []ld any thing farther occur, [] I should be happy to []

INDORSED: []ry Moore
[] the Regulat^{ns}. for Trade in 1767
and remarks on that subject.

FROM JAMES PHYN

A. L. S.

Schenectady 24th Novem^r 1768

[]

I am favour'd with yours of the 21st & much concern'd that [you] appologize, for not answering my last letter on receipt, [of m]ine, that I possibly can think any Commands from you [a trou]ble I am too sensible of the Business which goes thorough [your] own hands, to look for such punctuality, as few of my Letters [req]uires imediate answers, & many of them no answer at all, And [as] to giving me trouble I am So far from thinking any thing You [are] pleased to employ me in as a trouble, that every opp^y I have [for render]ing you any litle service I regard as a principle satisfaction [] pleasure.

I am Promised 200 Dollars in Albany, Squire Sanders [is the person] who has the 300, he is now over the River but I [] he will Accept of any Mony as I shall engage to [] I receive whats most agreeable to him So

¹ Crossed out in the manuscript.

that [] upwards of £200 & I will bring up the same
 [] day, At which time shall furnish a State of the
 Acc^t. you require.

[] to N Y desir'd me to send up some Shoes &
 [] a part of which order is now Forwarded to Col^o
 Clause [] Battea, of Hans Petris, together with the Check,
 [] order'd some Stryp'd flanell to be sent more than
 You [] beleieving it will be suteable for the Negro
 Wenches [] if its not agreeable may be return'd.
 likeways any of the [] which dont fitt, the reason of
 my not sending more of [] is that by first Sloop I
 expect a quantity when we [] pick out the best & largest.

I am inform'd the Indian Interpreter De Co[agnie] will soon
 be with You from Niagara, will you give [] to
 inclose you his Bill on you fav^r. Edward Po[llard] & at the
 same time to request youll at settli[] include the
 Amo^t or any part thereof a[s far as in your] power, As it will
 be like recovered [] I have experienced so much
 of Your goodness [] nothing to doubt of your
 willingness, as far as is [] consistent. I have the Honor
 to be with esteem

Sir

Your much Obliged & very
 Hum^e serv^t.

JAMES PHYN

[] JOHNSON
 [Bar]t

INDORSED: Mr. Phyns Letter
 wth. a Draft fav^r of
 Pollard from De Coaugne
 for £240..2..4½

&c; for the two former I wrote to his Excellency some time since, and reminded him of his promise to me, the Result of which was, a Letter from his Secretary, which I Consider as a refusal, tho' it was Couch'd in very Genteel Terms, and it has since been hinted to me, his refusing was owing to something he said, he had heard, from the Late Mr. French; on This I have wrote to him again, to shew my Innocence & the distress I have mett, entirely thro' the means of Mr. French, and as it is not in my power to go to York, am now preparing the whole Proceedings, ab Initio, between Mr. French and me, which I shall send to a Friend to be laid before the Governor, & which will [clea]rly shew me in every thing, a faultless, Unlucky [sufferer], and instead of Censure, deserve real Pity, being [by m]ore than a Year's most Severe fatigue of [] mind], reduced, with my family, almost to [] the Case, and must have long since [been] ruined but for the great Hum[anity] of that Humane and worthy man [] & Supposing all the Affairs Settled, w^{ch}. I have [] besides my Loss of time and Labor, I shall be [] at Least to the Amount of Six hundred pounds []

This, Tho' hard, I can and do forgive [but] one act of his, which I take the Liberty to mention [is] hardly to be forgiven; I have near Seven hundred pounds Sterling in the East India Company's Cash at Beng[al,] which bears int^t. at 8 per Cent^m., and a Gentleman one Mr. Gore, is Indebted to me Six hund^d. & Seven[ty] five pounds Sterling, and on both of these, the[re is] sev^{ll}. Years Interest due, and in November 17 [] wrote to my Attorney in London to Call both [] remitt the Interest and Principal to me, for [] purpose sent the necessary powers & [] & these with sev^{ll}. Letters I made up in [] sent them to York, to be forwarded [] but by mistake, they were [] [] had the least Line or acc^t. [] ru]ined in the Pacquet, so that I have Just [reason] to think, he Certainly Opened & Suppress'd [them], and the rather as when he

was questioned about [the] packet, he said he had sent it but could not tell the Captain or Ships Name

The Consequence of this, I sensibly feel having (after severe hardships for sev^{ll}. months past) a long and Severe winter to Struggle thro', with my family, which, as I am not able to make the Necessary provision, I must Expect will be very Difficult, & tho' I have sent home full powers & Instructions last month, I cannot Expect a return or answer before June or July next, but if I can weather untill then, hope to have it in my power to go [on with] any thing I undertake, properly —

Lieut. Frazer inform'd me that Woman [] part with her Concern for a Trifle, [] Lease for ever of that & y^r. 500 Acres, at an easy Rent, [] Borrowing a Little from some friend, [] a Small beginning, untill I can gett a Supply of [] to Enable me to go on properly, and more largely —

I beg your pardon for this Long Ep[istle]

& am Sir, with due Esteem & Respect

Your Oblidged & most

Obed^t. Servant

DUDLEY DAVIS

M^{rs}. Davis Joins me in Compliments and Respects [] That Lady is always very Liberal (rather profu[se with] her favors to me, an Instance of which I had last [] fortnight, in her presenting me with a Young [] big enough for a Soldier, which tho' it was a [] Unseasonable) my Circumstances Consider[']d [] refuse, and (if you will go my halves, he [] Campbells Son and Heir for anoth[er] [] Affair and my being this [] Kidney Gravel with which [] prevented my paying my Respects to you.

INDORSED: Wednesday []

From M^r. Dudley Davis

FROM BENJAMIN HUMPHREYS

A. L. S.

New York Novr. 27/68

[]¹
 [] so oblidging as to take []
 [] to) and keep it till tis in my Power
 [] you the Cash (which hope twill not be long)
 [] Sent home by the Dutchess of Gordon for
 [S]terling which as Soon as tis arriv'd Shall Send
 [] it to You and Likewise Every other Gentleman
 [] am Indepted too.

I Return you my Sincere thanks for the kind Reception met with at your house: hoping you & St. John Conn^l. Johnson & all your friends Enjoy your health

& Remain

Y^r. Most humble Serv^t

BENJⁿ. HUMPHREYS

ADDRESSED: St. Will^m. Johnson
 Johnsons H[all]
 Priv^t

FROM ROBERT ADEMS

A. L. S.

[New York, November 28, 1768]

SIR

I got here last Thursday after a disagreeable passage of Six days, and the next day was honored with Yours by Franck a 1/4 after two with the Letters herein Mentioned.

The General being not yet returned, I apply'd to Mr. Charles McEvers for some Money untill the Warrants were Granted, which he readily complied to and gave me £2900. by which

¹ Several lines missing.

means I am enabled to pay Mr. Croghan & Funda. As the Gen^l. is to be in Town a friday or Saturday at farthest shall stay here untill then, but shall send off what things [] you wrote for [Indian corn] is now Scarce having got but 300 Bush[el] comes in before the Sloop Sails, shall endeavour to [get the] remainder.

The late Grand Affair which You so happily Settled, has so greatly Astonished your greatest Enemies that they are Scarcely recovered the Shock.

I have just now delivered your Letters to Cap^t. Davis who Sails this Afternoon, (Weather permitting) for London. I am afraid I shall not be able to get any Dollars, 30 thous^d. being sent of Yesterday for the pay of the Troops at Boston but shall procure what Gold I can. I am with the greatest respect

sir William Johnson Bar^t.

sir

Your Most Obedient

Humble servant

ROB^t. ADEMS

[] JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: N York 28th. Novbr. 1768

Mr. Adem's Letter —

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

[*Schenectady*] the 28th November 1768

[]

[I had] the pleasure of Receiving yours of the 25th & 27th last Night agreeable to which I Send you the Inclosed Articles — I Cou'd get no better Yellow Flannel then this which I had from Mr Mynderson

I here Inclose you Patrons Numbered & Priced — which please to keep by you, & Such as You Chuse only mentiond, the Number & Colour from which I Can Send them —

I also Send you two Silver Buttons I have Also Silver Chain — which would Match those Buttons — Gold Buttons I have none nor is there any in [town] I have plenty of mohair Basket Buttons which [] Used much, by this Post I have wrote to York [] Blue Cloth of One Side & Scarlet On the other [] will be up Soon — I have been Out about [] morning — & met with One which has been [] its painted, Prusian Blue & Seens [] the Owner demands £10 for it I shall give [] the best workman, the Iron & [] as Soon as I meet with an Opportunity []

Inclosed is your Account [] Balance due me £3468. .14. .0³/₄, those Articles [] day are not Included in this Account — Youll find [] last Account delivrd you on June 23^d 1767 amounted to £10 [] drawn Out in two Separate Accounts—Should you Not [] the form of this One Right — please to point out a[ny] Other Method & it Shall be Immediately done I have not gave you the perticulars of Every Articles as Every thing of any Consequence. I always furnished you with [the] bill of percals — I hope upon Examination you. [will] find it Right — I Cant get more than One fl [] Beeds Shall Send to Albany — & endeavor to get [] there — I am Glad I happned to have a [] Orranges by me there is no lemmons []

M^{rs} Campbell joins [] best Compliments & am Dear Sir [William] Your most Hble & Obed^t Ser^t.
[]

INDORSED: []

Major Campbells Letter
wth. his Acc^t.

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

[New York, November 28, 1768]

[]

the General is Nott yett Return^d. from Boston the Rason of his Stay is owng to Some of the Transports from Ireland Nott being arive^d. Butt is Expected the Last of this Week.

I have Seen Sir Henry Moor twist Sence I Came hear, & Din^d. with him yesterday he has Inquierd of Me after y^r. State of Helth after y^r. Great Fetauge in the Most affectionat Maner and Likewise after Co^{ll}. Johnson and all the famelys So that No person Could Imgagen Butt the Strictest frendshipe Subsisted between you he aproves of all the purchess Made & Talkes of Writeing y^r. honor & fixing a [Time] this Winter to go to Johnson Hall [] the Indians to acknoledge the Deeds [] has prest^d Me to go with him he [] Duchess of Gordon goes up this [] to pay you a Viset

[]
[] yesterday wh. S[ays] that the [] from faltho the 12th of oc^{br}. there is [] werth menshoning the peple of Boston [] quiett Butt Grumbling So is a party [hear. The] asembly has been Siting Some Time But [] Nothing they have been Busied on Acou[nt] of Some Scrutanys in the Late Ellections

Sir Henry Moor & his Council Wants M[uch] to have a plan from you fer Manidging the Indian Trade to Lay before the asembly, wh. plan he [] they will adopt I meadaty

Shold the General Come to Town before I [Leave] this will See him, and Write your honor [] by Mr. Adems

Plese to present My Complim^{ts}. to Sir J[ohn] Co^{ll}. Johnson

& Col^l. Claose the Ladys & Gentl[] with you and
 Blive Me Dear Sir with [] Respect
 your Honors Most []
 and Most H[]

GEO[RGE CROGHAN]

To the Hon^{ble}.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barr^t.

INDORSED: []
 Mr. Croghans Letter

FROM ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. L. S.

[*New York, November 28, 1768*]

[]

[] days] ago I was Favour'd with your [] of the 14th
 instant, by Mr Adams your letter [of Sept]ember I also receiv'd
 desiring me to send [] £5000 in Dollars. This was
 not in my Power to do, and I have in my former letters to you
 in answer to Yours to me to send you money up the Country
 Acquainted you that I was bound by my Instructions not to Issue
 any money in my hands but by Warrants directed to me from
 the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, and not to
 Risque the Transporting money from place to place without his
 Special Orders, as all moneys I receive from the Contractors
 Agents is on Account of the Paymaster Gen^l and when in my
 hands becomes his property, and is Subject to his Orders &
 Instructions to me which I am not at liberty to dispose of in
 any other manner than I am thereby directed [being] Account-
 able to the publick for the same [] I am to him, for
 the performance of which [] ample Security.

I am extremely Sorry you should be [] distres'd,
 & that you have more trouble [] paid than any other
 Department [] I cannot Accuse myself of being

[in any way] reasons neither
 [] knowledge what demand you []
 General to carry on the Service, when [] Adams
 the £8000. Currency on your [] the Generals
 Order.

I shall as soon as I receive the General's Warrant pay Mr
 Adams the Amount that [] and have given the Con-
 tractors Agent notice [] to be prepared for your further
 Demand, [as] I keep very little money by me to Answer the
 Extrary Services of the Forces, but receive it of him for the
 Generals Warrants for that Service [as it] comes to hand.

I am with great Regard

Sir

Your most Obedient and
 most Humble Servant

AB^M MORTIER

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barn^t.

Mortier Esq^r.

Anno Domini 1768

bad paper to write upon¹

INDORSED: Mr. Mortiers letter

Ansrd.

FROM RICHARD SHUCKBURGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 409, is listed a letter of November 28th
 from Dr Richard Shuckburgh, N. York, concerning Indian prayer books
 which Mr Gaine is printing and the advantage of sending to England
 those that require morocco binding. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:398-
 99; Q, 4:250-51.)

¹ In Johnson's hand.

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.

[Albany, November 29, 1768]

[]
 [] thanks for You[r]
 Indians in the Affair of the L[ands] []
 obtain'd:— Colonel Croghan tells me they have inserted a
 Clause in their agreement with the Crown at the late Congress
 securing to such person such Lands as they at that time gave
 Deeds; You'l oblige me in sending the Words of that Article as
 I may perhaps be able to make some thing out of it to my advant-
 age & of some of my friends of which I shall take the liberty to
 inform You.

Col. Croghan has had with me some further conversation on
 the affair of the Flatts; and I have by the last Post receiv'd full
 information that that affair may be [transac]ted with the greatest
 Security in the [] first propos'd; should You at
 any [] proper] to enter upon it & think it []
 present I will do myself the [] Your h[ouse]

I am

[]

[]

INDORSED: [] Coll. Bradstreet

FROM JAMES TILGHMAN¹

A. L. S.

Philadelphia Nov^r. 29th 1768

[]

We are collecting dollars with all possible dispatch in order
 to fulfill our Engagements on Account of the Indian purchase
 and I am in great hopes we shall nearly accomplish our Quantity

¹ A commissioner from Pennsylvania at the Fort Stanwix treaty.

in time however you may depend upon having the full Sum in time tho its very probable we maybe obliged to Make up some deficiency with half Jo^s. as the dollars are extremely scarce I must again [] my very sincere thanks for the Civilities we received at Fort Stanwix And as I am thoroughly sensible of the great pains you were at in transacting the Proprietary purchase, I shall endeavour to impress on them due [] of the obligations they are under to you on [that occ]asion. As I think you told us the Indians chose [to treat with] the Proprietarys themselves and not the Crown [for Pennsylvanie] Lands, It may be proper to mention [] yourself as I shall. I most heartily wish []

Y^r Most Ob^t Servant

JAMES TILGHMAN

[] NSON

INDORSED: [] letter
[] y^e. purchase money
Ans^d. 21st Dec^r.

FROM JOHN CONSTABLE

A. L. S.

[Schenectady, December 4, 1768]

[]
[] expect will be next Saturday [] encouraged him to undertake inoculation at Ten Shillings a piece, which will put it in the Power of most people to use successfully I hope so salutary a Means but to such as your Honor shall point out as real Objects the Expence shall be lessened to the bear value of the Drugs used. He has had much Experience under me and carries with him Cautions & Directions but if your Honor woud please to shew him the Pamphlet on Inoculation it might assist him in directing the Diet.

I wish your Honor may not neglect the Use of your Pills too long as the least Threats of your Distemper should be noticed

and every Means timely used to prevent a Fit You will I hope excuse this Hint and believe me with greatest respect your very hble and

obedient Servant

JOHN CONSTABLE

ADDRESSED: To
Sir William Johnson Bart
att Johnson Hall
Albany

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹

New-York Decr. 4th. 1768.

DEAR SIR,

It is time I should return you Thanks for your Letters of Sep^t. 30th and 13th Oct^r. which were transmitted to Boston where I received them. In the first you inclosed a Paper of Intelligence given you by a Delaware Indian from the Illinois, with a Speech to the Indians of St. Joseph's, said to have been delivered by a French-Man in the Name of the Spaniards. The Letters from the Indian Country are constantly full of the Machinations of the French and Spaniards and Disaffection of the Indians. The Indians must be sensible already of the false assurances given in the above Speech and I trust it will have no bad Consequence.

I am glad you acquainted the Indians with our Design to withdraw the Garrison of Ontario. This Province has not yet taken any Resolution concerning that Post. So I must wait Some time longer before the Garrison is ordered to remove. I am informed the heavy Artillery and Stores are carried away.

What you propose to me in your Favor of 13th. Oct^r. concerning Lieu^t. M^cDougal, I think may be very usefull tho' it will require a good deal of Management to bring the Detroit Militia to execute all our Designs. I shall consider in what Manner Lieu^t. M^cDougal can be appointed to that Command

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

without Clashing with other Appointments in the upper Country, which must be avoided if it is possible, but I mean to follow your Advice in this Affair, as far as I can.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your Most obedient

Humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

S^r: W^m: JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: N York Decbr. 4th. 1768

Gen^rl Gages Letter

FROM ROBERT ADEMS

A. L. S.

[*New York, December 5, 1768*]

Inclosed you have a List of Sundrys sent on Board the Capt^s. Pemberton and Roseboom, the former Sailed from this last Wednesday & the latter on Saturday.

The General returned last thursday Evening, but has granted no Warrant yet, however Expect it soon as I am to wait on him today. the 2 Hogsheads of Oysters which You Ordered, Mr. Cartwright had sent for before I got to Albany which hope you have received. there is now a Vessel come in with Indian Corn but cannot buy any, as the Albany Sloops are all gone there [] as soon as I receive the Money [] first Sloop that Sails either for Poughkee [psie] I am with the greatest respect

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

Sir

Your Most Obedient

Humble servant

ROB^t ADEMS

[] N Bar^t.

INDORSED: Mr. Rb^t. Adems Letter
 wth. a Memord^m. of Stores
Memorandum of Stores

[]
 [] Molasses
 [] Barrels Loaf Sugar
 [] d^o. Brown d^o.
 ,3 Boxes Spermacittae Candles
 No. 2 a Teirce wth. Gammons
 4 a Cask of Taunton Ale
 5 a Keg wth. Cheese
 6 a Box wth. Pickled Oysters
 7.8.10 three Kegs wth. Pickles
 12 & 13 two Casks wth. red Port
 15 a Case wth. Brandy
 16 a d^o. wth. Geneva
 300 Bushels Indⁿ. Corn
 On Board of Roseboom
 2 Hogshds rum
 12 Barrels Syder

FROM THOMAS GAGE

*A. L. S.*¹

New york Decr. 5th 1768

DEAR SIR,

On my Arrival at this Place from Boston on the first Ins^t., I was favored with your Several Letters of the 13th. 18th. and 20th. of Nov^r..

The two Accounts transmitted in the first will be settled as fast as possible

The Inclosures in your Letter of the 18th. of Nov^r. with other Letters and Advices which I have received, do indeed astonish me exceedingly. As I find an Affair of Justice on a Person accused of the most heinous Crimes, is turned into an Affair of

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

Party and Faction. It is not now the time for any People concerned in the Prosecution or Defence of Major Rogers to prefer any thing against him or for him. Every thing they had to say should have been laid properly before the Court-Martial, and Nothing Said afterwards, as it can be of no use. What you observe concerning *Ainse* is very just.

I hope your Representations to the Shawnese and Delawares concerning the Behavior of the Indians on the ouabache, will have all the good Effects that may be expected from the Connections between them and that an effectual Stop will be put to the too frequent Murthers the Savages of the Ouabache have been guilty of.

The order given out at Niagara transmitted in your Letter of the 20th. Ul^{mo}: was very precipitate, but I think it was explained before to Cap^t. Brown, that the Indian officers were to remain some time longer; however it must be remedied if not already done.

It is certainly absolutely Necessary to keep up Smiths and Interpreters at the great Posts, and I apprehend the Board of Trade meant they should and gave a certain Sum for all Indian Expences in which the Pay of those officers were to be included.

I am with great Regard,

D^r Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE.

S^R: W^M: JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: N York Decb^r. 5th. 1768

Gen^l. Gages Letter

FROM THOMAS GAGE

L. S.¹*New York Decr. 5th 1768.*

DEAR SIR,

I had the honor to receive your Letter of 24th. Ul^{mo} on the 3^d Ins^t: together with Some Extracts of the Transactions at the late Treaty with the Indians at Fort Stanwix, and a Copy of the Indian Deed of Cession to His Majesty.

I congratulate you very sincerely, that after the infinite Pains and trouble you have had in bringing this difficult Business to a Conclusion, you have at length Settled it so much to your Satisfaction and I doubt not equally Satisfactory to the Indians and the Several Provinces concerned.

It is to be hoped that the fixing of the Boundary at the Cherokee River will not be the Occasion of future Quarrells with the Southern Indians; for whatever Pretensions the Six Nations May have to the Territorys claimed by them on that Side, if our Provinces should ever pretend a Right to those Lands in Consequence of this Cession of the Six Nations, it seems most probable that a Quarrell will ensue with the Southern Nations, who by no Means admit of these Claims of the Six Nations. This Circumstance was taken Notice of in the Report of the Board of Trade on the Subject of the Boundary.² Therefore I trust, notwithstanding the present Cession that proper Care will be taken to prevent the Provinces from availing themselves of it to the Prejudice of the Southern Nations; so as to be productive of Quarrells with them.

I always apprehended those Missionaries whom you mention, had Lucre more at Heart than Religion, and I find their Hypocrisy is now laid open and hope you will entirely defeat their Projects, You certainly ought to make known their Practices

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.* 8:19-34.

and discover their Hipocrosy, that the Pulick may not be deceived by their Artifices.

Proper Laws should no doubt be now thought of to preserve the late Treaty inviolable, that the Indians may have no further Cause of Complaint for Trespasses on their Lands. They should be clear and explicit and Severe Penalties inflicted on all who transgress them, but after all, if they are not better executed than the rest of the Laws, they will be of little use.

I have not yet had time to peruse the Extract of the Treaty which you have been So good to transmit me, but have seen enough to be Satisfied of the Trouble you have had, and the Difficultys you had to encounter.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant

THO^s. GAGE

SR: W^M: JOHNSON Bar^t:

INDORSED: N York Decbr. 5th, 1768

Gen^l. Gages Letter

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York [December 5, 1768]

I had the honor to receive yours from Fort Stanwix, & to hear by Col^o. Croghan that you were safe returned & had finished the Congress which was verry important greatly to the satisfaction of all Sides, & much to your own honor, which makes me verry happy, as the Friendship you have shewn me, makes me look on myself as interested in every think that happens you —

I hope you will now be able to give orders for paying the Bills I mentioned to you before vizt. Cap^t Spicemakers Bill of

[] August last for Indian Presents	£413..11..8
[] Bill for an Interpreter	63..17..6
	<hr/>
	£477.. 9..2
[] B. Roberts's Bill on you dated	106.. 7..2
[] last	
	<hr/>
	£583..16..4

[] have lain long in my Hands []
 so that I hope you will do []
 I received a Letter last [Lieut.] Galland at Fort
 Stanwix, in which [] of great damage done him
 by the Ind[ians, who have] killed and carryed off Three good
 Cows, & a M[are] & Colt from him, burned all the Fences []
 his garden, all the Pickett of the Fort [] one of the Houses
 in the Fort. I hope it will be in your power to pay this poor
 good Man for his Horses & Cows, I have spoke to Gen^l Gage
 about it, & he says it rests with you to do it, & put it in your Ac-
 counts [] thinks the poor Man ought to be paid []
 find Mr. Galland has wrote you about [] & I knew
 your readiness to assist a g[ood] Man in distress will plead
 strongly [] Mr Galland, so shall say no more
 of []

We have not a word of News [] Packett
 hourly expected. I am []

D^r Sir
 Y^r []
 []

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t
 INDORSED: New York []

Hugh Wallaces Letter wth.
 some Acc^{ts}. amt^g. to
 £583..16..4
 Ansrd. 10^{br}. 12th. that I wd
 lay his Acc^t. before y^e. gen^l. as

Soon as I rec^d. it, & when Ansrd.
 by him, would pay it imediately.
 I sent him a paragraph of Cap^t.
 Spicemakers letter, promising to
 Send me y^e. Acc^t. from Montreal¹

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 6th D[ecember]

Enclosed is the accounts of the Heyson Tea & Crimson Velvet your pleasure Slay will be finished the latter End of this Week, this morning I have been Speaking with Mr Vandersson the House Painter to know his price he Says if its done plain — it will Cost 30/— & if you have your Arms on the Backe it will Cost 50/— if your approve of the latter — please to Send me, One of those papers which I Saw Laying in your study — that your Arms were printed [] by which I belive he will be Able to make [some]thing like it — I have wrote to Montreal Concering [] parts — As Yet no Opportunity offers to get the []

I am Dear Sir with Great
 Respect your most humb^e
 Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

[] Baronet
 INDORSED: []

Major Campbells letter
 wth. some Articles

¹ Indorsement in Johnson's hand.

FROM RICHARD PETERS

A. L. S.¹*Philadelphia 6 Decr 1768*

HONOURD and DEAR SIR

I had so many friends at New York, and it is probably the last time that I shall have an Opportunity of seeing them, that it took me up ten days to Satisfy the demands of friendship. Since I came here Arrears of Business & a close attention to my Pastoral Duty have engagd me entirely.

I now set down to thank you, Dear Sir, for the many kindnesses you was pleased to do to me.² We have all a very deep Sensibility of your goodness and shall esteem it the greatest happiness of our Lives to give you our testimonies of it.

Mr Penn shall be fully made acquainted wth your attention to his Interest & the prudence & Zeal with which you transacted that part of the Business in which he was concerned.

I leave it to Mr Tighlman as being properly within his Department to inform you of the preparations making for the getting and sending by Col. Francis the Sum stipulated to be put into your hands. He has already wrote to you, & every thing is going forward as well as it possibly can.

I have been so happy as to engage two young men of good Parentage & Education, having been brought up here under our own Eye & in our own Academy. They are Youths of the German Nation turned of twenty years pious well stored with human Literature & disposd to be useful in the promotion of Religion amongst the Indians. They will very easily learn the Indian Language they already speak both German & English they will conform to the Service of the Church of England & if they prove agreable & have your Recomendations they will apply for Orders in the Church & go over to the Societys dis-

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

² Richard Peters was one of the commissioners from Pennsylvania present at the Fort Stanwix congress.

posal. This I think is a great matter & I esteem myself peculiarly fortunate in finding these two worthy young Students.

I am obligd to Mr Muylenberg for this expeditious Provision One is his own Son Mr Peter Muylenberg¹ who has had a double Education both here & in Germany. The other is one Mr Christian Streight² who last week took his Batchelors Degree at our Commencement. Please to let me know particularly when I shall send them to you & where you chuse they shud be, y^t I may inform the Society at home & that our Letters may be of one & the same Tenor. I have communicated this Matter to Dr Smith but as he is not at home I cannot shew him this Letter. I will talk further with him on the Subject & get him to joyn with me in a Letter to you when we are favourd with your Sentiments about these two Persons how you will dispose of them & when you woud have them come to you.

My very hearty & affectionate Regard will always attend Mr Guy Johnson whose cheerfulness & goodness to us has made Impression that time will not efface but dispose us to love him & esteem him always. Mr Clause is likewise thanked very heartily & desird to accept of our sincere & kindest remembrance. May God pour his peculiar Blessings on you & continue you a general Blessing to your Country & a particular happiness to your Connections.

I am

Hon^d & D^r Sir

Very sincerely Y^{rs}.

RICHARD PETERS

INDORSED: 6th. Dec^r. 1768

From the Rev^d. Mr Peters

¹ Later, a general in the Revolution and member of the 1st, 3d and 6th congresses.

² Christian Streit (Streyt), who is classified as Swedish Lutheran, was graduated at the College of Philadelphia in 1768. He served congregations in Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia.

GENERAL GAGE'S WARRANT

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 410, is listed, under New York, December 6th, General Thomas Gage's warrant to Abraham Mortier for paying £7200, 17s, 4d to Sir William Johnson; and under December 7th his warrant to pay £905, 17s, 6¼d. Both destroyed by fire.

FROM JOHN BROWN

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 410, is listed, under Schenectady, December 6th, a letter from John Brown about ceiling the church and other details of its completion (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:399-400; Q, 4:251).

TO JOHN WATTS

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, Dec. 6, 1768*]

[
] Gov^r. Penn, who was called away [so soon
 from Fort Stanwix] by the Affairs of his Province that I had
 [] to Answer it being then, as well as ever since,
 [] beyond expression by the Indians, of whom
 [] at Least assembled about 3100, The Greatest
 number [that] has ever be known to meet in these parts, and
 altho' [one] of the principal Nations came much out of
 [hu]mour, having been invited by the French & Spanards [to]
 a Meeting Near the Misisipi, to obstruct the Treaty I had so
 long proposed, yet I at last Succeeded in Obtaining a Very
 Advantagious boundary & Cession to the Crown, of which you
 are doubtless more particularly acquainted as I sent a Short
 Abstract to S^r H Moore with [a] Copy of the Deed of Ses-
 sion — I got as favorable a boundary as possible for this
 province, but you know the Settlements & Purchases had already
 Extended so [far] to the Westward, and was come so close to
 their very [villages?] that much could not be expected that way
 & as I [] they were for Limitting it very much to

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

the [westward]. I Judged it best after running it from Susquehanna along [Tiananderha] to Canada Creek at Wood Creek to Stop there [] open 'till his Majestys pleasure be [known. Possi]bly I may be enabled to obtain a [] the 2 Nations who are [] []¹ for ye. Susquehanna Lands but [] proprietors of Pennsylv^a. a very [] and [] Ind^s. that the purchase money, (10,000 Do[llars] [] paid them imediately after the return of [] from the Congress, this effectually answer [] purpose, and I am happy that every thing [] much to his advantage.—

I am hardly yet disengaged from the [] occasioned by the Treaty & my Long absence [] Shall be very Glad to hear from you, & in the [] assure you that I am always most Sincerely

Your most Obe[]
& very humble []

TO JOHN BRADSTREET

*Df.*²

[*Johnson Hall, Dec. 7, 1768*]

[]
[] favor of your [] that my little services in the late Land affairs [] to you.— The Indians have at the late [] settling the Boundary line excepted all their [] Lands and also all such Lands as they had at that [time] agreed to dispose of, I inclose you a Copy of [that] part of their Speech and the same is likewise inserted [in] the Deed of Cession wch they Executed to his Majesty.—

The Mohocks repeatedly applied to me that their Lands

¹ Several lines missing.

² In Guy Johnson's handwriting, excepting two brief interlineations.

there might be effectually secured to them, and the Governor has had it under Consideration of which [] told Col. Croghan to inform you.— According as the Indians settled it at the late Treaty it is to be secured by some Act of the Legislature to them & their heirs for ever; done in Several of the other Colonies — in which case as I take it they will be barred from disposing but not from Leasing of their property, This point requires consideration, and might be enlarged upon, at present I have only time to add my Assurances of [] you my best Assistance on the affairs you Mention [] they Shall be thought elligible, and that I shall [] glad to see you at my House on these or any [other occas]ions.— As I am

FROM RICHARD PETERS

*A. L. S.*¹

Philadelphia 7th Decr 1768

MY DEAR SIR

I have had a great deal of discourse with Mr Murray on the Subject of the Liberty he has given him, by the Society to remove to Schenectady. He is lately married and with a good & reputable Family of this City. She is a Sister of Mr John Ross an eminent Lawyer of a long standing here. He has numerous Relations & has taken his Wife with him to Reading, where his Mission now is. He is as I told you not overburdend with Zeal but is a Gentleman of good Sense & sprightly Conversation — he is about or near 40 years of Age and well furnished with Learning. He desires to know something about the Congregation of Schenectady, what or if any Subscription is made for the Missionary by the Members of that Church. whether there be an House or Plantation appropriated to the Church. He thinks he coud render himself useful & agreeable to you and the Congregation & if he can get his Wifes Consent

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

to remove there he should think himself happy. He desires to know these particulars that they may be mentioned to his Wife & her Relations who will be loath to part with her.

If any thing occurs to you wherein I can do the Church any Service, or contribute to your Comfort, or promote the Knowledge of sober useful Religion to my old Acquaintances among the Indians it will give me a very great pleasure. Please to remember me to such of the Indian Chiefs as they occasionally come to visit you. I am

My much Honourd & Dear Sir
Your most affectionate
humble Servant

RICHARD PETERS

Mr Murray has
a Scotch Accent

ADDRESSED: To
 The Honourable Sir William
 Johnson Baronet
 at Johnson Hall
 above Albany
 in New York

INDORSED:

From the Rev^d. Mr Peters.

FROM MICHAEL BYRNE

A. L. S.

[Fort Ontario, Dec. 9, 1768]

[
[] Place tho there has been more Indians here
[than] was known to come the three past, I have not been
[]ded in carrying on the business of my Duty, for
the Departm[]. The Commanding Officer Lieut.
Grant a Good officer, and a [] man, I Imagen confideing

in Me, gives me a Discretionary [] to give provisions to Indians as I think necessary. which I believe [] continued to me, if Not countermanded, by Orders from the General [] *Niagara*, See in My last, Extracts from Captain Browns letters to Lieut. [Grant] Comanding this Post, as I have no certainty to continue in this Service [] than the 24th March next I beg you will remember to inform me before [that] time, whether I am to be, or Not to be, a Servt. to the Crown under you, or to [] Province under who, Either of which, I lave Soly to your better Judgment [and] continued kindness, Ever present to a gratefull Mind in Me.—

Or if you, *only, under God*, by whome I have & Still doe live like a Gentlmⁿ [] not procure me an Employ, under the King or Government here, I would [glad]ly goe & live in your Neighbourhood, within the distance of half a days [] or walk to your House, from thence return at Night, Even to a indiff[erent] place, that I could with propperty call my Home, where I could [] and Spitt in My Owne Asshes.— I know that I am as good a [man?] as any in the Province, and if I had a place, I could call my [own I] would creep, & Improve, by degrees, rise Errect & be a nown [substan]tive. and consequently independant & contented, which is the [] point in view to happiness, *if anny* this Side the Grave. [] not Expect to heer from you, or yours, this winter, please make [] them, they have my all good wishes, My Mind is [] belive Me Dear Sir Ever to be Your acknowledging faithful, and

[]
[]

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

[Johnson Hall, Dec. 9, 1768]

[]

[] te you Sev^l Letters the last of which
 [] 24th of November with inclosures which I hope
 you have [] and that this Will find you returned to
 New York — I now inclose you the Acct of Expenses attend-
 ing the late Treaty for the Am^t of wch I beg the fav^r of y^r
 Warr^t. which tho' at first View it may seem large will on a due
 Consideration of the length of time attending it, the Number
 of Indians, and the Great Extent and Value of the Cession be
 found Very Moderate;

This goes by Major Gorham who amongst other things tells
 me that there are about 6000 stand of French arms lying useless
 & spoiling in the Arsenal at Halifax some part of which if occa-
 sionally given out to the Ind^s. of Nova Scotia would be very
 seasonable & acceptable to them and would create a Saving of
 Expen^ce which I submit to Your Consideration.—

I have lately received a Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough
 inclosing me a Copy of a Report of the board of Trade, with
 Memorials &ca relating to an application [for] a Grant of the
 Mines about Lake Superior, & desiring [] opinion
 [] find that the Same is laid before you for yours which
 if favorable, the Affair will be []th Settled, & some
 persons of consequence in England [] concerned in
 it, [] I should be glad to hear from you []
 if we agree in sentiments in the matter [] be
 soon Settled with the Ind[ians] []
 []
 the Quantity and Value []
 Lieut Patt Sinclair [] concerning His

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.



A
M A P
 of the
UNITED STATES
 of
AMERICA,
 As settled by the Peace of
 1783.

Published Dec. 1, 1783, by I. Fielding, Printer in New York.
 I. FIELDING

Servant who was killed [] requesting that he may have some allow[ance] I submit it to your consideration whether [] him any or what Sum as a Restitution for []

Just as I had ended this I reced [] from Michilimackinac wherein Capt [Glasier] me some particulars of the Artifices of the [French and] Spaniards, (corroborating w^t. I have often wrote upon) of discoveries he had made concer[ning Rogers'] Schemes to the Westward, &ca &ca but I need [not] particularize these Matters as I suppose he [] them in the Letter to you which I send by Major [Gorham]

FROM HENRY BOSTWICK

A. L. S.

[Montreall, Dec. 10, 1768]

[]

[] since which time he []
[] letter came to hand, or whether a Reference [is come] to You from England— If such Reference is [not come] to Your Hands I apprehend the Affair is finished [] and shall take Measures accordingly. If a Reference [has] been sent You, I shall govern myself from the Report [you] are pleased to make and Your Directions, so that the Company's concerns may be carried on with Oeconomy and to the best advantage.

On my Arrival at Montreall I was ordered to attend at the Tryall of Major Rogers, and to give Evidence of what I knew concerning him, when in the Course of the Tryall I was asked to give the Character of Joseph Hans,¹ a Frenchman, who resided at Michilimackinac when the Fort was cut off in the Year 1763 — I doubt not but You have heard a Character of him before, but least it shou'd have slipt Your Memory I here Enclose You a Copy of my Affidavit, which was left with

¹ Joseph Louis Ainsie.

General Gage by the Generals Desire, at the time We arrived from Michilimakinac, as he intended to make an Example of those who behaved ill — I likewise send You the [substance] of the Affidavit that was made against him by [Casper] Cosmer, a Corporall in the Royall American Regiment [] the Massacre that was committed in the Fort [] Expecting to be call'd to Account for hill ill¹ [] Fort of Michilimakinac as soon as [] coming, and went to St Joseph [] St. Josephs and [] [] into the Fort who told [] obliged to take him up and []

Soon after I left Michilimakinac [] He came into the Fort and has lived [] Behaviour by being made Kings [] been brought to Montreall. and Intro[duced to] M^r Roberts, and M^r Goddard, as a Man of [] Reputation —

In Consequence of the Aff[ida]vit [] him he was committed to Prison, but from [] that has been given him. He is adm[itte]d [] the Chief Justice is of Opinion that he may [] for says he any Person committing a Crime [with-out the] Limits of a Provence cannot be tried for [] Provinces whatever, so that all beyond the [] Provinces is an Asylum for Villany —

Hans at present draws his Prov[ision as] Indian Interpreter— And although I [] to do him an Injury, Yet I think for [] as well as the General Good, I shou'd [] Man, not to Endeavour to prevent [] at Michilimakinac — Capt Spie[smacher] [] very little knowledge of him [] can be their Reasons for Sup[] they do, astonishes [] known to themsel[] []

Your most Obed^t Hble Ser^{vt}

HENRY BOSTWICK

¹ "For his ill" was evidently intended.

Deposition of Henry Bostwick now residing at Montreall in the Province of Quebec who Testyfieth and saith that on the Second day of June 1763 He this Deponent being at his House at Michilimakinac Louis Joseph Hans, a French Resident at said place came into the Garret of said House with a great number of Indians in a forceable Riotous manner in which Garret this Deponent then was concealed for fear of the Indians and the said Hans with the said Indians did then and there Feloniously and Fraudulently take Steal and carry away from [] Deponent, a great Quantity of Indian Corn Peletries [] Merchandise, to the amount of several Thousand pounds [] deponent being in fear that the said Indians woud kill [him]ed the said Hans to interpose in his Favour, and [] Indians from doing this Deponent any Injury [] the said Hans made Signs to an Indian [] this Deponent, as this Deponint then [] Indian did then attempt to kill [him] bad one. Court asked h[]
¹When the Disturbance [] the Year 1763 I had just come off [] refresh me on hearing a Noise that was [] to the Window, and there saw the Indians [] Soldiers of the Garrison — I put my Mus[quet] Window with an intention to have fired [] but was prevented by a Soldier who was in [] me — and we attempted to get out a back way, [] was and to find our Officers, on going I found [] Comrades who was Tomyhawk'd, laying [] and saw the Fort full of Indians and Fr[enchmen?] in running from House to House — I took [] who was tomyhawk'd and carryed him un[] way into a House near to Mr Bostwicks [] my Shirt and tying up the Wounds of my []

¹ Casper Cosmer's deposition follows.

I looked through a Window where I w[] done in
 the Fort — and there I saw Hans [] very busy in
 taking away the Napsacks, [] belonging to the
 Soldiers — And I saw Hans [] go into M^r Bost-
 wicks House and come [] with Goods which
 he carryed to his own [] One Load he came out
 with was Stroud [] lead a Soldier out of another
 [House] the Indians as a Prisoner

ADDRESSED: To

Sir William Johnson Bart.

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: Montreall []

From M^r [Bostwick]

TO DANIEL BURTON

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Dec^r. 10th 1768.

SIR/

I had the pleasure of receiv^g your letter of the 20th June in
 Sept^r. Just before I set out to Hold the General Treaty with
 the Northern Indians for settling a boundary line between them
 and the American Colonies, and as my Stay there was much
 longer than I expected, and the trouble and difficulties which
 attended it engrossed my whole time I was obliged to deferr an
 answer until my return home.

I am very happy to find from your Letter that the Reverend
 Society have agreed to the purchase of y^e late D^r Barclays
 Farm &ca & that they approve of my little endeavors here on
 behalf of Religion, and I must request that they will accept
 of my most respectfull regards, and Sincerest Wishes for the
 success of their pious designs.—

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. In handwriting of Guy
 Johnson.

Whilst I rejoyce at every establishment they make for the Christianizing the Indians, and encreasing the Members of the Church of England, I cannot help lamenting the unhappy disadvantages under which it labours thro' the Want of an Episcopate in America. The reasonableness of such establishm^t. and the distresses which are occasioned thro' this want have been so fully described that I need not to enlarge upon them but I become daily more Sensible of these truths from the conduct of those of other denominations, whose religious principles are so far from being adapted to our constitution, that they cannot omit any opportunity of raising and strengthening themselves till they finally acquire a Superiority in all Matters Religious & Civil the event of which may be easily foreseen, and a Variety of disputes perhaps a Religious War in future can only be prevented by giving the Established Religion such present countenance and Support, as there is no reason to think they will ever make a bad use of, for (different from the Views of others) They will have all they want in possessing their own Religion, according to its Rights and Institutions.— In short we cannot have a Clergy here without an Episcopate, & This want as it has occasioned many to embrace other persuasions, will oblige greater Numbers to follow their Example of which the Dissenters are very sensible, and by pretended fears of Episcopal power, as well as by Magnifying their own Numbers and Lessening ours give it all possible opposition,— The fund they lately raised in England will Answer various purposes, They have long had an Eye on part of Pennsylvania in virtue of an Absurd Claim, and they seldom Lose sight of a favorite Object, of which I shall give a recent Instance.

The late Treaty for the boundary line was thought the only Salutory Measure for preventing disputes about Encroachments I received his Majestys Orders for the Settlement of it, & the same was much desired by the Colonies concerned Nevertheless Missionaries came up from N England with a View to obstruct it, One of them strongly recommended to Me by Mr Wheelock

of Connecticut with his Colleague Memorialled me that the Line should not be Extended to the North or West, but reserved for the purposes of their Religious Plan, previous to which they went amongst the Oneidas, and used all the Arguments in their power to dissuade them from agreeing to the Line proposed, & afterwards on sev^l. occasions publicly avowed they had done so, in the presence of Sev^l. Gentlemen of Character who attended the Treaty to whom they declared that they wo^d. still continue to give it all the Obstruction in their power in which they were as good as their Words tho' I prevailed over all their Artifices, obtained a Secure boundary & an Advantagious & Extensive Cession of Lands to the Crown. — The Arguments they made use of in private amongst the Ind^s. their misrepresentations of our Religion, & the Extraordinary private Instructions of Mr. Wheelock of wch I am accidentally possessed would shew them in a very odd Light, I write this for the Societys information knowing at the same time that if it were public it would draw upon me a great deal of Scurrility of which they are but too Liberal, whenever their Schemes are attacked, or laid open to the publick.

I think I have now fallen upon a Measure for obtain^g. a Very handsome & Valuable Tract for the purposes of Religion in this Province — Some Gentlemen having applied to purchase a Very large Tract of Land adjoining to my Estate here & Extending from the rear of the Patented Lands near Conajoharee to Sacondaga, (a Branch of Hudsons within 12 miles of the Mohock River) I became concerned with them with a View to obtaining a Part in So Valuable a situation for the use of the Church and have settled the purchase, my Share in Which cost £100 & is about 20,000 acres There are many Gentlemen who wo^d. now give a large Sum for the Indian purchase & take out the Patent themselves, but as I have reason to think that the Society have interest enough to obtain the Kings Grant for it with a remission of the high fees paid here on taking out Patents, & that as I p^resume they might obtain it free of Quit rent, or on

some slender Acknowledgment, I will in case they can obtain his Majestys Grant freely make a Gift of the Indian purchase to be Vested in the Society until the appointment of an Episcopate, & then to go towards a Provision for that Establishment,— If this is approved of I will send them a full Description of the Land to enable them to take out the Grant, and I am sensible from its Quality and situation it will Yield at Least £100 Ster P Ann within 10 Years probably in much Less time, Whenever the boundary Line is closed to the Northward a Larger Tract may be obtained but this is so much better situated that it is more imediately worth attention.— I find it is extremely difficult if not impracticable to Get Clergymen here to Supply the Missions, I wish M^r Seabury may incline to accept of one, of them, Another difficulty arises about School Masters who are Extremely necessary particularly that at the Mohocks, & Conajoharee but I find none who are in the Least Qualified that w^d. undertake that Office for Less than ab^t. £25 Str P A. however as I write to D^r. Auchmuty on this Subject I may for the present decline adding say^g anything farther than that I am

with Sincere regard

Sir

&ca

D^r D BURTON

INDORSED: Dec^r. 10th 1768 —

To D^r D Burton

TO THOMAS GAGE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 410, is listed a letter of December 10th to General Gage, introducing Mr Adair, who has prepared a manuscript on the "Manners Customs and History of the Southern Indians, tending to prove their descent from the Hebrews." (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:400-1; Q, 4:251-52.)

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

[*Albany, Dec. 11, 1768*]

about 12 this day your Man bro^t me your Letter of Yesterday, — The Schenectady Mail I sent off Yesterday Evening by Mr Tobias Ten Eyck who was desired to leave it with Mr. Phyn, but wether it contained any Letters for you I know not. I saw but one Letter for you this time, which came from Philadelphia which Letter I inclosed to you with two Newspapers and desired Mr. Ten Eyck likewise to leave them at Mr. Phyns.—

We are at present threadbare of News, when anything Transpire, I shall take pleasure in Communicating it.

I remain with great respect

Sir

Your most hu Servant

J^Nº. MONIER

P. S. its now a little after One O Clock
the man setts off

FROM ABRAHAM MORTIER

A. L. S.

New York 11th Dec 1768

The two Enclos'd Warrants were sent [from] the Generals Office on Saterdag last, & [I take] the earliest Opportunity of Transmitting them together with the Receipts to be sign'd

[]ual. You may depend on my giving Mr [Adems] all the Dispatch in my power on all [occas]ions.

I am with great Regard
Sir

Your most Obedient and
Most Humble Servant

AB^m. MORTIER

[] Barr^t.

INDORSED: []

wth. Enclosures

Ansrd.

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 12th December 1768

[]ting with any Return Slays, & having half a load of [] Claus. I have Hired the Bearer Abraham Groat to take [] loadg for which I am to pay him Twenty Shillings [] of which, I have Charged you & the Remainder to Colⁿ [Claus] Inclosed is the Bill of Parcel Amounting to []9. .5 I Should have waited longer for Return Slays but [] Weather Seems to Change. the Roads may Soon be impassable & the Iron probably much wanted —

Mr M^c Farlan is Arrived from York [yes]terday — he left four Sloops — all Froze up in the River [28] miles below Albany — at a Place Called Looningburg. [] Pemberton You have all your Winter Stores [] Quantity of Indian Corn being one of thos Sloops I Sopose this [] heard before this — M^{rs} Campbell begs [her]e]spectfull Complements. & am Dear Sir Your [] obedient Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

INDORSED: []

£16. . []

Ansrd. 1

FROM RICHARD SHUCKBURGH

A. L. S.

New York 12th Dec^r. 1768

DEAR SIR

I propose to write to Mr. Jeffries by Cap^t Richards who sails in about a fortnight or three Weeks for London I schoud be glad if you coud furnish me with any thing to Say to him relative to the Power of Attorney &c I gave you from him or if you woud be pleasd to let me know whether you have wrote to him concerning them; else I can only [men]tion my delivering of them. I hope this may find you and all at the Hall well [] likewise those at the River to whom [be pleasd] to make my Comp^{lts}. from your

Most obligd humble Serv^t.RICH^d SHUCKBURGH

INDORSED: 12th. Dec[]
 From D^r Shuck[]
 Ans^d. 22^d.

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.

[Schenactady, Dec. 13, 1768]

[]
 [] of the []
 receivd with the [] extract of the late Treaty,
 which [] the tenor thereof I am of Opinion
 [] have no objections to the Indians []ing
 me a Deed of Gift instead of the []mon Deed
 given) I shall be able to [] the Lands granted
 me, confir'd by [his] Majesty free of all Office Fees & Quit
 [Rents] Should I succeed, the precedent [may] Serve for
 another.

I believe the Treaty when ratify'd by [his] Majesty will be consider'd as securing [the] Flatts &a. to the Savages in the manner [] ded — It is probable the New York [assem]bly, by some late resolves, will be dissolved¹ [] so nothing can be done in the matter [] and all things consider'd it would [] to let slip So good an opportunity as [] certainly fall into other hands [] — when good Slaying comes [] pleasure to wait on [] great regard & esteem
 []
 []

TO JOHN BRADSTREET

*Df.*²

[*Johnson Hall, Dec. 16, 1768*]

[]

[] delivered me your favor of the [13th inst. in answer to] my last with the inclosure, — I suppose [] you mean to apply for a Grant of free of Fees, [] are those already treated about a Deed [] could probably be obtained but I have a recent instance [] Crowns disapprobation of such like Deeds, as they [thou]ght it a dangerous precedent should any Man of influence amst the Ind^s, hereafter avail himself thereof by taking up [] Large Tracts for that purpose. —

The late Treaty when ratified will doubtless be considered as an effectual Security to the Indians of their dwelling places Flats, & Circumjacent Lands and I don't apprehend that [the present] Assembly will do any thing in it if the Cession is to be

¹ The assembly was dissolved on January 2d, 1769, Governor Sir Henry Moore in his closing speech denouncing certain resolves of the assembly as "flatly repugnant to the laws of Great Britain."

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

so Short. [nei]ther indeed can I see what can be done on the [] you propose for sometime for reasons on wch I shall [] at our Meeting [¹when I shall farther enlarge on and explain all these matters, and shall be very glad of the opportunity of seeing you here as I am with great Esteem]

Sir

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

[Johnson Hall, Dec. 16, 1768]

[]

[] had the honor of writing you on the [9th inst. I] have had the pleasure of your 2 Letters of the [10th October? and] of the 4th Inst. and I am glad to find by the [one last menti]oned that you approve of what I took the liberty [of propo]sing concerning the Detroit Militia,—

I hope that any Affair of party arising from the [late] proceedings agt. Major Rogers may totally Subside, [if not], it will be easy to See what keeps it up,—the Gentlemen concerned in the prosecution not having the same inducements to do him a prejudice as himself and sundry others have to Manifest his Innocence & induce the publick to deem the whole as a Malicious attack upon a Man of worth. Every thing that could possibly occur to me was said to [the] Shawanese and Delawares as well at the Treaty, as at my house, and it appeared to have made a good impression on [them] from their Answers and observations on what I had said [to] them, And I gave them at their return Some additional [prese]nts, & sent them away as well Satisfied with the Whole of [the] Transactions as was in my power, for Notwithstanding their [dependency?] on the six Nations, their perfect accordation to the boundary [] in which Pennsylvania & Virginia are much

¹ Crossed out in the manuscript.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

[] their Vicinity.— I sent the Interpreter back
 [] with orders to Capt McLeod to purchase
 provisions [] Should be known, and I presume
 you will [] these Matters as Capt Brown, seems
 to think [] the receipt of fresh ord[ers]
 []
¹That & other [] cannot be
 Transacted [] through you was the
 very lowe[st] on so as to give any attention at
 all to [Indian] the Crown are Satisfied that some
 Atten[tion] I am convinced they will never be able to
 do [] Establishments or at so low a Rate as I
 []

I am much obliged to your kind Con[gratulation on the]
 Conclusion of the late Treaty, which I endeavor[ed]
 advantagious to the Crown & publick as it [] I flatter
 myself that the proceedings which reg[ard the] Continuation
 of the boundary to the Cherokee [River can have] no ill Effect,
 what I have done is only Vesting [the claim of] the Northern
 Ind^s. (which wo^d. always hang over th[at country) in the]
 Crown, — The Cherokees in my presence [and at my house
 many] Years ago, claimed no farther, & all the other N[atations
 have] ever considered that as the Six Nation bounds, [but
 should it] Now be viewed otherwise, The Principal Claim is
 [removed, and] the Crown has only to settle with the Southern
 [Indians concerning] it, and should they refuse to give it up, It
 [is in his majesty's] power to prevent the Colonies from avail-
 ing [themselves of the] late Cession in that Quarter, till it can
 [be done with safety] and the Common Consent of all who
 have [just pretensions to it] which I believe will be easily
 obtained [] The Commissioners on the part of
 [] that good Laws shall be E[nacted]
 boundary these should []

¹ This passage to the end of the paragraph seems to relate to the new scheme of managing Indian trade.

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 [] appear[]
 [] Zeal, It would Exceed []
 [] to relate the many Arguments
 [] to] weaken the Chh of England which the
 [] ingeniously repeat afterwards, I have made the
 [Society for] propagat^s the Gospel, and sev^l. of the Clergy &ca
 [acquaint]ed with a good deal of their Conduct — The objects
 they [have in] View and the Civil & Religious preeminence
 they are []ally establishing demands the timely atten-
 tion of those [whose] business it is to promote the National
 Church, & secure its [rig]hts & priviledges. —

TO PETER MIDDLETON

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, Dec. 16, 1768*]

[] yours of the 18th ult^e.
 [] I was now enabled to Serve your
 friend [] With that View I am to inform you
 [] boundary settled as far as it regards this
 Province [] from Delaware North to Tienaderha Creek
 at Susquehanna[, up] that Creek & its Westerly branch, &
 thence to Canada Creek [at] Wood Creek West of Fort Stan-
 wix, and of Course there [] Lands now Vacant Ceded
 to the Crown eastward of that boundary & extending as far as
 to the patented Lands & late purchases but tho' the Lands so
 Vested in the Crown are of Large Extent, yet the Exact Quan-
 tity cannot be ascertained, neither can a Location be described
 until the Course of Tienaderha Creek is taken by Survey,— As
 I presume that this Province will (as the rest purpose to do)
 Survey the Courses of their Boundary the Nature & Extent of
 the Vacancy will then be fully known, [Then] Mr. Upton may
 apply for his Tract in such part [] as shall appear to be

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

best, and on which occasion I [will] give you every advice & Assistance necessary, as I shall [if] any other place may be discovered Vested in the [Crown which] will Answer his purpose.—

[] pur]chase of the Whole Tract Ceded to his Majesty [] in his Name & by his Authority, In what [] whole be granted, I am as yet quite unacquainted [] the View of a [] []

FROM RICHARD PETERS

A. L. S.¹

Philadelphia 17th Decr 1768

HONOURD & DEAR SIR

I cant let M^r M^c Clay go with out repeating to you what I said at large in a letter last week, that I have a very high Sense of, and thankfulness to you for, the many Instances of Goodness & friendliness that you shewed me at Fort Stanwix y^t the Proprietors are acquainted with the Zeal & faithfulness you exercisd in your Negotiations for them which must endear you very much to them.

I woud be obliged to you for your Answer to the Points relating to the Two young men & M^r Murray of whom I wrote at large by the Post.

I have but just time to let you know how much I love & esteem you & how gratefully my heart beats towards you. I am

D^r Sir

Your affectionate
humble Servant

RICHARD PETERS

INDORSED: Philadelphia Decbr.
17th. 1768 —

Parson Peter's Leter

☞ M^r. M^c. Clay

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New York Dec^r. 19th 1768.*

DEAR SIR,

I have received your Favor dated Nov^r. 9th which I imagine a Mistake, and that was wrote on the 9th Ins^t. tho the Date does not appear to be Material.

The Account of the Expences incurred at the late Treaty shall be paid as fast as the Contractors can procure Cash, which they have had Difficulty to do. The Expences created at Boston in order to procure Quarters for the Troops ordered thither, with the Sum required for the Expences of the Indian Treaty, has occasioned an Extraordinary Demand for Cash at a time when it is very Scarce.

Major Goreham³ has talked to me about the French Arms in the Arsenal at Halifax, and I think what you propose respecting them would be the best way of disposing of them to save New Expences.

The inclosed Paper contains an Extract of my Letter to L^d. Hillsborough concerning the Mines about Lake Superior, which I conceive to be a Project started by some to draw in others. It is not in Nature that such a Project could answer, did the Mines ever produce Virgin Copper in Lieu of Ore.

To pay People for all Damages they may receive from Indians is impossible, and the Traders might with the Same Reason demand Payment for the Goods plundered by the Indians upon the Ohio, as Lieu^t. Sinclair demand Payment for his Servant.

Cap^t. Glazier has transmitted Copys of some Indian Speeches, and Mentions that French People pass his Post in their way to

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

² December 9th in the Johnson Calendar.

³ Major Joseph Gorham, deputy superintendent of Indian Affairs in Nova Scotia.

the Mississippi where he hears the Spaniards are collecting a Set of Banditti, but refers me to you for many particulars. The Troops Sent up by the Spaniards are mostly deserted, and it is not improbable they enlist all the Vagabond French they can find.¹

I send some Letters for the Posts under your Cover which I beg the favor of you to Send Express to Niagara as soon as possible, as the answer I get from Niagara, will determine the Measures to be taken in the Spring, to send Provision to the Detroit, for I have yet no certain Accounts whether the Schooner run on shore at Sandusky will be of use or not the next year.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SR: W^M: JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: N York Decbr. 19th. 1768

Gen^l. Gages Letter
wth. an Enclosure

GENERAL GAGE'S WARRANT

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 411, is listed, under December 20th, New York, General Thomas Gage's warrant to Abraham Mortier for payment to Sir William Johnson of £21,923, 2s, 3½d, New York currency, for the expenses of the Fort Stanwix treaty, including £17,932, 7s, 9½d paid to the Six Nations for territory; account appended. Destroyed by fire.

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 411, is listed a letter of the 20th to the Earl of Hillsborough on the abundance and richness of Lake Superior

¹ For a French opinion of the Spanish soldiers arriving at New Orleans, see *Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library*, 11:183, ed. C. W. Alvord and C. E. Carter.

copper ore, costs of mining and conveying and measures for obtaining the Indians' consent to mining enterprises. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:920-23; Q, 2:533-34 and *Doc. rel to Col. Hist. N. Y.* 8:140-42, under date of the 23d.)

TO SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

*Df.*¹

Johnson-hall Dec^r. 21st. 1768.

DEAR SIR

I thank you for your Letter of the 14th ult^o. in Answer to mine of Sept^r. and October last, and I hope you have since received my last of the 18th Nov^r.

I find with Concern that nothing is yet done touching an American Episcopate, and I think nothing can be effectual till that point is carried, as I plainly perceive that we cannot have a Clergy That is we cannot have as many as are necessary for performing the duties of Religion till then which alone and without considering any other wants, is a very Serious point. — I think it is a very great hardship & that so modest and reasonable a demand in favor of the National Church deserves an imediate Indulgence.— I have now wrote to the Society another Long Letter wherein I have urged this and given them many reasons for shewing that such an Establishment however it may be represented will be the only means of preventing future disputes as the National Church wants only its Just Rights, properly secured, Whereas others whose Objects are power & preeminence Civil & Religious will on Seeing its Weak & defenceless State endeavor its destruction, to Compass which, means will finally be prosecuted that must drive its professors to despair & perhaps end in a Religious Quarrell which of all others ought to be avoided & guarded against — I have likewise mentioned the late Conduct of the Missionaries who were endeavoring to

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

obstruct the proceedings at the late Treaty and you are at Liberty to make what use you please of it which you may do without mentioning Names as so many Gentlemen of Rank attended the Treaty that it might have come from any of them, & altho' I defy the utmost of their Malice, I would rather if possible avoid the Scurrility which I know they are capable of uttering whenever their Conduct is exposed to the public. I wish I had leisure to enlarge on this as I have besides w^t. I before informed you discovered that they have endeavored in several discourses to place the Chh of England in the most disagreeable Light before the Ind^s & have made use of very Extraordinary arguments to that Effect to some Indians who have been educated down the Country, are Good Protestants & capable if necessary of proving it on them, I have likewise become master of M^r Wheelocks private Instructions to the Miss^{ys} which are of a very Extraordinary nature — I have now Made the Society another advantagious offer, and I hope they will avail themselves of it as it is now in their power, — It is of a Tract very near this place being part of a larger One lately Treated for with the Indians in which I took a Share containing 20,000 acres (The Ind^a. purchase of which is about £100.) meerly with a View to the Offer I now make them of that Quantity clear of the Ind^a. purchase to be Vested in the Society for the use of Missionaries &ca until the appointment of a Bishop, & then to go towards his Support, provided they will Apply for & obtain his Majestys Grant for it, which I am persuaded they have interest Enough to obtain on a very reasonable Lay perhaps with^t. fees or Quitrent. and if it is managed with any Care will produce above £100 Str ⁷/_p Ann in less than 8 Years.

The Rev^d. M^r Peters has Just informed me by Letter that he has found 2 very promising German Youths who understand the English Language & have been well educated who are desirous of taking Orders & Coming as Missionarys am^t. the Ind^s. — he proposes that they should first come up here & Learn the Indian Language, & has great hopes from their abilities and Inclination for that Charge, I should be glad to have your

thoughts upon it The Allow^{ce}. made for the Mission or what other¹ In Writing to the society concerning the Missions & Schools here I mentioned that I should be more particular in my Letter to you, but I am really at a Loss what to say Whilst the Three approved Missions, at Schenectady, Fort Hunter and Johnstown remain vacant and what is Worse, no prospect of their being speedily filled. Mr Seabury's Character has prejudiced me much in his favor, and I Wish for an Interview with him as it might I apprehend terminate in his settling hereabouts.— I have mentioned to the Society that I do not think any Men properly qualified for School Masters can be found for Less than About £25 Str. p Ann.— On looking over the Abstract of the Societys proceed^s. I find Some (such as Mr Newton at Ripton & Mr Gibbs at Simsbury &ca) at £30 p A I should think that Gent on that Salary would Gladly come to where a better provision was made for them, but as you can best know their Affairs & Character I Just mention it for your Consideration

DR. AUCHMUTY.

INDORSED: Dec^r. 21st. 1768

To D^r Sam^l. Auchmuty.

TO RICHARD PETERS

*Df.*²

Johnson-hall Dec^r. 21st 1768.

DEAR SIR,

I Sincerely thank you for your Letters of the 6th and 7th. of this Month and am heartily glad that you arrived safe and in health at Philadelphia.

¹ The sentence not completed.

² In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. In handwriting of Guy Johnson. The letter, dated 23d, is in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Peters Manuscripts, Philadelphia, Pa.

Give me Leave to Express the high Satisfaction I have received from the Very obliging and Friendly Sentiments you entertain of me and of my late Conduct, and to assure you that Mr. Penn may always command my best services and that I highly esteem his and your friendship.

Mr. Tilghman has wrote me that he is preparing the Cash. I beg you will offer him by best Compliments with the Letter herewith Transmitted I shall make the Indians easy about it until Col: Francis's¹ arrival.—

I am glad to hear that you have found out two Youths So promising as you describe who would take Orders and become Missionaries, I wish they were already ordained as the Missions in this Neighbourhood Vizt. Schenectady, The Mohocks, and Johnstown are Still Vacant, and none as yet found to fill them, whilst those of other denominations are making hasty Strides to attain to that Influence which will contribute to their other interested Views,— I suppose you mean that the Young Men should reside this way for some time and learn Some of the Language, & afterwards go over for Orders, and I am at a Loss to know whether The Society will not allow them w^t. is made² Now for the Mohock Mission or w^t. allowance else if any but I suppose These points are or can be easily settled and I shall be glad to see the Gentlemen & shall recommend them to the Mohocks &ca where they can Learn the Language, and Should the now Vacant Missions be filled up before they take Orders, I am certain that the Society will agree to Some farther Establishments or make them an allowance as Itinerants throughout the Six Nations where Men of Zeal and Abilities are greatly wanted, and where they might be assured of my friendship and Countenance.—

With regard to Mr. Murrays removal I understand the Protestants of Schenectady have wrote him, giving an Acct of what Terms he might expect there, The Society allows £40 Str

¹ Turbutt Francis, of Philadelphia.

² In the letter, "part of what is made."

Ann, and I have heard the Inhabitants say¹ they believed they could procure a house & make an Addition of £40 N York Currency to his Sallary, and I suppose there would be Some other advantages. —

Col Guy Johnson desires I would Express his Most Grateful Acknowledgments for the particular & friendly mention you have made of him and sincerely Wishes you & the Gentⁿ who were at Ft Stanwix Health & happiness, Col. Claus, is Also greatly obliged to you for your kind remembrance of him and offers you his Most sincere regards.

For my own part be assured that I shall always be happy in your Agreeable Correspondence, and in hearing that you enjoy that health & felicity which I most sincerely Wish you as

I am always Dear Sir,

I have not had a Line from any of
the Gent that attended the Treaty till
the Rect. of yours & of that from Mr Tilghman.

The REV^d. MR PETERS

INDORSED: Dec^r. 21st 1768

To the Rev^d. Mr Rich^d. Peters

TO JAMES TILGHMAN

*Df.*²

Johnson hall Dec^r. 21st. 1768

I am favored with your Letter of the 29th ult^o. [] cordially thank you for your very obliging and [frien]dly Expressions concerning my Conduct at the late Treaty, assuring You that I shall take great pleasure [in] serving Mr Penn or his friends on any occasion —

I am glad to find that the Cash is collecting and [sh]all make the Indians easy until the arrival of it [The] Word^s. wch you referr to when the Ind^s. say they will treat with [the] Pro-

¹ In the letter, "one of the Vestry Men Say."

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

prietors for Lands within Pennsylvania are inserted in the proceedings I have transmitted [to the] Secretary of State —

[I hea]rtily wish you well and shall always be with
[] Sir, &c

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.

[Quebeck, Dec. 22, 1768]

[]
broke his Word, yet []
that he should be forg[] Submission as
would [] Swits, the Attorney
General assures me [] sued this post he
too Seems to be a Friend of [Morrison?¹] pray Send me the
Original pass &c Which [] from Niagara least
I may again be deceived by p[rofessed friends?]

Never was such a party place as Canada, at Montreal []
is an assembly one rule is; none of Walker's² family or [any]
that Speak with him there can be none here the Judges []
the first place, there is the Honorable Capt: Duff's Lady she
[has not] yet been at Any of the Governors routs he gives One
every fort[night] where you may dance or play cards till 9 or
10 oClock drink [] little tea or Negus & then retire
parties run high Against the Governor & Judge at Montreal
[] for bailing Our interpreter Ainsie, the every body
Agrees [that] a General pardon was given to every body
concerned in the Indian War. when the peace was made by Brad-
street as well as in a Speech made by General Gage at Mont-
real to the Ottawas when they brought down Etherington

I mentioned to you that Perthui intended going to your house
& to send me money by him he does not go 'till the Lakes [are
frozen]

[]

¹ Who had brought a suit against Roberts.

² Justice Thomas Walker.

[] are so Scarce here the
 [] Starved man buried
 [] Mr. Dr [] Agent Victualer
 for [] provisions the Indians of Lorette
 are in [] distress] I have given them several Dollars since
 my [] 3 lb of bread Costs 8^d. Str & is yet so
 scarce the Bakers [] customers to an Allowance
 [] report prevail here that Lt. Sinclair has been
 rob'd in [] Lake Erie, by the Indians of every
 thing he had with [him] & that he is returned to Detroit
 [] find I shall be asked, being a Deputy of yours
 to Act in [] affairs that concern the Indians here, I have as
 yet declined [taking] any Indian affairs of this Government on
 me without your [dire]ctions.

An order has been kept a good private from the Soldiers how-
 ever [] lately got Wind, which has gained much ill
 will to General Gage. "No officer is to employ a Soldier to work
 for him without paying him 6^d. P day"

I hope you are in perfect State of good heath & that you and
 all your family meet with every Blessing this life affords hearing
 of which would overpay all the disagreeable moments I have
 pass'd in this party Country.

I am Sir

Your most affectionate
 humble Servant

B. ROBERTS

To

S^R. W^M. JOHNSON Baronet

ADDRESSED: To

Sir William Johnson Baronet
 at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: Quebec 22^d. Decbr []]

L^t. Roberts' Letter rec^d
 22^d. Janry. 1769

[2] Men with Commissary Bears to Oswego	at 100/	15. --
[] 5 Men with Commissary Roberts to Niagara	£9	54. --
[] & 5 Men with Provisions for Sir W ^m . to Fondas	at 15/	4.10.--
[] Peck & 8 Men with D ^o . to D ^o .	15/	6.15.--
[] De Graff & 2 Men with D ^o . to D ^o .	15/	2. 5.--
[] V Patten & 2 Men with D ^o . to D ^o .	15/	2. 5.--
[] Potman and 8 Men with D ^o . to D ^o .	15/	6.15.--
[] and 5 Men with D ^o . to D ^o .	15/	4 [10]
[] and 8 Men with D ^o . to D ^o .	15/	6 [15]
[] Dance and 14 Men with D ^o . to Fort Stanwix	48/	36. --
[] and 14 Men with D ^o . to D ^o .	48/	36. --
[] Van Eps and 11 Men with D ^o . to Harkemans	at 36/	21 [12]
[] and 7 Men with D ^o . to D ^o .	36/	12.12.--
[]rt Wimple and 66 Men with D ^o . from Sir W ^{ms} . to Fort Stanwix	48/	160.16.--
[] Glen for 3 New Oil Cloths & Cords to cover the Powder		10. 8.--
[] Detained 4 Days each	at 4/	3. 4.--
[] Dance and 8 Men with Provi- sions to Fort Stanwix	at 48/	21.12.--
[] Trips from Harkeman's to D ^o . each Trip at 4/ p ^r . Day		36. --
[] Detained 17 Days	at 4/	30.12. [1]
[] Wimple and 14 Men with Provi- sions to D ^o	48/	36. --
[] and 11 Men with D ^o . to D ^o .	48/	28. [16]
[]lstine and 11 Men with D ^o . to D ^o .	48/	28.16.--
[detain]ed by Sir W ^m . Johnson at Fort Stanwix 51 Days	4/	10. 4.--
[] 51 D ^o . d ^o .		10. 4.--

[	]	5l D ^o . d ^o .	10. 4.-
[	]	5l D ^o . d ^o .	10. 4.-
[	]	5l D ^o . d ^o .	10. [4.-]
[	]	5l D ^o . d ^o .	[10. 4.-]
[]
To Adam Smith	D ^o .	[]
To Mathise V; Derheyden	D ^o .	[]
To David Sopus and 5 others for collecting		[]
had been left by the Indians that were		[]
bringing them to Schenectady each 6 Days		[]

Carriages

To Douw Fonda for carrying 28 Loads of			
Provisions to and from Johnson Hall	at 5/	[]
To Volckort Veeder for 3 D ^o . of D ^o . to D ^o .	at 5/	[]
To Abraham Fonda for 16 D ^o . of D ^o . to D ^o .	at 5/	[]
To Peter Hansen for 4 D ^o . of D ^o . to D ^o .	at 5/	[]
To Barnet B Wimp for 3 D ^o . of D ^o . to D ^o .	at 5/	[]
To Barnet M: Wimp for 27 D ^o . of D ^o . to D ^o .	at 5/	[]
To Abraham Veeder for 1 D ^o . of D ^o . to D ^o .	at 5/	[]
To Cornelius Smith for D ^o . of D ^o . to D ^o .	at 5/	[]
To Arent Smith for 3 D ^o . of D ^o . to D ^o .	at 5/	[]

TO LAUHLAN MACLEANE

Df.¹

[Johnson Hall, Dec. 24, 1768]

[] Bostwick had not an opportunity []
 me your favor of June last till Just [before my de]parture for
 holding the Treaty concerning the [bound]ary Line at Fort
 Stanwix, and the Variety []ness and Trouble I had
 during my long Stay there [toge]ther with many other matters
 I had to dispatch Since [my] return last Month deprived me of
 the pleasure of answering [] Sooner,— You may be
 Assured that M^r. Bostwick and the Gentlemen concerned in the

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

Application for the Mines, shall meet with all the Countenance, advice, and Assistance which it is in my power to afford them, and I by this opportunity transmit my Opinion to the Earl of Hillsboro' [] the expediency of that plan agreeable to his Majesty's Order [as sign]ified to me by his Lordship in which [with] the proviso that the Expence may not be too great I am of [the] opinion that it may be practicable to obtain [the consent] of the Indians & advantagious if such measures are afterwards pursued as [I have ther]ein taken the Liberty to recommend in gen^l. terms.— [] doubt but that sev^l. Objects of Value might be [] with Success in this Country if due care [] the Affections of the Ind^s. to afford them [] avoid giving] them any umbrage []

[]

to Gentlemen [] as well as most of [] Capacity and little or no observation [] now occurs to me as it has frequently [] persuaded a Great advantage would be [derived [] as well as to his Majestys Interests here, if [] as I heartily wish it were in good hands,— If you [] readily make you acquainted with it on your [] a Line signifying your Inclinations to be in[formed on the] subject, and I shall take it kindly if you will [] any Services in my power here in return for your [] offers of the Like nature, as

I am

FROM GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

Phill^a. Dcb^r. 25th 1768

I aply^d. to Docter Evens an able Phisision in this place for the Broom [] fer you and he has prepar^d. [] time as Directed In the Recept. which [I] Send you by Mr. Picken with the Docters Leter to Me and he will gett [M]ore

wh. I will Take up with Me [w]hen I go About the begining
of Feby [] and hope you will Receive a benifitt from itt

I have Received by Cap^t. Forbes¹ from [Fort] Chartres Mr.
Coles Accounts A[moun]ting to £2156 butt No Leter []
only a Draft on Me for []nt.

I Wout Truble your honor w[] att present
Mr. Cole Writes Mr. [Wharton that] he will by Way of New
orlance [] a full account of his Department

There is No Late accounts from F[ort Chartres?]

I am Dear Sir with Great Respect your

Most obedient & Most
Humble Servant

GEO: CROGHAN

To the Hon^{ble}. SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Barr^t.

INDORSED: Decbr. 25th. 1768 —

Mr. Croghans Letter

wth. an Enclosure

TO HENRY BOSTWICK

*Df.*²

[Johnson] Hall Dec^r. 28th. 1768

[my re]turn from holding the late Treaty at [Fort
Stanwix] last month I was favored with yours of the [14th of
Octo]ber, and a few days ago with that of the 10th. of this
[month,] the former of which from the sev^l. dispatches I had
[to make] up at my return and the great resort of Indians on
[recent] occasions I could not sooner answer.— upon my
[arriv]al at home I found a Pacquet from His Majestys
[secretary] of State referring to me the consideration of your
[pro]posal (as you expected) in consequence of a Report of

¹ Captain Gordon Forbes, of the 34th regiment, former commandant
at Fort Chartres.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

[the] Lords of Trade¹ a Copy of which with other papers were likewise transmitted to me, desiring My report thereon [wi]th that of the Commander in Chief previous to any farther [pro]ceedings.— I have given this Subject as much attention [as] the time would permit me and have now transmitted [my] Opinion to his Majesty thereon to the best of my Judgmt. [the] Sum of which is that provided, [] appears to be an Object worthy attention as I have [] was after due Consideration of the distance & other [circumstances] attending its situation on which I co^d. not pretend to determine with any certainty. I am of opinion that [] & Explaining the affair to the Chiefs of the Ind^s. [] may] be prosecuted, and that it may be continued [] of] the Indians, if no Settlements beyond [] the Works be attempted, and they treated [] I have more fully explained []

[]

and I ma[] Matter, and have [] with the Expences attending it [] that I persuade myself there wi[] in the farther prosecution of this business

The affidavit & Accot you transmit me c[oncerning Ainsel] is very strong, Nevtheless I must observe [] of the Canadians at that time there hardly con[sidered themselves] as British Subjects, and possibly some of [] Circumstances of affairs then ha[] measure compelled to do what they [] take it upon me to say that that is [] help remarking that there were [some who] during those Troubles acted even a m[ore] described, who have not [] have they taken [] a Mans Ignorance [] of War, the Circumstances [] his future good Conduct and deservings, [] for the particulars you have communicated [] th]at Man which I shall take into farther

¹ Representation of the Lords of Trade, May 7, 1768, *supra*.

[considerati]on, the determination concerning which will be [] others.—

With regard to the Mines you will doubtless [] in the Spring from England, I shall be glad to contribute to [] suc]cess by any means in my power, as well as to have [your] farther thoughts thereon not having at present Leisure [to] add more than that I am

&ca

TOOLS FOR THE INDIAN DEPARTMENT

D.¹

Memorandum of Tools and Materials much wanted by the Smith of the Indⁿ. Department at Niagara Dec^r. 28th. 1768

- 1 p^r. Bellows
- 1 scrue plate for Britch pins
- 1 Large shears
- 1 Oz. Borax
- 1℥ Iron wire
- ½℥ Binding wire
- 1℥ Glue
- 3 Doz files of all sortes

Iron and Steel

Memorandom of Tools & Material Which is Wanting For Cap^t. Mc. Leods Niagara

- 1 Bellows
- 1 Schruplate for Bridgepins
- 1 Large Sheairs
- 1 Oz. Burrax
- 1℥ Iron Wier
- ½℥ Binding Wier
- 1℥ Glue
- 3 Doz^d files of all Sorts

Iron & Steel —

¹ The two memoranda are separate documents in the Johnson Calendar. The second was inclosed in McLeod's letter of January 4, 1769.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BOUNDARY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
PURCHASE*Copy*

[
in the said Country [] of the
River Sasquehanna [] the said boundary
Line down the said [] thereof till it
comes opposite the Mouth of a [Creek called by] the Indians
Awandae and across the River [] Creek on the
South side thereof and along the Range [of the] Hills called
Burnets Hills by the English and by [the] Indians.

¹on the North side of them [] head of
a Creek which runs into the West Branch [of the] Susquehanna
which Creek is by the Indians called Tiadag[hton] and down
the said Creek on the south Side thereof [] to the said
West Branch of Susquehanna then crossing the said River and
runing up the same on the South side thereof the several Courses
thereof *to the fork of the said River which lies nearest to a place
on the River Ohio called Kittanning and from the said Fork by
a strait Line to Kittanning aforesaid* and then down the said
River Ohio by the several Courses thereof to where the Western
Bounds of the said province of Pennsylvania crosses the same
River and then with the said Western Bounds² []
[]
[] a Tract of []
[] from the Six Nations
[] Deed bearing Date
[]d Day of October One thousand
[seven] hundred & fifty eight and then with the []
Bounds of that tract to the River Sasquehanna and crossing the
River Sasquehanna to the Northern Boundary Line of another

¹ A vacant place in the manuscript.

² Compare this description with one in *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist.*, 8:136.

Tract of Land purchased from the Indians by Deed bearing Date the 22^d. [] 1749 and then with that Northern Boundary Line to the River Delaware at the North side of the Mo[uth] of a Creek called Lechawacsein then up the said Ri[ver] Delaware on the West side thereof to the Intersection by an East Line to be drawn from Owegy aforesaid to said River Delaware and then with that East L[ine] to the Beginning at Owegy aforesaid

True Copy
 JAMES TILGHMAN Sec []

EXEMPLIFIED COPY OF THE DELAWARE GRANT¹ TO MR PENN

[]
 [] blankets Six Duffel []
 [] Kettles We therefore in Gratitude
 [] Present as wel in Consideration of the
 [] Grants made by our said Ancestors Predecessors
 as of the said several Goods [] before mentioned the
 Receipt whereof we do hereby Acknowledge Doe by these
 presents for [our] Heirs and Successors Grant Remise Release
 for ever quitclaim unto the said William [Penn] Heirs and
 Assigns all the said Lands [] between the said two
 Rivers of Delaware and Sasquehannah from Duck Creek to
 the Mo[untains] on this Side Leehay and all our Estate
 [] Title Interest Property Claim and Deman[] o
 ver in and to the same or any part [] So that neither
 We nor any of us nor [] Person or Persons in the behalf
 of any [] shall or may hereafter lay any claim
 []
 man and Op[] do acknowledge that
 We[] divers Deeds of [sale] read under [the]
 Hands and Seals of the former [] Chiefs

¹ Certified by Charles Brockden, recorder of deeds for Philadelphia.—
 Johnson Calendar. See III:794-95, 802-6, 815-16, *supra*.

of the Delaware Indians our [Ancestors] and Predecessors who were Owners of [] between DeLaware and Sasquehanna [] by which Deeds they have granted [and con]veyed unto William Penn Proprietor and [] Governour in Chief of the Province of Pen[nsyl]vania and to his Heirs & Assigns all and singular their Lands Islands Woods & Water situate between the said two Rivers of Delaware and Sasquehannah and had recvd full Satisfaction for the same And we doe further acknowledge that we are fully content and satisfied with the said Grant And Where [] the Commissioners or Agents of the said William [Penn]
[]
any of them []ment of the Same. In
[] hereunto set our Hands & Seals [this]

the Seventeenth Day of September [our Lord One
thousand Seven hundred [and eighteen]
[] and Delivered Sassoonam his ~~X~~ mark
[] all but Pokehais and Pokehais ³³ his []
[] awmaman who were Metasneechav ~~O~~ his []
absent) in the presence of Ayyamaikan
W. Keith¹ Ghettypeneeman ~~16~~ his mark
Jonat Dickinson Opekasseh his ~~*~~ mark
[] Preston Pepawmaman his ~~21~~ mark
Job. Assheton
Anth^o. Palmer
Indian ~~2~~ Sam Son to Essepenaikes
Indian ~~0~~ Peter Pokehais's Nephew or Oweaykoman
[] hagues ~~E~~ conk or Toby
his mark
[] soigh ~~f~~ cenam
his mark
[] ha ~~M~~ lappis or Andrew
[] and delivd by Pokehais [] omaman in the Presence
of [] es Logan, Neeshala [] or Andrew, Nedawayay*
or [] Assheton, Clem^t. P [] David Evans
Re [] 13th. May 1728

[]
[] Office in Pat. Book []
[] Witnesseth my Hand
s^d. Office C. Brockden Rec[order]

Indorsed: Exemplified Copy
of the Delaware Grant
to M^r. Penn of Lands
Between Delaware and
Susquehanna Rivers
Dated 17 Sept^r 1728.

¹ Sir William Keith, deputy governor of Pennsylvania.

A REGISTER OF COMMISSIONS

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 412, is entered, undated, a register of military commissions issued by Sir Henry Moore for Albany county, Sir William Johnson, brigadier general (copied out of the Military Book, and inclosed in Henry Van Schaack's letter of November 24th, 1769). The manuscript was much injured by the fire, but is printed in the *Third Annual Report of the State Historian of New York*, p. 887-89.

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

[N. York, Jan. 1,] 1769

[] paquet is arrived is not to be con[]
that she brings no sort of interesting [news] most certain.

[] Senate will not meet till the 16th of this
[month. T]he Delay is attributed to the unprepared []
of the Ministry to meet the Representatives [of the peo]ple
loaded with petitions & remonstrances [on the score] of Griev-
ances. It seems to have been the [determi]ned resolution of
the prince not to indulge the [petition]ers in their favorite object,
a Dissolution of the [parlia]ment. The first Charles was
teased [until] he Signed Wentworths Death Warrant, that
Conces[sion] the third George now Contemplates deeply upon,
know[ing it] cost his predecessor's life. All the people about
the [throne] are high prerogative asserters, and protest against
[the g]ratification so eagerly solicited, which makes it [a very]
doubtfull point, and yet, if he does not yeild, great [stride]s
will be taken towards a Democracy. Indeed, Sir [Willi]am,
the Mother Country has not been so much dis[]
Abdication, as it is at present.

[The] revenue Acts would not be repealed if the Ministry
[] must do something in this Session to save appear-
ances, could stand [] without a revocation of
them.

[The Chan]cellor¹ will give up the Seals at the End of the

¹ Charles Pratt, Lord Chancellor Camden.

do be [] have your Commands & Assure Yourself that I shall a [lways be] with the Sincerist Regard to Truth
 Sir your Most Obed^t Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

My Indispositon has prevented me
 Calling on S^r H Moore about your Affair
 but will wait upon him to morrow & shall acquaint
 with the Result ☉ Next

The Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON B^r

TO JOHN PENN

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson*] *hall Jany 3^d 1769*

[] Last] Night M^r. M^cClay arrived here with the money
 and] delivered me your favor of the 17th ult^o. [in consequ]ence
 of which I shall imediately call the Chiefs [of each] Tribe to
 meet me at the most convenient place [] I shall make
 the fairest and most Satisfactory distribution []
 and shall transmit ample Acquittances on their parts []
 your Satisfaction, This is the only way it can be done & I
 []d it necessary to inform you of it, as it must neces-
 sarily [be] attended with some Expence which I shall defray
 on the [par]t of the Proprietaries, and transmit you the amount
 [whic]h will be as small as I can possibly manage it.—

I take this opportunity of returning you many thanks [for]
 the polite & friendly manner in which you have Expressed
 [your]self concerning my Conduct towards the Proprietaries
 [] late Treaty, and you may be assured that I shall [be
 on] all Occasions sincerely disposed to their interest, and
 [] in any opportunity of Testifying the perfect
 [] with which I am

Sir

&ca

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

TO RICHARD PETERS

*A. Df. S.*¹*Johnson Hall, Janry. 3^d. 1769*

DEAR SIR/

Your most friendly and agreeable letter of the 17th. Ult^o. was delivered to me last night by Mr. McClay, together with y^e. Money for the Six Nations, which shall be paid to them as Soon as I can conveniently Assemble a few Cheifs of Each Nation to come and receive it. The Misfortune of it, is that on those Occasions many more will come than are called or necessary, wick must create an unavoidable Expence. but this the Proprietors may be assured of, that the greatest Oeconomy shall be used by me You are sensible that there is no calling those People² on any business without Expence, & this could only have been prevented by paying them the money at y^e. time the Deed was executed. —

As I have wrote you fully on y^e. Subjects of y^r. former letter, I have only to Assure You of my warmest wishes for y^r. Health & Welfare, & that I am most sincerely & Affectvly. Y^{rs}.

W J

The REVR^D. MR. PETERS

(different writing)

The Indians of Conajoharee (The upper Mohock Village) are now very solicitous to have a Church erected at that place, they have contributed to it already a handsome Sum as much as they could Afford, and have pressed me to endeavor to obtain Contribut^{ns}. for compleating it, I have accordingly Mentioned it to D^r Auchmuty to endeavor to obtain Something from his Congregation, and as they have desired it from a very favorable Expectation they Entertain of those of your City I could not

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. The letter, torn in several places, is in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Peters Manuscripts, Philadelphia, Pa.

² In the letter, "such Mercenary People."

avoid Mentioning it to you. I believe it will be needless to remark to you that this their pious inclination deserves encouragement, & that any Assistance they may now receive, will hereafter reflect Credit on & afford real pleasure to those who animated with the same Charitable sentiments May contribute to this Infant Foundation¹—

INDORSED: Janr^y. 3^d. 1769
 To Parson Peters
 ☞ Mr. Mac Clay

TO WILLIAM SMITH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 412, is listed a letter of January 3d to the Rev. William Smith, concerning Mr. Murray, two young men mentioned for orders, lands for a church, effects of the new boundary on land grants, Sir William's desire to serve Mr Smith and Mr Barton and his election as a member of the Philosophical Society². (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:401-2; Q, 4:252.)

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*³

[*Johnson hall*] Jan^y 4, [1769]

[] had the favor of your Letter of the 19th of [December. I] acknowledge the mistake of the date of my [] mention which should have been the 9th. Dec^r.

I have sent off your Letters for Niagara by a very [] hand, and have heard that the Schooner which ran [asho]re at Sandousky has been since got off by cutting away [] Upper Works &ca & is arrived at Detroit, I suppose that [the] Speeches Capt Glasier has transmitted are the same with [those] he sent me, I inclose you an Extract of every thing material in

¹ The letter has in addition the following: "I have sent for M^r. Munro of Albany to come up next Sunday & administer y^e Sacrament to a Number of old Communicants of both Mohawk Villages at their desire."

Adieu ———

² Founded by Benjamin Franklin.

³ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

his Letter,—you will find by it that the Letters [] La Rain which he says contained matter of importance are mislaid and are not come to hands. — The Substance of [their] Intelligences are of much the same Nature with [rega]rd to the Spaniards & French as those I have had [and] continue to receive from different quarters. — I wrote [Lieut Sin]clair somewhat to the effect mentioned in yours, as I am [of the] same way of thinking, and I should not have mentioned [] the last time but that I have been well assured [that that] Gentleman, had taken upon him at one of the posts [my] Conduct as unjust for not paying him, and to [] extraordinary Language which it is not his interest [] [] you thanks for the Extract of your Letter [] Lake Superior, and I agree with you [] Answering the [expectations] [] of their proj[ect] [] of some persons wh[] there, & by taking effe[ctual] the Indians] from being imposed upon or illt[reated]] as for the rest I observed that I [] & that the Ore was very Rich, [] of persons in Canada had totally failed [the wages] here of Battoemen & the prices of Labour were [lower in this] Country than they are at present, That the ol[] of Transportation were great which I explain[] & that with regard to the Quantity of the Ore [] an Object that would answer the Expence I [could not take] upon me to Answer with Certainty.¹—

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:144-45, is a letter of January 4th, 1769, from the Earl of Hillsborough, in which the boundary line established by the Fort Stanwix treaty is disapproved, and Johnson is advised to discontinue discussion of the plan of trade proposed in 1765 and since discarded.

¹ Compare Johnson's letter of December 23d, 1768, to the Earl of Hillsborough, *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:140-42,

FROM NORMAND MAC LEOD

A. L. S.

[Niagara, Jan. 4, 1769]

[] that was here two days
 [] from the Senecas and Chip-
 [pewas]ation, he was about telling me the
 mean [] other Messesaga Soberer than him came
 in [and put an end?] to his discours by telling him he spoke too
 much [] the[y both set off and I have not seen any of them
 []w]ere offended at not being able to come to my House,
 [No Ind]ian at present can, as the Centry at the small Fort
 [in whi]ch I live, has Orders to allow no Indian to come in
 [] it was no great Matter as I could come to them
 [when] they wanted me.

[The post] Market of which I had the pleasure of acquaint-
 ing [you some] time ago, is likely to be of bad consequence.
 The [Indians a]re very angry at being stoped in the Fort and
 having [as they] Say their Vanison forced from them by the
 Soldiers, who [have no]thing to give them but bread in return
 and that in small [] which they do not like, as they
 often want Shirts [] and other Cloathing for their
 Meat which a Soldiers [] afford to give them. The
 Indians are not allowed [to make a] present of the least bit of
 meat to any Trader, nor []ed to keep a piece for their
 own eating; Whatever [] must be sold at the place
 appointed for the Market. [] a Seneca head Warrior
 was here about ten Days [ago thrown in] to a most violent
 passion at being stop'd from [] Town and threatned
 to go to war immediately. [] that tho' strictly
 Sober he Cryed like a Child [] nor speak for a
 long time, because the [sentry] Bayonet to him when he
 offer'd to go to [] there is not an Indian that comes
 [] Dissatisfyed at the usage th[]
 []
 of my present [] People in
 power [] the good of the

Service [] I wish Mr.
 Decouaigne [] how to act, for at present
 I am []
 The Bearer Ca, run, da, wa, ne can g[ive] Method of
 treating the Indians at this p[ost.] sort of a
 fellow, I have given a belt [] which he is to
 deliver you.
 Enclosed I send you a list of Tools &ca. wan[ted] which
 I hope you'll be so good as send if the d[epartment] at
 this place.
 I hope you will be kind enough to send som[e flour] as all
 the provisions the Indians and Smith [] is to be
 returnd in flour if it is not I shall [] Breach of
 promise, and be obliged to make the [] own
 expence which I can not well afford.
 Mrs. MacLeod Sends you her kindest respects []
 wishing you the Comp^{ts}. of the season with many retur[ns]

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient []

Most Humble Ser^t

NOR^d. M[AC LEOD]

To The Hon^{ble}.

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

TO HENRY MOORE

Df.¹

[Johnson] hall Jan^y 4th 1769

[] favor of the 19th ult^o. came to []
 [] answered by last post. [] am
 Glad to find that you purpose to be here at the time you
 mention as the sledding is then generally very good and I
 [] that you may not be prevented by the Sitting [of
 the] Assembly. I shall [] agreeable to your desire,
 call Just as many Chiefs [of the] Nations concerned as are

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

necessary so as to be here by [the] 9th or 10th of next Month to attend you in order to perfect [] Sales you mention^d. The Indians of both the Mohock [villa]ges, are soon called, but my reason for mentioning the 9th [or 10th of] February is on Account of the old Sachems of Onoghquagey [] cannot well be here before that time on acct of the [] and the depth of Snow in the Woods.—

Agreable to the Estimate you are now pleased to send [] the fees due on the Schohare purchase, I have now [] enabled Mr. Banyar to pay my Share [] Patent may be taken out and also to pay whatever [] the fifth of the Oneida purchase as I heartily [] patents were out. [] with most perfect Esteem, Sir,

&ca

THOMAS GAGE TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

*Extract*¹

(N^o. 21)

New York Jan^y 5th: 1769

MY LORD,

I inclose your Lordship a Paper, which contains an Account of all the Expences that have attended the late Indian Treaty, as well for Presents to the Indians for the Tract of Country they have ceded, as for the Maintaining them at Fort Stanwix, and other Expences during the Negotiation. A very large District becoming now the Property of the Crown, which will fall into the Provinces of New York, Pensylvania and Virginia, Adventurers in Land who used to purchase Tracts of the Savages, might now purchase of the Crown; and be a means to indemnify the Crown, for the Expence of this Treaty, independent of the Quit-Rents. I speak of the Lands which shall be added to New York and Virginia, The Tracts which fall within the Limits of Pensylvania, as yet unpurchased by the Proprietarys of that Province, can be only settled with the Proprietarys.

¹ In Public Record Office, C. O. 5.87, p. 5, London, England.

EXPENSES OF FORT STANWIX TREATY

Contemporary Copy¹

Copy/

Sir William Johnson's Account of the Expence
of the Indian Congress lately held with them for
the Settlement of the Indian Boundaries.

1768		
Novem ^r .	To what Paid to the Six Nations &ca in Publick for the Cession of Land they made to the Crown.....	£10,460.. 7.. 3
	To Presents; and Provisions bought on the Spot for the use of the Indians, not included in the above.....	2,328.. 2.. 5
	To Robert Leake Esq ^r . Commissary General of Stores and Provisions. His Account of Provisions sent from Albany to Schenectady (Between 25 th : May and 24 th : of October 1768) for the use of the several Nations of Indians, which lately met in Congress at Fort Stanwix 46,603½ Rations at 3¾ Sterling p ^r : Ration £728.. 3.. 7	758.. 4.. 5
	The Expence of Transporting said Provisions from Albany to Schenectady	30..—..—
		£13,546.. 14.. 1
		Sterling

¹ In Public Record Office, C. O. 5.87, p. 13, London, England.

INDORSED: Copy

Sir William Johnson's
 Account of the Expence of the
 Indian Congress, lately held
 with them for the Settlement
 of the Indian Boundaries.—
 Am^t. £13,546..14..1 Sterling
 In Gen^l. Gage's (N^o. 21) of
 5th. Jany. 1769
 Inclosure 1st.

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

New York 7 Jan^y 1769.

I received your favour of 12 Dec^r. & [thank you] for the Bill sent me for Cap^t Roberts [draft on] you, which I now inclose you with a [receipt for] the same. & I hope the Acco^ts. [] you of Cap^t Spicemaker will enable [you to] send me a Bill for that demand.

Since I wrote you about L^t. Galland [I have recei]ved a Letter from him, full of the [most] gratefull acknowledgements for your [] & generosity to him & he has also [let General] Gage know how kind you had been, []
 Affair is at an End

The Packett is arrived, & but verry little [except bad] News. The Kings Speech verry tart [the minis]try seem determined to put an End [to American] Claims of being free from the Parliament they will tax us, [] time — severall Changes in the M[inistry. Sir] Jeffry Amherst¹ is again reinstated, [] by many that he will be sent out [] as Generall & Com^r. in Chief & that Gen^l. Gage will] be

¹ Amherst, nonresident Governor of Virginia, was removed in 1768, and succeeded by Lord Botetourt.

recalled — Youll no doubt hear [] assembly in dissolved,² & that there is [more] than 8 Candadites — 4 of the *Delancy* or [Church] & 4 of the *Livingstonian* or Dissinting [party]

You have no doubt heard of Coll Phi[lip] Schuylers arbitrary, & overbearing, bul[lying] manner here, & how Jacob Walton [] & they were bound over. I assure you [] behaved verry odley here, & I am told [you] & the Indian Congress with some dis[respect. (I?)] got into his Company, & introduced [] about that Affair, but his tone was [] *By God* his Bones would have pa[id for]

I think you ought to ex[ert yourself] he should not be returned [] write you, to beg if you had no [(choice?) in pa]rticular, you would get Sir John [returned] & I now repeat the same. I am [w]ould give great pleasure to many [] sincere Friends, amongst which I take [the freedom] to rank myself — & as you have [] your power to send who you please for [] Co. I wish you would stop Col^o Schuylers [election] you might send a fitter Man that poor [] for Schenactady. If these hints dont [meet your] Approbation, I beg they may not meet [your dis]pleasure, & that youll attribute them to [the dic]tates of a Heart strongly attached to you [& will] believe me verry truly.

D^r Sir

Y^r. obliged & obed^t Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

[] cts to
 [] all y^e family
 [] N Bar^t.

² On January 2d.

FROM JOHN TABOR KEMPE

A. L. S.

[*New York*] *January 9th 1769.*

You have doubtless heard of a Claim my Wifes [] to an immense Tract of Land granted by Charles the [1st to Sir Rob]ert Heath his Attorney General extending from the 31st to the [36th degre]e of North Latitude inclusiveiy, and Westward from [] the Atlantic Ocean to the South Sea. Settlements were [made by Lor]d Maltravers, afterwards Earl of Arundel,¹ who was Charles [] generalissimo in his war with Scotland, which with the [] Troubles prevented his farther Attention to it. Afterwards [] 1696 Mr. Coxes Great Grandfather, who had purchased [] fi]tted out two Ships, and embarqued a great Number of [] be provided at a very great Expencc, with all kinds of [] well for improving the Lands as defending themselves [entered] & sailed a good Way up the River Mississippi [] of the Country for the King by fixing up the Kings [] places, but were drove off by a Detachment of [] sent by Mr. Ibberville² from the Illinois — [coun] try to the East of the Mississippi continued in the [] til the late Peace — Mr. Coxe not being [a subject] of France, was obliged to desist from any after Attempts of settlement having sunk [] in that I have mentioned, and many others by L[ater] for exploring the Country, and not being able to obtain [] of the Public, tho he was often promised it by W^m. 3^d.

At the last Peace the Family hoped to receive [] Original Rights, and made Dispositions for solliciting []

¹ Thomas Howard, second Earl of Arundel, at one time styled Lord Maltravers.

² Pierre Le Moyne, Sieur d' Iberville, founder of Louisiana.

but by Negligence of their Agents nothing was done [] induced Mr. Coxe my Brother in Law to visit England [himself] he went just before me, and is there yet. We had much [] with it while I remained in England it being treated as a [] obsolete Claim, which the Government ought not to [] and I left it much unsettled —

By the last Pacquet he writes me, that [the government] had determined to recommend him to his Magisty for [a grant of] One hundred thousand Acres of Land in this Province [] Lieu of his surrendering his Claim, which they look on as [] a Compensation for the Losses the Family has sustained [] spirited Attempt which can be made appear to be [] Two hundred Thousand Pounds stg. besides the Loss of []

Adverse to a Contest with the Governme[nt he had] determined to accept of this Offer poor as it is, com[pared] to his Losses, or the Extent of the Territories he claim[s] remaining Difficulty is where to locate this Gra[nt with] advantage for himself and the rest of the [Family.] I reckon myself one being entitled to an [] Wife. He desires me to endeavor to fix [] from any Person here, having attempted for [] discover a good Location for only 5000 Acres for [] Mandamus, but in vain.

I am sensible I should do but little Justice to your [] dispo[sition could I have the least doubt of your kind [] if] in your Power, (the Case of the Family which I [have] stated is hard) yet I ought to appologize for the Liberty [of insis]ting if you know where this Grant can be located [] that you would do me the Favor to inform me, [The mandam]us is not yet come so that there will be Time for [] the properest Location. I fear the Grant must be [] in one Piece, that having been the usual Course on [mandam]us's, tho fearing there will be great Diffi-culty in [locating] at this day so large a Tract of valuable Land I [] to him if possible to procure the Liberty of

taking it up [] Parcels. Pardon the Liberty I have
 taken in giving [you this] Trouble

I am

With great Respect

Dear Sir

Your much obliged

& most humble Servant

J. T. KEMPE

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[*New York, Jan. 9, 1769*]

[]
 & pay Accounts ever since [] write
 my Letters— []

I had proposd writing you a very []
 extraordinary Behavior of Phil Schuyler [] &
 Collonel of a Regiment of Militia,; However []
 Doctor Auchmuthy came to acquaint me he had [written you a
 letter] & Showd me the Copy — the Letter was Sent by the
 Exp[ress] the Warrants to Albany &c^a for the Election
 of a [New assembly] I hope to God you will have received this
 Letter before [] you with Some Facts which you
 may Safely re[ly on concerning] the above bullying, courageous
 Gentleman — Indeed [nothing] me more than that you
 Shoud fix upon Such a person, w[ho would be a] paltry Tool
 & meer Machine of a Faction in this Town [] your
 Avowd Enemies & are eternally doing every thing in their
 [] to poison the Minds of People here, with
 Prejudices (which you [] Nay, which great Numbers
 know you do not deserve) against [you] & your Family — yet
 you have fixed upon him to be a Colonel [under] Your Com-
 mand — Schuylers Conduct in the House has Certainly [made]
 him the laughing Stock of every body, except the Faction of

[] Presbiterians So far we will laugh at him — but there is [] of his Conduct in the Assembly, which points immediately to y[our family] which I cannot help taking Notice of & which I will leave you [to] resent as you think proper — It is Said here that during the last Election at Schenectady or Albany Some of your Family were [] & made some Oposition or did Something to contradict Some illegal or unfair Measures which were taking by Schuyler the Sheriff¹— out of Resentment for This, Coll Schuyler Made a Motion in the house []²

[] Sir] John to be member for Albany
 [] gives me half so much
 [] if you have a mind — do
 [] Sir John & convince the Rascally Party of your Influence [] to See the Time when Sir John will make a Shining [Judge? in this] Province & we conceive it will be of Service to him to begin [] Assembly — the Sooner the better —Am I impertinent Sr William [] Zeal I have for you & your Family — Nay I know [] Sir I do but Speak the Language of thousands [] have Some Reason to believe you will be wrote to by Some old [] of yours here upon the Subject — I will throw in my Mite also

No Man loves you better — nor is more impatient at any Hint to your disadvantage — Damn them All — a pack of hipocritical, Cheating, Lying, canting, illdesigning Scoundrells — how we wd have them all between our Finger & Thumb here in this City — & I am not the least afraid but we Shall Carry our Election All Hollow against the Miscreants — Notwithstanding all the Sly Endeavours of that Snake in the Grass — Will Smith — Your Brother Councill³— *O Tempora O Mores* And notwithstanding the 3 hour Harangue of J. M. Scott the other Day

¹ Hermanus Schuyler, sheriff from June 1761, to October 1770.

² Several lines missing. Schuyler's motion was to prevent members of the council from interfering in elections.

³ William Smith jr, the Historian.

in which he told the Mob, that the Church of England had fixed on a Design to extirpate all other Denominations of Christians & that unless they woud all rise up like One Man & Stick close to him, they woud Soon have their Steeples puled down & their pulpitts & Pews burnt [in] the Streets — whilst Rage, Dis-
 apointment & Dispair, made him [] like a Calf —
Oh! Jimmy Thompson — Jimmy Thompson Oh! except
 [] diverting & Ridiculous to the Bystanders

¹[I arrived here St. John's day, when there was a grand procession of the whole fraternity, and a very excellent sermon preached by Dr. Auchmuthy, at Trinity Church, on the occasion. At the same time a collection was made for the city, which I think amounted to £200. Would you think it — but it is true — that the Presbyterians immediately labored to convert this charitable affair to the disadvantage of the church of England, and the part which they take in the election ensuing? Will Smith and W. Livingston, got an old rascally sermon, called "Masonry the sure Guide to Hell," reprinted and distributed it with great assiduity, . . .and there is, this day, an extraordinary lodge held on the occasion in order to consult means to resent the affront.]
 Seems 9 [] of the City [] Stick by
 them & there is this [] Occasion in
 order to Consult [] the Schemes of
 that disperate Party [] & I hope they ever
 will do whilst they choose to [] Rights of
 Mankind —

I have not Time to say any more than that I []
 the greatest Sincerity, & Truth

Sir Your most Obed^t Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

INDORSED: New York Jan^{ry} 9th. 1769

M^r Wetherheads letter

¹ The following paragraph is supplied from an extract printed in W. L. Stone's *Life and Times of Sir William Johnson*, 2:318.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

[New] London 11th Jan^{ry} 1769

The Susquehanna Company pay not [the least] Regard to what Col^o Fitch and I have [] many of them was mentioned by the [Indians] in Council at Fort Stanwix — they [say that] Great part of their Purchase (which was [abso]lutely lands within the Charter of the [Colo]ny of Connecticut) is now within the line [settled] by you between the Indians and [] Colonys and as they shall now have no [] res]pects with the Indians they determine to [settle] the land and for that purpose at this late [mee]ting at Hartford made provision for Fifty [] to go of this winter to lay out a Number [of to]wnships, Cut & prepare Roads &ca and [] five hundred Settlers are to set down [] lands Early in the spring — Mr Goddard [win]ter from Philadelphia is now in this [] tills me there's many People in [] Concerned in this Company [] the Best information. I Can get — [] go]od Number in New York and [] Some of them say they dont know but that the Right of Juris[diction is in] the province of pensilvania and so [belongs to Mr] Penn — but that the Right of Soil is [] in the Colony of Connecticut Free from [] or Incumbrances whatsoever — and they [] that Colony with the Consent of which [] made] the purchase from the Indians — these [] Chiefly independants of the true stamp

By Vessell from York [] are informed that the General Assembly of [] is Disolved — Some of the Whig party [] wrote to their Friends here that the desente[rs are] now determined to Exert themselves and [the] Election would be the warmest ever known

[] should oppose the Church with all their []
 I sincerely hope they may meet with an [] disappoint-
 ment — and that those who [] to the Church may not
 only Carry their [] that City but in Every County
 in the []

the Kings Speech is []hand you
 will have it before this re[aches you. The] Gentry who have
 taken such Libertys h[ere] something alarmed, and
 I immag[ine] if there Should be any news from
 [] have it in the papers which I []
 only add that I am with [] for
 your health and Happiness

Dear Sir

Your most Obedt. & most
 Hble servt.

JOS CHEW

[Mrs] Chew desires me to present her best Compliments [to]
 You —

it seems by the Papers that Sir Jefy. Amherst
 has Come to as the saylers Say

[] SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

FROM SAMUEL WHARTON

A. L. S.

[*Philada.*] January 11th 1769

[] Day I was honored with your very kind []
 the 29th Ultimo;—For Which I beg leave to []
 you my warmest Thanks.

[] my self very happy and under the strongest
 [] for the Friendship you entertain for Me and
 [] of Service You so unreservedly tender Me, —
 [which] I assure You Sir, it will ever be my highest
 [] tion, to merit the Continuance of.

[Eage]rly seizing every Opportunity to testify my Gratitude,
 [] in the least express my cordial Attachment to Your
 [] and Family, I please myself, in the Anticipation
 [] agreeable Office

[It wou]ld have yielded Me great Satisfaction, could I
 [have] waited on You at Johnson Hall, before my []
 from America; But for the Reasons I [] in my last
 Letter, I found it impossible [] I persuade myself,
 You will be so [] excu]se it.

[] extre]mely condescending and Obliging, []
 let you know, Whether I would [] mention Me to
 his Lordship Or to [] take the Freedom of
 []
 propitious to American matters. And as t[]
 his Removal And I shall have a strong rec[]
 Letter from Captain Pownal, To his Brother, [the secretary]
 of the Plantation Office, I am inclined to think, []
 your Honor would be so kind, as to mention Me "in []
 favorable Manner" (pray pardon my presumption in []
 your very obliging Words) To the Board of Trade, []
 avail me more, Then to his L d p;— But I hu[m]bly
 submit to Yourself, Which would be best or most agr[eeable to]
 You —

If you could however, with any propriety give Me a []
 to the Duke of Grafton, I am assured, as He is consid[]
Premier of the Ministry, It would be of the greatest Us[efulness]
 to Me.

The Earl of Shelburne, When He was at the Head of [the]
 Southern Department, approved of the Restitution and [asked?]
 a Memorandum from Doctor Franklin to forward [the] Busi-
 ness, Which the Doctor informed Me of, in O[ne of] his
 Letters. His Lordship [] out of the Administra-
 tion,¹ But Yet, if I was intro[] Him by your Honor,

¹ "Instigations to remove Lord Shelburne fell daily from the King."—
 Duke of Grafton's *Memoirs*.

I am convinced, [] it would be of unspeakable Use to Me.

I am ashamed to be thus explicit, But the [affectionate] Manner, In Which you have been pleased [to inform me] of your Inclination to serve Me, will I [flatter myself apologise] for it; And for my soliciting You [to suggest, that my Partners and self, were the only British Merchants who have seconded the Kings measures by our Traffick at the Illinois Country] and Our Losses consequent thereof.¹

[Dr Coxe and] his associates sent a Petition to his [] Philadelphia, Three weeks before it was known [] Boundary was obtained at Fort Stanwix [] consequence before They knew, Whether a Cession [] procured or Not.

[] at a Copy of their petition and I assure You, [] not contain One single Fact.

[] with pleasure I know you will hear and Therefore [] the Liberty of informing You, That Mr. Peters [has] evidenced his great Regard for Truth and Justice, [by] his writing to the Proprietor, a faithfull and circum[stan]tial account of the Claims of the Merchants, Who [] Traders in 1754 and of their unjust Expectation [] Part of the Grant, Which is made to the Sufferers [in 1763.] In short, He has acted consistently with [his char]acter of an upright Clergyman & firm Friend.

[I have a]ttentively adverted to your Honor's Reasons [for not?] furnishing Me, with the Minutes, relative to [Governor] Penn and his Councillors' Answers to the Ques[tions] to Them, concerning the Retribution,—[] you for and will follow your Advice []

[The Assembly is now] setting. But the Governor has not [] "Condescension" (as Sir H. Moore

¹ Burned portions of this paragraph supplied from an extract made by Professor Clarence E. Carter, of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, before the fire.

[] in permitting Them to []
 and Whenever He does [] I have []
 the leading Members of the Imprac[^tticability of regu]lating a
 Commerce *without the Jurisdiction* [] The Con-
 fusion and Consequences, That m[ust] result from
 Traders going to the Indian [Villages in] all the different
 Colonies, under dissimilar [Regulations] &c, and withal, if They
 do engage in it, They must [] pay for the building
 & supporting Trading House[s and cara]vansaries &c —

The Requisition from the Governor of South Caro[lina to]
 his Assembly, To garrison Fort George and Fort C[]
 Letters from thence advise, was merely for the Indian []
 And That the Assembly, considering it, in that Light []
 it, As you will observe by their Answer to the Gove[rnor]
 Colonel Scott was in this City about Three Weeks [ago]
 was very inquisitive of every Person He conversed [with] (Who
 were many, as He dined with Abundance of [] and
 had much Respect showed to Him) in resp[ect to] Our Trade
 with Great Britain, The Number of [] Inhabi-
 tants, The Quantity of cleared Land in [] The
 Nature of our Taxes, The state of our p[ublic] Funds, The
 plan of our late Loan Office [] Amount of our
 Exports and Imports And in [short] was diligent in the
 Investigation of every [Particular?] Which related to the police
 of this Gover[nment] Connexion with Great Britain,
 Wh[] conjectured, He was in the Character
 [] Enquirer, But I rather apprehend []
 of Materials, in Order to figure [with] gone to the []
 []
 a great Pannick among [] the moderate
 sensible People with [] That from the present
 Temper of [Great Britain?] all her American Children,
 Whether dutifull [] will be considered and
 involved in One [common] Predicament — Which God forbid?
 [It is sai]d, some late Letters from London mention, []

first Step, which will be persued by Parli[ament] will be to abrogate the Charter of Boston.

[Colonel] Scot told me, That Gov^r. Bernard^t had lost [] Credit with the G. . . .l's Family, as They found [] penurious (giving Them *Teneriffe* Wine — [] at Dinner) — and They did not hesitate to say, That [] made, They believed, Representations *home* [] mu]ch from Passion and Resentment.

[] waiting for the arrival of the November packet [] proceed in the One, which is Now at New York [] for] Falmouth; And as I am much engaged in prepa[rations for] my Voyage, I have Now only Time to add, [] most ardently wish the perfect Restoration of [your health] and That I shall esteem it the greatest [] Me, to be honored with a Letter Now and [], being most respectfully and with

the greatest Regard

Sir

Y^r faithfull Fr^d. and much obliged
Servant

SAM^l. WHARTON

[] the two, Which I [now inclose]

FROM NORMAND MACLEOD

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 413, is listed a letter of January 12th from Normand MacLeod, at Niagara, acknowledging letters and mentioning Captain Brown's visit to little Niagara, MacLeod's method of obtaining bread, a freshet at the Geneseeo Castle and a belt given to Grant's Indian. (Wrongly dated 1768.)

¹ Sir Francis Bernard, Governor of Massachusetts, 1760–69.

TO THOMAS WHARTON

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Jan^y 12th 1769

SIR,

Agreable to Mr Sam^l Whartons request I [here]with inclose to you, Certified Copys of Accounts [dep]osited in my Office,—

I have not heard from him in Answer to my [] of the 29th ult^o. and therefore imagine he may be [] England, in which case you will please to send [] after him,

I am

Sir

[]t Moment I received a letter
[from] Mr. Samuel Wharton dated
[] Decbr.

INDORSED: []
To Mr. Tho^s. Wharton
wth. Copys of Acc^{ts}.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*²

Johnson hall Jan^y 13th 1769.

DEAR SIR,

Since my last of the 4th Inst I had the favor of yours of the 2^d. with the Vouchers of Mr Croghans former Accot & accompanying a paquet from Lord Hillsborough on the Subject you mention, concerning which I am intirely of your opinion about the difficulty of Ascertain^g. the respective Quotas of the Colonies, concerned or of obtaining a Reimbursement of the money

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson.

from them — tho' it was impossible that I should have foreseen the intentions of the Crown respecting this, the Com^{rs}. did not come impowered to pay any of the purchase and the dispatch with which it was to have been carried into execution would not admit of adjusting these Matters,—as the Grant was to the Crown & would increase the Revenue I thought the Crown sho^d. purchase it, and altho' I suppose the Provinces might have disagreed about the purchase & thereby protracted the settlement of the Line & disappointed the Indians at the Meeting, yet am I persuaded that those acquainted with the value of the Cession will allow that there are many persons who would gladly pay the whole ammount of the Expen^{ce} for the fifth part of it.

I should think that if the Government did not Consider the Quit rent as an object of Sufficient Value, they can easily be reimbursed by Sale of part, or by subjecting each Grant to some fine &c

I believe it will be pretty soon found necessary for the Crowns continuing some farther expence or attention to the Affairs of Commerce with the Indians, as I apprehend that the presumption of a Colony attention to these matters may not be altogether relied upon, for the rest, the Estimate I sent you to be transmitted to the Sec^y of State was so very low, its establishments so few, and the additional Sum so very little beyond that directed by the Crown that it is impossible to diminish it, without laying aside the affairs of the Indians & I imagine the Government will be so sensible of this that it will be approved of, — Lord Hillsborough desires that after Consulting with you, on the Subject I sh^d. transmit an Estimate of what I think the State of the Service in the Departm^t. may require to be laid before his Majesty for his Consideration, as this is already done & that we may soon expect the result, I must beg the favor of your Advice respecting the rest as the Commissarys &ca must be called away, and every thing laid aside at a Critical period unless the Consideration of these Matters should manifest the necessity there is for wait^g. his Majestys farther orders.

GEN^l. GAGE

NOTICE TO THE TOWN OF SCHENECTADY

D. S.

[*Jan^y.*] 14th 1769

[Advert]izement

[] Freemen and Freeholders of the Town []
Schenectady —

I having received a Writ issued out of the Court of Chancery of the Province of New York to me directed for the Election of a Representative for the said Township of Schenectady, Do by Virtue thereof and in Pursuance of the Directions of an Act of the Governor Council and General Assembly of the said Province of New York, Give this Publick Notice to all the Freeholders and Freemen of the said Township of Schenectady that I intend to hold the said Election on Monday the twenty third day of January Inst. at Nine O Clock in the Forenoon of the same Day at the Dwelling House of Robert Clench of the said Township at which time and Place all and every the Freemen and Freeholders of the said Township of Schenectady are hereby warned to assemble and meet together to elect and choose by Plurality of Voices one able & sufficient Freeholder of my Bailwick to be the Representative for the said Township pursuant to the Directions of the above mentioned Act and of Another Act of the Governor Council and General Assembly aforesaid in that Case made & provided

HAR. SCHUYLER Sheriff

NOTICE TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF ALBANY

D. S.

[Advertis]ement

the 14th January 1769

[] the Freemen and Freeholders of the City [and]
County of Albany —

I, having received a Writ issued out of the [Cou]rt of Chancery of the Province of New York to me directed [for] the

Election of Representatives for the said City and County of Albany, Do by Virtue thereof and in Pursuance of the Directions of an Act of the Governor Council and General Assembly of the said Province of New York, Give this Publick Notice to all the Freeholders and Freemen of the said City and County of Albany that I intend to hold the said Election on Thursday the twenty Sixth day of January Ins^t. at nine of the Clock in the forenoon of the same day at the City Hall of the said City of albany at which time and Place all and every the Freemen and Freeholders of the said City and County are hereby warned to assemble and meet together to elect and choose by Plurality of Voices two able sufficient Freeholders of my Bailiwyck to be the Representatives for the said City and County of albany Pursuant to the Directions of the above mentioned Act And of another Act of the Governor Council and General Assembly aforesaid in that Case made and provided

HAR. SCHUYLER Sheriff

FROM RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

A. L. S.

[Albanny] 15 Jan^y. 1769 11 O Clock

HON^d. SIR

I this moment rec^d. yours. as Soon as Snow Comes shall send you Poultry. at Present theres none to be had. the Sloops Came up last week and Delivered y^r. things at the Dock and Ever Since its Quite Summer. Nothing fresh to be had on any terms. Shall order the wigg as you direct. the Assembly dissolved and the Writts for a new Election Came up last night.

at New York the Strongest Election ever known all in uproar & Confusion already. how it will be here is not known yet. the Sheriff detains your man to take up Some Advertisements & Let-

ters. if any thing is intended of any new representatives from the Mohawks the Sooner we Can know it the better.

I am with all Due respectfull Esteem

Hon^d Sir Your most Obed hum^e Serv^t

R CARTWRIGHT

Our Court opens on tuesday Judge Livingston Comes up by
 [] to try the Criminal []
 [] since your []
 [] JOHNSON Barro^t.

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{le}. Sir William Johnson Bar^t

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: Jan[]
 Mr. Cart[]
 Ans^d. []

FROM JOHN WATTS

A. L. S.

New York 16th. Jan^y. 1769

Major Gorham deliver'd me your favour of 6th. Ult. he is turning his face again to the old Country it seems & yesterday took his leave of America once more

Mc. Clay your Dollar Man got back two or three days ago, he had a labrious jaunt for want of Snow, it seldom deserts a Traveller as it did him, so far North at this Season, Albany will feel the severe effects the absence of it will produce, if it does not return again, frequent thaws in Winter are the ruin of this Country, a Uniform season of frost & Snow from New Year to the last of february wo'd improve This Climate much, — The Proprietary Agents were put to it to raise so much Silver, I was lucky enough to collect near One half of it by Bill on philad^a. when Nothing else wo'd do it.— It is reported here I dont

know upon what foundation, that the Crown has paid or is to pay the Expence of all the pensilvania Boundary or back Line, except the Gore or Line you agreed for, more Than the Line The Crown propos'd to [have] comprehended — then¹ thousand Dollars is a bountifull price [] etch, unless its' extensive indeed —

The Election here is [] two] of the late Members James De Lancey & Mr. Walton will be [] t back again, with the old Mayor Mr. Cruger, a fourth² [] they threaten the Council with mighty Matters if [] apprehend their threats weigh much [] [] The Majority [] independent as they please [] more irksome to them than it [] with y[] []

I have a late Letter from Lord Adam he says his friends upbraid him with his friendship for America — Lord Drummond had a Letter of recommendation from him to you, the Seeds &c you sent him prosper well —

S^R WILL JOHNSON Barr^{tt}

ADDRESSED: To

S^r. William Johnson Barr^{tt}

at Johnson Hall, Near

Mohawks River —

To the care of Mr. Monier

Albany

forwarded by Jn^o. Monier 22^d Jan^y 1769

¹ Ten thousand dollars, the amount paid by the Proprietors of Pennsylvania to the Indians for lands in 1768.

² The New York assemblymen chosen in 1769 were John Cruger, James De Lancey, Jacob Walton and James Jauncey.

TO PHILIP SCHUYLER

A. L. S.¹*Johnson Hall Janry 17th. 1769*

SIR/

I have Just received a Joint letter from You & Mr. Ten Eyck² wherein You Express a desire for what Interest I have at the ensuing Election, which You do me the honour to think of Importance.

As I did not apprehend that I should have had any reason to retract the Sentiments I formerly conceived of You,³ It is not with out some concern that I have been given to Understand by Sundry Persons that You have at N York taken such libertys with my Character & Animadverted upon My Conduct in such a Manner as (if the proof is well founded) I cannot help taking notice of, My Information on this Head is but Just received & therefore I have taken the earliest opertunity of communicating it to You, as I would by no means condemn any Gentleman unheard, & that You may be enabled to Assure me that the charge is without foundation, or otherwise as the case realy is, So as I may Govern myself as I ought on such an Occasion.—

I might have been silent on this Subject but that it is neither my Inclination to Suffer any Man to treat me Ill with Impunity, nor too readily to admit such a Charge against a Person for whom I have had an Esteem, and one who could have had no Motive or foundation for treating me as has been represented.—The Candour and plainness with which I have mentioned this Matter to You will doubtless induce You to Satisfy me as Soon as possible In the Manner I am inclined to believe You can, & indeed it would appear Unaccountable in me to view it in any positive

¹ In the New York Public Library, New York City.

² Jacob H. Ten Eyck and Philip Schuyler were members of the 30th and the 31st assembly, 1768-69, and 1769-75.

³ See letter of February 29th, 1768, from Johnson to Schuyler.

light before I heard from You As I believe the only Error I was guilty of at the late Treaty¹ was my neglecting to Send away or bind over those Missionaries who attended then for their unprecedented Conduct of which I have good proofs in my Hands., Having in every thing else so conducted myself that I have reason to rejoice at the good Success with which I terminated so difficult and important an undertaking, so that the report that you have faulted my Conduct and accused me of Misrepresenting the behaviour of those Missionaries is very Improbable, and shall not have its full weight with me until the receipt of your Answer determines me upon the Subject.

I had almost forgot to mention that it is conceived, that the attempting to get a Law to prevent the Members of the Council from Voting Intermeddling &^{ca} was levelled at Me, however Unusual or Extraordinary such a Step may appear, the Success of this event has rendered any application for my little Interest unnecessary, but altho You are mentioned on this Occasion I am inclined to Suspend my belief on this as well as the rest

You will please to assure Mr. Ten Eyck of my Freindship, and do me the Justice to belive that my not giving You a Satisfactory Answer on the Subject of your Application is owing to the Causes I have already mentioned.

I am, Sir

Your most Humble Servant

W JOHNSON

INDORSED: Sir William Johnsons

Letters _____

Jan^r. 17^h 1769

N^o. 990

¹ The treaty of Fort Stanwix, from October 24th to November 6th, 1768, to fix a boundary line between the Indian lands and the colonies. See *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:111-37.

FROM RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

A. L. S.

[Albany, Jan^y. 20, 1769]

[]^d. yours here is nothing Certain
[] of the old ones — in Case of An Election
[] Some of Abraham Cuyler with Phil [Schuyler]
but nothing Certain as yet Concluded [] believe
Most People wait to hear from you []s not what will
be agreed on

[] Court. this day ends the Jury brought in a [verdict
of ma]nslaughter. for Legget. who Shot a man at Claverack.
two Irishmen Condemned for Robbing []ch man I write
this among Clouds of tobacco [no]ise & Confusion. if you
intend anything let us know as soon Possible I am with great
Esteem

Hon^d. Sir

Your most obed^t. & Very hum^e Serv^t.

R. CARTWRIGHT

- [] 8 o Clock
- [] kind Comp^{ls}
- [] make your resolve
- [] us know

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{le} Sir William Johnson Baro^t.
at
Johnson Hall

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

[Schenectady] the 22^d January 1769

[] pleasure of Receiving your favour of yesterday with
[a packe]t of letters which Shall be forwarded by the Post
[] to thank you for the Bill of £1500 on Mr. Mortier
[] Came in a good time to Answer a Sum which I was
[] at New York — as yet the letters are not Arrivd
[] thy do Shall forward them by the first Opportunity
[] got you a Set of the best Harnises that Can be [a]t
Albany — Mr Willett makes them as good as what [a]t
New York provided his has but the Brass work []
Necessary to Compleat them

Our News here relating to Election [] is So
Confused — that I am at a loss to give a distinct [] the
proceedings in this little place. the people in [] since] the
last Election has been giddy with their Success [] ved
thir licentious not unlike the Restless Spirit [of ancient?] Rome,

On Receiving your letter last Monday []
jointly wrote you I Sent for a few of [] shewd]
your letter & to Consult up [] that twelve
of []
there would be any Oppo[sition] [] Our party
Accordingly [] hoped we Should have
no truble [] We Recommended Mr
Mynderse [] to Inform you was that Some days
bef[ore] [] that Mr Schermerhorns party knowing thy
C[ould] [] Selves — was to Set up Isaac Vroman one
of [] endeavor to devide our Interest. & by that
means [] door for them Selves to walk in — but to return
[] proposed Mr Mynderse Mr Glen made Answer []
Billet for it. which was a verry modest pro[posal] [] Mr
Schermerhorn an Equal Chance where he [] against him.

however of Course we woud not [] Isaac Vroman Was present all the time & ind[] Glen & Some More of that party had been at [] & was Just Returned the Same day we me[t] Imediately discover by Mr Vroman that he [] person & that he was Acting a part that [] a come outer?] Thursday Night Ended & nothing ag[reed to] Friday — a good many of the livelong frinds [] by being Set up by Mr Vroman [] Not being present the Night before []

then on[] A great many of our party [] Vroman to know from [] [] means whilst we were [] of Mr Schermerhorns party [] from them both or otherways Mr. [] get in unless he was put in by the others [] a Shame it would be to him hereafter to be [] a turn] Coat — he made No Other Answer but that he woud [] ven]ture let the Consequence be what it would [] night] Ending & nothing Agreed to —

On Saturday those that was Affronted [] in]g present — at the preceeding meetings — Assembly with [] Vro]man & Mr Schermerhorns party — at One Vromans House []erd us at Mr Clenchs. that as Mr Vroman & [Mr Mynder]se was of the Same party — that they Should [draw] & as Mr Vroman was One of the Trustees¹ & has [] been Against Mr Schermerhorn. (Altho now Acting a [] part) We Came to an Agreement in writing that [] billet for it — which thy did & Mr Mynderse has [] Assembly man, so that all that Can be Said [] party that knowing they Could do Nothing [] One of ther own party — it was Six [] before we

¹ Trustees for the Township of Schenectady.

brocke up from Company. I Shewed [] here
 who I Assure you as well [] Obligations to
 you for your warm [] Town & thy beg'd
 []
 Night that I am a [fraid [] my Meaning out
 of this []

I C[] but that the
 Old Members will be in [] & Tuesday you
 have been looked for h[ere [] Fonday Reported
 that you told him you w[] Mr Van Eps had his
 Boat Ready & Cuting a [] the Shore this News
 went to Albany like lightning [] in great
 Suspence for Several days & Expectations [] to put
 in Some Gentleman from your p[lace [] the Mohawk River
 which would be no more []

I am afraid before you [] this long letter
 you will be tired Enough. [] No more than
 that M^{rs} Campbell begs her [] Compliments

& am Dear Sir with

Respect Yo[]
 []

DA[NIEL CAMPBELL]

FROM JAMES TILGHMAN

A. L. S.

Philadelphia Jan. 22^d. 1769

I reced your favor of the 3^d ult by Mr M^c Clay []
 the receipt of ten thousand dollars the Proprietary purchase
 [] late Purchase of the Indians at Fort Stanwix.
 And Mr [] de]livered Me the Indemnification signed
 by Mr Peters and [] which I am obliged to you. I was
 in good hopes the [] could have been at Johnson Hall
 at the time appointed [] of their money And that
 an End would have been [] the affair But since it So

happens that some of their [principal] men must be called together to receive the money, I [] intire confidence that in this as in other Instances [] ma]ke the Proprietary expence as light as possible. For [] whole it will be an expensive affair, tho I must [think] the purchase a very advantageous one, except it [] very much embarrassed by the Yankeys. However, [] soon as they will they will find People in possession [] their darling Object. There are at this Instant [a number] of Houses building on that Tract which has [] for the Proprietarys above a month ago. [] under the direction of Amos Ogden and some [] and I flatter myself youl think the Step [] I am yet in hopes those strange wrong headed people will come to a better Sence [] very unjust wild Project aside.

Mr Croghan showed me a Power of Attorney [from Montour] for him the Securing the title to the Land at the [place on the Sus]quehanna called French Margarets for which I g[ot a] writing of Preference at Fort Stanwix As I [understand the] Place is to be disposed of for the Use of his Mother [] I would willingly become the Purchaser of his adv[antage] Preference as I can have the Opportun[ity of] adding some more good Land in that quarter to it [] be pleased to set a reasonable Price upon it And ha[] to me the writing I gave him I will remit you the m[oney or] if you chuse to write to Mr Croghan to treat with me [] it would do as well. Let it be just as you think [] The Proprietary purchase money and expence of s[urveying and] Patenting will amount to near twenty pounds per hun[dred acres] and I think it will be the same thing to the [] to dispose of it before, as after it is purchased of [] I am persuaded youl believe I do not want to [] you any favor in the Price of the Land. I decla[re that I do not] have any reasonable expectation of your [deviating] from the line of your Trust nor do I [] sure

you would not ask me a gr[*eater* price] to
 have it at a lower Price than another [] thing
 is done in the matter the better, as the []
 certainly be upon it in the Spring if it be not []
 before. If you do not chuse to dispose of it in the []
 tion, I will very readily do you any Service I can []
 securing it. This Purchase was an Object I had in []
 Fort Stanwix and Spoke to M^r Croghan to obtain [it for me]
 if it lay in his way You be pleased to give [me the] favor
 of an answer by the first Post

[M^r M^c] Clay informs me he met with or heard of several of
 [] people in Your parts who were embarking in the
 [] scheme I trust that whenever it lays in your way
 [] discourage us much as possible the pretensions of
 [] peop]le which you well know to be so very groundless
 [If you s]hould at any time have any matter to execute here
 [] you]l freely command me not only as a Proprietary
 [but in] my private capacity as a person who retains
 [] Sense of your Civilities at Fort Stanwix
 [] my compliments to Sir John Col^o. Johnson
 [] and tell Guy, my advice to him is not
 [] early]

I am

Y^r most obedient &
 very hble Servant

JAMES TILGHMAN

[] JOHNSON

INDORSED: []
 Ans^d. [16th] Feby.
 1769 by M^r.
 Croghan —

FROM JOHN BROWN

A. L. S.

Niagara 23^d Jan^{ry} 1769

[On] the 9th Ins^t, I had the honor of receiving
 [] of the 24th November and 8th December by
 [] De Coagne, and three days agoe yours of the []ber
 by Indians, by the same Conveyance [] Letter from the
 Commander in Cheif in which []s me that The
 Officers of the Indian Department []posts have been Con-
 tinued for some time []than was first proposed, The
 Provinces concernd []future Manadgement of the Indian
 Trade having [not tak]en any Resolutions, or made any Regula-
 tions [for tak]ing it on, according to the System that []nted,
 therefore desireing that provisions []d to them as usual, which
 was im[] — I can only add that there []
 the order given out at this place [] as Possible,
 in The Commander in Cheifs own words []
 29th August; and I have [] Same, or Contrary
 order und[] received by the Indians under
 []

Allow me to thank you in[] manner for your
 care in forwarding [] for this place, and to beg
 that you will [] forward the Inclosed, and beleive me
 [] the outmost respect

Sir

Your Most Obedient
 humble Servant

JOHN BR[OWN]

P. S. We have no news here of any []

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL ET AL.

A. L. S.

Sch^y the 23^d January 1769 9 o Clock at Night

M^r Campbell has Inform'd you that Every thing was [agreed] to by all parties — M^r Vroman has Revolted — [] Our Side & has Espoused M^r Schermerhorn party [] a most Vile mark, & in Short has been guilty [] many dirty Actions, that its Incredible to belive []

We have the Greatest part of M^r Schermerhorn [] Against us — & a few disafacted people of our [] [] party — In the Agreement we have Secured Six [] Opposit party — to Vote for us which they have done [] the [Articels?] they ought to be On our Side. but we Cant [reckon?] upon them — John Glen Cornelous Cuyler & Abraham [Van Eps are] three of them

We have wrote Sir John Colⁿ Claus [] the head — We Cant well Inform you how the Election will go — but in all [] well then a way with the Election from [] your Interest Appears here

Therefore beg leave Your [Honor will] Send us down Such Votes — as you know of [] here Inclosed you A list of their names or w[] you dont know them All we have Just to Add [] We Are Sir with Great truth & Respect

Your most Obedient

serv^{ts}

DANIEL CAMP[BELL]

JN^o B V EPS

JACOBUS MYNDERS

JN^o. BROWN

JOHN SAND[ERS]

TOBYAS TEN [EYCK]

AND^w. M

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

FROM JELLIS FONDA

A. L. S.

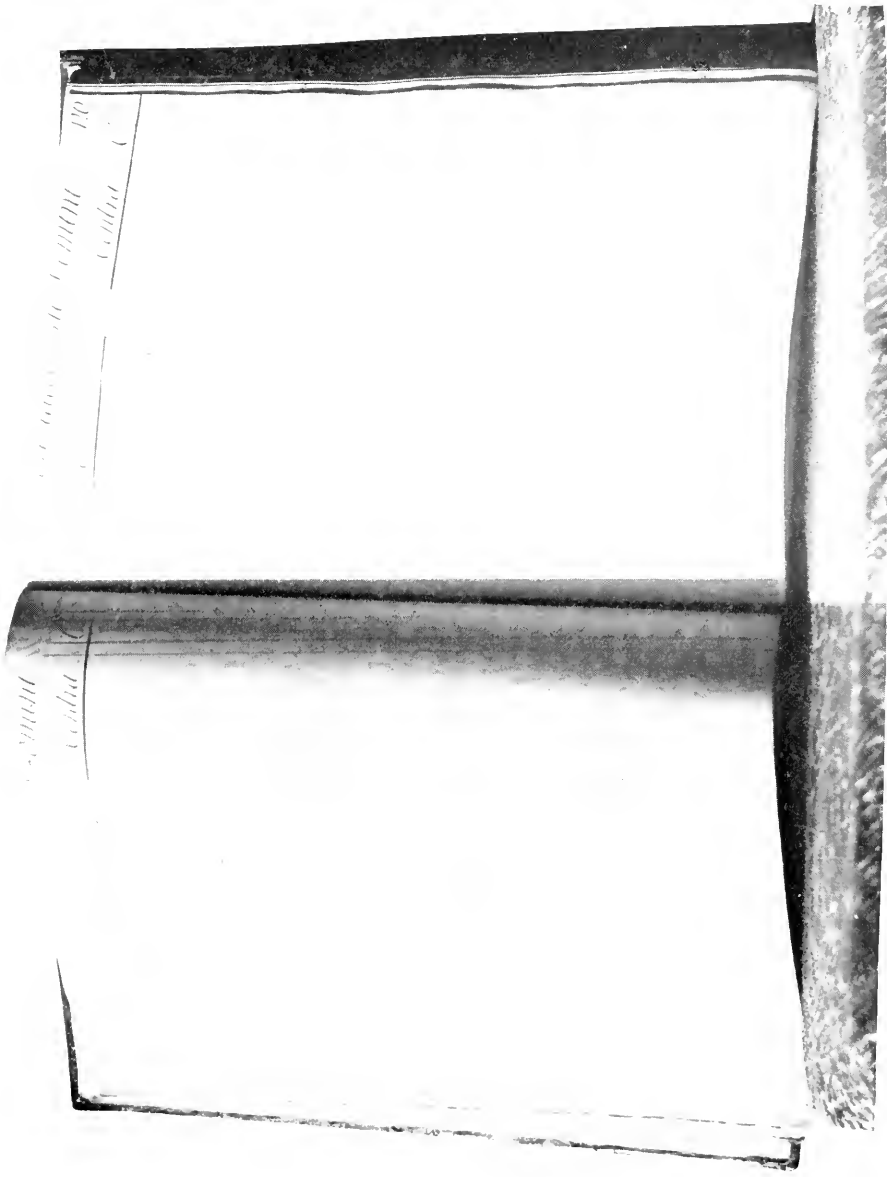
[Cach]newago 23^d Janury 1769

[] Hendrick Vrooman arived [] ni]ght
 from Schonectady with [] itings of Bat. Vrooman & By
 [] here from Barents Sone he [has no]
 Minde to Sell But I will [] more go to him and
 Perswed [] to Do it as I think it will
 [] Best — for if he Does not Sell []
 High Intrest will Ete op the [] I will Come in
 with them [] sonne as I Can get Bar^t to go
 Cap^t. Conine has Bene [] It Buying that
 Place some thime [] et is now in the way I will
 Indever [] out.

As my Dere leather I [] not get from
 albany afther [] 3 thimes for it so I got
 [] Vrooman for to pick out [] be]st
 five nation Skins By [] as you may See the
 [] inc]losed in a Letter to me []
 the Inclosed Letter []
 whom was to []] Jacobes mind[er
 sons success ,] I Send the Incl[]
 the Dere Leather [] I think it is
 Der[] But that I Remane []
 Dutifull Humbe

Ser[]

JELLIS F[ONDA]



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Cobalt

Cobalt

Jesse Collier, Photo

Sir William Johnson's rent book

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹*New York Jan^y: 23^d: 1769.*

DEAR SIR,

I thank you for your Favor of the 4th Ins^t. and for dispatching my Letters to Niagara. The Extract you transmitted from Cap^t. Glazier's Letter is much in Substance to his Reports to me.

As there are continually Reports Spread in the upper Country, which are as often transmitted to us, of the Intrigues of the French and Spaniards to excite the Indians to make war upon the English it is proper to know if any Proofs can be had, that these Transactions of the French and Spaniards are done by Authority and with the Consent or orders of the Governor of Louisiana. Nothing so easy as for the foreign traders to go amongst the Nations, and Say to them just what they please, and it is Natural they should endeavor, by Authority too, to gain as many Nations to their Interests as they can; with which we can have no Reason to reproach them, as we aim at the same thing. Indians who generally Magnify may construe these Endeavors to the exciting them to commit Hostilities. And when they find we listen too eagerly to their Tales, if they have no true Intelligence to give us, they invent News; so that it is not easy to discover whether they relate Truth or Falsehood. And besides, I am of opinion they would be glad to embroil us with the French, for our Quarrells are the Indian Harvests. I mention thus much to you because if any Proofs can be had that the French or Spaniards have by the authority of their Superiors, endeavored to persuade the Savages to strike the English, The King's Ministers would make Serious Representations upon it to the French Court. I have received the Strongest Assurances from Don Ulloa before He and his Spaniards were sent away from New Orleans, in the late Revolt, which happened there,

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

and also from Mons^r. Aubry, of their Desire to Maintain the Peace in the upper Country, as consistent with our Mutual Interests. And the latter had published a Severe Proclamation against any French Traders who Should come into His Majesty's Territorys, or any Persons who should excite the Savages to Mischief.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

S^r. W^m. JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: Janr^y. 23^d. 1769

Genr^l. Gages Letter

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹

New York Janr^y. 23^d. 1769.

DEAR SIR,

I have received yours of the 15th. Ins^t: and am to acquaint you, that I learn by the Packet which arriv'd on the 18th., that the Estimate of the Deputys Interpreters &c^a. proposed by you to be added to your Department is gone home, tho' nothing as yet determin'd upon it, but a Decision is promised very soon.

What Methods will be taken by the Crown to recover the Money expended in the late Indian Purchase, I can't say, but I think Adventurers in Lands who before purchased of the Indians May now purchase of the Crown independent of the Quit Rents.

With respect to the Commissarys &c^a. being called away on which you ask my opinion, I see no better Method, as Lord

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

Hillsborough Says very positively that the sum allowed in the Report of the Board of Trade is not to be exceeded, than immediately to discharge every officer who can be spared, and pay the rest out of the £3000 allowed to Indians for Presents; who have lately received such large Quantities of Presents, as to admit of our being very Sparing in Presents for some time to come.

They were so busy in Parliamentary Business when the last Letters left England, that Many less Affairs could not be attended to. The Affairs of America were coming under Examination, and it's Said the House is unanimous to support the Rights of Great-Britain. You will see the King's Speech with the Addresses of both Houses in the publick Papers.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant

THO^s. GAGE

SR. WM. JOHNSON Bart.

INDORSED: N York Jan^y. 23^d. 1769

Gen^l. Gages Letter

FROM NORMAND MACLEOD

A. L. S.

Niagara, 23^d Jan^y 1769

[] before Yesterday I had the pleasure of
[] of the 30th Dec^r. by two Oneidas.
[Capt^t Brown has receiv'd some orders from the General [] Department; as it was last night in Garrison [] the Commissary and others Belonging to the Indian [] should act and receive provisions &^{ca}. as formerly. [] now you have receiv'd my letters, one with the order [] for a free Market the other enclos'd a copy of the [] Passes. That same

market, as I formerly had the pleasure [] ting you, is likely to be productive of no good. [] four days ago Ca, nun, da, wee, a a Chief of the [] that has allways been in the French interest, came [] being stopt at the Market the Soldiers began to lay [hands on] the Vanison, and carry it away as usual without [] your leave or with you leave, some throwing down [] bread others a Charge or two of Gun Powder, at last [] an]d his fair Spouse got out of humour and seized a [] each with which they began to Clout the Soldiers. [] the Traders interfering stoped the Indian & squa[w] much mischief, however Mr. Canun, dawee, a [] orders to let him pass to the lower Town, told [] was time for the Indians to take care of [] Eng]lish began to use them very ill it was [] war and said he would soon get [] the hearing of Mr [] [] Traders that their [] five Nations, which [] but that I would Soon [] Wa,mi,na,bo,Jou. intended [] if he do and I find it of any [] acquaint you with the same and [] The provisions the Officers of the Depart[ment] for stoping them was in force will be mad[] provisions I gave the Ind^{ns}. in and since [] be return'd to the Kings store at this place, [] 600ll of flour which I hope you'll be so good [] here as soon as Convenient in Spring.

If there's a Blacksmith to be at this Post when [] ment of the Department is Changed, it will be [] for whoever has the care of the Department then, [] with an other Shop, all manner of tools, Iron [] Decouaigne desires me to Mention to you that [] Bearer sent two Blankets to Molly: I hope Sir [] as Secure me the £147..11.. due me by him. I have [] of his Speeches to the Indians since I had the pl[easure] to you

about them, but if I yet find any Certain []
 made any such Speeches, I shall send him Exp[]
 The place I am at present lodged in, since the []
 New Fort is very inconvenient for my Business as []
 to come within the Small Fort and consequently []
 prevents my having them little tête a [têtes] in which the
 most Commonly unbosom themselves [] reason I have
 Some thoughts of rem[oving] I will not be so lyable
 to be pest[ered by the] Commandants who know not[hing of
] own, but as this will be all[
] sixty pound; I do not []
 []
 [] the Geneseeos will cost
 []
 [] are to pay them for their trouble
 [] here but not Much.
 [] be kindly remember'd to you
 I am

Sir
 Your Most Obedient and
 Most Humble Servant

NOR^d. MAC LEOD

If you have no Service for me (which I hope you []
 I hope you'll be kind enough to think of me when [the pro]vinces
 make their appointments if they make any [] appoint-
 ments or if they intend to employ Gentlemen and [the]m a
 Comfortable living
 [] you keep Capt Johnson I mean Colonel Guy
 Johnson [] or he is Groun very lazy for of late I
 seldom [] pleasure of hearing from him

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

[New York, Jan. 23, 1769]

[]¹
 for another [] today & will
 Cause [] interested in this Affair
 [] there will be two men [] the
 Contest is the Church against the [] Independents
 —those infamous hypocritical [] who have for
 some Years ruled this Province [] & want Still
 further to aggrandize themselves [] Expence of
 the Religious Liberty of every [] Denomination of
 Christians, but more especially [the Church] of England & the
 Dutch Church, but Thank God [] we shall do
 for them this Trip — if the Devill done [] I
 am greatly disapointed that I have not heard from []
 about Sir John — next post will Certainly bring me []
 of his being Member for Albany —

I have got you the Enclosd Account from Mr M[]
 the Silver Smith about Churchplate — you may Speculate
 [] it & let me know what you resolve upon & I will
 get [] the Business done as Cheap as I can — in my
 Opinion [] will be no necessity of having them So
 very large as is mentiond in the paper —

I have this Day accepted a Bill ₧ £100 at 20 D^o St. drawn
 upon you payable at my house, which Mr Roberts tells me he
 has advised you of —

Till next post I remain with the greatest Truth

Sir Your most Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

[] take Care about

[] Bill

¹ Several lines burned away.

FROM DANIEL CLAUS

A. L. S.

[W[']msburg, Jan. 24, 1769]

[
 from Schenectady [] sent him on
 as far [] fit to go he took
 m[] in the Morning with []
 from above. Col^o [] lodge here to Night when
 agreeable to [] Desire we shall (notwithstanding
 the [] proceed & show ourselves at the intended
 fro[lic]

I am with due Respect

Hon^d sir

Your Obedient []

DAN. CLAUS

I shall deferr writing
 to Canada till next
 post.

To The Hon^{ble} S^R W^M. JOHNSON Bar^t. &^c. &^c. &^c.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW ETC.

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 415, is listed a letter of January 24th from Joseph Chew, New London, concerning Colonel Dyer's application to the General Assembly for a deed of the Susquehanna lands, exclusion of dissenters from the Seneca and Onondaga country, the fear in Boston of a lord chief justice's warrant, and a rumor that Lord George Sackville will succeed (Governor) Barnard. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:402-3; Q, 4:253.) Also a letter of the 25th to Rev. Dr Auchmuty about a person (Philip Schuyler) who desires Johnson's political support, the suddenness of the election notice, the prospect of a short session and progress of the Church of England in New York. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:403-4; Q, 4:253.)

TO HUGH WALLACE

Df.¹*Johnson hall Jany 25th 1769*

[] had the favor of your Letter of the 7th²
 I imagine as well from the Tenor of his Majestys speech
 [] other circumstances that matters are drawing near
 [] and I wish it may be such a one as is consis[tent]
 [with the] Just rights of both partys. — I have heard of the
 [] of your Election at York and some of my friends
 have [] given me some of the particulars you Men-
 tion [] regard to Phil: Schuyler — When he first
 set up [] Conduct was such as admitted of no objec-
 tion. I never heard of these [parti]culars till the other day; at
 which time I received [] Letter from him & the other
 Candidate requesting [my in]terest again, on which I imediately
 wrote him as I ought []d to the reports I had heard,
 which he has denyed []ed to Explain away, however
 I think it [to take] the first opportunity of a personal
 [] writes in such a manner that I think
 [] Justifiable in me to Condemn []
 to the present Election utterly impractica[ble] Ex-
 tensive County [] the roads are] remarkably bad &
 [] are very sensible of the go[]
 he³ has not the least inclination [to have a seat in the House]
 I am very sensible of the Cordiality []
 you mention the Consequences tha[t would have] ensued had,
 that Gent taken Libe[rties in your] presence, with my Char-
 acter,⁴— I kn[ow from what] Quarter, they must have origi-
 nated [] selfish Views of that party, Think

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² A blank space that would accommodate several lines occurs here.

³ Sir John.

⁴ See Wallace's letter of January 7th.

[] Conduct has been such that I may []
 Criticism & the proceedings at the late Tre[aty]
 Variety of difficulties & Obstructions will [] when
 every thing but the memory of their [] will be
 worn out of remembrance — H[ad anyone] perhaps but myself
 presided at the late T[reaty those] Missionaries¹ would have
 been bound over to [] or sent down as prisoners
 for daring in [defiance of his Majesty's] Order & of the desire
 & Interests of the Colonies to tie up [] not only
 endeavor privately to persuade the In[dians] should not
 be Extended farther than [] West, but even to
 Memorial me [] was but a part of their
 interest[ed] that time yet I hear [] power to
 []
 []ly notice was given or Candi
 [dates] You know they are very Scarce
 [in this young country] here there is little or no Choice, as the
 [] abilities of the Inhabitants are so much [].
 I hear of no Competitors at present for the []
 Myndertse has again carried it for Schenectady []
 be honest and inoffensive, the others who have []
 offered for that Borough are troublesome Men []haps
 little or no Superiority of Abilities — but we may do [better]
 another time, — Altho' my Son has hitherto declined [to be set]
 up, he is very happy to find that his friends are So [pre]pos-
 sessed in his favor, and I do assure you that I take []
 hints on that & every other Subject of your Letter in the [best]
 part, and am not only much obliged to you for your [com]muni-
 cating them at this time, but shall consider every []ce in
 future as the result of your friendly regards [and] pay them all
 the attention that time & circumstances [per]mit of, being with
 much Esteem & Sincerity

D^r Sir &ca

¹ Jacob W's Johnson and others.

TO CADWALLADER COLDEN

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 415, is listed a letter of January 26th to Lieutenant Governor Colden on intrusting Indian regulation to the colonies, changes in Indian policy compelled by the reduction of Canada, obstructions to the boundary treaty, necessity of marking the boundary line, election of Myndertse and compensation for Colden's losses. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:923-26; Q, 2:534-36.)

TO PHILIP LIVINGSTON, JR.

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson h*] all Jan^y. 26th 1769

[] very Sorry to hear (by your favor of the
[Sir] Henry Moores indisposition, and heartily
[wish for his spe]edy recovery. — The Weather hitherto has
[been so rem]arkably unfavorable that we have had little
[sledd]ing a Circumstance very Unusual at this Season,
[] have had Severe frost for the last Three or four
[] a fall of Enow may be expected, to succeed them, so
[that] I am hopefull his Excellency may be enabled to [under]
take the Journey in order to his being here at the [meeting] he
has been pleased to appoint when the Indians will [be] ready to
Attend.—

Please to offer my best respects, to Sir Henry, []
I may soon hear of his perfect Recovery.—

I am Sir,

Your Most Obed^t.
& very humble Servt

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

TO THOMAS MONCRIEFFE

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, January 26, 1769*]

[
hospitable [] safe arrival in
at parting with your [] made you run the
Gauntl[et [] I have much esteem for Gorham, and
[] Number of your friends — — —
[I can] easily conceive that Your Tour was very Expensive,
I wish [] in the way of serving yourself in some good
[] but I know of no good place Vested in the
Crown [] and the Lands ceded by the Indians at the
late Treaty [are] rather too remote to be of much imediate
Value, How[ever there] are some purchases, which were in
Agitation before [the] Treaty was concluded, in one of which
should you incline to the Expençe of the Indian Purchase of
your [] I think I could get you a tollerably good Loca-
tion.

The Several Reports I have lately received of Phil.
Schuy[ler's] conduct towards me are so Correspondent that I
have [written] him him upon it and altho in his Answer he
appears very desirous [of] Clearing up Matters to my satisfac-
tion, I find it will be necessary for me to have some little con-
versation with him whenever I meet with an opportunity as his
Letter sufficiently shews that he has been Led into some Capital
errors rela[ting] to part of my late conduct, which he spoke of
in the Assembly however, I shall suspend my thoughts for a little
time, as I [am un]willing to Suppose that a Man whom I never
injured, who has twice sollicitted for my Interest which I had
freely promised him would hardly have []²
I may have whic^h to [] inconsiderable, has been

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Several lines missing.

Grain as for the [] and Convenience of the Inhabitants.

[] believe it was difficult enough to raise the Quantity [of doll]ars necessary for the proprietary purchase, I have [not he]ard of the Crowns intentions to pay the expence you mention [Lord] Hillsborough I now find expected each Colony concerned would pay its [] From what I had before heard the Pennsylvania [purcha]se as a proprietary Province was to be made at the [] of the Proprietaries, and as the Line proposed by the [] comprehended a very Large Tract before unpossessed, and [] farther Addition I procured takes in a most Valuable [] Tract of Country, These duly considered together with the [] Indian prices of late Years, and the difficulties attendg, [] the Northward from the Neighbourhood of so many [] it appear to be a very moderate purchase, [] that you were likely to have a Warm Election [] the Council I think nothing of, tho' I [] sons & one Gent in particular was very [] since denyed his knowing any thing [] but I have some reason to th[ink] [] I have fairly acqui[] of which altho' I very seldom [] prostitute to bad purposes [] deprive me, but I despise all [] reputation by which it has been obtain[] Candidates offered that I have heard of [] if] they had the state of the Roads & Shor[t notice would] not have permitted one half of the freeholders [] County being so very Extensive, I be[lieve the Council?] would have no inclination for such a disp[ute with the House?] tho' all such bodies as have not Certain L[imits to their] Authority have ever been fond of encroach[ing upon their] Neighbours.—

FROM SAMUEL WHARTON

A. L. S.

Philad^a. January 26. 1769

[Sir]

In closed you have Colonel Coles' Draft [upon] Mr. Croghan for Two thousand One hundred and [fifty] six pounds, 17/5¼ New York Currency, Which I [mus]t beg the Favor of your Honor to expedite the pay[me]nt of, all in your power, As I shall not have any [Mon]ey remitted to Me, Until this Draft is paid.

Colonel Croghan has the Accounts & Vouchers.

I set Off for the packet On Monday Next and shall [by] all Opportunitys communicate to you from England [w]hatever is entertaining or important.

[I] beg my respectfull Regards to Sir John, Colonel Clause and all the Family and with the warmest [wi]shes for the Continuance of your Health.

I am Sir very respectfully

Y^r. truly Obliged Fr^d.

SAM^l WHARTON

[The Honorable SIR] WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet.

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson
Baronet

his Majesties sole agent & Superintendant
of Indian Affairs

℥ favor of } at
Mr Croghan } Johnson Hall

INDORSED: Philadelphia 25th Janr^y 1769

Mr S^l Whartons Letter wth

Coles Draft for £ 2156. . 17. . 5¼

FROM JOHN TABOR KEMPE

A. L. S.

New York 31st. January 1769

I have your Favor of the 29 Dec^r. last by [which I] understand that only the Proprietors here agreed to release [the lands] at Connajoharie to the Indians, and that Klock [has] refused and still refuses: I should be inclined therefore [] that the Bill in Chancery proposed will be ineffectual to [], as it would have been, had he once engaged so to do

The Method you mention by Act of the Legislature [if it be] obtained, will be entirely effectual, and indeed I have [] Opinion it was the only one that could be followed [] disputes of this Nature with the Indians, which would [] safe, for if there should be by Infancy or otherwise [an incap]acity in any of the Proprietors to release, or any of [them should] refuse, the Act of the other will not conclude them [and the contr]oversy will thereby be kept open; besides the Doubt [whether the] Indians are to be considered as Aliens, incapable [] Thing by such Release, which may afford Room []

His Excellency Sir Henry Moore, departing to Morrow [for Johnson] Hall, I could not delay giving you my Sentiments on this Subject by that Opportunity [] may concert such Measures, as will terminate in the [] of Legislation. I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

& most humble Servant

[] Baronet

J. T. KEMPE

ALEXANDER MURRAY TO MATTHEW LYNE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 416, is listed a letter of January 31st from Rev. Alexander Murray, Reading, to Matthew Lyne, explaining why he can not take the Schenectady mission. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:406-7; Q, 4:255.)

FROM PETER MIDDLETON

A. L. S.

[N. Y]ork 1st. Febr^y 1769

[] hon]oured with your obliging Answer []
 find Mr Upton anxious to have his [lands located] I have em-
 braced an Offer from Col: [Croghan for loca]ting it on a Pur-
 chase made by him [on the Sus]quehana, which the Col: assures
 me is a [very advanta]geous one. I have accordingly wrote to
 the [Colonel now on] his Way for your Hall that I should be
 [] Mr Uptons Lands in that Purchase.

[] also for the first Time applied to the Gov^r.
 [] in that Purchase with the Col^s. Consent []
 surgeon?] General under your Command & by Com[mission
 from] Gen^l. Shirley. I have got a Certificate of [] of
 Service from G^l. Gage, And I have taken [the liberty] of refer-
 ring his Excellency to you for my [] among the N.
 Englanders in that Character [] no Compensation
 was ever made to either [] by those] godly Gentry. If
 the Gov^r. thinks I [] such a Grant in Conse-
 quence of that Com[mission from] G^l. Shirley: And if you
 could point out [] where I should have no Indian
 Purchase to [] would just save me so much
 Money [and do not dou]bt that I shall make you a low Bow
 [] if you think this Location which [Col. Crog-
 han is so] obliging as to offer will be all [] then
 thank you for your good [offices in behalf] of my Petition I am
 D^r S[]

yours most [sincerely]

[]

ADDRESSED: To

Hon^{le}. Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

at

Johnson Hall

FROM HUGH GAINE

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 416, is listed a letter of February 2d from Hugh Gaine, New York, informing that the Indian prayer books are in the hands of the binders, that he will try to get good morocco binding in New York and Rev. Mr Ogilvie wishes copies for friends in England. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:405; Q, 4:254.)

FROM FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

Philadelphia February 4th 1769

I most Humbly beg your pardon for being [] troublesome to you, but my Dear sir, my present unhappy state of Dependance for Every Morsel I put in my Lips, sets me Allmost Distracted all this brought on through the Inconsiderateness of Youth, without your Assistance I am Inevitably Gone for Ever, Oh save me if You possibly Can, at Least Let me hear from You. believe me to be My

My Dear Sir William
Your Most Oblidged Most Obedient
but Most Unfortunate Humble
Servant
FERRALL WADE

Mr. Croghan will
[] you my former

ADDRESSED: To
The Honble Sir William Johnson Bart.
Johnson Hall

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 6th February 1769

[The Governor] the Duches of Gordon & Colⁿ Morriss
Arrived Yesterday [] Albany, & Dined at Mr Cart-

wright — they have Sent word [] Clench that they
 intended to be up this Night, but [] her Grace will
 hardly Venture Out Such a Cold [] as your letters
 are not Yet Come up this length [] Inclose you a
 letter I Receivd from Mr Moore [] a full
 Account of the Election, it will give you [] pleas]ure to find
 that your Country men Came off [] Honour — I have
 Sent out to Inquire after [] in order to have Sent
 You a Quarter — but there [] to be had — I dont
 think the Governor [] longer here than one night —
 I am

Dear Sir with Great

Respect your most

humble Ser^t

DANIEL CAMPBELL

[] JOHNSON Baronet

ACCOUNT WITH JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. D.

New York 7th. Feb^y. 1769

[Sir] William Johnson Bar^t. in Acc^t. with John W[etherhead]

[]	Id this day	140	12	0
[ ]	] Parcels Sent by Pemberton	113	11	1
[ ]	]sent Ⓔ Cap ^t . Lancing	80	0	10½
[ ]	]by Kelly	29	16	4½
[ ]	]y Cap ^t . Lattimer	6	—	—
[ ]	] Medicins the 30 th . Dec ^r . last	2	8	—
[ ]	] for Sir John's things the 31 st . d ^o	3	5	—
[ ]	] for Methiglin	9	3	
[ ]	] Apples sent on Board the Ship Bishop of oznabrug by or order of Sir John the 31 st . of Dec ^r . last	4	16	—
[ ]	] Tea & Cannisters the 8 th . Feb ^y . last sent by Collison	7	2	

[] Ebbetts 42/	} the 18 th & 28 th . March last	3	6
[] paine for a slider 24/			
[paid] receiver General for 2 patents the 2 ^d . d ^o .		11	16 -
[pa]id Att ^y . Generals fees d ^o .		59	- -
[pai]d for 5 Keggs oysters, Nuttmeg &c ^a . Sent by Pemberton		5	12 6
[pai]d for fire Works 60/ postage of letters 10/		3	10 -
[] wt. 28 ¹ / ₄ lb @ 11 ^d		1	5 10 ¹ / ₄
[C]apt. Tho ^s . Miller for Sir John		-	18 -
[] Postage of letters at sundry times this month		1	1 2
[] Sir H. Moore		231	- -
[] inclos'd in a letter by Cap ^t . Kelly		70	- -
[] Byrnes Esq ^r . his Draft. on you		92	1 3
[pai]d Mr. Banyar patent fees		73	- -
[paid] Alex ^r . Colden's fees		67	17 2
[ca]rriage of 7 Cannisters Snuff ⌘ post from Phila ^a			3 7
[] Roberts Dft. on me		30	- -
[] of 2 Parcells from Phila.			4 -
[] Clarks Register fees		2	12 -
[]ldin in full		23	12 6
[] 2 Children		70	- -
[] by M ^{rs} . Wetherhead on acc ^t . of Wench		6	9 1
		<hr/>	
		£1134	14 10 ¹ / ₄

1767

Dec^r. 30 By Cash for your Draft on Abram [Mortier]

1768

Jan^y. 28 By d^o. for your Dft. on d^o. []April 4 By d^o. your Dft. on d^o. []April 27 By d^o. ⌘ hands John Watts Esq^r. []May 30 By d^o. for your Dft. on A Mortier
Esq^r. []

Balance in fav. J. W. []

INDORSED: Febr^y. 7th. 1769
 Mr. Wetherheads Acc^t.
 Ball to him £208. .-. 1³/₄

FROM OLIVER DELANCY ET AL.

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 416, is listed a letter of February 8th from Oliver DeLancey, Jas. Jauncey, Peter Remsen and Gw. Banyar, New York, stating a claim against Mrs Cosby's estate and asking Johnson to certify in order that it may be recovered in England. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:926; Q, 2:536.)

FROM PETER REMSEN

A. L. S.

New York February 8, 1769

I have Received yours the 20th. January last []
 you desire a Release for the Low Lands of Hansens [pat]ent.¹
 I do Suppose it Can be but Trifling, if any, [I ha]ve Spoke
 to Some of the Genlemen Concern'd, They []ed
 me to give a Quit Claim on the Old power, [] shall
 get one drawn and Send it to you in the Spring. as I Shall be
 up there then I believe if [you] over Look the Quit Claim you
 will find that all their pretences is included in that —

I Shall buy you Such negroes when I have an Opportunity
 as you will Approve of, and Shall [let] you Know

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Hum^{le} Serv^t.

PETER REMSEN

[] Know the persons Names
 [] you would have Conveyed
 []

¹ See Johnson to Remsen, September 1, 1768.

ADDRESSED: To
 Sir William Johnson Barn^t.
 at
 Johnson Hall

INDORSED:
 Ansrd.

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL
 A. L. S.

Schenectady the 10th. February 1769

[You have] desired me to purchase Some Lotts for you provided thy [] got reasonable, I have a verry fine Lott on a Corner [] feet Square — Duch Measure — there is an Old House on [] & Good New high fence Round the Whole, it would make [] Lotts — I was Once fully determined to Build on it my[self] But, Altered my mind — as I thought it too far from the [river?] on Account of loading Battoes & now as I am [] de]termin'd to Build in the Spring — if it was agreeable [] I would Exchange for your lott & pay you the diff[erence] Which if you knew my lott I would leave You [] price your Self. if you would Incline to build two [] con]venient frame Houses on the lott, it Could be done at [] Expence I Can buy Boards here for Seven pence [] inc]h thick, but there laying now in the [] will Equally Answer your purpose. as [] will bring above three ₤ Ct. I could [] Build — I inclose you a little p^s of paper by which you will know where my [] perhaps Doctor Con[stable] [] the Hous would be Some Obstitule but [] Assured that Houses are So plenty here to be [] Interst of £150 a year would hire him a good [] lott. So that you Sinke three times this Sum [] it laying dead in this House when leisure will per[mit] [] be much Obliged to you write me a few lines — a [] a fine Season for getting Home the timber & other [] for Building — & indeed I find by my Family [] I Cant live with any

Ease or Conveniency [] & on the Other hand the Wife
 is at me daily [] Women are naturely fond of making
 Some App[] must get my hands in the mortar — if it
 were [only] but to Satisfy her — Yesterday I []
 Harnish, which I hope you Receivd M^{rs} [] joins me
 in Compliments & am Dear []

with great []
 most hu[]

[DANIEL CAMPBELL]

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED: []

Ansrd. 20th. Ins^t.

FROM EDWARD COLE

A. L. S.

[Fort Chartres Feb^y 12th 1769]

[DEAR SIR]

Yours the 26th. of July last came to [Ha]nd the 12th. of
 December last. I Imediately dischar^d [a]ll the Subordinate
 officers Under me, and Hartily Wish these alterations may, *Turn
 out for the best* I am in Hopes that I shall be able to Leave this
 Country, in two or three months at Farthest — I Shall Loose no
 time to wait on you — and Flatter myself I Shall be able to give
 you a more Satisfactory account, of the Indians in this part of
 the world, then has been in my power to do heretofore.

And Doubt not if any thing Should happing — [wh]erein I
 might be of Service. You will be as [Mind]full of me as
 formerly And be assured I [Shall] ever Retain a Grateful Sence
 of the Many [Favours] I have Received from You — My best
 [Compliment] to Sir John. and your Family [and believe me]
 to be D^r. Sir with the utmost [Esteem]

Your most obt^t.

Hum^l Serv^t

[EDW^o COLE]

INDORSED: [Fort Chartres, Feb^y 12th 1769

Coms^{ry} Coles letter]

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 13 Feby 1769

[] I Still find myself deprivd of any of
 [] & am uneasy least you Shoud be unwell
 [] the Case tho, but Shoud be very happy to
 receive [] with any Commands you shall be pleasd to
 honour me [with. I take] the Liberty to Sending the Enclosed
 under Cover to you [] which I begg the favour of you
 to Send to him by your [] & when it Shall Suit Mr
 Teice to Send me any Money [] wrote him to pay it to you,
 I flatter myself you will take [the tro]uble to receive it for me —
 I have this Day paid Mr Robertss Bill [] ₧ £100 & as
 He orders me to apply to you for Ballance of his Acc^t. [I ta]ke
 the Liberty of Sending it up to you, as well as his Letter for
 [your] Satisfaction — I begg my best Respects to all friends
 & am just []ry to drink your Health, with a parcell
 of jolly Fellows who [] keeping my Birth Day —
 believe me to with great Truth

Your most Obliged Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 416, is listed a letter of February 15th to the Earl of Hillsborough, concerning the withdrawal of the department officers from the posts, the policy of committing Indian affairs to the colonies, the boundary settlement, a method of reimbursement to the Crown for costs of the Indian cession and a former plan from the Lords of Trade for regulating Indian affairs. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:928–32; Q, 2:537–39 and *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.* 8:150–53.)

FROM HENRY BOSTWICK

A. L. S.

[Montreall Feb. 16, 1769]

[] of the 1st ultimo and am much obliged
 [] done me in communicating to me [the report which]

You made to his Majesty, respecting the [copper?] and am not in the least Doubtfull of its []ed Success.

[] regard to the Mines agreable to Your Request I [] of them as far as I know — When I went into Lake [Superior]ke those Discoveries, I took up Several Samples of Oar [] Places which I carried to England, and they were much [] Particularly at the River Onatanagun on the South Side [] I saw a Rock of Copper which most of it Maleable, and [wh]at shews itself out of the side of the hill, appears to be about [] how far it goes into the Hill I cannot pretend to say [] not try — A Little beyond this place is the River called [] where the French did once attempt a Work but the Command []eing with the Master Miner there did nothing.

[] of Lake Superior at a Place on the Map [] [] of pure Copper growing out of the Ground, in the form [] one of which weighd about Three pounds, and is kept []gr]eat Curiosity, this is what I have seen, but from Report [there are oth]er Places where Pure Copper is found.— I have had [descrip]tions from Indians that they have seen a Mine, they [] Iron I have not as yet had time to go to see it and [] These Mines are mostly Situated on the Side [] Carriage Excepting at Niagara.—

[]mation made when I was in England of the [] Transportation of Necessarys that may be [] to be carryd as at present woud amount [] the Method we have plannd [] and make [] Upon it I could [] instruc]tions I received when I left [England]

Mr Henry Bostwick

Sir

The Gentlemen concerned [in a petition to the King in] Councill for a Grant of Mines round Lake S[uperior] appoint us the Committee for the Managem[nt]

And as you have declared Your intentions [] it is incumbent upon us to give You some [instructions for] Your Government — We imagine You'll thi[nk] to secure passage from Falmouth to New York [] consist]ently can after Your Arrival there, You [will wait on¹] inform him of the Application and of the [] a Copy of the Petition, which You may acqu[] with the Approbation of the Duke of Grafton [] The President of the Council The Secretary [] other Great Officers of State. For the [] We shall inclose to Falmouth directed for [] Copys of the Minutes of our several Meetings [] not to mention the Business You are upon [After you] go up to the Lake You'll Endeavour to se[cure the] Friendship and Assistance of the Indians [by presents] to such as have been or may be most [] Otherwise in the Distribution whereof [] the whole does not Exceed Fifty Pounds []

We depend much upon You [] all Matters in Your Province, upon the [] another Year, that we may set to [] the Grant, which we have little [] us constantly advised of [] Safety and S[] [] [] Obligated to [] that may be attempted from [] tage.

[] the last Fall that I could get no farther [] the Mines than I have already Communicated [] knowing whether I was arrived from England [] particulars from Michilimakinac

[The gen]tlemen concerned in England thought I should [] the Lake last Fall so that I cannot Expect to have [] them till they receive mine by the way of Quebec

¹ "Sir William Johnson," doubtless.

[] from a Gentleman Concerned not of the Committee
 [] Pownall is become a Proprietor and tis thought so
 []nd, they apprehend there will be no Difficulty
 [] I re]ceive any Intelligence I shall Communicate it
 [] have the Honour to be

Sir

Your most Obed^t. Hble Serv^t

HENRY BOSTWICK

INDORSED: Montreal, Feb^{ry}. 16th. 1769

Mr. Bostwicks Letter
 concerning y^e. Mine¹

TO THE EARL OF SHELBURNE

*Df.*²

Johnson hall Feb^y 16th. 1769.

The Notice with which your Lordship honored [my son] when in England, [*the favorable manner in which you [were ple]ased to Express yourself concerning me to him,*] [eviden]ces I have had of your Lordships favor and pa[tronage] Iuy claim my most gratefull Acknowledgments, w[ith] [] me to express my Gratitude to your Lordship whether [] Office, or not, on all such occasions as do not interfere with [your] more material Engagements and I cannot be more [ob]liged than by your accepting of this as a Small Testimony [of] the Sense I retain of your Lordships friendship.

I am almost without a Subject to Write upon, as your Lordship must be doubtless acquainted with all the News from these parts, as well as the late Transactions in my Departm^t. [] the Settling of the boundary line, in a manner more advantagious than was even proposed to me, Notwithstanding [I foun]d the Indians much less disposed towards it, than when [it was] first

¹ In Johnson's hand.

² In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

mentioned to them.— The Reform of the Departm^t. [of Indi]an Affairs by putting the Regulation of Trade into [] of the Colonies was hitherto delayed to give them time [] necessary Establishments and avoid the ill [] which must attend the Withdrawing the Commissaries [] before others were appointed to Succeed them, but [nothing has] been as yet done therein by the Colonies, the [] renders it now Necessary to call [] I hope be more favorable [] That amongst such a Variety [] little understood, regular corre[] to be formed, and thereby the ends of []

Mr Sam^l Wharton an emine[nt] [] Philadelphia is Just gone for England [] the Traders who suffered by the Indian War [] of his friends have I understand the honor to [] to your Lordship, and he is very desirous I [] him to you I therefore take this opportun[ity of] with his request which I do the more Willing[ly as it is in] my power to assure your Lordship that he is a [] well Acquainted with American affairs [] those of a Commercial Nature, and has had [] of informing himself in the Indian Trade an[] other matters relative to their Affairs.— Th[] many persons who go from hence, and by profess[ing knowledge] of all these matters may often if attended to imp[ose on those] in power to the prejudice of the publick, that [] extremely cautious how I offered any thing in [favor of those] of whose Experience in these Affairs I was not [] therefore hope that my knowledge of this Gentleman joyned [] will apologize for my freedom on this occasion []

A Correspondence with a Man in this [] be of little entertainment to your Lord[ship] [] time any thing occurred worthy your [] your indulgence to Communicate it [] occasion that offered for Expressi[ng] [] the sincerity with which I []

TO JAMES TILGHMAN

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Feby 16th. 1769

[] had not Leisure to Write imediately on the [] of your favor of the 22^d. ult^o. as the Dutchess of [Gordon] Sir Harry Moore, & much Company were then here,

You may be assured that the final Settlement [of] the purchase shall be conducted with as much Oeconomy [as is] possible, I am only sorry that there is occasion for any, [] t it is unavoidable.— I hope that so valuable a purchase may not be disturbed by Yankee pretensions but where Land is the Object they are apt to feel bold and I have received intelligence that at a late Meeting at Hartford provision was made for 50 men to go this Winter lay out Townships & Cut roads, & that 500 Settlers would take possession of the place Early in the Spring. I have also heard that Col. Dyer applied [to] the Assembly for a Deed for those Lands, which it was [thou]ght they would decline granting, but it is Expected [that] many Pennsylvanians particularly those of the [] religious persuasion wth

some Yorkers & Jersytites were assisting & concerned with [] You will please to Communicate this to Gov^r. Penn [] my best Compliments and wishes that such Intrusion [may be] timely prevented, I am glad that you have [] proper persons to take possession, and imagine [] may be easily kept out if not encouraged by [] frontiers.

[] Tract you may freely Command any good [] obtaining it, I think it should be [] directed M^r Croghan when that is done to settle the Affair [] Means, the preference of any [] that you never mean to ask any [] Complied Consistent with My Trust. [] command me to the Extent of it.—

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

Mr. McClays information was [very] Numbers
of people from hence were upon [] Susquehanna
project but in a late Tour I made [] Country I had
an opportunity of Conversing [] of them, & by many
arguments on the Subject [] prevented some
hundreds I am certain from [] it, and shall cheer-
fully do all in my power [] any thing that may affect
the Just Rights [] Interests of the Proprietaries.—

I am much obliged to you for your [kind offers] of service and
in return desire you may co[] in any thing wherein
I can testify how m[uch I am]

Sir

Your Sincere Fr[iend]
& very h[]

The family desire their
Compliments, & Guy
thanks you for y^r advice which
he will take into consideration —

INDORSED: []
To Ja^s. Tilghman Esqr.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Feby 17th. 1769 —

DEAR SIR

I Wrote you a few Lines at the Departure of the Gov^r from
hence and Apologized for my not being able at that time to
Answer your two favors of the 23^d Ult^o— What you observe in
your favor in Answer to mine of the 4th ult^o. concerning the
nature of the reports of the French Intrigues to the Westward
&c^a is very reasonable and I believe many of them arise from
Motives of Trade, and that the Ind^s may in Sev^l. Instances

¹ In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting
of Guy Johnson,

Exaggerate especially as it passes thro' so many hands. At the same time there are so many Accots in which both Trad^{rs}. and Ind^s. agree and which exactly correspond with the conduct and Secret practices of the french before the late War, that I am induced to think these practices May be in some Instances more than Connived at, Besides as War is what may be expected sooner or later It would seem good policy in our Neighbours to Alienate the Affection of our Indians and keep up a Spirit of discontent amongst them, that they might be the easier prevailed on in case of a Rupture to fall upon our Frontiers which would be greatly for the advantage of the Enemy, If this is their Object which is not improbable, the French Court will according to Custom, disavow the fact, and endeavor to Amuse us with Orders to Governors &ca &ca till matters are ripe for Execution,— In case of a War the French will Certainly endeavor to Create a diversion in America, They have many good Friends in it, and the Indians wo^d be of great service to them, an Attack on the back of the Settlements would cause a great Alarm, give some Check to our privateering, & have Many other Effects advantageous to an Enemy admitting that they cannot Strike any Effectual blow with a fleet or Army — But Supposing all this is in some degree improbable, We ought surely to guard against any attempt that can possibly be made by an enterprising people, by Counter acting all endeavors whether by Authority or otherwise that tend to promote a defection of the Ind^s. from our Interests, and how this is to be effectually done without proper persons in the Indian Country I am at a Loss to say,— The Difficulties of obtaining such proofs as May be deemed suffict to ground a Representation to the French Court You must be sensible, from the doubts that May arise concerning Indian Intelligence, and the Caution made use of to prevent any of our Whites from being Eye Witnesses,— This must be chiefly grounded on Reports & Corroborating Circumstances, which I shall make it my business to enquire farther into.

I have Letters from Lord Hillsborough corresponding with

those you Mention in your answer to mine of the 15th ult^o.¹— I don't know how else I co^d. have acted than as I did in the purchase, Tho' many Individuals wo^d. have given double the Sum for the 4th part of the Cession The province Claims &ca wo^d. have rendered the adjustment of their Quotas an Endless Work & perhaps the Congress with the Expence attending it wod have been for nothing. I have been thinking that a Small fine on each 1000 acres to be granted, hereafter equivalent to the rate lately paid for the Indian purchase w^d. soon reimburse the Crown, & so I wrote to Lord Hillsborough,— As to the Officers of the Department I am entirely of your Opinion, to remove all those who have had the Management of the Trade, &ca, and pay the Deputys Necessary & Interpreters out of the Sallary allowed until, they determine concerning the Estimate, Tho' I can't find that the Colonies have come to any Material resolutions on their parts, and Considering their remarkable backwardness in Money Matters on More alarming occasions I do not Expect they will give it much attention.— I hear that our Assembly have committed this matter to the *Albany Representatives*.

Lord Hillsboro' transmitted me His Majestys Speech As he says by the Kings order, with the Addresses of both Houses. They Seem Warm & determined, I suppose the next packet will give us the Event of their deliberations.—As the Orders are positive that the Sum mentioned in the late Regulation sho^d. not be exceeded, whilst at the same time they seem to rely on the Provinces, that they will with my Advice & Assistance “adopt such regulations for the commercial part as will improve the Trade & fix the affection of the Savages” which I am sorry there is little reason to expect, I think that your Signifying to the Colonies concerned in the Indⁿ. Trade That the Commissaries Interpreters and Smiths have been hitherto kept up to give them time to settle a plan for Supplying their places as the service requires, but that they will be dismissed at all Events, by the 25th of March or what time you think best, Such Notice wo^d, Spurr them

¹ The draft of this letter bears date, January 13th.

on to some proper Resolutions, or enable the Gov^t. to Judge Where the fault lay. I hope you will Excuse me for proposing this, as what appears to me to be in some degree necessary, and that you will please to inform me to what time you think it best they sho^d. be paid up, or whether you imagine an Exception necessary as to any of the Officers of Trade or Interpreters at any of the Posts.

As Mr Croghan is going down the Country I take the opportunity of sending the accts of Expences at Fort Pitt Which I was not able to obtain before, I also send you the Vouchers that you may Judge farther of them as they are pretty high & many of them are Orders of the Com^{ds} Officer there, I also Transmit the Acct of Expences at Illinois which I have Just received, which altho' Less than heretofore are still very high, Mr. Croghan will dismiss the Com^y &ca there at whatever day you shall think best as they are within his District.

GENL GAGE

INDORSED: Feb^y. 17th. — 1769

To Gen^l. Gage. —

TO SAMUEL WHARTON

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall Feb^y. 17th. 1769

I Just Snatch a Moment to thank you for []st Letter and to Apologize for my not being able [to wr]ite you more fully as I am so much hurried in []aking up Letters & Settling some Accots with Mr. Croghan who is impatient to go off tomorrow and is to Convey this to you in which I inclose according to my promise a Letter to Lord Shelburne, wherein I have done Justice to your knowledge of American affairs, & I flatter myself that if it is of no other Service to you it will shew his Lordship the advantagious opinion I entertain of you.— I have observed to his Lordship that there are so many go from

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

hence who affect a thorough knowledge of every thing on this side the Water that I Sho^d, by No means take upon me to introduce a Gentleman to one in power, unless I could Safely speak of him as I have done of you. — The Dutchess of Gordon, Sir H. Moore [] were here the other day when the Sev^l. purchases [were] perfected. —

It is impossible for me at this time [to do] more than that I wish this may find you safe [] England, and that I shall shortly give you [] Letter meantime I am

&ca

FROM F. SPIESMACHER

A. L. S.

Quebec 18th Febr^y 1769

[Si]R

Agreeable to my promise I now take the liberty to enclose you a Journal of My Transactions with the Indians during the Time I had the honor to Command at Michilimak. which I Flatter Myself will meet with your approbation

I am

with great Respect Sir

Your Most obedient

& Most Humble Servant

F SPIESMACHER

[] JOHNSON
Bar^{nt}

INDORSED: Quebec 18th. []
Cap^t. Lt. Spicem []
wth. his Journal []
Comd^t. at Michi []
rec^d. 18th. april

TO J. T. KEMPE

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Feby 25th. 1769*

About the time of his Excell^{cy} the Gov^{rs}. arrival [] the favor of yours of 31st January, but as there [] good deal of Company here at the same time & [mu]ch business to do, some things escaped my Memory & [I] had not leisure for others amongst the rest the affair [of] the Release to the Indians of Conajoharee, which I must do by Letter. —

I apprehend the Legislature can have no reasonable Objection to a Law so necessary, and am Sorry to hear that there is so little prospect of releif from Chancery but as I don't what Steps May have been taken against Klock I should be glad of your Information in that particular

TO PETER MIDDLETON

*Df.**Johnson hall Feby 25th. 1769*

[] received your favor of the 1st. inst some days [] During the Governors Stay here the purchase [was ef]fected, in which Mr. Upton is to have a Share [I spo]ke to his Excell^{cy} on the Subject of your own affair [] is of opinion that the Council will not agree to [trans]mit your Mandamus there, if so there is no way for [you] but your coming in on the footing of a purchaser.

Should the General require anything from me regarding your Services, be assured that I shall do you Justice in [th]at particular, but I apprehend that that is needless

TO THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH ETC

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 417, is listed a letter of February 25th to the Earl of Hillsborough, considering French and Spanish interest in

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

exciting Indian discontent and disturbance, condemning the disputes created by turbulent zealots in this country and expressing pleasure at the time of the King's speech and the addresses of Parliament (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:932-34; Q, 2:539-40 and *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.* 8:153-54). Also a letter of the 25th to Messrs De Lancey, Jauncey, Banyar and Remsen about an alleged deficiency in an estate conveyed by the late Mrs Cosby (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:934; Q, 2:541). Also a letter of the 25th from Matthew Lyne and three others, church wardens, Schenectady, about disappointment in obtaining the services of Mr Murray and the success of the dissenters in drawing away members (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:405-6; Q, 4:255). Also, p. 417-18, a letter of the 26th from Oliver DeLancey, New York, sending an extract from a letter from Lady Warren in which she complains of a suit brought by Abraham Sterling, who married a sister of Sir William, as legatee of Sir Peter Warren, believing Sir William to be in debt to the estate (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:934-35; Q, 2:541).

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 26th. February 1769

[] favoured with yours of Yesterday — your House is Certainly [] Situated by being in the middle of Town & a Corner Lott, [] I bought for £165 & ten pounds of a present on good [] Expence of two journes to York to Attend the Court [] the Intailment Dockid (I think the Lawyars Call it) [] and me in more than Two Hundred pounds — & is Reckond [] Cheapest bargin Ever was made, my fence Cost me more [] ten pounds — Mr Tyne paid for a Lott of Just the Same [di]mentions £340 — I dont think the Situation of his is more [] then mine then £50 — two days ago I was Speaking [] John Farley — about buying his House & lott which [] Same bigness of yours and in as good a Stand [for busin]ess as any in Schenectady. its the House [] John Farley next door to Caleb Backer & Just [] Ogdons House, with a little Expence it Cou'd

[]ble, good House there is three Rooms and
 []hin with a little Barn & I believe Some fruit
 Trees. I got him down to three [] of Opinion he will
 take £250 — which w[] great bargain — he has to
 Consult his mo[] but Necessity makes him incline to
 part with [] is only two Houses between yours &
 his —

If I Can Agree with [] will give you his House
 & lott & also my lott. [] yours. which you may be
 Assur'd will be an [] Exchange for yours — then by
 Cuting my lott [] make two good lotts of 50 feet by
 100 In depth — [] will have three Lotts. Other-
 wise I will give £25 [] & if any person Says its worth
 more, I will give it [] not Stand Prizing with you, as
 what I would [] Nother — I hope there will be a
 possibility [] Over Next Thursday — & then we
 Can Settle the ma[tter some] Way — When I Came down
 I made Some In[quiry] the Dollars & Could find So few that
 it wo[uld not be worth] While to Collect them. I Shall try
 again [] Albany — the Reason of their being So
 [] So few of them Coming from New [Camp]
 bell is much Obliged to you for your Condisending []
 the Exchange & begs his Compliments to You

The draft on New York will be [] Acceptible &
 of great Service to me, as I intend []ng going to
 Yorke very Soon — any Commands that [] have
 there it will give me Infinit happiness [] transact them
 for you, I dont purpose Staying [] longer then ten
 days — & will go down in the [] Sloop or perhaps a
 horseback & Come up in [] Sloop — I Remember
 to here you mention you would [] good Opportunity to
 bring up Some money —

The post is not yet Arrivd here [] News of any
 kind that I Remember only a report [] Collison the
 post brought last money from York [] is that the

December Pacquet was detained to [] over the
Declaration of wars, as it was looked on [] credible

I am Dear Sir with Great

Respect your most

humble Servant

DANIEL CAMPBELL

[] SON Baronet

TO JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

Johnson Hall, Febr'y. 26th. 1769

I have now before me Y^r. Several letters [] Some
with, & Some without Date, and I am [surpr]ised to find you
did not receive more of mine, [] do Assure You that I
wrote you Several (at least []) Since y^r. return from
the Land of Pumpkins, [] or some foul play is Shewn to
many of mine to [] from others, as well as to those of
Mine to You for I [ha]ve ever been remarkable for punctuality
in my [cor]respondence, considering the Multiplicity of business
always flowing upon me. — I congratulate You []
Your Success in the late Election, but am Surprised at P^h.
Livingstons meanness to come in for his Brothers Mannor,
[] or Shift indeed.—

You referred me to Co^l. Claus for some particulars
[men]tioned in y^{rs}. to him, He did once run it over here to me
[] my head was full of business, and have not seen him
[since] to get another reading of it, so that I realy dont remem-
ber [the af]fair, but imagine it was about Land, if so, I beleive
[] Sinsons Letter, (which, with a Small draft he lately
[]) will answer the same End, if not, & that You
[] me know y^r. desire, I will render You any
[] way within my power. — Inclosed []
Draft on M^r. Mortier for y^e. 2 Sums which [] men-
tions in his letter of y^e. 22^d. Decbr. from [] to

£187..16..11¼ Cure^{cy}.—

[] Mr. Adems, who keeps my Books []
 verry busy about his Potash

[]
 Col. Croghan Who I suppose [] you
 regarding Land Affairs, as [] purchases
 made by the governour []

I come now to trouble You with [] which I hope
 you will execute as Soon as []

1st. The Inclosed Deed to have Examined by a Law[yer []
 part thereof Should require Amendment or []
 to make it firmer, & agreable to Law pleas [] &
 then get Gaine to Print of 80 pair of []
 Strong Paper as Soon as possible, I having []
 Occasion for them.—

2^d. To get a Ball made & gilt, also a Weathercock [and all
 the] Iron work necessary to fix em, they are to be [proportioned]
 to the Building, w^h. is a Wooden Church now a b[uilding at]
 Conajohare, of 50 feet long, by 32 wide, So that []
 require them to be large or Heavy. when finis[hed] to have them
 packed safe, & sent up by a Careful [hand]

3^d. To procure for me about 30 Pounds of the []
 & finest live Feathers, cost what they will, [] by be-
 speaking them in time.—

4th. { 3 Hundred weight of best Shingle Nails
 3 Hundred D^o., of such as are used in boarding
 2 Hundred D^o. of Flooring Nails
 1 Ct. of Lathing Nails — 6 Iron []
 2 thousand of Inch & ½ Sprigs — 4 Outs []
 2 thousand of 2 Inch D^o. 20 p. []
 A Bell w^h. I wrote for some time ago, ab^t. 15 []
 2 Boxes of Window glass Cont^g. 200 []
 Half a Hundred of Whiting for making []

I beleive I have given [] one time, So Shall
 add nothing [] you I am with kind
 resp[]

Y[]
 [W JOHNSON]

P. S. Six large grind Stones, fitt for
 grinding coarse Tools, as Axes &c.
 Mr. W[ETHERHEAD]

FROM RICHARD CARTWRIGHT

A. L. S.

[Albany, 2] March 1769

[I take the] Liberty of Inclosing your Accot. by Mr
 [] Bennet and if Convenient, Should be extremely
 [] you'l please to send the Cash by him I have
 [] a receipt in full at the bottom of the Accot.

I Can Asure you nothing but urgent necessity could induce
 me to trouble you at this time.

Should have waited on you in Person but have got an ugly bite
 of dog on my leg which Confines me to my house
 Moffet Came from N York Just now Says the Packet Arived
 last thursday no news transpirs Should any Packets Arive from
 England for you Shall Send an Express up with them
 Bennet will Deliver you a pair billiard balls I got them of Mrs.
 Pemberton he being gone to boston I know not the Cost shall
 get a p^r. new as soon as I Can from N York & Also the feathers.
 Excuse this Scrawl being in haste & believe me

Hon^d. Sr

Your most Obed^t humble serv^t

R CARTWRIGHT.

[] een anything of
 [] or is it likely I Shall
 [] I Can am told he
 [] Apear in publick

ADDRESSED: To
 The Hon^{le}. Sir William Johnson Baro^t
 at
 p^r. favour of Johnson Hall
 m^r. Bennet

FROM VOLCKERT P. DOUW

A. L. S.

Albany March 2th 1769

[DEAR SIR]R/

I here Inclose You a Copy of a draft of Coll. Geo. Craghan on Your Honour for one hundred Seventy one pound Eight Sch and Six pence Which draft is due to the Estate of Joseph White deseased Messrs Martin G. V. bergen Geo. Wray And my Self being Executors to that Estate We Would be Obligated to Your Honour to order payment for the Same, I am With the most Esteem

Sir
 Your most Obedient And
 Very Hum^e. Serv^t.
 VOLCKERT P. DOUW

[] JOHNSON Barr^t.

ADDRESSED: To
 The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Jonson Barr^t.
 Att
 Johnson Hall

J Darby

INDORSED: Alby. 2^d. March 1769
 Volgert P. Douw Esq^{rs}.
 Leter wth. Coppy of a
 Draft for £171..8..6

GENERAL GAGE'S WARRANT ETC.

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 418, are listed two papers, dated March 8th and 9th, which were destroyed by the fire. They are General Thomas

Gage's warrant to Abraham Mortier for paying Sir William Johnson £3863, 16s, 6d, New York currency, for department expenses at Fort Chartres and Pitt, and George Croghan's receipt to Abraham Mortier for 9659 127/224 dollars.

SOLOMON HUTCHISON ET AL. TO HENRY MOORE

*Contemporary Copy*¹

[*Spencertown, March 12, 1769*]

[May it] please your Excellency

We beg leave to acquaint you Sir That a few days ago Col^o. Renslaer, Col^o Schuyler and M^r Blecker were out here and delivered us the inclosed Commissions of which we Accepted, thinking it an honour to Serve in So respectable a Province as this, and more particularly under your Excellency; but upon further consideration we find that we cannot consistant with our own interest or the interest of the Community we belong to Serve; for the Commissions Set forth that we are to Serve "in the Regiment of Militia for that part of the Manner of Renslaer thy lyes at Claverack" We beg leave to Assure y^r Excellency that this part of the Commissions only is exceptionable & that the Same motives that influences the Inhabitants of this Township for Petitioning Your Excellency to remain in the Albany Militia Regiment, induce us to reject the Honour of the inclosed appointments. We are Sensible Sir that this method of resignation is a little out of form but we chuse it (& we hope your Excellency will pardon the liberty) least if we were to do it through an other channel our conduct might be represented in an unfavourable light and we thereby loose an Oppertunity of Expressing Our thanks for the Honor that was intended for us & of testifying the respect with which

We are

Sir &c

This was Signed by Six people they
all Sent their Commissions

on his Majestys Service

¹ Original in New York Colonial Manuscripts, 95:97.

ADDRESSED: To
 The Hon^{ble}.
 Sir William Johnson Baronet
 Johnson Hall

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New york 13th March 1769

[] had the pleasure of your most Acceptable
 [] co]vering your Draft on Mr Mortier for
 £187.16.11¼ [] & for which I am much oblig'd
 to you— I only [wish you had de]claired yourself a little with
 Respect of Mr Roberts's [] Manner he does, with-
 out giving any Advice, for my [] Governmint in
 future — You have now an Instance of [the necessi]ty of it —
 for this Morning there has been presented to me []
 Draft of Mr Roberts ₤ £200 this Currency a 15 D^s. Sight
 [on] you, payable with Hugh Wallace or Daniel Campbell
 Esqr [of Sc]henectady, which Dft Mr Wallace will not Accept
 & there being [the grea]test Reason in the World to imagine
 Mr. Campbell will [also re]fuse & fearing least your Service
 or that of the Crown [would] be prejudiced in Case the Bill
 Shoud be returnd under [protes]t; which would have been the
 Case provided Some person Shoud [not] prevent it—these Con-
 siderations have induced me to accept [] Draft entirely
 at my own Risk, for your Honor & that of [Mr] Roberts &
 in order to prevent any ill Consequences a Protest [might] be
 attend with — permitt me therefore to request the favour
 [of you] to remitt me the Above Sum as Speedily as your Con-
 venience [will] permitt & give me Such directions for my future
 Conduct in [such] Cases, as will prevent all Difficulties & show
 you disapprove [of Mr] Roberts drawing Bills in this Vague
 Manner either [] any other person, do be So kind as
 give him a Lecture [] yourself, when you Write him
 again —

[] taken due Notice of the Memorandum you have been [] the Whole of its Contents will be Sent you by a [] this week for Albany, except the Bill, which [] Fairfield, & indeed I do not yet know for [] expect it in a little time hence & as [] to you — You may be Assurd [] ed before a Lawy[er] & if any Alterations Shall be thought [] & it Shall be printed & Sent as Soon [] to you Good Sir for what you Say abo[ut] [] was for you to locate for me in Such a p[] you Shoud think best & I must beseech you [] as Soon as you come to be Acquainted with [] of the Tract, which you will have from Coll [Butler? when] he returns from taking a View of it, which will [] the Time you will receive this Letter — The Tr[uth is] that I am totally unacquainted with those Ma[tters. The] Information to be had here, is by no means to be [] & As Mr Croghan & Coll Johnson Assures me I may h[ave it] located in any part of the Tract where I choose. I [] glad to be guided in that particular by One who [] better than myself & if you coud Spare time to inq[uire when] Coll^o Butler returns — neither He nor any other p[erson] to deceive you in any Questions you may ask about []

When Coll^o Croghan was here he gave me a D[] Mrs. Shehan, praying the Governor for a Divorce, [] I have laid before his Excellency, who tell me He can do [] that the Only Way He can think of to obtain it, will [] Application to the Assembly — As I understand the [] to Coll^o Butler — I begg you will Acquaint him [] Chooses to try the Assembly — I will do it for H[im] [] Shall meet, which will be the 4th Next Month []

My Wife joins me in best Regards to you [] pleased to Assure Miss Daily & Grace of m[] []

to Serve them in any thing in my power []
 yourself that I am with great Truth
 Sir You []
 []

ADDRESSED: To
 The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
 Sole Superintendent of Indian Affairs &c^a
 Johnson Hall.

ACCOUNT OF JOHN WETHERHEAD WITH GILBERT FORBES

D.

[New York, March 16, 1769]

[John Wetherhead]	Bo ^t . of the Es ^t . of Gilbert Forbes Deseast			
[]	800	@	8 ^d	£26..13. 4
[]	d ^o	@	11½ ^d	4..15.10
[]	Locks		18/	1..16. -
[]	d ^o d ^o		17/	1..14. -
[]	d ^o d ^o		7/	1.. 8. -
[]	d ^o d ^o		5/6	1.. 2. -
[]	of the hinges		3/	1..10. -
[]	d ^o		1/6	-..15. -
[]	1½ Inch Brads		5/3	-..10. 6
[]	2 Inch d ^o		7/3	-..14. 6
[]	C]artage			-.. 1. -
				£41.. 0. 2

Cash Sr W^m Johnson B^t.
 on board Staats Sloop

A PASS TO SCIENTIFIC MEN

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 418, is entered, under New York, March 17, a pass given by General Thomas Gage to Messrs Danforth and Willard, professors of mathematics, permitting them to observe the transit of Venus in Lake Superior; addressed to the officers commanding at Fort Ontario, Niagara, Fort Erie, Detroit and Misilimakinak. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:407-8; Q, 4:256.)

BILL OF JOHN WETHERHEAD

D.

New york 17th March 1769

[Sir Will]iam Johnson Bart.

Bot. of John Wetherhead

[] of Steel of Perry Hays & Sherbrook as Acc ^t .	£2 . . .-
[6 grind]stones of George Ball as p ^r . acc ^t .	4 . 15 . 3
[] G. Duykink for Glass & Whiting as p ^r . Acc ^t .	8 . . .-
[] of Gilbert Forbes as p ^r . acc ^t .	41 . . 0 . 2
[Cloth & feath]ers of Alex ^r . Willson as p ^r . acc ^t .	3 . 17 . 7
[Cas]h paid Cartage for Grind Stones & Steel	- . . 1 . -
	<hr/>
	£59 . 14 . -

BILL OF ALEXANDER WILSON TO JOHN WETHERHEAD

D. S.

New york 17 March 1769

[John] Wetherhead

Bot of Alexander Wilson

[] lb feathers @ 2/5 Per Pound	3-12-6
[] yds tocloath @ 1/10	4-7
	<hr/>
	£3-17-1
[Cart]ege 6 ^d	6
	<hr/>
	£3-17-7

[Received] Same time the Contents in full

ALEXANDER WILSON

BILL OF GERARDUS DUYKINCK TO JOHN WETHERHEAD

D. S.

New York 17th March 1769

[John] Wetherhead

Bo^t of Gerardus Duyckinck

[]glass 9 by 7 100 ft Each 76/ £7..12..-

[whi]ting 8..-

£8..0..-

[Receiv]ed the Above Contents

DUYCKINCK

BILL OF GEORGE BALL TO JOHN WETHERHEAD

D.

[New York ? March 17 1769]

[John] Wheatherhead

Bo^t. of George Ball

[March] 7th.

6 Grindstones W^t Vizt

14..2..15 @ £6/10 £4..15..3

BILL OF PERRY HAYES & SHERBROOKE TO JOHN
WEATHERHEAD

D.

New york March 17 1769

[John] Wetherhead

Bo^t. of Perry Hayes & Sherbrooke

[] Steel A C N^o. 3 80/ £2..-..-

FROM HENRY BOSTWICK

A. L. S.

Montreall March 18th. 1769

[I h]ad the Honour to write You the 16th of February, and I then sent a Copy of the Instructions that were given me, by the Committee, when I left England — I at the same time acquainted You with the Situation of the Mines, on Lake Superiour, that are come to my Knowledge — By the last Packet from England I received a Letter from the Committee, dated novem^r 2^d 1768 wherein they advise me to prepare for a Voyage to the Lake; and to take with me a Man who understands Mining to be ready for Mr Baxter, who will come from England with Miners and proper Implements.— They add — From many Circumstances they have little doubt of obtaining the wish'd for Charter — I intend Early in the Spring, to proceed agreeable to their Directions but before my Departure, shall be glad if You will Honour me with a Letter, and give me Your Sentiments and Advice — And, if You shou'd think it Right, to give such Directions to Those, who are immediatly under your Authority, that there may be no hindrance in pursuing [the] business I am on — I am well perswaded a Letter from [You] may be of great Advantage — I likewise by the last [] recei]ved a Letter from Mr Alexander Baxter, who tells me that Mr Pownall and Mr Fitzh[erbert?] to us — I shall continue to advise You of Ever[ything that] comes to my Knowledge relative thereto an[d have the] Honour to be

Sir

Your most Obed^t hble Ser^t.

HENRY BOSTWI[CK]

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New york the 18 March 1769

[] If writing you the 13th Instant in Answer to
 [] of the 27 Ult^o. in Obedience to which I now
 Send [] St]aats who Sails this Day for Albany, All the
 Articles [in your me]morandum, except the Weather Cock, Ball
 & the [] belonging to them, which are not yet finished
 [] be next Week, So that you may be assured of
 having [] Sent you the very first Vessell; As all
 those Things [] purchased at Cash price & some of them
 already paid for [] I hop]e the prices will be agreeable
 to you, for your Satisfaction [I send] you the Originall Bills
 of Parcells — The Deed you Sent [] will be finished
 next week & the Sheets Sent ☿ the Next Vessell [along] with
 500 Indian Prayer Books which Mr Gaine tells me will
 [] all bound by the Middle of the Week — So You
 See Sir I am [] quit of this Commission which you
 imagined woud be So [very] troublesome & am ready for your
 Next, when ever you Shall desire to honour me with it — Your
 deed has been laid before [Mr] Kempe & has undergone
 Severall Alterations, it was very unguarded [as it] Stood in the
 paper you Sent, what you Call Conditions, were not []
 Such; but left you to the Mercy of your Tenants which I Sup-
 pose [you] did not intend — however all that Latitude Stands
 corrected [by] the Alterations made & I believe you will be
 perfectly Safe [] the Instrument as it now Stands —

I have now to acquaint you that all the Petitions I have
 [] to the Governor & Council for the Issuing War-
 rants of Survey [] Severall Tracts purchasd of the
 Indians to the Southward [of the M]ohawk River, have been
 rejected or I believe rather postpond [until there] be a Sufficient

Proof or Evidence produced that those [lands were] actually agreed for before the Cession to His Majesty [] bounda]ry Line — Notwithstanding the Governor has [] that the Fact was So, Yet because the Indian [] February last at Your House, the Council do not [] sed to grant till they Can See a Sufficient [] being actually agreed for before the [] this Difficulty I shall on Wednesday Next lay before the Cou[ncil] will put that Transaction in a clear Light [] my Affidavit Shoud not be Satisfactory [] Such a Certificate under your own hand conc[] you think will Satisfie the Board — for it is [] Mr Kempe & myself are concerned, but all the Other [] of the Mohawks River are in the Same Predicament [] from the Indian Deeds that they were all actually [] before the] Cession — Let me therefore again begg of you Sir to [] Matter & write me by the first Opportunity what mu[st be done] to Sett those Things to rights — Since all the Petitions will [] till then, unless my Affidavit will Answer the End, wh[ich I] doubt because I am a Party concerned — At the Same [time I] presented the Above Petition — I gave the Governor One in the [] Preston¹ & 42 Others Named with their Associates for Some Land [north] Side of the Mohawk River — This Petition is granted, but [] that is only granted for the 43 Names actually mentioned [] there be more than 43 thousand Acres (exclusive of the 13 [] acres which Mr Banyar tells me, He, Mr Isaac Lowe & [] in that Purchase, you must not fail Sending me down [] Opportunity, as many more Names as there are 1000 Acres at [] mentioned 56 or 57 thousand — This I mention to you at [] Mr Banyar, who tells me He will write you on Mond[ay] a particular Account of the Expences of Brack [abean] desird from me —

¹ Lieutenant Achilles Preston. See *Calendar of Land Papers*, p. 469.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall March 22^d. 1769*

[DEAR] SIR

I have had the favor of your Letter of the 13th [ult^o] with the inclosures, and have ordered the [] advertisements to be set up at proper places, as to the [] Accot of Transportation I shall.²

By my Letters from the Sec^y of State by the last packet I find that his Majesty declines the large Cession of that part of Ohio extending to the Cherokee River, & would have it given up to the Ind^s as a proof of his regard,³ for my part I could not foresee any ill consequences or impropriety in getting from the Northern Nations all their Claims in that Quarter, If it had never been done the Virginians would nevertheless have pushed [se]ttlements there, at present I must manage the affair [the] best way I can, by making the Surrender of that [part of] the Cession the effect of his Majestys regard for [their in]terests, but Should the Virginians after it is [] the Crown, begin Settlements upon it the [Indians will] think Strangely of the Affair & it may create trouble. As for the consideration of any or [] may be incurred at the posts it is diff[icult] about it, within a little time we may [] certainty all I can say now is, That I [] if any of the Com-mandants have opportun[] to make them competent Judges in matters [] & that as the Amt of Expences & presents must dep[end on] Circumstances, I believe it will be impossible [] them.— A great deal of Skill is

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² A vacant space is found here in the manuscript.

³ See Lords of Trade to the King, *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.* 8:158-63.

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A Treaty between Sir William Johnson and Delaware

required in [] distribution of presents to know to whom, [on what] occasion, & of what kind they should be made [] money may be lavished to little purpose, [] Thing effectually will require a large Sum [] and the Illinois, Fort Pitt, Niagara, Detroit and Michilimack [inac are] the places where Expences are Most necessary [] scanty Allowance for the Expences of my Dep[artment] very hardly enable me to go through the ordin[ary] them, more it can't do, but possibly the [] see the necessity of Augmenting it.— [] that it may be doubted if the Govern[ments] will] go to any trouble, or Expence, it m[] know that the Commissaries are to be withdrawn []tely, and I think they might pay the Interpreters [and s]miths, which this Province always did till the [the esta]blishment of the Indian Department

[the Newcomer Chief			
[.....	20/	£2..	.. -
[.....	20/	2..	.. -
[.....	7/6	..15..	-
[.....	22/6	2.. 5..	-
[.....	7/6	1..17..	6
[.....	1/	..15..	-
[es		1.. 4..	--
[ts	7/6	..15..	-
[.....		1..17..	6
[.....		13.. 9..	--
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[Se]nica Indian —			
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[.....		1..	.. -
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[.....		.. 7..	6
[.....		2..15..	--
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[.....	7/6	£7..10..	-
[.....	1/	2..10..	-
[[]	[]	10..	-

	1/2 th Paint	[]
	Delivered to two Cayuga Indians —			
4 th	2 Strouds	22/6	[]
	a Blankets	20/	[]
	2 Shirts	20/	[]
	2 pr. leggins	7/6	[]
	2 Britch Clouts	7/1	[]
	2 th . Powder	[]
	5 th Lead	[]
	1 th . Paint	[]
6 th	Delivered At a Meeting of the Chiefs	[]
	20 th Powder	[]
	50 th Lead	[]
	60 th Tobacco	[]
	3 Stroud	[]
	Blankets	[]
	[]
	] Baynton, Wharton & Morgan for [sundries]
	] Order of the Commanding Officer and			
	commissary] at Fort Pitt —			
	] Chiefs who came on Business			

BAYNTON, WHARTON AND MORGAN AGAINST THE CROWN — continued

[	wam]pum	..... @ 50/	£12.. 10..	-
[	]	..... 22/6	4.. 10..	-
[	]	..... 2	4..	-
[] 7/6	1.. 10..	-
[] 7/6	2.. 5..	-
[] 20/	6..	-
[] 7/6	2.. 5..	-
[] 1/	-.. 12..	-
[]ves 24/	2.. 8..	-
[] 2/	15..	-
			£51..	.. -

] Ten Waindot Chiefs —

[] 20/	£5..	-
[] 10/	2.. 10..	-
[] 7/6	1.. 17..	6
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[] 7/6	3.. 15..	-
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BAYNTON, WHARTON AND MORGAN AGAINST THE CROWN — continued

22	Delivered to Six Nation Messengers —			
	2 Blankets	20/	[]
	2 Shirts	20/	[]
	2 Strouds	22/6	[]
	2 p ^r Leggins	7/6	[]
	2 Britch Clouts	7 6	[]
	2 Knives	2/1	[]
	1/2 th Paint	20/	[]
27	Delivered to Mohichons —			
	6 Blankets	20/	[]
	6 Shirts	10/	[]
	6 p ^r Leggins	7/6	[]
	6 Britch Clouts	7 6	[]
	50 th Tobacco	2/	[]
	2 Dozen Knives	24/	[]
	6 th Powder	1	[]
	20 th Lead	1	[]
	1 th Vermillion	1	[]

28 th	Delivered to a Number of Six Nation Indians	[
	25 th Powder	[
	50 th Lead	[
	100 th Tobacco	[
	10 Match Coats	[
	10 Shirts	[
	10 p ^r . leggins	[
	6 Britch Clouts	[
			20/	£2..	-..	-			
			10/	1..	-..	-			
			7/6	-..	15..	-			
			7/6	-..	15..	-			
			1/	-..	5..	-			
			2/	-..	12..	-			
				5..	7..	-			
	Shawney Chief								
			22/6	£2..	5..	-			
			20/	2..	-..	-			
			20/	2..	-..	-			
			7/6	-..	15..	-			
	ns		7/6	1..	10..	-			
			7/6						

BAYNTON, WHARTON AND MORGAN AGAINST THE CROWN — continued

[	] .....	1/	-..10.. -
[	] .....		1.. -.. -
[	]out		-.. 7.. 6
[	] Kettle		1.. 2.. 6
[	]um	12/	3.. -.. -
			14..10.. -
[	] two Indians Murdered by their own People		
[	]nk		
[	]ouds	22/	£4..10.. -
[	] .....	20/	4.. -.. -
[	] .....	7/6	1..10.. -
[	] .....		1.. -.. -
[	] .....	2/	1.. -.. -
[	] .....	25/	2..10.. -
			14..10.. -
[	] Friends of the Above Indians —		
[	] .....	20/	£2.. -.. -
[	] .....	7/6	2.. 5.. -
[	] .....	1/	-..10.. -
			4..15.. -

[	India]ns come from the Lakes on Business		
[	] .....	20/	£5.. .. -
[	] .....	20	5.. .. -
[	] .....		1..17.. 1
[
[
Decr.	28	[
1769			
Janu ^y .	4 th .	Delivered to Twightwees	
		2 Blankets	[
		2 Shirts	[
		2 p ^r . Leggins	[
		2 Britch Clouts	[
		2 th Powder	[
		4 th Lead	[
		1 Rifled Gun	[
	5 th .	Delivered 3000 Council Wampum	50/
	7 th .	Delivered to the Blind Chief —	[
		1 Blanket	[
		1 Shirt	[
		1 p ^r Leggins	[
		1 Britch Clout	[

BAYNTON, WHARTON AND MORGAN AGAINST THE CROWN — continued

10 th	Delivered to several Partys of Indians £ Order —			
	30 th Powder	7/6	[
	100 th Lead	1/	[
	500 Flint	/1	[
	2 Rifled Guns	150/	[
	4 th Paint	20/	[
	100 th Tobacco	2/	[
	6 dozen Knives	24/	[
	20 Britch Clouts	7/6	[
	2 Kettles	75/	[
17 th .	Delivered to the Red Hawks Family—			
	3 Blankets	[
	3 Shirts	[
	3 p ^r . Leggins	[
	4 Strouds	[
	10 th Powder	[
	20 th Lead	[
20	Delivered to the White Min[go]			
	5 th Powder	[
	10 th Lead	[

[	]	ty	returned from the Congress	7/6	£3..15..	-
[	]			1/	1..	-
[	]			7/6	2.. 5..	-
[	]			2/	-..12..	-
[	]			/1	-.. 1..	-
[	]				1..	-
[	]			7/6	2.. 5..	-
[	]			20/	4..	-
					14..18..	-
<hr/>						
[]	Party of 40 Seneca Warriors going against the Catabas			£7..10..	-
[]			7/6	2..10..	-
[]			1/	-.. 8..	4
[]			/1	3..	-
[]	ion		20/	2.. 8..	-
[]	k]nives		20/	7..10..	-
[]] Clouts		7/6	4..10..	-
[]			7/6		
					27..16..	4
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BAYNTON, WHARTON AND MORGAN AGAINST THE CROWN — continued

[] the Newcomer Chief —			
[	] .....	22/6	£2..	5.. —
[	] .....	20/	2..	—.. —
[	] .....	7/6	—..	15.. —
[	] on		1..	—.. —
[	] .....	7/6	3..	15.. —
[	] .....	1/	1..	—.. —
[	] .....			10..15.. —
[	] Tobacco ₤ Order.....	2/		20.. —.. —
[	] Council Wampum	50/		12..10.. —
[	] Warriors			
[	] .....	7/6	£3..	15.. —
[	] .....	1/	1..	—.. —
[	] .....	24/	2..	8.. —
[	] .....	20/	2..	—.. —
[	] .....	7/6	3..	15.. —
[]			
[	] .....		3..	15.. —
[]			

Received of Alexander [McKee Commissary of Indian] Affairs the Contents of the With[in account]
£674. . 13. . 4 Penn^a. Curr^y.]
for Mes[]

[JOHN CAMPBELL]

I do hereby Certify the Within Account [amount]ing to Six Hundred & Seventy four Pounds Thir[teen
shillings four] Pence and to have been delivered to the within [] from Time to Time
agreeable to my Orders

Given under my [hand]
the 24th. Day of M[arch 1769]
CHA[s. EDMONSTONE Capt.]

INDORSED: Mr. Alex^d. McKees Acc^t.
£674. . 13. . 4
to March 25th. 1769

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

L. S.¹(N^o: 9)*Whitehall 24th. March 1769.*

SIR,

As the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, to whom your proceedings with the Six Nations and their Allies, and those of M^r: Stuart with the Southern Indians touching the Boundary Line are referred, have not yet made their Report² upon this important Business, I have only at present to acquaint you that I have received and laid before The King your Letter N^o: 6, containing your sentiments upon the proposition for opening Mines on the Coasts of Lake Superior,³ upon which proposition no resolution has yet been taken.

I am &c

HILLSBOROUGH

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON.

INDORSED: Dra^l: to
 Sir William Johnson
 White hall 24th: March 1769.
 (N^o: 9)
 Ent^d.

¹ In Public Record Office, C. O. 5.70, p. 347, London, England.

² In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:158-63.

³ In *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:140-42.

TO BENJAMIN ROBERTS

*Df.*¹

[*Johnson Hall, March 24, 1769*]

[²]
 Letter an[] conceived
 y[] the tenor of
 [] Much deceived, as that
 [] I wrote to you as I did
 [] without any apprehension that you
 [] a Construction upon it — On the contra[ry]
 [] Concerned on your account but It was
 [] You know that the Duration of your Off[ice]
 [] uncertain, and that for some time past,
 [] the Commissaries would not be continued,
 [] them up as long as I could, but by my last
 [] was a Necessity for imediately complying with
 [] Orders, for altho' his Majesty seems sensible
 of the [] Advantages that would have been derived from
 due execution of the plan, the Expence & difficulties attending it,
 obliges it to be set aside at this time altho' I laid the considera-
 tion of the posts of most [] before the General, he
 thinks it necessary to [] all of, and Orders are given
 accordingly. I cant [] any Objection to your going
 to Michilimackinac [] your Affairs, but I dont see how
 it can be [] Capacity you require, I wish it could.
 [] Assured that as I am concerned at the
 necessity of your run[]
 which I []ge

[LIEUT] ROBERTS.—

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Several lines missing.

FROM HENRY VAN SCHAACK

A. L. S.

[Kinderhook, 24th] March 1769

In the year 66, in my way up to Detroit, I had the honour of conversing [with you on the] subject of Militia appointments for this Township; as I propose for the future to make [my] residence I am more interested in its prosperity than ever, this leads me to inform [you that the princi]pal People here have been a good alarmed with reports that Col^o Renselaer should have [] Commissions for ten Companies in *his* possession to be distributed among his friends, Should this prove [] has every thing to dread from a Person with whom Nine tenths of the Community are [at Var]iance. Therefor appointments through that interest will ever be disagreeable to almost []t.

The People to the Eastward of us who have settled in Townships on the untested lands [have express]ed their uneasiness to me that People among them without property or Character [] Commissions to be obtained through the above interest: they will, I believe Sir, inform you [of their] apprehensions. Upon the whole Sir you would do a most Acceptable piece of Service [to the com]munities down this way if you would be pleased to interest yourself so far in their [behalf that no] appointments of this kind might take place without they fell upon Such [as have] property weight and Influence in the respective Townships.

I am

with the Greatest respect

Sir

Your most Obedient

and very humble servant

H V SCHAACK

[] to a man, were greatly
 [] opposition the last Elections
 [] Interfering — In future
 [] you may depend

FROM JOHN MONIER

A. L. S.

Albany 26th March 1769

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of your favour of the 16th Current.— I was sure that there was no Lands Vested in the Crown, untill your Treaty last fall at Fort stanwix, but I was willing to know wether I could come in for a Location, as my Authority was from the King, altho' I am content to wait the Event of the disposal of those Lands.— As I have given Mr. Leake 21 Guineas for the Kings writ I hope as a Reduced Commissary that I may be considered, provided I knew the right Channel for Application, it will however feel, if not appear Opressive should we not succeed.

I Return you a great many thanks for your kind offer of 3000 Acres as a Purchaser, & I remain very Respectfully

Sir

Your most humble & Obliged Servant

JN^o. MONIER

P S Your Express bro^t. me your Pacquet at 2 P M, and was dispatched in one hour

[SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON] Bar^t.

INDORSED: *Alby. 26th March 1769*

Mr. Moniers Letter

FROM HENRY BOSTWICK

A. L. S.

Montreal March 30th 1769

By the last Pacquet I received a Letter from the Committee [of the Lake] Superior Company wherein they inform me that Mr [Samuel] Touchett had by there Consent wrote to Colonel Croghan [offering] him a Share therein — in Consequence of which I inclose [] for that Gentleman and beg You

Sir to let it be forwarded [] not known where to direct to him — In the Letters I did myself [the hon]our to write You the 16th ult^o. and 18th inst enclosing You in the [] a Copy of my Instructions. I desired You would be pleased to [transmit?] to me any particular Method how You would have the [Indian]s treated with and at same time desired You to give me Your []nd Opinion in the Affair of the Mines — I have Orders [from the] Committee to prepare two Cannoes immediatly for the [] and Advice that they will by the first Vessels in the Spring [] necessarys for the Undertaking — By the March Pacquet I [] have a Letter from the Committee which will bring an [] the Report You have made to his Majesty and a Confirmation [] — When I receive it I will immediatly acquaint You and [] before my Departure give me a Letter relative to the [] Your Advice for the Undertaking — I have the Honour [] Sir
 Your most Obed^t hble Serv^t

HENRY BOSTWICK

ADDRESSED: To

Sr. William Johnson Bar^t.
 at Johnson Hall
 near
 Schanectidy

INDORSED: []
 [] April
 Ans. April 26th.

TO SIR HENRY MOORE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall March 30th. 1769

[]

I should have wrote you Sooner after your [depart]ure from hence, but that I was not enabled to [comply] earlier with your

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

Excellencys desire that I sho^d. [recom]mend some Justices to be inserted in the Commission [of] the peace, a List of whom I now take the Liberty to [in]close you, and I May venture to assure you that they are such persons as I think best Qualified for that trust; before I made this return there was not a Single Majestrate from Caghnewaga to Schenectady which is 25 Miles, I hope those I have recommended will meet with your approbation

A few days ago I received a Letter with a Pacquet [from] Mr. Livingston inclosing me the Militia Commissions which Shall be delivered out & returns made of them as Soon as possible. I take the Liberty to observe [tha]t as it may be Inconvenient & Expensive to several of [the] Officers to go to Albany or Schenectady to take the Oaths this difficulty [mig]ht be removed by your Excellencys issuing a Dedimus [potes]tat^m. [] this way before whom they might be qualified [This is] intirely Submitted to your consideration

INDORSED: []
 wth. an Alteration
 promis^s to Send ☞ Next Post
 a List of Persons fitt for
 the Comsⁿ. of the Peace

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.

[Quebec, March 30, 1769]

[not been fav]ord with an Answer to Any of Letters to you
 []my duty to Correspond with you my present
 []ded & Oppress'd by parties & unsupported all
 [] Eve of going 300 Leagues to gather my Effects to
 []
 []tes as Soon as Ainses tryal was Over I set out
 for this [] time enough to Close the Eyes of a very

particular friend who []ed have Sacrificed his life or fortune for Me.

[] you a Short Account of Ainses Tryal. The Judge in his Charge [] found] much fault with the Justices for not taking Bail as twas [] beyon]d the Jurisdiction of that Court, assured them tho they should [] throw it Out this was repeated two days Bostwick withdrew [] murmured very much. & I am told were going to enter [] against the] Judge, both Military & Civill seemed discontent it did [] was all the Young mans friends, however on the Thursday [] bill to be found & desired the young man to provide his Wit[nesses]ing He was Obliged to Send to Quebeck for Capt Spice[macher] & others who were all Supona'd before, but the Judge [] Quebeck not intending a tryal

[Ainse] was Arraigned for Stealing a bag of Indian [corn] Property of Bostwick

[] to the Court beginning at the time of his leaving [] that the French knew of the Massacre [] did not Celebrate the fete de Dieu¹ [] sson was to happen. Bostwick said [] [] Clerk to See what ²[] [] hid himself behind Some Indian [Corn] into his Garret & take Away his Corn & [peltries] Garret & Ainses Step father's Garret & threw [] of Corn that Sheltered him & fearing he should [] to Ainses whose back was to him going with a bag [of corn. He] threw down the Corn & made a Sign to An Indian [] room to come & Kill him, & then Went Away, that the [Indian] made a Stroke at him with a Tomahawk, which he [] ran behind another Indian who kept him a prisoner aft[]

¹ The capture of Michilimackinac by the Ojibwas occurred on Thursday, June 2, 1763.

² See letter of Henry Bostwick to Johnson, December 10, 1768.

who adopted him. Bostwick Swore he was thoroughly Acquainted with [] & Customs of the Indians tho he Could not understand their [language] was more expressive than Any words Could be, he told the Court [that] Aitse & he were in the Strictest friendship that always [] a very good young man. he Swore he never told any Fr[enchman the] Story least the should Kill him. also swore he was not the [least] the scene but as composed as ever he was in his life. [] pounds worth of Effects

Fortin who was then Kings Interpreter Swore he [knew Aitse] from his Infancy to be a very good young man that th[] he had Scured Lt Lesslie Bostick & others prisoners in this [] began the Slaughter & were the most Blood thirsty [] have forced in & Killed the prisoners but Aitse tried [] for the Indians had their tomahawks lifted to Kil[].] Could not have saved the lives he did or with[] without the Voluntary assistance of Aitse []

Bosticks Clerk arrived as the [] Aitse produced [] in full Councill if Aitse [] he would have Killed Bostwick only for [] call]ed upon to Know what the Could understand [] the all said it seem'd to require a person to be []ief

[] roved Aitse going to Detroit & doing every thing [for the] good of the Service & that twas Capt Etherington desired [] dangerous an undertaking nobody else would go

[] that Aitse had not appeared in Any English Garrison [] the taking of Mackinac till he saw him at Montreal that he [] were very poor before that time & were rich since, Several [] family to be extraimly poor were to this day, that after [] gave Aitse some of their old Cloths, that he hired himself []ng man that Season & that the next year he Cut Cord [wood] since, then went to Fort Chartres & returned to St. Josephs

[] dants passport Mr. Goddard prove he heard Ainses Step
 [father Bo]stwick for Speaking ill of Ainse who had Saved
 his [life] Bostwick did not Contradict
 [] 10 o'Clock till 5 in the evening, we near two
 hours [] the Judges Charge to the Petty Jury
 he desired them [] they should find Ainse guilty it
 Could not affect [] when these were at Stake
 Jurors were very tender [] guilty, I did not like
 that hint however the Jury [] Verdict not
 Guilty

[] more Steady resolution or Sentiment therein
 [] the Jurisdiction of the Court, as parties
 [] were at Makinak, likewise twould
 [] than be under the []
 []
 was expence of doing good []

Its very hard this young Man [] near 50 half
 Johannes he has not a [] & one
 Stuart I brought down on Rogers's tryal [] up
 again & pay their expences here which I think []
 no instructions from you on these heads

The traders has memoriald the Governor []
 provisions for Securing & recovering Debts in the Upper
 [] giving a kind of a plan. that their shall be two
 Judges [] reside at Mackinak who for large Sums
 must have a [Jury and] to be without appeal. no rum to be
 allow'd for Sale at [traders] to be allow'd to Winter
 where they please provided they behave properly. There is no
 provision made for th[] Indian department. the
 Governor told me he intended [] I find by him he
 is in hopes of its being Annex'd to th[] he has wanted
 me to give him a plan but I have ex[] French have
 refused to sign the plan given in

I shall have Occasion to draw on you for about [£200 and]
 beg you to be so kind to Order Mr. Mortier to Accept i[]
 will take a Bill, without it is directed to York []

I can't but feel the greatest uneasiness in n[ot]] Mr.
 Johnson Notwithstanding I remain with [] your
 family

Sir

Y[]
 []

INDORSED: L^t Roberts Letter

FROM FERRALL WADE

A. L. S.

Philadelphia March 30th. 1769

Coll^o. Croghan was so good as to Deliver [you a] letter of mine, in which I humbly Implored [yours] and Familys pardon for my past Ingratitude []id, sir it has been such as hardly to merit the []st Opening in a Generous soul, but my Dear sir William, Your whole Life has been a Continual []ine of Exalted Actions and Acts of Genorosity dont [for] God sake Exclude one of the most Deplorable of the human Race, words can but faintly Express my [re]pentance, had I a thousand years to Live, I would [thin]k it to short to Merit your forgiveness [Imagine] me prostrated at your feet bathing them [with] my tears, to Implore your Compassion, I am [] your soul would Melt.

Oh sir, my Own Conscience []me so in the face, that it would be Impossible [] face you. Altho' its One of the happyns [] at this side the Grave, without Your [] My Dear sir, I am Lost, I have no One that []ng to put me in Any kind of []ls provide for me in any of the back []ld go Round to them without []ble Necessity of seeing [] to me sir, it would be a greater [] Met with, for how Could I App[] so highly

Offended, I most Humbly [] Mercy, and beleive
me to be with the G[] for my past Folly.

My Dear sir Wi[]

Your Most Humble

Obedient but Un[]

Humble servant

FERRALL WADE

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourable

Sir William Johnson Bart.

Johnson Hall

A PETITION FROM KINDERHOOK

*Contemporary Copy*¹

Kinderhook

To His Excellency Sir Henry Moore Baronet
Cap General and Commander in chief of the
Province of New York & Territories thereon
depending in America vice Admiral of the Same.

[] Petition of the Subscribers on Behalf of them-
selves & the principle freeholders and Inhabitants of the
Township of Kinderhook in the County of Albany

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners on behalf of themselves & a very great
Majority of the principal Freeholders & Inhabitants of the
Township of Kinderhook beg leave to address your Excellency
upon the Following Subject. That your Petitioners possess a
Tract of Land on the East Side of Hudsons River which they
and their Progenitors have occupied in uninterrupted Tran-
quility Since the Year 1686 the date of their Patent, that the
extensive claims lately set up by John Van Renslaer Esqr., the
present Proprietor of Claverack, greatly interfere with the
interest of your Petitioners under the Said Patent as well as wth

¹ Original in New York Colonial Documents, 95:99.

the Interest which some of your Petitioners have in a Subsequent Patent to wit that of Mawigananck¹ to Stephen Bayard and others that Your Petitioners have hitherto rested easy in full confidence that the justice of their Titles could not be impeached by those enormous claims but they cannot help being alarm'd at a circumstance which may hereafter prejudice your Petitioners or their Decendants. The [] of their apprehensions is that a number of Militia Commissions [have] lately been issued Said to be for the appointment of a Regiment [for that] Part of the Manor of Renslaer that lies at Claverack [] truth most of the Persons to whom the Said Commissions [] reside on lands of which there is not an Acre admitted [] Claverack, the greater part of it tho claimed by Col^o. [Van Renslaer is the] possession of and claimed by a great number [] Several Townships, Some other part of it being [] & claimed by them both as Proprietors [] and a very large part being claimed by the Crown as [] That as these Commissions are couched in S[uch] Persons to whom they are granted to [] of Claverack, they not only tend to draw off [] your Petitioners and others & induce them to ha[] Proprietor of Claverack, and to raise a general Rep[utation in] favour of his claim; but by becoming matter of [] may hereafter be construed as Evidences of the Same [] Government respecting the extent of Claverack to the [] Disadvantage not only of your Petitioners and their [] & the Persons now occupying the Said controverted Land [but] also to the rights of the Crown. Your Petitioners in Con[templation] of these evils and others which must Necessarely result to them [from] such a measure are extreemly alarmed & confiding in [the] Impartiality & equity of your Excellency's Administr[ation] they cannot help thinking that your Excellency has [been] induced to Grant the Said Commissions thro Some

¹ See *Calendar of Land Papers*, p. 249.

misin[formation] which your Petitioners conceive must have proceeded f[rom the] said John Van Renslaer Esq^r or his Agents. And as [your] Petitioners conceive your Excellency did not intend that [any] constructions Should be drawn from the Said Commiss[ions in] favour of a *disputed Title* to the Detriment of other [] which will inevitably be the case if these Commi[ssions are] Suffred to remain as they now are.

Your Petitioners therefor []
 for these Reasons & as th[]
 depending & many m[]]
 hereafter be comman[]]
 controverted Lands []]
 your Petitioners []]
 receive no Pr[]]
 the Said Co[mmissions]]
 recalled []]
 []]

INDORSED: []
 from Kinderhook. —
 1769

FROM ALLAN GRANT

A. L. S.

[Ontario, April 3] 1769

As it had been the Custom befor the [] Depart-
 ment was Established to the Out posts, [to acqu]aint you with
 every thing Relative to them [] you order'd Mr
 Byrne & all the department [] the Country, I believe
 the Indians will miss him [very] much, & I think it would be
 very unpolitick []t every thing from them all at once,
 if the [comm]anding Officer was allowed to give to the leding
 [] of them some Tobacco pipes & a few Drames, & in
 [] had a Smith in the Garrison, to allow him [to

wor]k for them now & then it might be the [] to keep them in better temper, however I [] be very sparing in advancing on account of [] untill I hear from you or the General [on this] head, for fear it would be out of my [poc]ket in these times of economy

[Mr Byrne] intends setting off this afternoon he'll [] with our news I have the Honour to [] Respect Sir

Your most Humb:

& most Ob^t. Ser^t.

ALLAN GRANT

INDORSED: []
Mr. Byrne, rec^d. 11th of
May.

Ansrd. 24th. May 1769
by Andreas Wemple
Smith & Interpreter
who Set of this Day from hence

ACCOUNT OF JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. D.

New York 3^d. April 1769

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

Bo^t. of John Wetherhead

1 Pipe Madeira Wine		£50	
1 Hhd: Spirits 2 ^{tes} (?) 117 Gall ^s .	@ 5/6	32	3 6
2 Barrells Muscuvado Sug ^r			

N. 1.	2.1.12.19
2.	2.0.26.19

4.2.10.38
1.10

4.1.0	N ^t . @58/	12	6 6
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1 Barrel Loaf Sug ^r . N ^o . 3 112 ^{lbs}	at 12 ^d 1/2	5 16 8
3 Empty Casks	@ 1/6	6
500 Bushells of Indian Corn	" 4/	100
half Measuring of d ^o .		18 9
Short Charg'd on a wench as p ^r . the		
Enclos'd acc ^{ts}		7 10
6ll. Sup ^r . fine Hyson Tea	@28/	8 8
6ll. Soushong d ^o .	" 18/	5 8
2 Cannisters	6/	12 -
2 Boxes Chocolate 50ll @ 1/9 1/2 Boxes	4/	4 13 9
Iron Work Spindle & Cross		15
Weather Cock, Ball & Star		4 10 -
a Large Box		12
Cash paid for Gilding & painting		3 4
[] ll Virginia Rattle Snake Root		12
Cartage		10
[] Che]shire Cheeses wt. 54ll. @ 10 ^d .		2 5
		<hr/>
		£254 16 2

FROM JAMES ADAIR ETC.

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 420, are listed these letters: one, undated, from James Adair, attributing to Johnson's commendation his pleasant reception by Sir Henry Moore and reverend and learned people (in New York) and asking Johnson's patronage and a letter to Lord Hillsborough in behalf of his Indian Essays and histories (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:413-15; Q, 4:259-60); and, under Rye, the 3d, one from John Rand to Rev. Dr Auchmuty, rector of Trinity Church in New York, with regard to leaving a school at Rye in order to teach at Fort Johnson, his preparation for holy orders and his employment by the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:408-9; Q, 4:256-57.)

TO CADWALLADER COLDEN

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 420, is listed a letter of the 4th to Lieutenant Governor Colden on the management of Indian trade, the pretense of patriotism in free governments and the proposal to erect Johnson's estate into a manor. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:937-38; Q, 2:543.)

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 4 April 1769

I receivd your very Acceptable favour of the []ng your Dft on M^r Mortier ꝑ £200 which Cannot be [for want] of Cash, as neither M^r Mortier nor the Contractors [] as yet Can get any — I have taken due Notice of all [] of your Memorandum, which Shall be complyd with, part [of which were] Sent yesterday by Van Allen's Sloop & the Rest Shall [] as] fast as I can meet with them to my Satisfaction, as yet [I can ne]ither procure Irish Beef nor Pickled Cod — I have been very []y least I shoud not have it in my Power to procure the Indian [corn] at the Time I receivd your Order there was none in town — & Since that [time all we] have had come in, Was from Maryland and Virginia for which [] woud not abate a farthing of 4/ ꝑ Bushell & the Corn absolutely [the wor]st I ever Saw, not even worth 3/ I therefore wrote to Some friends [in the] Jerseys & have got your Quantity of very fine Corn from thence [] Above price of 4/, which tho very high is really better by 50 ꝑ C [than] the Southern Corn — M^r Gainé has sent you the Physick Books [] in] the Same package you will find 2th Snake Root; by this [oppo]rtunity you will receive the Weather Cock, Ball & Iron Work for [the church], but it will be 3 Weeks before I can Send the Bell — the [] at fairfield, is now here — He tells me he has been Sick for [] long time & that is the Reason of the Delay in that Article [You ma]y Assure yourself I will Send it to you the Instant it comes [] —

Since writing the Above I find M^r Agar has made a [] in Sending you Snake Root instead of the Virginia [] Snake Root, of which I now Send you 1th & if you have [] or Use for the other, you will please to Send it back []

Opportunity, as Agar has agreed to take it again [There] is a most Surprising Person lives in the Jersies [] time had as Surprising a Success in radically [curing dropsical] Disorders — This Man's Performances have been [] the Phisicians here think the Government [] of Purchasing the Secret from him [] Complaint to be Something of this [] woud take an Opportunity of coming [] weather will render it Safe & pleasant for you & try what the [] Very near Shrewsbury which is a very [] Country very near the Hook, the Fish [] off from it— If you Can make it Conven[ient] to come down, I flatter myself you will [have reason] to be glad of the Hint I give you — I woud [] considering this as merely a Scheme in me to get you [] no person breathing will be more happy than [I to have] you here — Yet let me at the Same time Assure [you] that what I tell you about this person is Matter [] I therefore Wish you woud have So much Regar[d for] the Publick & Your Friends as to come & take a [] if you will not believe what I say about this Ma[ttter] The Journey alone will undoubtedly unbend your [] to the Benefit of your Health — it was Said last [] you woud not come hither because of Some Apprehen[sion] that you woud be induced unavoidably to be in [town?] In Answer to this, You need not Stay here above an h[our unless you] Choose it — You may live as retire as you Wish for as [] & without Partiality I am Sure you will be every [] in that Part of the Jersies as you possibly could be [] or any other part of the Continent — please to let me [] Resolutions about this Matter & beleive me to be [with] Regard to Truth
Your most Obliged Friend & []

JOHN WETHER[HEAD]

FROM SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

*A. L. S.*¹*New York April the 6th. 1769*

WORTHY SIR —

Mr Munro tells me that he sets of early to Morrow Morning for Albany, I could not consent to let so favorable an Opportunity pass, without troubling you with a few hasty Lines —

I am first to thank you; for the kind notice you was pleased to take of my Letter to you concerning Mr S——r;² and, am perfectly satisfied with your obliging Answer: but this permit me to assure you, that from the best intelligence I can collect, he is equally a Friend to you, your Family, & the established Church. You, I dare say know the Man and his Communications.

Assure yourself, that I am doing all in my power to procure not only a Missionary for Schenectady, but also one for you; & School Master for the Mohawks &c — Inclosed you will receive a Letter, I have received, from a School-Master at Rye, with a postscript from the Clergy-man there; if you approve of the Man, whose Character is very good, I will immediately send him up, & after acquainting himself with the Manners & Dispositions of the Indians & other Inhabitants, I will if requested, send him Home for holy Orders. He may immediately take possession of Dr Barclay House &c as the Deeds are drawn, & part, if not the whole of the purchase Money will be paid next Month.

The people of Schenectady have applied to me, and I flatter myself it will not be long before I shall be able to assist them. They shall have my warm Friendship, and Advice.

Mr Seabury Wife being very unwell of late, has prevented his paying his respects to you; but, I hope as she is now delivered of her Burden, he will be able soon to do it. I have no late

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

² Colonel Philip Schuyler.

Advices from the Society of any Consequence. Their Secretary I fear eats too much roast Beef & pud'in.

Our good, & sensible Friend Banyar, I suppose acquaints you with our political proceedings — few of which are worthy of Notice — for fear he has omitted writing to you by the post, I will just mention to you that the Church party prevails in the Assembly — Mr Cruger the late Mayor, a good Friend to us, is chosen Speaker by a great majority, and it's tho't that the requisition for his Majys Troops will be complied with. I this day dined with the Governor — He seems outwardly well pleased, & flatters himself that, He and his Assembly will agree well. Time will evince this. We impatiently wait the Arrival of a packet, when we shall know in what Manner the Commons have proceeded upon American Affairs — How they ought to proceed every well wisher to the British Constitution already knows, and God grant that they may know as much. —

I am in the Midst of moving & hurry, to the parsonage house, which my people have at last tho't fit to build for me. They have done it completely. It being the best House in the City; you will therefore readily excuse the haste this is wrote in; & be assured that I am, worthy Sir

Y^r much ob: Fr^d & Serv^t

S: AUCHMUTY

SIR W^m JOHNSON

p. S. It is generally tho't that p: Livingston the late Speaker will be obliged to decamp, as he not a resident in the Manor which he represents — If the Matter is pushed he certainly must go to the right about — With all my heart — That party though added & assisted by the learned in the Law loose ground daily. Your Answer to the inclosed as soon as convenient to you will be very acceptable.

INDORSED: N York April 6th. 1769 —

Doctor Auchmutys letter

wth an Enclosure —

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

[N.] London Ap. 6th 1769

[DEAR] Sir

I was not at home last week or [I] should have had the Papers forwarded they are now [sent] as well as those for this week — the first adventurers to Susquehanna are just Returned I have [] Col^o. Dyers son who tells me that the High [sheriff] of Northhampton County if I Remember — went [] d Burnt their huts and Drove them off

Next munday there is to be a Grand [meet]ing at which they say they shall make [pro]vision for marching five hundred men who [with] their friends in Pensilvania will be a force [sufficient] to Take & keep possession of the lands [This] Colony have letters from their agent Mr. [Johnson¹] of the 3^d of Jan^{ry} he says they have [nothing] to hope for from the present Temper of [the peop]le in England — that it was the General [] that the seat of Government would be [removed] from Boston to Salem this is not []le to the Bostonians — Mr^r stuart our Collector lately made [a seizure] of 28 Hh^{ds} of Rum said to belong to [] of the Saltonstalls — a few nights ago the [] in which it was stored was Broke open [] whole Carried of — the Colector applyed to [] Justice of the Peace for a Warrant to s[] it, who Referred him to the Superior Cou[rt then] sitting at Norwich, who did not Choose [] it untill they advise with the General assembly who are to be Chose next we[ek] to meet the 12th. of may — so you'l [] Pretty good time is allowed for getting [] out of the way —

¹ Richard Jackson and William Samuel Johnson were agents of Connecticut in England. Johnson's letter of January 3d is printed in *Massachusetts Historical Society*, 5, Collections, 9:304.

Since my last [] the misfortune to Loose our Little
 Girl [] Born last summer Mrs Chew and my
 [] Boy have been Very unwell thank God
 [] now Better — the Garden seeds [some]
 fruit trees the willow slips & ca are [] and will go
 the first wind to New [York to] Mr Wetherheads Care — I
 wish it [were in my] Power to tell you with what []

I am Dear Sir

Your most Obed serv^t.

JOS CHEW

[Mrs] Chew desires me to present
 [her] best Compliments and Respects
 [to y]ou.

[]^{le} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

TO AN UNKNOWN PERSON

A. L. S.¹

Johnson Hall April 9th. 1769

SIR/

I am much obliged to You for Your kind Information, & shall not mention a word of it to Mankind, I dont know what land Barnt M. Wemp has with the Mill, but I always understood he had but 7 Acres, if that be so, then I look upon it, that he Would have (at y^e. rate he was offered) for Each Acre Fifty Seven pounds, Six Shillings, & Eight pence & A Hundred pounds for the Mill which is rotten & not worth So much.— Now, I will tell you openly what my Design is, that is, to build a good Mill with 2 pair of Stones on that Creek, as I have a right thereto, that Mill building, wont cost me above £300 So that I should only throw away so much more money if I was to buy that of Wemps, for Example, was I to buy Wemps Land & Mill for £550, I must be at the Expence of building another new Mill w^h. would cost me as I before observed at Least £300

¹ In the Pierpont Morgan Library, New York City.

— So that the whole would Cost me £850, Instead of £300, by w^h. I would loose £550 —

If Barnt Vroman will Sell his Land or Right in Coghnewagey to me, He must be of, or on in Ten Days, as after that, I shall look upon my promise Void, having other Calls for the money w^h. is now ready, this be pleased to tell him if you think proper. —

I have not any Bills, nor have not had for Some time, If I had you Should be verry welcome to one, perhaps Col^l. Claus has, or Col^l. Johnson. I wish You well & am yours Sincerely

W JOHNSON

INDORSED: The Honeorbell
 SirW^m. Johnson
 Letter about
 Bart. M. wemps
 Lands

1769

April

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London 11th April 1769

[DEAR] SIR

This day is the Grand meeting of [the] Susquehanna Company at Hartford as soon as I [hear] what they have determined upon will advise you — Col^o Dyer I am informed was lately for taking Possession and keeping the Same by a Strong hand I should immagine that many things are against that method and that this is all noise and Bluster in some of the Hero's — who in my Opinion will neither Risque being Carryed to jail in Pensilvania or being sent for to England [as] Disturbers of the peace of the Colonys —

Mr Wetherhead has sent an advertisement to be published here incouraging people to settle upon Some of the lands in the late [pur]chases made at Fort Stanwix — I wish to [

] your sentiments of the matter — I have sent [to] the Care of Mr Wetherhead a few trees of [] kinds of Fruit and a Number of slips [for graftin]g your Common Wild Cherry & Plumbs [for] the English Cherrys and Plumbs and the wild thorn for the Pears — by the same op[ortunity] Mrs Chew has sent you a set of African Table [] a few sweet meets — and I have put up [] of the best Garden seeds I know of in America

The dismissing or Expelling W[ilks] from the House of Commons is a matter V[ery] disagreeable to the Sons of Liberty — at No[rwich] they made some Bustle about a meeting [] very few assembled — Col^o putman [] to have deserted the Cause.

M^{rs} Chew desires me [to] present her Compliments and Respects to you [] hope you will accept of mine and be Assur'd t[] am most sincerely & Respectfully Dear sir

Your most Obed^t
Most Hble S[]
JOS [CHEW]

The Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{ble}.

Sir William Johnson Bar^t

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: []

wth. a list [of]

FROM HARRY MUNRO

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 421, is a letter of the 12th from Rev. Harry Munro, at Albany, explaining his inability to wait on the Indians at Easter and saying that he can give them Trinity Sunday or the Sunday before Whitsunday and mentioning the choice of Mr Cruger as Speaker in the Assembly and Dr Chandler's appeal. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:409-10; Q, 4:257-58.)

FROM PETER REMSEN

A. L. S.

New york April 13th. 1769

Just this moment I Bought at Vandue [a] Negro Boy of about 19 years of Age for £51. I have had no opportunity to purchase one before for you he is Call'd by the man whom he lived with a Good Nature and very Willing fellow, hope he will give Sattisfaction. I Shall purchase another, if I Can meet with a good one to my Liking, I have Sent him to the Care of Richard Cartwright in Albany who I have Desired to Send him to you

I am

Sir

Your most Hum^b. Serv^t.

PETER REMSEN

Boy's Name is

[]N SON Bar^t.

ADDRESSED: To

Sir William Johnson Baro^t

at

Johnson Hall

Please the Negro man the bearer to Sr Wm Johnson

With this Letter as fast as possible

he Comes from P Remsen —

INDORSED: Mr. P. Remsens letter

concerning a Negroe

Ansrd. 25th. May

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall April 14th. 1769

I am favored with your Letter of the third Instant and am entirely of your opinion as to the conduct which may be expected

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

from the frontier Inhabitants particularly the Virginians — I was sensible that they were about to push Settlements & would do so in Virtue of their old Claim That of the Cherokees I had great reason to think could not be made out, but in case one Set of Indians were to be disoblged, I Judged it least dangerous that it sho^d. be them than the Northern Indians who are more capable of shewing their resentment, & more inclined to do so, besides I thought that whatever pretensions the former might now have, it could easily be settled to their satisfaction.— I am very Sensible that the Frontier people will meet with but too much encouragement from persons in the provinces, and that whatever Laws are made will fail in the Execution for reasons that are obvious, but I am at present most concerned as to the additional Cession from the Orders I have to acquaint the Indians in the [best] manner I can that his Majesty declines it thro' regard [for] their interest, after which If Settlements are nevertheless [] it I leave you to Judge of what may be the []s with regard to the Indians, I should therefore [] your opinion whether under these Circumstances [gov]ernment may not be acquainted) it is [] signify to them []tys declining it to the Indians.—

INDORSED: []

To Gen^l. Gage.—
gone

TO SIR HENRY MOORE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall April 14th. 1769

Agreeable to my last I take the liberty to transmit your Excellency The Names of some persons whom I Judge best Qualified for the Magistracy here, Several of whom have been in the Commission for Sometime, and for the rest they are I believe such as are most fitting, and from their Scituations best calcu-

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

failed to avail themselves of your purchase in Oposition to the Claims of the Cherokees, and in Virtue thereof are making Settlements beyond the Line pointed out in the Report of the Board of Trade,¹ and agreeable to the Kings Orders, Ratified by me in october Last at a Congress of the Cherokees, What appears very Extraordinary is that during a Correspondence of three years with the Lieutenant Governor & president of Virginia on the Subject of a Boundary Line, when the pretensions of the Indians were Explained in many Letters they never made the Least objection to the Line proposed, till after it was Ratified by Express orders from Home. Lord Botetourt wrote me about it in Decem^r last by Col. Lewis and Doctor Walker, and Says, "By the Line you have Ratified with the Cherokees, you have determined a great Body of Land, Ceded to this Province by the Northern Indians at the Late Congress held by Sir William Johnson, to be Cherokee Hunting Grounds." I [] and Vir[] Cherokees of []

[] they claim beyond the [] Southward of the Cherokee [] Creeks and Chickasaws reach [] of their Towns. I have laid the whole Ma[tter before his] Majesty with Copies of my Correspondence [] the Subject. In Ratifying the Line with [] Indians I did not consider myself as Auth[orized] to deviate in any Respect from that pointed [out] by the Board of Trade, His Majesty's orders [were] Signified by the Earl of Hillsborough being [] & Specifick —

The Western Indians did not [] the Cherokee Hunting Grounds last Winter as usual I am convinced of the Justice of your observation [that] the Reform of the Commis-saries will render it less practicable to influence & direct the Conduct of the Distant Nations and our Intelligence especially in this District must be very defective, as there are not any posts or officers whose duty it is to inform me of all Transactions, in any Nation within it I have had no late Intelligence concerning the Negotiations of Thomas King

¹ See *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*, 8:22 and map, opp. 31.

The message to the Northern Indians concerning the Catawbas, from the Cherokees was very Malicious []
 []
 [] of their own Weakness [] want] them to Join their nation which [the Catawbas] are averse to, it is probable the former [have taken] this method to induce them. I am Extremely [glad that] you contradicted the Message sent by the [] Canadian Indians

Whenever you are pleased to honor me with a Letter it will come safe by being directed to Mess^{rs} Reade & Yates by whose favour this will be forwarded I am with most sincere Esteem
 sir

Your most obedient and
 most humble Servant

JOHN STUART

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: Charlestown 14th. April 1769
 Mr. Stuarts letter

FROM JOHN ALBERT WEYGAND

A. L. S.

New York April 16th 1769

I have been Told that one Eliah Rollins has engaged Himself, either in your, or in one of your Sons in Law Service as a Gardener. This M^r Rollins has been obliged to Leave New York, on Acc^t of His Debts, & I have a Bond of Him too, for the Sum of £30 this Curr^{cy}. This Money belongs to the Estate, left by one M^r Wolff, & I am the Executor thereof. He gave me a Mortgage upon his House, but M^r Nich^{ls} Bayard has taken the House in Possession on Acc^t of the Ground Rent due to Him, & which dues Amount to a Considerable Sum; For this Reason the Mortgage is now of no Benefit to me, & am now without Security, & therefore I should be obliged to pay this

Money to the Heirs out of my own Pocket, if in case I should not get this Money of Mr Rollins. However [] know Mr Rollins is a Man of very honest [prin]ciples, & would fain have paid every Body [] had been in his Power. And therefore [I would] very humbly intreat you by this to be so kind as to speak once to Mr Rollins [] this Affair, & to ask Him wheater He would [] give you Leave to deduct yearly a certain Sum of His Wages, & to pay to me Such [] in order to discharge his Bond of the £30 But Mr Rollins should oblige me more, if [he] could get the Money in order to pay off the [] at once the sooner the better for I must [] some Money soon to the Childeren. I am the only one of His Creditors that k[nows] where He is, & I shall keep it as a Secret [that] He may not be mollested by one or the [other] I recomend myself into Your good Faith & am with great Respect allways

Sir

Your most Obedient Hum[ble]

JOHN ALBERT WEYG[AND]

I. S. Minister of the

[] Church

P. S. I begg a thousand Pardon of Your [] for giving this Trouble & to m[] a Clerk that made so mann[] of English Phrases. I promiss my[] So pay my Respects person[] To your Your Execellency [] propere Apologies

ADDRESSED: To the Hon^{ble}

Sir William Johnson

Baronet &c. &c. &c.

Johnson's Hall

INDORSED: [] Mr. Weygands
Letter

BILL OF JOHN LONEY

A. D.

The Honorable Sir W^m Johnson Barn^t.

To John Loney D^r

April ye 17th 1769

	To a pair of Shoes for Sir W ^m of	S	D
	His own Calves Skin	£0	9 0
	To another pair D ^o	0	9 0
12 th	To a pair Soal'd for andrew	0	3 0
	To a pair Soal'd & Heel'd for Cork	0	4 0
	Frank		
17 th	To a pair Soal'd & Heel'd for Cooper	0	4 0
10 th	To a pair Soal'd & Heel'd for Jacob	0	4 0
	To a pair Soal'd & mended for Quashey	0	3 6
	To Mending the Chair Harness	0	4 0
	To Mending the Chair Collor	0	1 0
	To Soaling one Shoe for Jacob	0	1 6
	To D ^o one Shoe for Cork	0	1 6
	To Soaling & heeling a pair for Flora	0	3 0
	To Mending a pair for Little Juba	0	1 0
		£2	8 6

A DEDIMUS POTESTATEM

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 421, is listed, under New York, April 17, a writ of Governor Henry Moore, empowering Sir William Johnson, Guy Johnson and Hendrick Fry Junior to administer to militia officers in Albany county the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, oaths of abjuration, etc. Destroyed by fire.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London April 18th. 1769

last wensday the 12th Ins^t. was held [at] the meeting house in Hartford a Grand meeting [of] the Susquehannah Adventurers, without doubt [thi]s Assembly was Opened by a Prayer that the [Lor]d would be with and assist his saints & Elect [peop]le and send the proprietors and inhabitants of [Penn]sylvania from the lands they have set their [hear]ts upon — I am informed after much debate [that] Col^o Dyers making it Clearly appear that great [part] of Susquehannah River Absolutely lay within [the Colo]ny of Connecticut they determined *Forthwith* [] with a Body of five hundred horse drive the [Pennsylv]anians from and settle them Selves at Wioming [Col^o] Dyer on Acco^t. of his being so much concerned [with publ]ick Bussiness does not Command this body [nor] Can I hear who is to be the Chief — perhaps []an is to do as the Children of Jacob did [when there?] was no Judge in Israel that which is [right in] their own Eyes. with the papers sent you [] an Advertisement which M^r Wetherhead [] Fitch to have published and desired [] it to me he proposed to sell a part at 4/ york money per Acre, I have informed [him he] may just as well ask 5/ for it and that he [] soon get it Col^o Croghan has also Sent me [] Advertisement which I have inserted in our pap[er] I Was in hopes When I Left Johnson Hall to [have] the happiness of being there again before this [] but my friend Beverley Robinson has been so [] a Coming here without whose Assistance I [can] not Finish some Affairs, and the Loss I [met with] about three weeks ago of a Very fine [horse by] the Botts which to me at present is [almost] not to be Replaced — has prevented [] that Journey — I have wrote to M^r [Wetherhead] to ask him how he Came to have Col^o [Whitting's?] Name Mentioned in the Advertisement

[] Reason for this was the Colo writing to [] few days agoe when he Says He has [] the happiniss of hearing from you [] to know whether I had — I wrote him [] you were always so much ingaged [] that you had Very Little time [] your Friends — I have not seen [] sinse his Return I hear he [] proposials from you which []d to have had a sight of — as some Very [] peo]ple have applyed to me to know on what [] you would let your lands —

the Resolution of the Parliament to put [the] laws in force with Regard to the american trade [makes] this a pretty Favourable Oppertunity for [secur]ing of Lands many People Choosing to Retire [to their] Farms Reather then Run any Further Risque. [The] Council of the Massachusetts Government have [receiv]ed from England Six Letters wrote by Gov^r. Barnard¹ [] were laid before the House of Commons [and] which at Present make no small Noise [in t]he antient Town of Boston — these Letters some [] think will be published in the papers if they [are] not I will procure a Copy and Send you [by the] Next Post — Mrs Chew desires me to [prese]nt her best Respects to you I hope you [will] accept of mine and of Every wish my heart []ntain for your health and happiniss and I [am mo]st Respectfully

Dear sir

Your most Obed &
most Hble serv^t.

JOS CHEW

[] Sr WILLIAM JOHNSON

INDORSED: []
Ansrd. 6th. May

¹ Sir Francis Bernard, Governor of Massachusetts, 1760-69.

FROM JEREMIAH HOGEBOOM ET AL.

D. S.

Claverack April 18th 1769

To the Honourable Sr W[illiam Johnson]
 Colonel in Chieff for the County [of Albany]
 The Humble Petition of us the Subscribing []
 Inhabitants of Claverack in the County of Albany
 Humbly Sheweth

that whereas we Are Informed that N[ew] officers are to be
 Instituted. As our Country is much Incre[ased] it is not to be
 Supposed that Your Honour can be Acqua[inted] with the
 people in General throughout Our County, we [] it
 Our Duty to Acquaint Your Honour that we, And []
 More Joyning With Us Humbly beg Leave to Recomme[nd]
 Mr Johannis Plass, Living in the Lower part of Cla[verack]
 to be our Captain Because he is One of the Ablest Hereab[out,
 not] Doubting of his Loyalty, Wherefore we Humbly Beg
 Y[] Approbation, And Mean wile take the freedom
 as Loy[] to Ascribe Ourselves —

Hon^d. Sr. Your Honours most Obedient
 And most Humble

Servants

Jeremiah Hogebo[om]
 Sarronemus Halen[]
 Stephen Fonda
 Jacob Bont Jun^r
 Gorge Cook
 Corlelis Va[]
 Jacob J^a []
 Peter J^a []
 Abrah[]
 Gar[]
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[] sen
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 [] Halenbeek
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 [] n Rees
 [] Rees
 [] as Rees
 [] han Rees Jur
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 [] Herder
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 [] an Becraft
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 [] Bont
 [] Bresie
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On his Majesties []
 ADDRESSED: To Service []
 The Honourable
 Sr William Johnston Bart.
 at
 Johnston Hall

TO HENRY VAN SCHAACK

*A. L. S.*¹*Johnson Hall, April 19th. 1769.*

SIR

A few days ago I was favoured with your Letter of the 24th Ult^o. upon the Subject of Militia Appointments regarding the Township of Kinderhook &ca.

I have heard that Col. Ranslear had got a Regim^t. there but I dont know it of a Certainty, as if so it was not 'thro any means of mine, or with my knowledge, I have indeed heard of the Apprehensions of many Persons in that part of the Country concerning the Use he might make of Such Authority, and I am not Ignorant that it must be disagreeable to many Persons there for y^e reasons You mention, I have no concern with regard to any Appointment that Gentleman may obtain, but as it may affect Several Respectable People whom I wish verry well, and would be glad to oblidge in any manner in my power, but certain it is that where there is a Variance between an Individual and a large Number of his Neighbours, an appointment of that nature is not likely to put an End to it, & that Persons of Weight and Interest who are otherwise duely qualified should be preferred to all others. I am heartily concerned to find that You apprehend this is not likely to be the Case, and therefore as I am heartily disposed towards the People of your Neighbourhood I shall willingly do all I can to prevent any abuses of Authority or partial Appointments; tho I should observe to You that as I presume the Commissions were transmitted to Col. Ranslear by the governour who Doubtless therein acted as he thought for the best, He may not chuse that the same is interfered with.

A proper Representation of the Affair from those aggrieved will therefore best Justify any proceedings in the Matter in which

¹ In Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill. The draft, somewhat injured by fire, is in the New York State Library.

case I shall be happy in Contributing to their Redress wheresoever it shall be necessary. being a Welwisher of the public in general, and of the People thereabouts in particular, as also Your Hearty Freind

& verry Humble Servant

W. JOHNSON,

P. S. As to the Matter of the late Election wh^h is the Subject of your Postscript, the notice was so Short that had any new Candidates been disposed to set up, time w^d. Scarcely permit it.— The Persons returned Sollicitted my Interest by letter, & I knew of no others inclined that way, Should I on any future Occasion require it I persuade myself of the Freindship of yr. Neighbourhood, As private Interest Should in no wise govern me in any Such Case where the public Welfare is concerned.

INDORSED: Johnson Hall 19th April 1769
 Sir William Johnson Baronet
 Answered 18th June 1769.

to

Henry Van Schank¹

CERTIFICATE OF JOHN SIEGFRIED GEROCK

A. D. S.

[New York, April 20, 1769]

These are to Certify All whom it Concerns that the bearer, George Deybertsyer, a Member of our German Evangelical Church in this City has received the holy Sacrament of the Lords

¹ A later indorsement.

Supper on the 26th of March last, being then Easter day; I say he received it in comunion with others from Me the Subscriber.

Witness my hand & Name, New York, d. 20th. of April

A. D 1769.

John Siegfried Gerock, Minister of the
German Lutheran Church.

present

[] Wachsel

[26^e Apl?]

INDORSED: George Deybertsyer
 of the City of New York
 Chimney sweeper

Nat.

20th. April 1769

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

Albany 20th Apr^l. 1769

With my Letter the other Day, I forgot to forward the Seeds which [] Send to you; therefore I have made them up in a small paper Parcell, w^{ch}. [you] will receive with this. The Pill Box contains, only one Seed of the Scammony [] It is of the Vine Kind, & shoud be put in the warmest part of the Garden, [] defended at the same time from the violence of the Summers Sun. It [] & flourishes very well in England; I hope it may come up.

[]dly. Part of a Pod of the Cassia Fistularis, with plenty of Seeds; it is from [] West Indies. The Pod is a Curiosity,¹

[]ly. Some Pesimmon Seeds. The Pesimmon is an agreeable fruit, after [] bit with the Frost, but before, it is extremely astringent, & upon being [] purses up the Mouth in a surprising manner. They are something []

¹ Omitted words followed.

Medlar — They are excellent for Hogs, & easily cultivated

The Seed of the Centaurium Minus, or Centaury; each little Pod contains [an im]mensity of seed, almost as fine as Dust. The Herb grows spontaneously [in Eng]land in old Lands, that are worked out, & Commons. It woud not be [] the flower Garden when in bloom, set aside its medicinal use []

I am mor & more persuaded that your Case is not Dropsical, but [] you woud ask Mr. Gras opinion about Lime Water, without [] hint of its being recommended, or mentioned to you; you might [use] of your Legs, with the pains, & discolouration, as if you [] Scorbutial, which woud be the best method of knowing [] Instrument of so much good, as to point out a remedy to restore you to your Health, it woud give great [] to him who is, with great Respect

Sir

Yr. most Obed^t.

and Very Hum^e. Ser[]

SAM^l STRINGER

ADDRESSED: To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

at

Johnson Hall

To care of Mr.

Jn^o. B. Van Eps

at Schenectady

INDORSED: [Dr St]rangers letter

Ansr^d. 27th.—

FROM TIMOTHY WOODBRIDGE

A. L. S.

Stockbridge 20th of April 1769.

The fame of your Patten, the goodness of the Land, or the goodness of the Landlord, or both, have greatly excited the people, in this part of New England, To become purchasers,

and Settlers Thereon It is lately, that I have heard, you had a disposition To make sale, of any parts of your lands; neither do I know it yet, To be a fact, but by common report. A number of people in this, and the adjacent Towns, lately applyed To me; The list of Names containing near fifty men, and Those informed me, that They intended, the Company should be fill'd up, To Sixty, which is the ordinary number, in New England, for the settlement of a Tract of Land, of six miles Square; which is here called a Township —

People are generally fond, of Meathods which They are used To. In all our Modulations, in Settleing people, is in what we call Townships, when Settled are Incorporated, into Towns, with the priviledges, and franchises, [] Towns: Those Settlers here, are always, held To make [su]ch a number of Settlements, as is prescribed. To [bui]ld a meeting house, and To maintain the Gospel [and wors]hip in the Town. The grantors giving a Suitable [quantity] of Land, for the encouragement of the first settled [] Minister, and a further quantity, for the support []ol. And by such a regulations, our Towns will [] a wilderness, more Uniformly, and beautifull [] such rules, are not observed.

[] applying To me, for assistance, in making [] Township, of you, if the Terms [] knowing that I have had some personal acquaintance with you [] To write on Their behalf. I would according [] of Those people, have waited upon you, had it not [been for] want of better health, They have however dir[ected two] of Their company, Messrs Pixley, and Willard [to wait] on you, To See what may be done in the affair [] And with respect To the Company, applying Thus [] Sir I can Say, That I am personally acquainted with [] of Them, and know them To be persons, of very fair [charac]ters, and good Interests: and if They should be Su[ited] with a Tract of Land, and would become purchas[ers]

and Settlers, are able To make payment, and wo[uld] soon build up a respectable Town.

And Sir: if you have any peculiar, Spot for the [laying] out such a Township, which is not yet disposed [of,] I would begg the favour, That the people whom [Pixley] and Willard, represent in this affair, might have [the re]fusal of it, until the matter may be gone into by [the] company, engaged in the affair.

I am Honourable Sr. with the greatest Esteem
your very obedient, Humble

Serv^t. TIM^o. WOODBRIDGE

TO SIR: WILLIAM JOHNSON

ADDRESSED: To the Honourable
Sir: William Johnson Bar^t.
Johnsons Hall.—

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.¹

Albany 21st. Apr^l. 1769

Mr. Vanderheyden Just rec^d, your Letter of 18th. Inst. [and as] he is immediately going off desired me to write to you. [] Pemberton is not yet come up, but is momentarily expected, [We] shall find no other Difficulty in forwarding the Corn, than [] Battoes, about which you have mentiond nothing in your [] They are not to be got here, & I believe must be orderd [to be] made, at Schenectady, as they make them cheaper there [than] here; if you approve of it, please to send orders to Jn^o. Van Eps to have [them ma]de & sent down, as soon as possible, & acquaint me at [the same] time, as the most expeditious way — [As] cheap a method as any, will be to take Waggons from [] let them carry the Corn all the way to the Lake before [they lo]ad, otherwise they must be

¹ Regarding the conveyance of corn to Montreal.—Johnson Calendar.

detained for the Battoes, [] not proceed as fast as they; & if you were to depend [on wago]ns at the Different places where they woud be wanted, [] a disapointment, & the Corn be delayd. Mr. Vander[heyden]his method the best, & takes Waggon[s] from Schenectady [] himself, because he has been greatly imposed upon [] live on the road. You'll please to inform me which []

I am Sr. Yr. most Obed^t. Serv^t.

SAM^l. STRINGER

ADDRESSED: To On His Maj^{ty}s Service
 Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
 To Care of Jn^a. at
 V: Eps Esq^r. at Johnson Hall
 Schenectady

INDORSED: []
 [] Letter
 Ansrd. 27th. Ins^t.—

FROM HUGH GAINÉ

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 422, is listed a letter of the 22d, New York, from Hugh Gainé, saying that 283 Indian prayer books have been sent, morocco for binding must be got in Boston, he sends a set of the laws of last session and will obtain Bayle's General Dictionary from London as soon as "we are permitted to import any Goods from that Part of the World." (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:411-12; Q, 4:258-59.)

FROM THOMAS GAGE

A. L. S.¹

New York April 23^d. 1769.

D^r: SIR,

I have received your's of the 14th: Ins^t., The Settling on Lands below the Canawa will be a ticklish Business every way for if the Six Nations give up their Right to them we shall Sooner or

¹ In Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass.

later have a Quarrell with the Cherokees about them. If the Government is determined to maintain the Boundaries ascertained by the Board of Trade, The Lands in Question at least our Claim to them from the Cession Made at the late Treaty at Fort Stanwix,¹ must be given up agreeable to the orders of Government, which will annul in part the Claims set forth by the Colony of Virginia. The Claims of that Colony are transmitted home, and I apprehend Some Resolution will soon be taken about them, and put you out of doubt how you Should act.

I am sorry the Indians are in such Distress for Food as you represent, if they must absolutely receive Assistance from us, the best way and I apprehend the cheapest Method, will be to purchase Corn on the Mohock River. Nothing relative to the Provision affairs will for the future go through the Commissary General, but for the Troops; or any stores erected or Provision Sent but to such Places where the Troops are or shall be posted so that such Provisions as May hereafter be wanted, will be a Charge to your Department, independent of all Military Expenditures of Provision. I now Make Returns home every Six Months to the Treasury and Pay-office of the Provisions issued throughout the Continent. What is issued to struggling Indians or at proper Times to Nations who go to the Posts where the Troops are Stationed, Must go on as usual, there is no Means to change the Method usually practiced in that Respect.

I transmit you an Extract of an Account Sent me by Colonel Bradstreet, which seems entirely to belong to your Department. These Expences I suppose were incurred on Account of the late Treaty so May be settled but Some of the People make large Demands for Detention, and I would beg to know, whether they have made these Demands Themselves, or if you have certified their Services and what you know concerning these several

¹ Compare maps opposite page 30 and page 136, vol. 8, *Doc. Rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.*

Demands, as to the Manner in which the Services are ascertained to have been performed by the Claimants.

I am with great Regard,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

THO^s. GAGE

SR: WM: JOHNSON Bar^t.

INDORSED: April 23^d. 1769.

From General Gage.

TO SAMUEL AUCHMUTY

*Df.*¹

Johnson Hall April 26th 1769

DEAR SIR

I was lately favored with your Letter of the 6th Inst in Answer to one of mine wrote long since, on the Subject of the person you Mention of whose Sentiments I entertain Much the same Thoughts with yourself, and altho I know of no Reason he can have for any personal Dislike to me, or mine Yet I can easily believe from his communications (as you Observe) That he might be induced to take Libertys with both until he meets with proper Treatment.—

I am Glad to hear of your Assiduity in endeavoring to procure the Missionaries &ca, tho' much concerned to find the difficulties that have hitherto prevented your Success,— I was almost in despair of procuring Schoolmasters from Below, and therefore having Met with Two persons Well Qualified & recommended for that Charge, I have lately agreed with the one for the Mohocks & the other for Johnstown which I hope will be no disappointment to the person whose Letter you inclosed I have

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

been as yet obliged to put the Schoolmaster into the Fort at the Mohocks, as the Gen^t. in Mr. Barclays house has not had warning wch it is necessary he sho^d.

Since the last I mentioned I have had no Letters from the Society, I hope their Zeal will not abate in so reasonable & necessary an Attention to the Church, which if timely Succoured & Supplied with Pastors will flourish, otherwise it will fall Speedily to decay, & in a few Years Cease to Exist here.—

I thank you for the News & politicks & am very happy to find that your Affairs are now circumstanced as you represent, You have a respectable body at N York who will Support their credit & that of the Church so long as they Continue Unanimous, and Shew a laudable Zeal in favor of their Religion & its professors.— it must be a Sensible Mortification to the persons you mention to find that they are disappointed of ruling as they used to do but whatever Changes may have been produced by the late Election, I apprehend it is as yet hard to tell what the present Assembly will do in these Cases.—

It is matter of much concern to me to find that After building a Church & Parsonage house & being at other great Expences to forward the Establishmt of a Missionary where he is so much Wanted, I should still be without one.—

If the person you Mention would Settle as a Catechist & Schoolmaster at Conajohare he wo^d. be of great Service there & might Soon Learn the Language after which the Society wo^d. probably Settle him as a Missionary on his taking Orders —

The REV^d. D^r. AUCHMUTY

INDORSED: April 26th 1769

To D^r. Auchmuty.

TO HENRY BOSTWICK

*Df.*¹*Johnson hall Ap^l. 26th 1769*

I have received your Letter of the 30th. ult^o. on the Subject of your intended tour with the inclosure for Mr. Croghan whom I daily expect here — I also received your Letters of 16th Feb^y & 18th of March, which I Answered.—

I wish it was in my power to give you More particular advice respecting your Journey, but your knowledge of the Country and of the places where the Ore has been found Most promising with the Assistance of a Good Miner must best direct you. as well in the Choice as in other particulars,— Any Mine adjacent to the Lake should certainly be preferred on accot of the Expence of Land carriage, which must be great.—

With regard to the Indians, until his Majestys pleasure is signified in the Affair, it will be impossible for me to give directions, otherwise than that I think it highly [ne]cessary to preserve good Order between them & the Men you [ta] ke up, & to prevent them from disobliging the Indians, [] this you have doubtless thought of. as to the Indians [] necessary to give them the Strongest Assurances that [] intended, but what must prove for their [] that if they will countenance & protect you, they [] pro]fit from it in many respects, taking care at the [same time not to] make them any promises but such as you [] perform, observing to them that the [] receive from it, will depend on themselves [] encourage it & as it prospers.

INDORSED: To Mr. Henry Bostwick.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 27th April 1769

[DEAR] SIR

When I was at New York I was happy in Meeting with a [] Shaving Equipage. Altho it has been Usd a little but unluckily [] in bringing it up the looking Glass got Brook. by [] Sir John Mans I now Send it to You & beg You will [] me the favour to Accept. of it: Such as it is, I Cou'd [] have wishd it were more Elegan.

An Odd Accident happend [] Your pipe of Wine (the forty pound One)— In Coming [] Albany in One Isaac Swits's Waggon, by Some Misman[age]ment the driver broke the head of the Pipe & lossd [] 34 Gallons. I Can make him bear the loss as it was [] Charge, besides its the Custom — I belive its hardly [worth whi]le to Send you up the Remainder, which is now [] unless You Approve of it Shou'd you not [] I will keep it & Credit you with the £40
poor Harry Van Schaack keeps Close in his own House & I belive Intends to [] Application for the Bennifit of the Insolvent [] this has been Expected for this two Years past —

I am Dear Sir with []

Respect your most

obedient humble []

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED: []

Daniel Campbel Esq^{rs}

Letter Ansrd.

the 29th. 1769

TO PHILIP LIVINGSTON, JR.

*Df*¹*Johnson hall April 27th 1769*

I have the favor of your Letter with the *Dedimus Potestatem* & I am perfectly Satisfied with the persons and shall see that it is duly Executed which will be Saving some Trouble & Expence to the officers who are to be qualified. If it was not giv^s you too much Trouble I sh^d. be glad to have a Copy of the Oaths &ca as they are administred at present.

Please to offer my best Compliments to his Excellency and be Assured that I am, Sir,

Your hearty Wellwisher &
very humble Servt

TO JOHN BRADSTREET

*Df*¹*Johnson hall April 28th. 1769*

Since my last to you concerning the time when the Survey of the Line was to begin I have heard nothing of certainty on that subject, but one thing has occurred which I think may prove of some use to you, more especially as I understand you are likely to have a dispute with Hardenbergh.—

I have at different times had occasion to look over Sundry old papers in the hands of the *Esopus Ind^s*. Some of which contained the purport of Meetings between Hardenbergh and them, and wherein they fully declared their Aversion to the Line he was desirous to run,— I don't find that there are any papers on that Subject in my Office but I think it would be very Necessary for you to apply to the Indians in whose hands they remain for a Sight of them which they will not refuse, this you may easily effect and I believe you will find they contain some [ma]tters

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

Necessary for your Information which was the [occ]asion of
this Letter from

Sir
&ca

INDORSED: []
To Coll John Bradstreet

FROM JOHN GLEN

A. L. S.

Schenectady 28 April 1769

I have received your favor last night. the battoos of the Crown
are all unfit for Service I have Bought Two Good battoos &
have Supply'd A Sufficint number of Tools to man them & got
Two waggons which was to Carry them over to Albany to
Morrow morning to Be Deliver'd to Mr. Stringer at Albany
to whom I have wrote what I sent him, I now set of to Cagna-
wagie to Begin to run the out Lines of Cayaderosara with the
Deputy Senior General

I am Your Most Obedt.
& most Humble Ser^t

JNO GLEN

[] JOHNSON Bar^t.
ADDRESSED: On his Majestys Service

To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
at
Johnson Hall

Father

You have always told us to listen to you with both ears
[] this has been a recommendation at all time.

Father

It has always been our ancient Custom to speak to one another
& I suppose it is the will of the great Spirit.

Father

Our Father on the other side the great Lake recommended it to
us to have Compassion on one another, & to take care of the
Vessell with us, & to be always good friends. A String of W.
[] Compass the Number of
[]

The Chippawas take you fast by the hand where []
& all Your people —

[]

We Salute the King the General & Sr. William Johnson.
[] was right to say, go to Detroit & take care of our Children

Father

Take Compassion on us poor little Chippawas who are estab-
lish'd near the Vessell.

Father

When we had our former Father there ([L. S.]) he asked a
piece of Land of us which we gave him, as he had [said] let us
live in friendship & help one other —

Father

Our Children even are worthy Compassion & we beg you
have Compassion on them.

Father

L. S. had Compassion on us & the Land he Cultivated we
[]

Father,

We beg What we say may [] String may remain
here with [] our Father may be inform'd that
we beg he w[] back. this demand is even from the
Children, for [] Signify to us to guard that Vessell

if he dont come, [] may not go well in the end if he does not come.

Father

Our Men Woemen & Children regret him, if he dont [] we shall be lost, there will by & by be but little game to [] shall be obliged to leave the place we are now establish'd at
Father,

We Love you all & love the Vessell, & it not for [] dislike to any of you, but we beg you will make this demand for us. There is some french people there who are worthy of Compassion & they may remain & join us in this demand.

A Branch of eight Strings

Father,

You have more sence than we, we know nothing we have heard some of our Brothers from Shagwamigon¹ will come here [with Beaver] []

SPEECH OF MASSIGGIHASH AND ANSWER

*Contemporary Copy*²

[*Detroit, April 28, 1769*]

One another []
Look upon us with Comp[assion] [] The
Chippawas take you fast by [] We Salute the
King And the General [] Detroit & take care
of our Children
Father

Take Compassion on us poor little Chippawas who are []
When we had our former Father there (Lieu^t Sinclair) he Ask
[] we gave him, as he had said let us live in
friendship with Our []

¹ Point Chagouamigon (Chequamegon, Wisconsin), on Lake Superior.

² Copy of the preceding document, with Captain Turnbull's answer. See following paper.

Father

Our Children even are worthy compassion and we beg you'll
[]

Father

Lieu'. Sinclair had Compassion On us & the Land he Cultivated
we p[] reason we gave him even the Trees —

Father

We beg what we say may be put in Writing & this String may
remain here [] & the General & our Father may be
Informed that we beg he may send Lieu'. [Sinclair back] this
demand is even from the Children, for what does it signify to us
to guard [that vessel] if he does not Come, besides things may
not go well in the end if he does not C[ome]

Our Men Women and Children regret him, if he does not come
back we shall [] will by and by be but little Game to
Kill and we shall be Obliged to leave the [] Are now
establish'd at. We love you all and love the Vessell, And it's
not for any dislike to any of You, but you will make this Demand
for us, There is some French people there who are worthy Com-
passion & they may remain & Join us in this Demand.

A Branch of eight Strings

You have more sense than we, We Know nothing. We have
heard Some of [] from Shagwanigon will Come here
with Beaver to get what they are passion[ately fond] of Rum.

Answer

You Spoke truth when You Said you had been desired to listen
with both your ears, and it was Customary for us to Speak to
One Another.

It has likewise been desired that you would live in friendship
with all his Majestys Subjects as your happiness depends upon it

A String of Six Rows

I look on you with Compassion and when You are in Necessity
do what I can to [ease] you, Besides this His Majesty is at a
Great expence in paying a Smith and Interpreter [for] your
Service. The [] in

England; And [] very Glad of
 He wou'd Return provid[]
 [] People of the Vessel never Hunt, so that
 they can not make [it scarce, and] before [ther] was a Vessel
 there, You did not receive the same benefits [you have] done
 since—[We know] you have been of Service at Different times
 in getting the Vessel up the [rapids for which] reason Your
 present Necessitys have been Considered, and you shall have [a]
 little Cloathing for your Children, and A little Rum & Ver-
 million for your young Men but it is expected you'll Continue to
 live with Cap^t. Robison & all his Majesty's Subjects in the same
 friendly manner You have done heretofore [&] Not Expect
 things from him that he has not in his power to give; Always
 keeping [in] Your Minds the Solemn engagements you have
 entered into at Different times with Your Father Sir William
 Johnson —

A String of ten Rows

Massigihash then Returnd many thanks saying our words went
 to their H[ear]t and we should have no Reason to find the least
 fault with their behaviour, and [their] Intention was to live in
 the same friendly manner with us that they had hitherto done.

Some of their people was then Interogated regarding some
 things they s[hould] have said about Belts coming this year
 from the Hurons in the name of the Six Nat[ions] Shawnese &
 Delawares, But they said they had not made such Report neither
 did [they] Know any thing of the Kind —

INDORSED:¹ Speech of a Cheif
 of the Chippawaes
 at Detroit April
 28th. 1769 —

¹ In Johnson's hand.

SPEECH¹ AND CONFERENCE

D.

[*Detroit, April 29, 1769*]

Children

You Spoke truth when [you said you had been] desired to listen with both y[our ears and it was] Customary for us to speake to one another

Children

It has likewise been [desired that you] would live in friendship with all His Majestys [subjects] as Your happiness depends upon it.

A String of Six Rows —

Children.

I look on you with Compassion and when you are in necessity do what I can to ease you besides this his Majesty is at a great expence in paying a Smith & Interpreter for your Service—

The Vessell is not kept there for us alone she is to carry provision to support those who bring you your Cloathing & Amunition &c consequently ought to be as dear to you as us.

[]
 []mands the Vessell a present has it not in his
 [] much as the late Commander as he is not
 [] you expect it from him; but his intention is
 [] in peace and friendship with you, and any []
 that you are of to him in assisting him will always be recompensed.

Children.

The String shall remain here according to your desire and the Gen^l. shall be acquainted with it.

We have heard of Mr. Sinclairs arrivall at N: York and Perhaps in Some months hence We may hear of his arrivall in England. and we can assure you that every body here woud be

¹ Speech of Captain George Turnbull.

very glad He woud return Provided it is agreeable to him
Children.

As to the Game the people at the vessell never hunt so that
they can not make it Scarce & before there was a Vessell there,
you did not receive the same benefits you have done Since —
Children.

We know you have been of Service at different times in getting
the Vessell up the rapids for which reason your present neces-
sitys [] have a little Cloathing
for your Children [] your young Men. But it is
expected y[] with Capt Robinson & all his majestys
Subjects in the sa[me] you have done heretofore,
& not expect things [] not in his power to give;
always keeping in Your [] Solemn engagements you have
enter'd into at different [] your father Sr W. Johnson.

A String of ten rows —

They returnd many thanks saying our words went to their
Heart & we should have no reason to find the least fault with
their behavior, & that their intention was to live in the same
friendly manner with us that they had hitherto done.

Some of their people was then Interogated regarding some
things they should have said about Belts coming this year from
the Hurons in the Name of the Six Nations shawanese & Dela-
wares, but they said they had not made such report neither did
they know any thing of the kind —

[] fourteen of the most Considerable
[] d of the reason of the movements they
[] saying they were much surpriz'd what
could [] professd great friendship for all his Majestys
[] from the preparations they saw they were alarmd
that [] had been made of them they were ready to vindicate
themselves. That instead of being concernd or knowing of any
[] design, they were never more quiet, that they had not
taken the precautions necessary for such an undertaking not hav-
ing 200 Ball in their Village & believ'd the other Nations had
as little

FROM JAMES ADAIR

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 422, is listed a letter of April 30th from James Adair, N York, thanking for favor toward a production on the "Origin of Ye Indian Americans" and attributing General Gage's coolness to the supposed Stuart principles of the work. (Printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:412-13; Q, 4:259.)

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.

Albany 30th. April 1769

Give me leave to return you my [th]anks for Your obliging favor of [ye]sterday.— The information contain'd [the]rain is of such consequence that [I] shall send of to find the Esopus Indians [t]hat have the papers, although I had sent a few days sence thither upon this business. Permit me to trouble you with the information I have collected on this Affair.

The Patentees at York, I am told, [ta]lk Big; their numbers are great, and [I] do expect they will not be idle — I have [put] it to them, either to leave it to the Govrnor & Council or bring it on in the [law?] in June next. I have now possession [be]tween the two Branches by a Settlement,¹ [] shall in a few days have more.

I had People to View my Lands between [the Susque]hanna & Mohawk Branch, who give a bad [account] of great part of it, having many [moun]tains.

[] Governor has apply'd to the Assembly for [] to finish the Lines, which they will [] go on soon.

[The Albany corpor]ation have Petition'd for a New [charter & to be] confirm'd in their claim to the [Mohawk Flatts.] I think the Governor must [we]ll of your last Treaty.

[] Sir

Your obli'd & Obed^t.

[]mble Servant

[JOHN] BRADSTREET

¹ See *Calendar of Land Papers*, p. 500 and 1034 (Index).

FROM DANIEL CAMPBELL

A. L. S.

Schenectady the 30th April 1769

I was favoured with yours this day, as to the Lott of John Farley the old Woman will not give hir Consent that it Should be Sold — & She is Intituled to hir third part durring hir own life — at the Same time I dont look on it any great Bargain as Houses & lotts is now Sold I immagin in about One Year more, there will be great bargains to be got here of Houses as many people are Intending to leave this plaice & Settle on the Big Patent — as Soon as it is laid Out — In the main time, I shall Credit you with £210 the price which I was to have for Farlys Lott & any House that may be Sold Cheap I Shall Inform you of the price & their Situation

this week I begin to pull down the Old House — I have agreed with my masons [] in] the lump & have hired three Carpenters Each to [ins]tant of November — verry Reasonable, Some of []dent Hand me three shillings p^r day The Doctor has Hired M^r Og[] goes Out this Week

I am Dear Sir with great

Respect your most

Humble & Obedient S[]

DANIEL CAMPBELL

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Baronet

INDORSED: []

[] letter] ab^t. a LotAnsrd. 6th. May

a plantée Son quasteste [qui a ?] sauté [] Lors quil
 L a veu tombé a taire il a Redoublé vn autre Segon Coup afin
 dachever De le Défaire et ne Se Sont point Contanter de Celas
 il ont poursuivis Le forgeront pour Le tuer ausis et Lont poursuit
 Jusqua quil Sest Jetté a la nage et quil aye traversé la riviere
 — il ne Se Sont point Contanter Encore de Celas il ont pillé des
 marchandise detraite quil y avoit Ché luy C est a dire Couvertes
 vermillon Chemise et meme Jusquau peltrit quil avoit treter vous
 mavé tuer parce que [] il qui vous []
 vous me ma [] Davoir pitiee de vous []
 et de Donner La vie au [meurtrier ?] et davoit pitié De luy
 Son Crime est trop noir pour pouvoir luy pardonner et Je ne peut
 point Luy pardonner et luy donner la vie — Nous autre francois
 nous scavons que nous avons des Superieurs audesus de [nous]
 mais vous autre Sauvage vous Croyé denan pas avoir et vous
 pansé que tout vous est permis. Comme Cest Langé qui nous
 Coman Commande aujourd huy améné luy le meurtrier et allé
 luy parler il En ferat Cequil Jugeras apropos pour Cette éffét
 []
 [] devote aubiesanse

LOUIS CHEVALLIER

[Je] Sertifie avoir Interpreter Le presant [C]onseil mantionée
 Sidesus a Saint Joseph [le] 1 mais 1769 —

PIERRE DENO DETAILLY

Translation

[*Saint Joseph, May 1, 1769*]

[]
 that Laquigois [] of whom it was
 [] to wit in the autumn and this []
 which was to amuse him, the [] named Obaquona
 who assassinated him.

The first day of the month of May, 1769 [] came
 and entered the house of Mr Louis Chevallier, the house which is

afflicted, with a belt of wampum, according to custom to beg the afflicted man to take pity on them and forgive their insolence and murder, saying that it was the brandy supplied to them which had caused that. They even besought the Indian chiefs of the village of the Pottawatamies of Saint Joseph, to come with them and speak to the one in affliction; but they refused, saying, "Brothers, we will not mix in your affair, since you have []"

This is the reply which M. Chevallier and the others afflicted and M. Détaillis, chief interpreter of St Joseph, made to them: "All your fine words will not bring back my son whom you killed. I have always felt pity for you and your village, and there is not a single one of you that is not indebted to me — You came at two different times last autumn to ask of me that my son might winter among you in order to satisfy your needs. [

] to take pity on you, your wives and your children. I think in repeating that to me your purpose must be to kill me. You tell me that the brandy was the cause of your killing my son, and that those who killed my son were drunk. The one who gave you brandy did not tell you to kill anybody. I know that he¹ had slept and afterward had been to smoke a pipe at my son's place. Later he returned to his cabin to get his tomahawk and carefully concealed it under his blanket [He] planted his tomahawk, which glanced off, When he saw him fall on the floor, he dealt him a second blow to finish him. They did not content themselves with that, but pursued the blacksmith to kill him likewise and chased him until he threw himself into the water and swam across the river. They were not satisfied even with that. They stole the trading goods which were at his house, that is, blankets, vermilion, shirts and even peltry which he had received in trade.

You have killed me because [] [and ?] who [] you [beg ?] me to take pity on you [] and grant life to the [murderer ?] and have pity on him. His crime is too black for pardon, and I can

¹ The murderer.

not pardon him and grant him life. We Frenchmen know that we have superiors over us, but you Indians believe you have none and you think that everything is permitted in your case. As Langé¹ commands us at present, take the murderer to him and go speak to him. He will do about it what he will judge proper in this matter. [] with] devout obedience

LOUIS CHEVALLIER

I certify that I interpreted the present council mentioned above at Saint Joseph. May 1, 1769

PIERRE DENO DETAILLY

SPEECH OF THE CHIEFS OF THE VILLAGE OF ST JOSEPH²

[May 1, 1769]

Mon pere [] nous vous parlons
 aujo[urdhuy [] Depaix que nous vous eu []
 Souvéné vous mon pere que [vous nous avez dit] que vous avié
 Ranverser notre p[ère [] et que aujour huy que
 C'etoit vous qui [êtes devenu] notre véritable pere mon pere nous
 vous avont dit En vous p[riant [] que nous naviont pas desprit
 mon pere Jetoit partis pour aller Eng[] Comme un homme
 que plure nous av[ons [] Rancontre en notre Route vos Jeune
 [gens [] qui ont arété á nous et qui nous ont versee d[e []
 Laudeviee voila pourquoy Ce malheur [est [] arivé quand nous
 avont beü nous navont plus desprit Sy il ny avoit point d
 aude[vie] nos Jeune Jenn Seroit tranquille et ne ferée Jamais de
 mauvé afaire quaned nos Chefs ont été Che vous vous nous
 avé dit que vous etiez pour fair Lapaix et pour metre toute Chose
 tranquill [] et qui []

¹ Possibly for *l'anglais*, the Englishman, the commandant at an English post.

² Evidently a letter, to be presented to an English officer in command of a post.

bonne affair [] ont fait quelques []
 nous vous] prient de leur pardonner [et d'avoir] pitié d eux
 [] Lorsque nous Sommes venus de [] nous avons
 passé auposte vincaine [] Cheffe nous ont Dit ne pluroit
 point [] mort nous iront vous voir et natribues [p]oint
 Celas au anglois quar vous vous été []r entre vous autre
 Les quiquapot man ont dit dememe ausy bien que Les piant et
 Les miamis et mascoutin nous vous prient De nous pardonné ausy
 bien que tout Cest nation que nous vous nomons leur nom Sy
 desus nous Somes En attendant votre Reponse mon pere

Vos Serviteurs

Layovois naquoibis mintere pattot
 pain ta Couraine Coitenéy
 Le Chien noire

INDORSED: [Speech]
 Chiefs of the St. Joseph []
 the 1st May 1769

Translation

[*May 1, 1769*]

Father: [] we speak to you to [day]
 of peace which we [] Remember, father,
 that [you have told us] that you had overthrown our [father]
 and that now you had become our real father. Father, we have
 told you, when we made our petition, that we had no
 understanding.

Father, I had set out for [] as a man who is full of
 grief, when we met on our way your young [people], who
 stopped with us and poured out some brandy. That explains
 why this unfortunate affair happened. When we have been
 drinking, we no longer know anything. If there were no brandy,
 our young people would be quiet, and would never do an evil
 thing. When our chiefs were with you, you told us that you
 were for making peace and putting everything in quiet shape.

[] and who [] profitable business
 [] have done some [] we] pray you to
 pardon them [and to take] pity on them.

[] When we came from [] we passed
 Post Vincent [] chiefs said to us, Mourn not for
 that death. We shall come to see you. Do not charge that to
 the English, for you have [] among yourselves. The
 Kickapoos said the same, likewise the Puans, the Miamis and the
 Mascoutins. We beg you to pardon us, as do all those nations
 which are named above. We are, awaiting your reply, father,

Your servants

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London May 3^d. 1769

I hope before this time the box [see]ds &^c and the
 Trees are Safe Arrived and [if] the weather is as severe with
 you as with [us,] I am sure they are full Early I Grafted []
 Barrell of trees this day and shall do many more tomorrow w^{ch}.
 I hope in the Fall to send to you and my other friend — I have
 also only just begun my Garden and I am in General as Early
 as any person with one

We have not one word of news more than what you will
 find in the papers. I have Constantly Sent you and shall
 Continue [to] do so while I Remain here — I wrote Very
 [late]ly to Col^o. Croghan — as I am Really [a]shamed and
 nothing but my Distress shoud [] me to hint my Situa-
 tion to you — [The] Susquhanna Gentry I am inform'd have
 [] and I believe much after the same [manner] the
 Children of Jacob did when [] take possession of the
 Fertile land [of Canaan?] but am Very doubtfull whether
 [] will direct and Council them as []
 people [] but they [] deter]mined to sit Right down

[] will dare to say one word to them — be pleased [to make my] Respects Acceptable to Sr John Col [Johnson] Mr Adams and our friends — my [] Fanny present their best Respects to y[] offer Every wish my heart Can Contain [] health and happiness and am most []

Dear sir

Your obed^t.

Hble Ser[]

Jos C [HEW]

the Box was directed to you & Containd

a Bundle of Seeds

some dry'd fruits

Citron

pots of sweetmeets

a few West India potatoes

a Bundle of Books for Col^o. Johnson

a Bundle of Garden & } for Sr John

a Bundle of Flower seeds } & Col^o. [Johnson]

a Paper Bundle with 6 Table []

a Bundle of Fruit Trees

D^o of Willows

the man Left a Bundle

that was for []

The Hon^{ble} Sir []

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{ble} sir William Johnson Bar^t

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED¹: New London 3d May

1769 — Letter from

Mr. Joseph Chew

¹ In Johnson's handwriting.

FROM WILLIAM GAMBLE

A. L. S.

Albany the 3^d May 1769.

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER/

There has been a Petition preferred to the Ineffable Lodge by Brother David Smith an House wright, Freeholder and Inhabitant of this place, whom we know to be a good Blue Master and well Qualified for the higher degrees; we can further recommend him as a person of an unblemished Character: we therefore conformable to the Rules of the Lodge request Your Suffrage or Negation as soon as convenient —

The two Brothers March & Batchellor who were at the Funeral of Br. Deniston are going up to Morrow to Finish the [church] at Conejoharie — They humbly request that you would recom[mend] them to Colonel Croghan — they have a promise from him already [but] as the Colonel has employed one Mr Collins, they apprehend his [employ]ment may be attended with some detriment to them — Their [] Sobriety would justify anything I could say in their favour []t them to your own goodness and am

with utmost respect Sir

Your affectionate Brother and
most Obliged humble ServantW: GAMBLE M^r. In: L:INDORSED: Alb^y. May 3^d 1769
Mr. Gambles Letter

FROM JAMES RIVINGTON

A. L. S.

New York May 3, 1769

[SIR] WILLIAM

[] Series of Embarrassments has locked [] from the world for two years past. [] length restored to Business and happily []d with an excellent Wife whom I lately [ma]rried, I presume to hope I may still con[trib]ute to the laudible purpose of amu[sin]g your time at Johnson Hall with the [more] interesting occurrences of the [gr]eat World.

[Mr] O brien told me you were disgusted [wit]h my sending too many of the literary [pu]blications from England; to avoid [a rep]etition of that fault permit me to []on of such articles as come from [] worthy of a place in your Library. []esent few are to be mentioned, [Ro]bertson, Author of the History of Scotland, [] published his History of the fa[mous] Emperor Charles the 5th of Spain &c; You [] already have Lord Littleton's His[tory of Hen]ry the 2^d, An Octavo Edition of [] Churchill's & a pocket Edition of []hs are to be had with some new plays and the Annual Reg[ister] the last and several preceding [] should any of these be agreeable [I will] send them up; an Historical Accoun[t of the] Campaigns in America in 2 Vol^s [] by a Captain,¹ who served under J[ef]frey Amherst from whose papers and plan[s it] is published, will be in my han[ds] soon.

The Spirit of Discontent to an un[popu]lar Administration occasions gre[at] distraction at home, The landed & C[ommer]cial Interest are opposed to each other [the] former has a large Majority in parl[iament] the latter out of doors; the want of the [] orders for Goods from hence pinch[es the] manufacturers which begets a p[] spirit amongst

¹ Captain John Knox's *Historical Journal*. . . 1757, 1758, 1759, and 1760.

that sett of people, [] have lately broke out into Riot
 an[d in Man]chester, where some lives have been [sacri]ficed
 to repel it, this is a prelude to [the anar]chy which must soon
 be general in [the coun]ties that depend on the American trade
 [] if the Colonists derive any relief [from com]mer-
 cial Grievances it will be wrested from Government []
 insuperable Strugglings [] indigent and numerous
 Body [] Hostilities betwixt the Otto[mans] & the Rus-
 sians, howsoever distant [from] Albion, will notwithstanding,
 produce [a qu]arrell betwixt England & France, whose []al
 Support are called in by the Conten[ding] parties, the former
 by the Czarina the [latt]er by the Sultan, our folks it seems,
 in [] treaty of Commerce, Agreed to an article
 [for furn]ishing the Muscovite with twelve [line of b]attle
 Ships a requisition has been [ma]de of them with a Declaration,
 in case [of r]efusal, that all future Commerce betwixt [the]
 nations shall cease. Besides, that old [ad]versary the Gaul
 taking advantage of our [disu]nited state avails himself of our
 [dis]tractions and the minister of Versailes [has] lately adopted
 a lofty insolent Tone [at St.] James's.

[This] is the best State I can colle[ct of our] [] Country
 I beg leave to submit it to [your] perspicuous Judgment and I
 am, [with] humble Respects to Sir John,

Sir William

Your most faithfull and

most obedient Humble serv^t

JAM^s RIVINGTON

ADDRESSED: To

Sr W^m Johnson Bar^t

at

Johnson Hall

INDORSED: []

dated May 3^d. 1769

rec^d. it 16th. Ins^t.

Ans^d. 26th May

A ROYAL ORDER

*D. S.*¹

At the Court at St. James's
the 3rd day of May 1769

Present

The King's most Excellent Majesty
in Council.

Whereas there was this day read at the Board a Report from a Committee of the Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council dated the 24th. of last Month, upon considering the Draught of a Grant (prepared by Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitor General, from His Majesty to Sir William Johnson Baronet and his Heirs, of a certain Tract of Land on the North side of the Mohawk River, conceded and granted to him by the Indians of the six United Nations their Allies and Dependants, His Majesty taking the same into Consideration was pleased with the Advice of His Privy Council to approve of the said Draught of a Grant, (which is hereunto annexed) and to Order as it is hereby Ordered, That the Right Honourable the Earl of Hillsborough, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State do cause a Warrant to be prepared for His Majesty's Royal Signature to pass a Grant under the Great Seal of Great Britain according to the said Draught.

STEPH: COTTRELL

JOHN BRADSTREET'S ACCOUNT OF HARDENBERGH'S PATENT

A. D.

[*May 4, 1769*]

Hardenberghs Patent was Granted April 20, 1708. As late as in or about the year 1740, Henry Woaster of Stamford in Connecticut Survey'd Said Patent, by Order of the Patentees, as

¹ In Public Record Office, C. O. 5.26. p. 29, London, England.

far as the Popaughton,¹ and it was consider'd at that time (as Mr. Charles Webb was inform'd) that the Patent extended to the Said Popaughton and no farther. As said Woaster was on the Survey Some where about Cushy tonk, the Savages took his Compass from him & carry'd it to Esopus, and the Patentees Settled the affair with the Indians and the Survey was compleated to the Popaughton. Some time after this, Said Woaster and another Man was Employ'd by the Patentees to Run a line from the head of the Popaughton to the Mohawk Branch² which falls into the Delaware and to the head of Said Branch; and the Surveyer, took a Canoe and went down Said Branch Setting his Compass now & then to the Forks.

In or about the year 1747 Ebenezer Woaster, Brother to the Said Woaster above mention'd, was employ'd by the Patentees to divide Said Patent as far as the Popaughton and from its head to the Mohawk Branch; but for some reasons or other there was no actual Survey beyond the Popaughton although all the Lands between that & Mohawk Branch was laid by him down on the Map, as Mr. Webb was inform'd by said Woaster.

[In] 1753 The above mention'd Charles Webb [was] employ'd by Some Gentlemen in New York [] about 72,000 Acres between the Popaughton and Mohawk Branches at the End ne[] Forks, which was the first actual Survey [] of those Lands; and Mr. Webb believes w[] without having seen but one Indian du[ring] the time of his Surveying Said Lands wh[o] told him that he, the Indian, would go [] tell the Indians and drive them of.

Mr. Bartholemy Vroman of Schore, aged [] years, Says, that in the Year 1739 he was [] employ'd by One Lincy (sherriff of Albany) [] with some Indians to View the Lands betw[een] the first & Second Branches of Delaware,

¹ Pepachton, East Branch of Delaware river, W. M. Beauchamp, *Aboriginal Place Names of New York*, p. 53. Also Guy Johnson's Map, *Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, 4:660.

² West Branch of Delaware river, *Ibidem*.

a[] that he at that time heard the Indians say that Hardenberghs Patent extended to [] first Branch only and that the Lands [] between the two Branches were then unso[ld] and what Hardenberg claim'd he bough[t] from the Mehecanders or River Indians [and] not from the proper owners the Onidas [] and that the Popaughton was the pla[ce] of residence of the Indians on the first [] Branch of Delaware.

Mr. Isaac Vroman aged 56 Years, says [] about the year 1740, he in Company with [] others went to take a View of the Lands on [] Branches of Delaware and at the first [] he found Henry Woaster Surveyor [] Benjⁿ. Hunt & one Boss, a man w[] arm from Esopus; and while he was [] the Said Woaster sent for the Indian[s] just by the Place which was call'd [] and on their arrival he Woaster [] to go with him to View the Land [] the head of the Second Branch [] was going to make a Survey of the Lands between the first & second Branches and that the head of the Second Branch was the Bounds of Hardenberghs Patent; upon which the Indians made answer, that the Bounds of Hardenberghs Patent extended no farther then where they then were at the first Branch and forbid Said Woaster to Survey any farther and went Home much dissatisfied; and further adds Said Woaster, then shew'd him a Map of a Survey he had made some time before of the Lands as far as the first Branch, Saying he was of Opinion that the whole of Hardenberghs Patent was already Survey'd and laid out, but that he was directed by the Patentees to make the Second Branch the Bounds, Yet he did not take the Patent in that light; but as he soon after left him the Said Woaster does not know if he Survey'd between the two Branches or not; and that the Popaughton was the place where the Indians liv'd and not the Branch. Mr. Sias Swart Aged 56, Says in the Year 1735 he was employ'd with his Waggon & Horses by Doctr. Shuckburgh to carry Baggage & Stores to the first Branch

of the Delaware and in Company with them was a Captain Borrow, who was employ'd to judge of a Mine that was about 60 Yards beyond the first Branch of Delaware, when was present [the] Indians (Onida Chiefs) nam'd Sat and [] jury, who told said Swart & the [] that all the Lands between the two Branches of Delaware was [] Land and that Hardenberghs Pa[tent] extended to the first Branch only; [] that the Onidas has given the River [] Indians leave to Sell so far — and Mr Swart adds, that a report was there th[at] Gov^r. Cosby had the promise of the Land between the two Branches of Delawa[re] including the Mine above Mention'd [] but suppose Mr. Cosbys death, which happen'd soon after, put an end to the Affair.

It is necessary the Onidas should let me know what they have to say in this affair and that they should send to the River Indians for all they can say of the Matter and let me know that also. I ha[ve] wrote to Col. Butler to Speak to the[m] on this Subject.

INDORSED: []
 Affidavits of sundry []
 relative []
 rec^d. 4th. May
 1769

DECLARATION OF THE ESOPUS INDIANS

D.

Declaration of the Esopus Indians Viz,

- 1st That their Ancestors Sold Lands to Hardenbergh of Esopus as far as a Village of theirs call'd Pacpacton and no farther.
2. That all the Lands Northerly of that Village of Papacton or first Branch of Delaware belongs to the five Nations.
3. That many disputes happend between their Ancestors & Hardenbergh; on the latters saying the former had sold the Lands to him as far as the Second Branch of Delaware;

and that these disputes were sometimes before the Magistrates of Esopus & committed to writing; which papers, two Years this autumn, they shew'd Sir William Johnson, who ordered Copys of them to be taken and that on their return to Esopus the present Hardenbergh ask'd them why they went to Sir William Johnsons with the papers as he had no business with them as they were Esopus Indians, and ask'd for the papers which they deliver'd him thinking no harm, which he has not returnd

- 4^h. Jacob Hagan Esopus Indian, Says, his father without the consent of the other Indians, sold Hardenbergh some Lands between the first & Second Branch of Delaware although he knew it belong'd to the five Nations, they farther say, when Hardenbergh had the Land [survey'd], they Survey'd it no farther than the first [branch] of Delaware & put up heaps of Stones as [] their Boundry, some of which are to [] the Indians threw into the River []

INDORSED: []
 Esopus Indians
 concerning the Lands
 the Sold to Hardenbergh

FROM JOHN JOHNSTON

A. L. S.

[Kiuga] May 4th. 1769

With my Sincear Respects to Sir William hopeing you will pardon me at this time

I am at present at Kiuga at my Arrival was Oblidged to Give them a reason for my misfortunate Departure from home and the most barbarous most Cruel treatment I received from my ungratfull women and her Confederate Friends. they one and all head men and warriours & women desired I would tarry with them as they were well acquainted with me beged I would remain as a Smith I Being well acquainted in the art of Gun work axes hoes

&c, and that Your honour was pleased to Give them Your unalterable promise to furnish them with one this Spring: this being I beleive Sir at this time the most of their Errand.

I told them as to my tarrying with them I was Very willing as it wholly depended as Your honour thought proper and that Diligently to Serve them: they thank^t: me and Said they would apply to Your honour without Delay —

I Can Sir Solemly declair that for some time past I was drove to the utmost Extreames of of dispair and that by a most Barbarous Incensed Cruel woman and Confedrate friends of the Same [] etion, which realey I bleive was a formed Design [to] drive me to Excess of Liqour and had to my Sorrow [the] desired Effect I have Sir resolutely abandoned [the] same as Poyson both for Soul and Body I Cannot [] the thoughts of it I cannot but at time [] the Ill treatment that I have undeservinly [] from her and her Children after I brought [] in Clineing Each to usurp undutyfull [] when I furthur think of the Untold [] Gone through as hunger Cold [] by some days travel for Such [] to make them happy [] for the future of not bringing [] de as in my Life I never [] Since I marryed I Bleive Your honour is not [] Deceitfull Set one and all of the fam[ily] [] if Your Honour Should [] Establish a Smith hear as they are in a [] for the want of one as the most of them h[ave no] axes or hoes to use if Your honour Should [] of Your wonted Leinety and Goodness to S[] I shall make it my Study to the utmost to [] Your Instructions and diligently to please [] as in my Power; I have Sir a Very Good pair [of bellows?] home which Cost me ten pounds in York w[hich] [] to have them the Cost will be Six pounds [] & my Brother has Left a pair at my house [] me to dispose of for ten pounds all Sir I sh[] be Some files Iron and Steal and Immed[] if Your honour is willing to Set up a Pit of [charcoal?] prepair for work and if possibly I shall [] to help the People of Connutasago

as it [] distance from hear I Conclude with my []
 Your honours most Obed^t. hum^{le}. Serv^t

JOHN JOH[NSTON]

P. S.

Sir

Prehaps I may be of Service if [] should
 present it Self being in [] Country I forgot
 the day of the month [] the Letter without date

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{le} Sir William Johnson Ba^t.

TO JOSEPH CHEW

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall May 5th 1769

[]/

As you are not ignorant of my business & the almost continued hurry in which I live you will readily Excuse my Omitting sometimes the Answering your Letters and you will be at the same time assured that notwithstanding it is not at all times in my power to Write you, your Correspondence is nevertheless very agreeable to me & I thank you for your punctually in keeping it up & transmitting the sev^l. Articles you have done from time to time, desiring a continuance of them

Indeed I have had very little to Write from hence at least very little Satisfactory and I delayed for some time Writing in hopes that I might be able to give an Accot of Something to your advantage, which would have Yielded me real pleasure, but the plan on which the Department is now put affording no Vacancy, & nothing else as yet occurring in which I could serve you as I had Wished, I would no longer delay sending you a few Lines Altho I cannot promise for their Yielding you much [sat]isfaction.— As Matters are circumstanced I see with

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

[you] that Your Situation at N London must be very [un-pleasa]nt, & Notwithstanding I can't yet Serve you [] I should be glad of an Opportunity of telling [] at present in my power [] undertake the Journey, or come by water, [] the Subject, & heartily wish I could do so []ge & my own Inclinations

INDORSED: []
Letter to Mr J[]

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall May 5th. 1769

DEAR SIR/

I have had the favor of yours of the 23d ult^o and I am glad to hear that some Resolutions are likely to be taken soon respecting the Claims of Virginia, as it will direct me with regard to the Execution of his Majestys Orders which cannot safely be performed till I hear something farther on that Subject —

There is no Corn to be had on the Mohock River last Year having proved very unfavorable to that Grain, As the fund for the expences of the Department is so very scanty, there can be very little if any allowed for the purchase of provisions, Indeed the Whole Sum applied to any particular purpose would be by no means too much if the Affections and fidelity of the Indians are to be well secured.

I have perused the Extract of Colonel Bradstreets Accot^s, and do recollect that all or most of the Charges were Certified by me for the affairs of the Department, & the Transportation of provision previous to & during the Treaty at Fort Stanwix,— Since the receipt of it I have not had Sufficient Leisure to Examine it thoroughly but I recollect that Several of the persons therein mentioned were necessarily [retai]ned for the Issuing & the Care

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

of goods & provisions, bringing Grain &ca from [the] German
 flatts and several other Services which were [unavoida]ble If
 it is necessary to enquire particularly into each []
 shall be done on the return of my Clerk from N York []
 within a few days, I have at present only to []
 always with great regard

Dear Sir &ca

INDORSED: []
 To General Gage.—

FROM JOHN TABOR KEMPE

A. L. S.

[New Yor]k 5th. May 1769

I have the Honor to inclose you [the charges against] George
 Klock filed by Order of the Governor and Councill [in July,
 1767 in] Consequence of your Letter to his Excellency of the
 1st of [] Notice of Trial for the next Circuit Court
 at Albany, tho [] to you I will countermand the
 Notice, having nothing tha [] but this one Cause —
 The Charges against him are the best [] General
 Order given me by the Governor in Council, which was []
 a Common Disturber of the Peace — I have added as you will
 [] Charges respecting his Mal Practices with the
 Indians — I have [] Bottom of the Paper inclosed
 a Note of what is Barratry by our [] it might serve
 as a Clue to you in collecting the necessary Proofs. []
 absolutely necessary that these *General Charges* should be sup-
 ported by [] of *many* Facts, and as it is impossible a
 Person can defend himself [] general Charges, it is
 equally necessary he should have timely Notice of []
 particular Facts we intend to prove against him — Will you
 be pleased Sir to furnish me with a List of the Facts to be proved
 against him, th[at I] may give his Attorney Notice, and if he

had Notice sent him of them it would not be amiss — Be pleased also to inform me what Number of Subpœnas [] Tickets you may probably want for the Witnesses, and I will take care to send them, I would have sent them now but I dont know whether the Trial will now be convenient to you, and I wish to save unnecessary Expences — If you will be pleased to let your Clerk Arrange the Facts to be proved, with the Witnesses Names, and the Substance of what they can each say, under each particular Head, so that I can have it when I come to Albany, it will be of very great Service, in the mean Time I must request the Note of the []

with great Respect

Sir

your most Obedient

humble Servant

J. T. KEMPE.

The Circuit Court opens at Albany on Tuesday the 27th. of June next —

TO RICHARD PETERS

*Df.*¹

Johnson-hall May 5th. 1769

DR. SIR,

I thought it very necessary to inform you that I have received advice from N England that at a Meeting of the Susquehanna Adventurers at Hartford on the 12th of last Month It was resolved that a body of 500 Horse Should forthwith move to Pennsylvania, to drive away any persons settled within what they call their Claim there, and Settle themselves on the Susquehanna. I have not heard who is to lead this Body, but I thought it not Amiss to give you the particulars which came to my hands

¹ In Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

for the Governors information, as these people are so eager for Lands that it is not improbable they may put this plan into Execution, in which case a timely advice of their intentions may be of use.— I am sorry I have heard no more of the Two Young Gent you mentioned neither have I heard any thing farther of a Minister for my place or the other Missions which gives me No Small concern, as I perceive the Church is losing some Very fair opportunitys of becoming great & respectable in these parts, and in that I have expended a great deal of Money in building a Church, & Parsonage House & preparing as comfortable a place for a Missionary here as could be Expected in any part of the Country.

Pray offer my best Compliments to the Governor and be Assured that I always Am Dear Sir

Your Affectionate friend
& very humble Servt.

The Church at Conajohare is in a fair way of being soon finished to which your Kind endeavors in its behalf as Mr. Croghan tells me, will greatly contribute
The REV^d. M^r PETERS

INDORSED: May 5th. 1769
To the Rev^d. M^r Richard
Peters.—

FROM ANDREW TRUAX

A. L. S.

Schonectady May 5th. 1769

SIR

WILLIAM JOHNSON

As I am Sickley And am a going to the Spring for my health I hope I Shall be Excused for not Coming to you at this time but the officers under me will wait on you in order to be qualified

Who are Thomas Brower Bancker oldest Lieutenant Petrus Van Der Volge youngest, And Caleb Truax Ensign, I am Respectfully

Your Most Humble Ser^t

ANDREW TRUAX

ADDRESSED: To
 Sir
 William Johnson
 at
 Johnson Hall

FROM DANIEL BURTON

*A. L. S.*¹

Abingdon street, Westminster, May 8th 1769

SIR,

I have received the favour of your letter of the 10th of December last, & am desired to give You the strongest assurances, that the Society have the most grateful sense of your very obliging attention to their affairs in general, & particularly of your very generous offer of a large & valuable tract of land in America, to enable them to carry on their pious designs. Our President, the Arch Bishop has deliverd a Memorial concerning this matter to Lord Hillsborough to have his opinion & direction about presenting a petition to his Majesty for the grant of the said lands: And I have deferred returning an answer to your letter for some time, in hopes of being able to give a more full & satisfactory answer concerning the success of It: I have not yet received any further instructions; But think it my duty to acquaint You with what has been done, least we should seem chargeable with inattention to an affair of that great importance, or of disrespect to so generous a friend & Patron, as You evidence yourself to be.

¹ In New York Historical Society, New York City.

The Society having hopes, that no Obstructions will be thrown in their way, desire that You will be pleased in the mean time to send a description of the lands to be applied for.

We are very willing to allow a Salary of £25 per annum to a School-master among the Mohawks, & hope You will be able to procure a worthy & good man for that department.

The Purchase of M^{rs} Barclay's house & farm being now completed, the disposal of it is entirely left to You, to apply to such uses, as you shall think most proper & conducive to the purposes intended: And I am desired to inform You, that the Society will be ready to concur in every measure, that You shall think proper & recommend, as far as their abilities will enable them.

I am with the most sincere respect

Your most Obedient

& very humble Servant

D BURTON

To S^R W^M JOHNSON Bart.

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 8th May 1769

[The acco]unt Mr Adams has given me of your Indisposition for some [time] past, has really given me a great deal of Concern — That you [wo]ud Suffer your Health to waste away in the Manner you do & [lin]ger out your Life in pain & Misery, when by a little Alluviation from Business, Change of Air & gentle Exercise you might be very greatly relieved — is very astonishing to me — for God's sake have you made a Vow to Sacrifice yourself & all the Comforts you ought to enjoy at your Time of Life to the Ease & Happiness of the Indians? I very well know the Dilicacy of your Sentiments on that Head — but pray Sir William have you not people enough about you to take Care of them in your Absence — certainly They woud take a

very particular Pleasure in exerting themselves on an Occasion So much for the Advantage of all your Connections as that of preserving your Health & Life — I am afraid of being thought impertinent, but I could wish it was in my Power to prevail on you to take a Jaunt to Shrewsbury for a while — I'm certain you would almost immediately find the Advantage of it — The beautiful Situation of the Place, with the Amusements of Fishing & fowling, which No place on this Continent is better calculated for, would make your Time pass pleasantly & would make you Use Such gentle Exercise as may be necessary for you, without being plagued with more Company than yourself would Chuse — Give me Leave therefore Sir to prevail on you to try the Experiment & come down as Soon as you Can with Convenience to yourself & if you should resolve to do So, which I will flatter myself will be the Case — I must insist upon your being at my House, where I Assure you Sir you shall meet with a Cordial Welcome — I live in an Airy pleasant part of the Town & have Rooms to Spare for you without the least Inconvenience to myself or family during your Stay here — & shall think it my Duty to do every [thing] in my Power to contribute to your Comfort & Happiness — do let [me hear] from you on this Head & in the mean time Assure yourself [that I am] with great Truth & Sincerity

Sir your most Obligated Hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

[remem]berd

[]

ADDRESSED: To

The Honorable Sir William Johnson Bart
Johnson Hall

⌘ Favour of }
Mr Adams }

FROM JOHN BRADSTREET

A. L. S.¹

Albany 10^h. May 1769.

SIR

I have had some of the Esopus Indians with me, and take the liberty of enclosing You their declaration. They say Colonel Class Copy'd their papers — as I dont expect to come at the original ones, I beg you will be so good to desire the Colonel to try to find them if he Copy'd them.

Mr. Shuckburgh is here & confirms in a great measure Swarts declaration.

The Assembly have not as Yet granted the money for finishing the Survey, but it was still expected they would.

The Corporation have dropt their intended Petition for a New Charter as Colonel Renselar & others were going to enter Caveats against it on Account of Ferrys.

By the last Accounts from Home, there are great discontent & confusion; I wish it was well over or ended.

I sincerely wish You health & happyness being

Sir

Your Most Obedient

&

very humble Servant

JN^o BRADSTREET

SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON, Bart.

INDORSED: Col. Bradstreets Letter
with an Enclosure
Dated 10th. May 1769
rec^d. 15th. & Ansrd.
17th. Inst. ———

¹ In the New York Public Library, New York City.

FROM NORMAND MACLEOD

A. L. S.

[Niagara May 10, 1769]

[
 acquaint you [] As to the News from
 [] particulars in the enclos []
 [] last winter been Saying that the
 [] were very bad and that they were
 [] Indians espetially the Messisagas, have
 ad[vised such] as they are fondest of not to proceed to
 Detroit [] Merch^{ts}. at Detroit desiring all
 their boats to [stop] of their intending not to go
 farther than Fort Erie. [] the Carrying place between
 twenty and thirty Boats who are [] the above
 mentioned Fort. It is reported from the Miamis [] a
 body of Shawanese is arrived there with a great number []
 which they say they are to live upon during the time they
 [] Detroit, whither things will turn out as bad as
 reported at Detroit [I know] not, but this I know that the stoping
 of the boats will make [trad:is?] uneasy, as at the Season for
 Trade the Indⁿ. goods will be [] at Detroit.

I formerly had the pleasure of acquainting you with []
 atongot a Seneca Chief Said about the Shawanese and []
 if they strick against us things will turn out as he told me Ther
 is a Chief of the Senecas of Geneseeo Call'd Se,you,wa []
 I have always had great dependance, and as he has been late
 [] the Shawanese, I have Sent Mr. Decouaigne for him
 in order [to] bring him in here in hopes that he will tell me the
 whole [] if he is not at the Castle Decouaigne has orders
 to bring in [] or As,con,she,an of whom I also have a
 good Opinion, and [from] whom I expect to hear all the News
 amongst them. I ho[pe] some of them will be here in eight or
 nine days, when I ha[ve] spoke to him or them I will immedi-
 ately leave this place, if []

[]
 [] Verchere¹ may have []
 Mion]treal was dated in October
 [] been amongst the above mentioned
 In[] Chabiere has brought up all the flour
 that [] for what end he knows best but it
 can't []
 [] or Nanebeaujou the Chippawa Chief that
 promised [] sent him by the Shawanese is not yet come
 according to pro[mise] word that he'll be here in a few
 days, if he is not, he is certainly [] Grande Riviere to
 Catch the boats going for Detroit he was [] that
 began the last Indian War, if he comes in Soon and loo[ks
 suspicious] I have some thoughts of inviting him to your House.
 [] you will be kind enough to secure me the money
 that I payed for [Couai]gne the sum is now £148..1..0
 which if you do not be good enough [] me I will cer-
 tainly lose it which would be too great a loss for So poor []
 as a 1/2 pay C. Lt.

The Sutlers Servant at Fort Erie has Just informed me that
 two [or three days ago] he was told by a favorite Indian that
 the Indians on the south[ern] Side Lake Erie (meaning the
 Shawanese, Delawars and Ohio Senecas []) were
 making ready their death Hammers, he then desir'd the man
 to [] His Name on a piece of paper and give it him
 which the man did, no[] Says the Indian, I am not
 to be of the party that is to take Fort Erie but this paper I will
 give to one of my Friends who is to be of the party and you
 must immediately go with him when he shows you this paper
 with your Name on it, he will use you well and not kill you,
 but [] take you prisoner, but Says the Indian you
 must not tell one word of what I say to any of the great Men
 either here or at Niagara, This [] Speech don't mean

¹ A former French officer, later an interpreter for the English at Detroit.

peace. M^{rs}. MacLeod Joins me in best respects to you with
Comp^{ts}. to Rodecaughke the Farmer I Am

Sir

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

NOR^D MAC LEOD

TO JAMES ADAIR

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 424, is listed a letter of May 10th to James Adair, consenting to the dedication of a book to Johnson, with subscriptions. (Printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 4:415-16; Q, 4:260-61.)

TO HENRY MOORE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall May 11th. 1769

[DEAR SIR]

I am Just favored with your Excellencys Letter of the 23^d ult^o. before which I received and Answered M^r Livingstons Letter with the Dedimus Potestatem which you was pleased to Order, & which from its Tenor will be a Saving of much Trouble & Expence to the Militia Officers both now & hereafter,

I am much obliged to you for the honor you intend to conferr on my recommendation of some persons for the Magistracy, and I shall on all such occasions act with that caution & prudence of Choice necessary to merit the continuance of your favor & approbation As I am with perfect Truth & Esteem

Sir

[SIR HENRY] MOORE

INDORSED: []
To Sir H Moore Bart.

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

FROM BENJAMIN ROBERTS

A. L. S.¹

[Montreal, 11 May, 1769]

[SIR]

[Your] favor of the 24 Ult^o. I rec^d. the 8th on my Arrived here, it [made me] much more happy to find I had not forfeited your Esteem [than if It h]ad been an Order to reinstate me in my Office it came just [time eno]ugh to bear up my Spiritt under the disagreeable Situation I am [now in] Surrounded by Enemies & threatned with assassination

My Letters were detained in Montreal by Mr. Goddard who was told [I was] on my Way up & I was waiting in Expectation of them at Quebeck [that] I might there decide what Course to take

I sent some Letters by Colonel Prevost inclosing the regulations [ma]de here & advising you of my Draft for £100 York payable at the [hou]se of John Weatherhead.

The day before yesterday I waited on Colonel Jones to let him Know of [my] Arrival. I there saw Rogers. I left the house first. He Overtook me [about] 200 yards from the House he asked me how I did & then told me [he wa]nted to Speake to me. he had in his right hand a Stick with a Dart in [it, and a] long Spike in the feril, with which he Opposed my going farther [and aske]d me if I would give him Satisfaction for bribing Potter to Swear [his life] Away. I told him when he was at Liberty I would make him [give me] Satisfaction for the ill usage I had received from him a Mackinak. [He said] he had a Case of pistols in his pocket under his Coat & caught hold to [them,— said] I must immediately take one & fire it in the Street with him. [I answered] I would Chuse my Own Arms & place that the people were beginning [to

¹ Burned portions supplied from *Journals of Major Robert Rogers*, ed. F. B. Hough, for a part of this letter.

gather and if he] was a Brave man he would not Speak loud or we [would be hindered. He] asked me to meet him at the Mill outside the [Recollect Gate. I told h]im I would at 5 the next morning but he desired it [should be at 10 o'clock] & alone. I said I could not trust myself to such [a man, who I heard had] neither honor or Courage, he made use of [many invectives. I asked him] Smiling what became of all that Valour [when he and I was on a footing, and he] acknowledged himself a Coward & [begged my pardon. He told me he'd blow my] brains out & not give me [any fair chance for my life, for he'd kill me whenever he could. I all along could not forbear laughing, to see how he trembled, fumbling under his coat] with One hand for his pistols & with the O[ther shaking his stick. He was pale] as death with his teeth Gnashing, I desired him not to [oppose my going about my] business says he do you laugh in my face he put his hand [to my face] & threatned to pull my nose. I told him he had better [let this alone that if I] Had my Sword on or even he thought my Limbs as Strong [as his, he would not] dare to insult me, but that he was now very Brave with hi[s pistols and a spear against] a Naked man, he went of & I went to Mr. Goddard & prov[ided myself; but] somebody hearing he had been twice to look for me at my Lodging[']s and that he stop'd] me in the Street let Mr. Frobisher, who is my Friend know of [it and he told Colonel] Jones, who sent for Rogers & threatned to put him in Close c[onfinement if he] did not give his Word & honor he would neither give nor re[ceive a chalenge] from me, or insult me in Any wise. he sent the Town Major [to me to exact] my promise threatning to put me in Arrest if I refused it. I pro[mised I would not] accept of or Send him a Challenge, the next morning I went to [the ground at the] hour, but he was not there, I was told he was Walking the Ramp[arts However he] gave Out he had pulled my nose & made me go down on my [knees in the street] to promise I would go Out with him that he had been in the Field & [I did not appear that] now he would give me no fair play for my

life; I went to Colonel [Jones yesterday and] told him the affair he said he had before witnesses made Roge[rs give his word of honor] he would not go in my way, that twas I that insulted him [as he was walking by] my door. I desired he might keep the other side of the Street, [that he was a Rascal] he Answered twas as free for him as for me & called me [a puppy and that I challenged him].

Think how disagreeable my Situation oblidged to car[ry pistols in my pocket and be] on my Guard against A man who Colonel Jones won[t believe carrys arms, notwithstanding] all that is said every body seem prepossessed in his favor, [What then can I expect, if any] Accident should happen

I have received a Letter dat 24 Ap^l from General [Sir Guy Carleton?] he finds Ainses presecution was Mali[cious] reinstate him at Michilim[ackinac] if he thinks him an Object, w[] What he shall Chuse to take upon himself to []

[] till now been at a great loss not Knowing what to do about [Potter?] & also another I brought down. I have had him all the Winter []ork p^r day. they were both promised to be taken back again. I [] Oblidged to take them back again at my Expenche which I think [] hard as I now have nothing but a Chance for my half pay. a little [] to take me up & there discharged Costs me £60 S6. Could I have kept the [] of Commissary or Agent without meddling with traders or Indians []ed have procured me respect, but I am not instructed what to do [] I should find that Johnson has made any Expenche in my absence [] it is to be paid or what is to be done with the Tools &c. [] shall set off in a few days sell off my Baggage & return as quick as [] & hope the have the pleasure of seeing you in July.

[I] am very much Oblidged to you for your offer of including me in [] purchase. as the utmost of my wishes

was always to have a retreat [in your] Neighbourhood, I should be much obliged to you also, if a location [] be had for my half pay Land, the Governor promised me a place [] New] England Land that is joined y^r province

The Indians are beginning to be very troublesome many report spread [] them that we are going to abandon the Country to the French [] Situation of my affairs would allow me to Stay below. I would not [] Voyage. As the Governor here has not yet undertaken Any [] the Expençe of Indian Affairs nor can I hear has [] thing. I fancy a little time may make things revert [] there is nothing so disagreeable as when a man [] bring things to regular Course, & has been at [] all at a sudden a Stop put to him & [] nothing I remain With the most [] Welfare
[] humble Servant
[BENJAMIN ROBERTS]

INDORSED: Montreal 11th. May 1769

L^t. Robert's Letter —

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

Albany 11th. May 1769

I have just time to acquaint you that, tomorrow [wee]k since I sent off the Battoes with the Corn, which [] there in small parcells, but good, & sent a young [liv]es with me to see them clear of the Carrying [place between] Fort Edward & the Lake. I gave him [] provide at the necessary places, cariages, []cy the whole at one trip) together with three [] I sent from here, so that they might []. I hope they will by tomorrow [] the place they are to stop at after [] as the Charge of the Boats, goes [M^r Vander]heyden, to send the Indians

[], the best method, as their []
 to Montreal would be [] them have as far to
 []

ADDRESSED: To

Sir William Johnson Bar^t.

at

Johnson Hall

TO WILLIAM GAMBLE

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall May 12th. 1769

I am favored with yours concerning the admission of David Smith into the Ineffable Lodge [and] have been always of opinion that we should as far as in us Lay endeavor to keep up the body by the admission of the Most respectable persons we could find, but the Character you have given of the Candidate & the Information I have had that March & Batchellor intend going to the West Indies Induce me to give my Suffrage for the petitioner *Smith* who I hope will approve himself a worthy Brother.—

I have recommended the Two Brothers you Mention to L^t Prevost, and shall do the same to Col Croghan, that when they have done Working at Conajohare where they now are, he may employ them if he has any business in their Way, & I shall be glad to serve them as [much] as Lies in my power,

I am with great Regard

FROM THE EARL OF HILLSBOROUGH

In the Johnson Calendar, p. 424, is listed a letter of May 13th from the Earl of Hillsborough, at Whitehall, informing that the King will accept the cessation of lands south of the Ohio below the Kanawa, fixes the Virginia line near the Kanawa, delays action on the Indian grants to

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

traders and to Mr Croghan and desires Johnson to reconcile the Indians to the new plan of managing trade. (printed in *Doc. Hist. N. Y.* 2:938-39; Q, 2:543-44 and *Doc. rel. to Col. Hist. N. Y.* 8:165-66.)

FROM HUGH WALLACE

A. L. S.

[*New York, May 15, 1769*]

DEAR SIR

I had the favour of y[our letter of January 25th] which I delayed answering, hoping [] Your Accounts being passed that [] have had an order for the Bills on [drawn by] Cap^t Spicemaker, I hope I shall now [] receive your order for that Sum, so its [] Consequence to me to get rid of the Person [] from whom I had the Bills & who tea[s]es me every day about them —

You'll no doubt hear that Col^o Schuyler & Mr. Walton went out with Pistolls but did no more, as Friends interposed — Col^o Schuyler has been much more moderate this Session than last — The Delancy Interest prevails in the house greatly, & they have give y^e Livingston Interest proof of it, by dismissing P: Livingston [] the House, as a non resident its said he will be returned again & again, & so become another Wilkes [] [] [] y^e fancy in a manner [] but it wont pass. now [] in Albany County & a Bridge o[ver [] brought in & strongly supported by [] Schu]yler — as its reckoned a private Jobb —

I am greatly obliged to you fur y^r. kind [] in regard to Lands. & heartily thank you [] the 2000 Acres got for me near Lord Holland [] should be glad to have the Deed & Cost of it, that [I mi]ght pay you — & if you think it worth my while to have 2000 Acres of the Lands in the rear of your Estate, please lett it be made out for me, & located in a good Spott — Nothing new here of any kind — You'll see

Letters of Gen^l Gage & Gov^r Bernards published,¹ will do neither honor — the the latter has the honor of a Baronett.

My Compl^{ts} to all your family I am w^h sincere Regard D^r Sir
Y^r. most obed Serv^t

HUGH WALLACE

SIR WILL JOHNSON Bar^t.
Johnson Hall.

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

Hartford May 16th. 1769

I have been Some days from New London [] in the Course of my Tour fell in here at the General Ellection, where there has been a Remarkable dispute between the Council and Assembly in the choice of a Lieu^t. Governor there not being any one properly Voted for by the freeman — after three days debate they have appointed Mr. Trumbull² the [for]mer Deputy Governor — the Letters from the [Sec]retary of State Mr Johnson the Colony agent in [Lon]don are to be Read this day, if I Can Collect any [thi]ng worth informing you of, will let you know it [] the next post.

Mason³ who has had the dispute [with] the Colony in behalf of the Mohigan Indians [late]ly arrived from London with Orders from the [Solicitor] of the Treasury to the Board of Commissioners [to ass]ist him with money and direct their [minis]ter to put his papers Witnesses &ca in proper [] for which purpose he arrived at New London the []fore I left it — and it is said that Mason as [soon as] these Affidavits &ca are taken and the Case [is sta]ted is directly to Return to Eng-

¹ See *Narrative and Critical History of America*, note, 6:84.

² Jonathan Trumbull.

³ John Mason. See *Collections of the Connecticut Historical Society, Pitkin Papers*, 19:177-78, 274-76. For Mohegan case, *Idem*, p. 300 (Index).

land [a]larms our Pious Gentry Very much & [] limits to Mason and his friends [] the Customs inform'd me that [four regiments are] Expected from England at Hallyfax Every day — that one of those [] go to New Port — the other three being [] to keep good orders in the great Town

inclosed is A part of an [] paper which I believed might not be a miss [] you — it will make Me Extreemly Happy [] Hear from you and know the state of your Health which God Almighty in his infinite [] Grant may be perfectly Restored — Mrs Chew [] the Little Boy and Girl were pretty well when I [] New London I am sure their best Respects and w[] are always Offer'd to and for you and I am m[] Respectfully and truely

Dear sir

Your most O[]

Most H[]

JOS CH[EW]

the select men of the Town of Boston have prottessed against General M^c Kay for not marching the troops out of the Antient Town before their General Election —

ADDRESSED: To

The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson Bart.
Johnson Hall

TO JOHN BRADSTREET

Df.

Johnson Hall May 17th. 1769

I have had the favour of Yours of the 10th Cur^t. with the Inclosure delivered to me the 15th. by Doctor Shuckburgh with

whom I had a good deal of discourse on the Subject of the dispute between you & Hardenbergh, & I think there are some Anecdotes worthy Notice, I shall mention one, Viz^t. His being present in 1734 when the Chiefs of Schoharee *Seth* & *Hance Ury* &ca Summoned the Esopus or Delawares to a Meeting, & told them that if ever they attempted to Sell any Lands Westward of Catskill Hills they would destroy them, or in their own Words hunt them up like Deer. I think it would not be amiss to talk with him on the Subject, [Wh]en many more things might occur to him.

A few Days ago I had the Chiefs of the Mohawks [here] with whom I spoke on that Subject they seemed [unacqu]inted therewith, Except one called *White Hance* [who said] that he had always heard, that from the Head [of the Delawa]re (which comes from a little Lake called [Pepachton?]) to the Westward was the property of [] that the Delawares had no right over [] by his Description must be the Paupaghton Branch, this Man is []

I have this Moment examined a B[] who is reckoned sensible, His Father was the [] Oneida called *Agiota* & their Oracle in all mat[ters] I expected to have heard something material from [] disapointed, for he knows no more about it, than to [] his Father often say that the Lands on the East Side was the property of the River Indians or Delawares *Thomas King* at Home He would readily go to, & S[peak to] them River Indians &ca about it & clear up the Aff[air.] very knowing that way I have heard him talk larg[] Subject some few years ago, & declare in the warm[est] that his Nation the *Oneidas* were the right owners [] from the East Branch of Delaware Westwards & [] of it to whom they pleased, but he is not returned fr[om the] Cherokee Country whither He & others escorted [the deputies] of that Nation last year.— I do not recollect [] Coppys to be taken of them papers which the [Esopus Indians] shewed me Except the Article of Agree-

ment be[tween] General Nicols which were falling to
 pieces [] also Coppied, I shall have them looked
 for [] to you. I wish you Success, & am tru[]
 []

sir

FROM JOHN STEVENSON

A. L. S.

Albany 18th. May 1769

I am favoured with Yours of the 11th. Inst. by Mr. Wemp
 and according to your Order send you the Bill inclosed of the
 Iron, Steel and Files Sent by him the Files I bought not having
 any of my own

My Brother desires his best respects to you I am

Sir

Your Most Obed^t.

and Humble

Serv^t

JOHN STEVENSON

ADDRESSED:

To

The Honourable

Sir William Johnson Baronett

att

Johnson Hall

PLAN FOR INDIAN TRADE

D.

[New York, May 19, 1769]

That this Colony impose a Duty of one Shilling Currency per
 Gallon on all Rum or distilled Liquor sold at Niagara, (and
 three per Cent on all dry Goods sold at Niagara) and Detroit.
 That the Colonies of Pennsylvania and Quebec do the like —

That the Duties arising on all Goods sold at either of the

above Places, be applied for supporting of the Trade there, in such manner as shall be directed by Acts of this Colony —

That the Colony of Quebec impose a Duty of ¹ on all Rum or distilled Liquor sold at Carrilon, and a Duty of ¹ per Cent on all dry Goods sold at Carrilon, Missilimackinack and any other Post where there is a Garrison

That the Colonies of Pennsylvania and New York pass a like Act

That the Duties arising on all Goods sold at either of the above places or ¶ ¶ such other Post where there is a Garrison be applied for supporting the Trade there, in such manner as shall be directed by the Colony of Quebec.

That the Colony of Pennsylvania [im]pose a Duty of ¹ per Gallon on all [Rum] or other distilled Liquor sold at Pittsburgh [and a] Duty of ¹ per Cent on all dry [Goods] sold at Pittsburgh, Illinois or any [other] Post where there is a Garrison [] Colonies of Quebec and New York pass a like Act

That the Duties [arising from] sold at either of the above places [] place or post where there is a [Garrison be] applied for supporting the Trade [in] such manner as shall be directed [by the] Colony of Pennsylvania —

That an Act be passed by [each of] the three mentioned Colonies to prohib[it Rum] or other distilled Liquor being carrie[d any] farther than Niagara, Pittsburgh an[d] (excepting a certain allowance to the [traders] and their Servants for their own use) [and these] Acts provide for one or more Commiss[ioners for] each of said Colonies, with whom all [such traders] shall enter their Goods, and give Secur[ity for] paying the Duties, that such comm[issioners or] Commissioner in the Colony of New York [shall] transmit all the Duties he receives [from] Traders going to Trade at any of [the posts] under the

¹ Blank in the original.

direction of Pennsylvania [or Quebec] to the Commissioners or Commissi[oner of said] Colonies —

That the Commissi[oners of Quebec] and Pennsylvania do the [] to New York and to each [other.]

Friday 19th. of May 1769

The House resolv'd — that they will Make [prov]ision to enable his Excell^y. to defray the Expence [of] keeping one Interpreter & two Smiths at Niagara [and] Detroit untill the first day of Jan^y. next, provided [the] whole Expence does not exceed £150.

FROM JOHN LONEY

A. L. S.

[May] the 20 in the year 1769

Sir william Johnson Bearnot with L [] unworthy servant am now oblidge to [trou]ble your honour because I Cannot help [myse]lf I heave lede all the monney out for [leather?] that I had now I Come to you honour [] begg that your honour would help me with [] small trifel that I geave least

	£2 8 6
[] shillings for seamer fennel	11
[] the french man shoues	0 9 0
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	£3 8 6
[Your] unworthy servan JOHN LONEY	
paid	2 18 -
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	£ 10 6

ACCOUNT OF POSTAGE

A. D. S.

[1769] between 1 May 1768 & 21 May 1769

New York Currency

[Colonel] Croghan

18: 5:10

191. 8

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Packets

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Colonel Claus

Letters

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Colonel Johnson

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1768 June 27 th John []
		dwt G ^s	
1769 May 15 th Walter Grace a Letter	8.16	[]
		JN ^o . MONIER	

A separate memorandum on verso

6 Calf Skins 6 Ⓟ	£1 16 -
2 d ^o .	10
1 Kip Skin	12
1 Cow Skin	8
1 Cow Side	15
1 Kip	9
1 D ^o .	16
a parcel of p ^s .	5
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	£5 11 -
6 Dollars	2 8
for Alb ^y . leather	12 - -

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

New London May 22^d. 1769

On my Return from Hartford I found [your] kind Letter of the 5th of may and wish [that I] was master of words to make you a proper acknowledgement for your great goodness & regard for me while I Live & I hope my Family after me will in word and deed never forget you [I] hope to have the pleasure and happiness [of] seeing you well at Johnson Hall About [thre]e weeks from this time — am Very sorry [the] trees had not got to hand thoh they were [] well put up I think there is no danger [but] they will Live They were shipt the [] of April by one Jones who alter'd his [voya]ge and it was 10 days before I knew [] inclosed is the Recet. Cap^t Caulkins gave [to] him who Left this the Very day with [] wind for New York

You will by this post Receive [the Bo]ston papers for the last Fortnight that [] on Acco^t. of my Absense in the [] is a New London paper with [Col. Croghans] & Mr. Wetherheads Advertisem^t. [] the most August House of assembly [] Connecticut about the time I [] Uncas the Indian sachem []erally. assembly dispatched two of their members [] Condole with the Indians and as[sist in the choice?] of a new sachem with a design to []¹ the Opposite Interest to Masons party [] Indians Could not be Brought into it [] they did no see any great Benefit they [] from the last — Ocum² Talk't to them [] own way that the Children of Israel did [] without a king as with one and that Every [] Family had no use for one I am infor[med that all] the Indians Except three were for Masons [] the Case and upon the Commiss^{rs} from

¹ The missing word may be "strengthen" or "support."

² Samson Occum, missionary.

[the assembly] Charging them with Ingratitude and telling [them that] they would not have had an Inch of Land [if the] Colony had not interfer'd, and taken it out of [] the Indians said it was Very true but wh[at] was it to them if the Colony keep it thems[elves.] one of them said if he should by Chance [his] Neighbours Cow in the mire and pull her [out, he] Supposed it was a kind action but did [not] the Cow would belong to him because he [saved her] Life what the assembly will say to [] but believe it will not be Very agreeable [] day going to hartford and if there [] will advise you — M^{rs} Chew beg[s] her best Respects and all the wish [] Contain are for your health and h[appiness] with great Respect

The Hon^{ble} SIR WILL^M. JOHNSON

ADDRESSED: To

The Honourable
Sir William Johnson Bar^t.
Johnson Hall

[Received of] Joseph Chew two Bundles of trees one Box and [one pa]per Bundle directed to the Hon^{ble}. Sir William [John]son Bar^t. and one paper Bundle for John Wetherhead [] all which the Danger of the Seas Excepted I promise to deliver to the said Jn^o. Witherhead Esq^r in New [Yor]k he paying freight for the Same According to [cus]tom — New London April 20th. 1769

SAMUEL CALKINS

[1 Bu]ndle of Fruit Trees	} Mailed	}	
[1 Bu]ndle of Willow D ^o			& Directed
[1 Box]	} to	}	
[1 paper] Bundle			sir
[1 paper] Bundle for John Wetherhead Esq			W ^m Johnson Bar ^t .

FROM NORMAND MAC LEOD

A. L. S.

Niagara 22^d May 1769

The Vessel is arrived from Detroit and [] that the
Indⁿ. alarum is subsided and that all is [q]uietness again, the
inhabitants have built a Small [fort the] other side of the River
oposite to the old Fort [Cap^t.] Trumbull has given them two
piece of Cannon. [I am] recovering from my Ague and hope
to leave this in [day]s

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient
and Most Humble Ser^t.

NOR^d. MAC LEOD

ADDRESSED: On His Majesty's Service

To

The Hon^{ble}. Sir William Johnson Bart.

&^{ca}, &^{ca}. &^{ca}.

at

Johnson Hall

WARRANT FOR THE ROYAL GRANT

D. S.¹

May 22^d, 1769

(Begins:) Our Will and Pleasure is that you prepare
a bill for our Royal Signature to pass our Great
Seal of Great Britain in the words or to the
effect following vizt.

(The grant is then quoted²)

¹ In Public Record Office, C. O. 324,42. p. 118, London, England.

² See *infra*.

(Ends:) And for so doing this shall be your warrant.
 Given at our court of St James's the 22^d. day of
 May 1769 In the ninth year of our reign.
 By His Majesty's
 Command.

HILLSBOROUGH.

To our ATTORNEY and SOLICITOR GENERAL

Patent Rolls.

(The same grant is enrolled on the Patent Rolls. 9th
 George III under date of 8 June.)

A DRAFT OF A GRANT

D. S.¹

May 22^d, 1769

George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c To all Men to whom these present Letters Patent shall come Greeting Whereas by a certain Grant or Deed Poll bearing date on or about the 27th day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty, Brant alias Araghijvadeeka and divers others Native Indians calling themselves Sole and absolute Proprietors of Conajohare in the County of Albany and Province of New York in Consideration of the Love Goodwill and Regard which they had and bore towards their Affectionate Brother and Friend the Honourable Sir William Johnson alias Warraghüyagey of the Mohawks Country in the County of Albany and Province of New York aforesaid Baronet as well as in Justice and gratitude to him for the many welltimed Supplies and Credit he had formerly given to their people many of whom being Dead since and those living unable to make him a proper recompence any other way for and in the Name of their most Gracious Sover-

¹ In Public Record Office, C. O. 5.26. p. 31, London, England.

eign King George the Second Did Give Grant and Confirm and for ever Quit Claim unto the Said Sir William Johnson Baronet George St. Cheap James Rogers Dennis Madden, John Johnson William Johnson Peter Fiax Michael Russell Wilhellmus Russell Paul Reiter Philip Hendrick Klyne, John Spangenburg Lucas Veder, Lawrence Eman Michael Gallenger Matthias Link Hem Ury Creet George Ham George Ham Junior Peter Cooley John Johnson Peter Service Christopher Service Francis Rupert Adam Rupert Hannis Wert Anndreas Snyder Conradt Creitzburger Conradt Smith Jonathan French Jacob Pickle Hannis Wolf Barlet Augustus Eikler Jacob Sefer, Johannis Alt Bastain Steenmyer Stephen Hipp George Hipp Peter Frederick and their Associates All Inhabitants of the Mohawks Country his and their Heirs and Assigns for ever All that Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being on the North side of the Mohawk River near to the Conajohare Castle and beginning at the North Westerly Corner of the Rear Line of a patent or Tract of Land purchased by the late Tiddy M^c Gin and others and lately Surveyed by his Widow Sarah M^c Gin which Corner or beginning is on the Bank of a Creek or Kill called by the Indians Dekayowaronwe and about thirteen Miles from the Mohawk River which Creek falls into the said Mohawk River about 200 yards below Fort Hendrick or Conajohara Castle thence running from the said North Westerley Corner of the said M^c Gins Rear Line North fifty Eight West to the West Bank of another Creek or Kill called by the Indians Deyoghtoraron by the Christian Canada Kill at Burnets Field from thence down along the west side of the said Creek or Kill to the Lands patented by the White people so down to the Mohawks River then round the several Tracts of Land already patented within the above mentioned two Creeks and taking in all the Vacant Land between the said two Creeks from the Rear Line quite to the Mohawk River as described on the Back of the said Deed by the Indians themselves to prevent any Disputes containing about Eighty thousand Acres with all the woods underwoods Trees Timber Feedings Pasture Meadows

Marshes Swamps ponds pools Ways Passages Water Water-courses Rivers Rivulets Runs and Streams of Water also All the Mines Minerals or Ore of what kind soever standing growing being or to be found in or upon any part or parcel thereof and all other the Herēdits and Appurtenances to the said Tract and parcel of Lands belonging or in any wise appertaining And the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof and All the Estate Right Title Interest Property Possession Claim and demand whatsoever of them and each and every of them either in Law or Equity of in and to the aforesaid Tract or parcel of Lands or any parcel thereof To Have and to Hold the said Tract or Parcel of Land and all and singular other the premises aforesaid with their and every of their Hereditaments and Appurtenances given granted and Released as aforesaid unto their Trusty and Welbeloved Friend the Honourable Sir William Johnson Baronet and Associates his and their Heirs and Assigns to and for his and their Sole Use and only proper use Benefit and Behoof for ever Absolutely without any manner of Condition Now Know Ye that We for and in Consideration of the Faithful Services rendered unto us by the said Sir William Johnson and of Our Grace and Favor and Meer Motion have given granted Ratified and Confirmed and by these presents Do for Us Our Heirs and Successors Give Grant ratify and Confirm unto the said Sir William Johnson and his said Associates his and their Heirs and Assigns for ever All that the said Tract and parcel of Land and all and singular other the premises Described or Comprized in the said recited Grant with their and every of their Rights Members and Appurtenances with all the Woods Underwoods Trees Timber Feedings Pastures Meadows Marshes Swamps Ponds Pools Ways Passages Waters Watercourses Rivers Rivulets Runs and Streams of Water Also all the Mines Minerals or Ore of what kind soever being or to be found in and upon any part or parcel thereof And all other the Hereditaments and Appurtenances to the said

Tract and parcel of Lands belonging or in any wise appertaining and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof And all the Estate Right Title Interest Property Possession Claim and Demand whatsoever of us Our Heirs and Successors of in and to the aforesaid Tract or parcel of Lands or any part thereof To Have Hold and Enjoy the said Tract and parcel of Land and all and singular other the premises aforesaid with their and every of their Appurtenances, unto the said Sir William Johnson and his said Associates his and their Heirs and Assigns To and for the only proper Use and behoof of him the said Sir William Johnson and his said Associates His and their Heirs and Assigns for ever Yielding and Paying therefore unto Us Our Heirs and Successors two Beavers Skins to be delivered at Our Castle of Windsor on the First day of January in every Year And Also the Fifth part of all Gold and Silver Ore which shall from time to time be found upon the said Tract or parcel of Land Clear of all Charges In Witness whereof We have Cause these Our Letters to be made patent Witness Ourselves at Westminster the day of In the Ninth year of Our Reign And in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty nine.

INDORSED: Order in Council
3^d May 1769.
Inclosing Dra^t. of a War^t.
to pass the Great Seal
for a Grant of Land, to
Sir William Johnson
& his Associates, on the
Mohawk River.

FROM SAMUEL KIRKLAND

A. L. S.

[Fort Stanwix, May 25, 1769]

[]
 by [] honwakha's Brother & am [] who
 desired my assistance in deliver^s a Sp[eech]
 ground.— they are now resolutely & unanimously []
 farther sale of spiritous liquor at this place []
 will soon begg your Honours advice & influence.

This Morn^g rece^{vd}. Intelligence from Niagara (by []
 Schenactady direct from thence) that the trading Boats are
 [] in consequence of an Express from Detroit, which
 [] Inhabitants there have all be taken themselves
 to [] shelter — an insurrection from the Indians
 is hourly [] tis also reported y^t Cap^l. Hopkins¹
 (formerly of y^e 45th Reg^t) no[w] french service, is
 actually entered the Mississippi wh^a Army []
 & Indians — intends to retake Elenoa, Mishilimacknac []
 this corresponond wh^a the Report current among the India []
 whatever Truth there may be in it Your Honour will best []
 & time fully disclose.—

A few days since a proposal was made at Onoide by Kanagh
 [] & Nicholas to apprehend & secure me in order to
 carry on th[eir] own designs to better advantage. upon this
 enquiry was made [] shoud be done wh^a the Minister
 when apprehended & at their com[] this taking dis &
 alarming some from the upper Castle (whe[reupon?] Nicholas
 with some Others propos'd burying or flinging under [ground]
 for the present the whole Design of apprehending the Minister.
 & I have been since informed it will not likely take place — the
 Council fire is perhaps by this time kindled at onondage I thot

¹ Joseph Hopkins, of Maryland, formerly a captain in the 18th British regiment.



SAMUEL KIRKLAND

proper to give your Honour this Intelligence & should [be] Glad
 it may not be disclos'd lest it should injure & obstruct y^e
 pro[] of the glorious Cause in which I have embarked.

Your Hon^{rs} ever obed^t & obligd humble []

S. KIRKLAND

To Sr. W^m JOHNSON Barn^t.

FROM SAMUEL STRINGER

A. L. S.

Albany 25th. May 1769

Your favour of the 19th. Inst. I received the night before
 last, [& as] you have desired, herewith send you a Box of the
 Pills, according [to] Lord Tremblestones Receipt —

I was very sorry that I missed the opportunity of the Waggon
 that took Gamble to Schenectady, where I promised myself the
 happiness of seeing you the Day of the consecration of the
 Church there; & unluckily, I arived there the next day just after
 you left it, & happend to see Frank, to whom I deliverd []
 Rings. The one with the Motto was for yourself, & clumsy
 enough it is; the other I think is pretty near the Directions []
 gave me. The Ring which you gave for the measure, [the]
 Silver Smith, thro' a mistake melted, but is to make an[other]
 in the room of it —

The Battoes are not yet returnd, but I expect [them] daily—
 I hope to be at St. Patricks next Thursday

& I remain with the greatest Respect

Sir

Y^r. most Obed^t

Hum^e. Serv^t.

SAM^l. STRINGER

[] Bar^t.

TO THOMAS GAGE

*Df.*¹*Johnson Hall May 26th 1769.*

DEAR SIR.

I have Just received 2 Alarming Letters the one from [*Mr Hay*²] the late *Comis^y* at Detroit the other from *Capt MacLeod*³ The purport of them corresponds nearly with some reports & rumours that have lately prevailed, & tho' I hope they may prove groundless yet it is necessary you Should know that Intelligence has been received at these posts that the Shawanese, Delawares, Mingos of Ohio associated with the Powtewatamies, Chippeweighs &ca intend to break out, that the Shwanese have brought a Great number of Cattle to the Miami River which they Say they are to live on during the Siege of Detroit the Inhabitants of which Settlement as *Mr Hay* Writes are so much alarmed that they have brought a good part of their Effects and provisions into the Fort with some of their Women and Children. The Panies first received intelligence of it which they communicated to their Masters, and some Indians have advised the Traders they most regarded not to proceed to Detroit the Consequences of which is that they have resolved to go no farther than Fort Erie & *Capt MacLeod* Writes that between 20 & 30 *Batteaus* now at the carrying place are come to that resolution, this may have bad effects in case the Indians a⁴ not really disposed to do mischief as is represented, the faliure or Scarcity of Goods at the Season when they come with their peltry &c in full expectation of a plentiful Market will produce much discontent amongst them. I have also received an Indian Speech from Detroit made in the presence of *Cap^t Turnbull* &c in favor of

¹ In American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.; in handwriting of Guy Johnson.

² Erased in the original.

³ At Niagara.

⁴ Are.

Capt Sinclair & full of Wants a Copy of which I dare Say you will receive from him by this opportunity. I have also a Letter from Capt Robinson Comd^s a Vessell on the Lake requesting some Allowance to Gratify the Indians whose Assistance are necessary to get up his Vessell & representing that they were accustomed to receive many favors from Capt Sinclair such as condemned Pork &ca which he cannot afford them, thro' the Want of which they may be discontented.

Capt MacLeod only waited the return of De Couagne the Interpreter whom he had sent to procure farther Intelligence of the Indians designs, & would then set out, I delayed last half years Accot^s, Waiting for his but it not yet coming I am obliged to inclose my Accot without it, as many are importunate for money, I have Seen Several of the Upper Nations within these few days who have told me of the discontents to the Southward &ca & say that Goods are sold very dear which is the pretext made use of by some of the Nations, but as I purpose in a little time going up to the 6 Natⁿ. Country I expect to obtain more particular information in these matters which I shall Communicate.

His Excell^{cy} GEN^l GAGE

TO JOSIAH DEANE AND WALLACE HEARD

*Df.*¹

Johnson hall May 26th. 1769.

[GENTLEM]EN

In Consequence of my promise on your application to me for Lands I am now to inform you that you may now have the Quantity of Land you require laid out on six miles Square or Such form as may best answer provided we agree on the Terms, which from the Nature & Value of the Land I expect and am Certain I can dispose of at a Dollar an Acre, but if divided into

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

Small Tracts I could sell the Greatest part of it from 20s to 25s York Currency, but as my Intention is to convert it into Cash as Soon as I can and that I would chuse to See Townships soon formed for the Gen^l. Advantage of the Country I now make this proposal that notwithstanding I have fixed on disposing of these Lands at 8s York Curr^y per Acre, which is as low as they can be afforded at, I will nevertheless for the Speedy encouragement of such Settlements as are proposed make Sale of and give good Sure [ti]tle to the first Gentlemen who have applied (for one [Town]ship of the Quantity required) provided they Settle first [there]on, and that with at Least 30 families without delay, [] N York Curr^y per Acre or £25 of that Curr^y [] t £18 Connecticut Money by the Hundred Acres, and [] Gent who first applied to me from N England decline [] I will Sell one Township to any of the other parties [] to me at the like rate of 5s per Acre provided they [] immediately in manner aforementioned, and this [] rate at which I shall dispose of any part

I hope that what I have [] I sh]all expect your Ans^r. without delay

I am Gent

Your hearty Well-Wisher

[]

INDORSED: To Mess^{rs}. Josiah Deane
& Wallace Heard of
Richmond in Massachuset
concern^g Lands.—

TO JAMES RIVINGTON

Df^t

Johnson hall May 26th 1769

I thank you for your Letter of the 3^d. instant and am heartily glad to hear that you have Extricated yourself out of these

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

difficulties which for a time obscured You,—I Congratulate you on your Marriage so much to your domestic satisfaction assuring you that I shall be always glad to hear from you, and to be occasionally Amused with the productions of the press thro' your Means as Usual;— I have probably observed to Mr. O'Brien that I had received a great many Pamphlets on different Subjects, many of which had very small share of Merit, but I by no means blame you, as they were for the most part on party Subjects which you might naturally Conceive would excite Curiosity or contribute to Amuse in this retired part of the World, but I think it best (as you have proposed) that you Acquaint me occasionally with any Works of reputation that come to your hands from which I shall Select such as I want, I should be glad you'd send me [Lord] Littleton's History of Henry the 2^d. and the Annual Register^s. [from] 1761 to the last publication, Col Guy Johnson wrote you lately for Wilks & Churchills Works for himself [and] he would be glad you would also Send him Lord Lyttleton's [] the Registers for 1766, 67 & 68.

[I am] obliged to you for the Sev^l. particulars of news [con]tained in your Letter, but am very Sorry to [] the prevailing Spirit of Discontent both at [] for whatever good consequences it may [] Matters it must Weaken Govt [] principles amongst the Lower [] have very bad Effects,—I am hopefull that we Shall Soon find [] it is Wanted and the Unhappy differences [] Country happily accomodated on Terms of [] The next paquet will probably bring us [] on these & other Subjects —

INDORSED: []

To Mr. Rivington

TO HUGH WALLACE

Df¹*Johnson hall May 26th 1769*

[]

I am favored with yours of the 15th. inst and am [hear]tily sorry that it is not yet in my power to Answer Capt Spiestnachers bills, as the Accots of my Department to the last half year ending 25th March are not all come in So that I have not been able to send my Gen^l Accot to New York but as I expect to do so in a few days You may be assured that I shall lose no time afterwards in remitting you a bill for the payment.

I have heard of the proposed Duel you Mention, as to Col Schuylers being more moderate I fancy it may be accounted for, That party Visibly droops and will lose their Spirit with their Influence — And I think it is time for them —

Albany County is certainly by much too Large, but the manner in which it is proposed to be divided is in many respects extremely inconvenient, and would prove disagreeable to almost all the Inhabitants, The only rational boundary that has appeared to me & all I have conversed with, would be at the [west] bounds of the Township of Schenectady which is a [well] known place where there is a Good Natural boundary [which] could not interfere with any property or create the [least confusion], as this proposed must do. I suspect that this & the Bridge affair were done by a few to serve some particul^r. purpose [I have] not as yet calculated the Expence of [you] are to have [ac]res Near the German flatts, but shall do so soon [] You will find that this Land is Extremely [se]ttle. As to the Tract to the Northward [] more than 2000 Acres, perhaps [] chuse that Quantity and I shall []

¹ In handwriting of Guy Johnson.

FROM ISAAC SWITS

A. L. S.

May 27th 1769

[A]greeable to your orders Directed to Col^o David Vanderheyden [the co]mmanding officer of Albany Militia, I Send you Inclosed [a return] of the City of Albany Companys as the old Return [] and Lickwise having annexed the Companys at [Kin]derhock Coatsackie & Katt Kills that you might see [] Number of them, Having forward you¹ orders to [Col]^o Stephen Van Ranslar of Renslar Wyck and to [Co]^l John Van Ranslar whome was to forward them [to] the Next Commanding officer of the Militia doun [the] River, as Lickwise sent a Copy to Col^o Phillip Schuyler the Commanding officer of the Reg^t. of Militia up the River Lieu^t Dirik Ten brook, of the Company of Trup having tould me that he [decl]ined his Commission

I am with much Esteem your Very
humble serv^t.

ISAAC SWITS

JOHN BRADSTREET TO GEORGE CROGHAN

A. L. S.

Albany 29^h. May 1769

Your favor of the 23^d. Instant I have receiv'd this moment with the Enclosures for which I am much oblig'd to you. From Hardenberghs own papers out of the Records of Esopus and some late Evidence I am in a fair way of coming at the whole Transaction as it begins to look greatly against the Patentees.

I find by Cap^t Brown from Neagara that an Indian War is certain and its more than probable Detroit has been attack'd some time — The want of provisions will, I fear, be the loss of

¹ This should be "your."

that Place [and] Michilimaanc — as to the Poor []
 on the Frontiers God preserve [] I shall take care
 of the Map [] you desire
 [] wish you health & happyness at you[r wit]h
 Success, but I do not think you []g in the farming
 way if the []an a War — the public will []
 I am truly your most
 Obedient Servant

[JOHN] [BR]ADSTREET

INDORSED: Alb^y. 29th. May 1769
 Col. Bradstreets Letter
 to Col. Croghan

FROM JOSEPH CHEW

A. L. S.

Hartford May 29th. 1769

The day after I wrote you from New [London] I Came here
 where I hope to finish my Bussiness [and] Return tomorrow,
 Col^o. Dyer & the Susquhanna Comp^a [] laid in a
 Memorial to the General Assembly of [the] Colony now set-
 ting in this town, praying them [to pre]sent to the adventurers
 of that Company a Deed of Lease [] and Quit
 Claim of all the Right Title Claim or demand [the Colon]y
 have to or upon the Lands on the River Susquhanna []
 has been so well mannaged as to pass in the uper [house] and
 was only Negatived by three Voices in the [] House
 who I am informed are now applyed to, to [] their
 Vote have a Conference by a Committee with [] or
 do something more in the Affair — if they should []
 it will be got through both Houses notwith[standing] the Oppo-
 sition it has met with from Gov Fitches [] those
 who are here Called the old Administration []
 Affair, the Assembly ought by no means to [] that

by doing it they may involve the [Colony in an ex]pensive dispute with Mr. Penn give it [] Vexation, when there is not the least [] from it, that it is a private undertaking Very Romantick and what the [Colony] or assembly of it had best have nothing to [do with] I informed you some time ago that a Numb[er] had set out on a second Expedition under the [] direction of Major Durkee — one of them Ret[urned] Yesterday with Letters to Dyer and the Comite [] says they that are already on the spot are [] about 260 men and others are daily Coming [] that the Major has built a Block house and [] employed in Clearing the Lands and planting [] that they are Resolved not to be Removed by [] but may soon send of the people he has f[] Wioming — It appears as if something [] serious would Come of this Affair soon

in all the Letters Mr John[son the] Colony agent has wrote he gives Very full [] What has passed between him and Lord [Hillsborough] in one of his last he says his Lordship had [] with a pretty Long Audience — at w[hich he said] he did not like the Revenue Acts [] looking upon them as prejudicial to C[] had the Americans behaved properly [they would have] been Re-pealed— but while the C[olonies] [] Right of parliament to make La[ws] Acts would Remain and that a Due Observance of [them] and all others passed by the Parliment should take [place] in all his Majestys Dominions if the whole [] Fleet and army were employed for that purpose and [that] this was the detirmination of all the Kings servants

our Commite seem to be much imbarass'd by the Demands of the Custom House Officers for Writs of Assistance agreeable to an Act of Parliment — this is made to the superior Court who are all of the Council and who have found Excuses or means to wave the affair for many months — they now want to find out a method to get directions from the Assembly who

I dont doubt Will be Equally Cautious and keep out of the [] — whether it is this affair or whether [] intelligence from Majr Durkee is not such as they [] out, or what I don't know; but Mr Dyer looks [] grave for this two or three days past — and has [] some Long Conferences with his freind Ledlie [] you saw at New London and others of the party [Col^o. Whit]ing is now here I gave your Compliments [] informed him of what you said with [regard to] the Land he Express his thanks to and [] you in Very warm termes and will write you by this or the next Post — Col^o [Fitch] desires me to give his best Compliments to you [He] will also write to you as soon as he gets to [New] London — from whence you shall hear fr[om] me soon after which I hope personally to [] you with how much Respect and truth I am

Dear Sir

Your Very Obed^t.

Most Hble Serv[]

JOS CHEW

your old friend Col^o. putman has got all the Susqu[ehanna] Adventures upon his Back for saying here a d[ay or] two ago that it was a foolish wild goose scheme Col^o Dyer &ca say he is Bribed by Mr Pe[nn]

The Hon^{ble} SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON Bar^t

FROM J. W. JOHNSON

A. L. S.

Groton May 29th 1769 N. L. C.¹

[I] have tho't good to write a Line [to] your Excell^y. Relateing to the Susquehana [] affair — Praying that Cause may have a proper Tryal not by lawless violence but by

¹ New London, Connecticut.

the Law of equity & Right Lest it throw the Governments which ought to be at peace among themselves as we[ll] as with the mother Country into a ferment to the Consequence be ill on all hands.

I have no Interest to Serve in the Case only [as] it concerns the common good & peace of [this] country to which I am a hearty frind [] no bigot to any party religious civil [or] commercial no I heartily wish well to [] mankind & have a feeling concern for [] Ind^{ns} & others — I Suppose this if [] the freedom Is agreeable to the sentem^{ts} [of your] Excellency therefore sir you will not [] the one against the other nor [fail to(?) re]strain the Ind^{ns} from Intermed[dling in the] affair — I am sir

y^r very Hum^{le}
obliged ser^t

J W JOHNSON

ADDRESSED: To
Sir William Johnson Bar^t
Johnson Hall

FROM JOHN WETHERHEAD

A. L. S.

New York the 29th May 1769

I had the pleasure of writing to you ^{to} Mr Adams since which am Sorry to find myself deprivd of your agreeable Favours & the more So, as I am afraid Indisposition is the Cause of your Silence — the Chief Errand of the present is to acquaint you that Mr Roberts has wrote me by the last post, that He has again drawn upon you payable at my house ^{for} £100, dated the 3^d of May of which he Writes me He has advised you in order that you may give me the proper Directions; but as this Gentlemen has in more Instances than One, forgott to give the necessary Advices, I thought proper to write you about it & Shall wait your Orders concerning this [bill] — it has not yet appeard —

but when it does I will not [accept]t it, until I have your Orders for So doing, & shall acquaint the Holder of the Bill that I have wrote this Day to [] your Sentiments, which I begg you will be pleased to let me [receive] by Return of the Post for my Government — Mr Roberts [wri]tes me that it is a very long time Since he heard from you [or an]y of the family & is at a great Loss to know his Destination [] I have not forgott the Bill, I wrote to the founder last [] expect it down every Moment, when I get it — I will take [] it you by the first Sloop & As Soon as I can meet [] and pickled Cod I will Send you a Couple of Barrells, but [] you woud come & Eat it fresh — Sea Bass & black fisch [] Coming to catch them at Shrewsberry, I hope you []t them if your health will by any Means permitt you to come down, which I again most cordially assure [you] will give me very great Pleasure & in the mean time [] with Sincere Esteem & Regard

Sir your most hble Servant

JOHN WETHERHEAD

ADDRESSED: To
The Hon^{ble} Sir William Johnson Bart.
at
Johnson Hall

INDORSED: []
Mr. Wetherhead

FROM WILLIAM GAMBLE

A. L. S.

Albany the 30th May 1769.

[] SIR

I was rejoiced to hear from Mr. Tice that you were well, and all at the Hall —

I beg leave to remind you of the Clerkship [] the new County which from the Publication in the Newspaper [see]ms

likely to be erected shortly; as I know of nothing more []able
for such a body as me, your recommendation to the [Gove]rnour
will greatly add to the many obligations I am [alre]ady under
to your goodness, being with unalterable [gra]titude

Sir

Your most humble
and most Obedient
Servant

WILLIAM GAMBLE

[]r Stringer will[
St Patr]icks Lodge next
[] I refer you
[] concerning the
[]

INDORSED: Alby. 30th. May 1769
Mr Gambles Letter

FROM PETER SILVESTER

A. L. S.

Albany the 30th. May 1769.

I received your favor dated Yesterday by Cap^t. Tice and
have procured out of the Clerks office here copys of the Rolls
containing the present mode of Administring Governmental
Oaths which I now transmit to you — The hurry the person is
in to return who takes them & the Short notice prevents me
delivering them in the manner I intended which was to have had
them engrossed neatly on parchment fit for Subscribing by the
Gentlemen to be qualified —

[I] Conceive the Commissioners for laying out new roads or
[closing?] Old ones &c have power to take away gates that
[are] Inconvenient or obstructions to passengers passing the
[ro]ads provided they conform to the respective acts of the
[] the Subject But am at present of opinion that [the most

eligible way is to enter a Complaint to the Grand Jury []
 Gates as being nuisances which if they Indict [] or]der them
 to be removed — the more that Complaint [] will be
 noticed

I am Sir Your most Obedient
 and very
 Humble Servant

P SILVESTER

GUY JOHNSON TO JELLES FONDA

An autograph letter from Guy Johnson to Jelles Fonda, dated May 31, 1769, was sold on November 12th, 1907 by Henkels in Philadelphia, in the J. I. Cohen sale.

FROM PETER SILVESTER

A. L. S.

Albany the 31st. May 1769

I received your letter this morning of yesterdays [wro]te
 respecting a bond in my hands from Karman & Walter to Jacob
 Tramper the sum due thereon exclusive of costs will be more
 than the sum they mention to you — as may appear on a calcula-
 tion from the state of it Inclosed — several writs having issued
 agt. them a good while past But as neither of them have been as
 yet taken that I know of the cost will be about 30s at this day —
 It is very satisfactory to me that you become answerable for the
 demand &c and for so Short a space of time I cannot think it
 will be any way [less] acceptable to my client who lives at a
 Great distance from this place & therefore I have not an Opp^y.
 [of] asking his consent — There being nothing disadvant-
 age[ous] to his Interest But the loss of a little time I think []
 Safely close with the proposal, especially as his Debt is []
 rendered Indisputably secure I am Sir

Your most ob^t. & very Humble Servant

P SILVESTER



Jesse Cohen, Photo

Ghost Room, Second Floor, Fort Johnson, at Akin, N. Y.

William Tremper v Martin Walter & Michael Kerman	}	Current money of the province of Pen- sylvania Bond dated the 26 th of October 1759 for the Condition of on lawfull Int	}	£2 []
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Memorandum of payments endorsed on the back of the bond
 26th. Apl. 1761. Rec^d of Martin Walter £10.0.0
 and the Interest until this day
 oct. 26 1762 Rec^d. of D^o. Twelve Shillings Interest

Apl. 26, 176- The exact year I cant tell by the bond	}	then the Interest paid wholly to that day by Martin Walter
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RETURN OF OFFICERS¹

D.

[May 1769]

[]
[]	First Lieut ^s .	Second D ^o .	Ensigns	
[]	John Brouwn	Andew	Benjamin	
			McFarlin	Young	
[	]	Slyck Abr ^m .	Oothout	Abraham G.	Louwrance
				Lansingh	Mynderse
[Harma]nus	Arent V.	Abraham Swits	Arent	Albertse	
V.Slyck	Petten			Vedder	

¹ For the 2d battalion of foot under Colonel Jacobus Van Slyck, to complete a former deficient return. Printed in *Third Annual Report of the State Historian of New York*, p. 892.







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